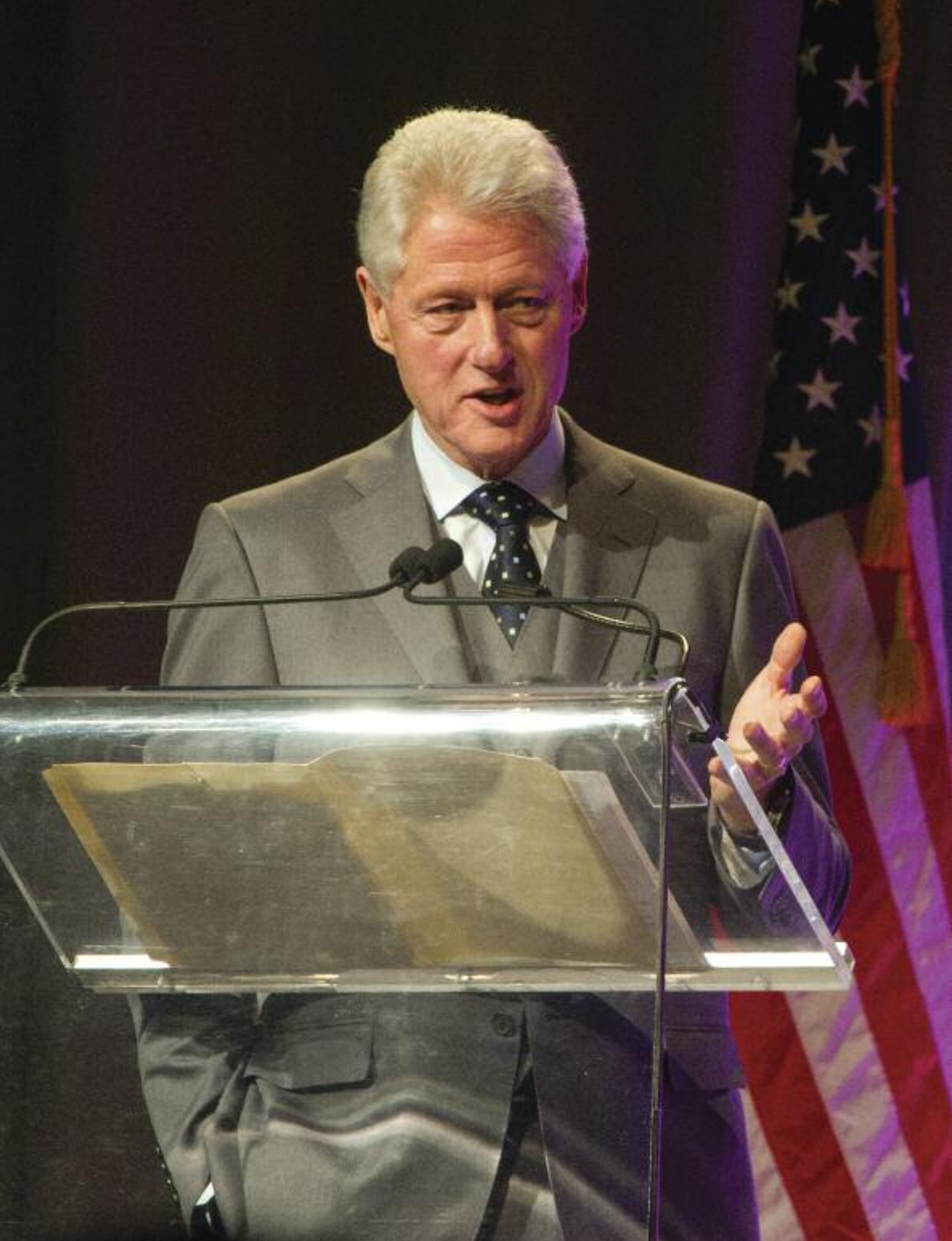


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## Activist With a Camera

Freelance photographer Teru Kuwayama, B.A.'93, whose award-winning pictures document history in the making in Afghanistan, Iraq and other international hot spots, sees himself as "more of an activist" than a journalist.





## The Big Picture

Collaboration among the nation's political leaders and support for the economic stimulus were among the topics former President William Jefferson Clinton fielded in a March 2 talk at the University at Albany. Speaking before an audience of 4,500 at SEFCU Arena, Clinton also noted that poverty affects much of the world's population, triggering inequities in access to such basic necessities as food, clean water and health care, and fueling political instability. In addition, the two-term chief executive offered students some advice: to maximize the opportunities available to them at UAlbany and to "make the future you want."

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# Out and About

By Christine A. Doyle, M.B.A. '04



## Karen R. Hitchcock Portrait Unveiling

Photo: Mark Schmidt

The University at Albany's 16th president, Karen R. Hitchcock, returned to campus Sept. 17 for the unveiling of her presidential portrait. Known for her ability to organize coalitions and work with diverse groups, Hitchcock served as president from 1996 to 2004; under her leadership, UAlbany facilities and programs experienced significant growth. In 2004, Hitchcock was named principal of Queen's University in Ontario, Canada. She returned to the Capital Region in 2008.



## Scholarship Reception/Alumni Awareness Luncheon

Photo: Mark Schmidt

Homecoming Weekend 2010 included an Oct. 8 reception that celebrated philanthropy and student success.

*Above, young men and women whose studies and career plans are being positively impacted by the generous support of University donors pose for a group photo.*

*Above right, pediatric cardiologist Evan Zahn, M.D., creator of the Evan Michael Zahn '82 Scholarship, is pictured with Julia Prusik, recipient of the award that carries his name. Prusik, a junior majoring in biology and art, intends to pursue a career in general surgery.*



## School of Business Alumni Reception in New York City

Photo: Raymond Robinson

More than 140 UAlbany alumni living and/or working in Metro New York gathered at the Hard Rock Café in Manhattan on Oct. 14 to network. They also heard remarks from President George Philip and School of Business Dean Donald Siegel.



*Far left, Philip poses with Lisa Ganz '89 and Debra Ganz '89, creators of Twins Talent, the only referral service/talent agency exclusively for twins and multiples.*

*Pictured here, left to right, are guests Jessica Cavallero '08, Michelle Mund '08, Michelle Landers '08 and Natalya Ruseva '05.*



## Citizen Laureate Dinner

Photo: Gary Gold '70

With more than 430 guests attending, the 31st annual Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner was a great success! The event, held Oct. 20 at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs, helped to gross an unprecedented \$180,000 to support University at Albany Foundation initiatives, including the *Campaign for Students*.

*Those enjoying the evening's festivities included, from left, University President George M. Philip; Citizen Laureate Dinner Co-chair I. Norman Massry; Community Laureate John J. Nigro; Academic Laureate Sally Temple, Ph.D.; and UAlbany Foundation President George R. Hearst III.*



## Rockefeller College Alumni Awards

Photo: Mark Schmidt

During its 27th annual Alumni Reception and Awards Ceremony on Dec. 2, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy honored five individuals for outstanding public service.

*Pictured, left to right, are Mohammad O. Abbadi, M.P.A. '08 (Rockefeller College Young Alumnus Award); Peter D. Miraglia, B.A. '72, M.S.W. '77 (Distinguished Continuing Professional Education Leadership Award of Excellence); Ruth S. Walters (Rockefeller College Distinguished Service Award); The Honorable Lawrence K. Marks, B.A. '79 (Distinguished Alumnus Award in Political Science); and Peter C. Finn, M.P.A. '77 (Distinguished Alumnus Award in Public Administration & Policy).*

## World Within Reach Speaker Series

Photo: Mark Schmidt

Renowned broadcast journalist Barbara Walters visited campus Oct. 9 as part of the Student Association's World Within Reach Speaker Series. Walters' ground-breaking exclusive interviews with world figures and her enterprising reporting have made her one of the most highly acclaimed journalists on television. She is pictured here with performers from The Earth Tones, UAlbany's premier all-male *a cappella* group. When Walters met them during the photo opportunity, she asked them to sing to her. Members claim it was one of their proudest moments!



## Winter Commencement

Photo: Island Photography

UAlbany's alumni are a source of tremendous pride and inspiration. On Dec. 8, at the Winter Commencement Ceremony held in the SEFCU Arena, almost 1,000 graduates joined our alumni family. Of that number:

- 561 students earned undergraduate degrees in 42 different majors and represented 17 countries, including China, Korea, Japan and Ghana. Ages ranged from 20 to 61. Fifty percent were men; the class also included 10 military veterans.



- 434 students earned graduate degrees; they came from nine states and 25 countries, including Pakistan, Turkey, China, India, Korea, Iran and Japan. Ages ranged from 22 to 63. Sixty percent of the graduate students were women.

*Kelsey O'Brien, a bachelor's candidate who received her degree in psychology, spoke on behalf of her fellow graduates about recognizing those who have supported them along the way and giving back to others. She is pictured here with one of her treasured Fountain Day rubber duckies!*

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# Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

## Donations, Pledges Push Campaign Past Halfway Mark

New gifts and pledges from University at Albany supporters have boosted the *School of Business Campaign* total past the \$5 million mark. The recently announced donations included a \$150,000 pledge from Stacy E. Bash-Polley '89.

Other donors were:

- Marinus Henny '73 and Michelle Henny '73 (\$125,000)
- Nicholas Anacreonte '92 (\$100,000 to establish the *Rose C. Anacreonte Endowed Scholarship*)
- Joan D. Rosenthal '76 (\$100,000)
- Michael Weilheimer '83 and Janis Weilheimer '84 (\$100,000)
- Patricia A. Caldwell '75 (\$50,000)
- Turf Hotels (\$50,000)
- Felicia Schecter Emrich and Matt Emrich '00 (\$30,000)
- Saul Curtis '81 and Deborah Curtis '81 (\$25,000)

The \$9.75 million to be realized by the campaign will support construction of the school's new building, as well as academic programs, faculty research and scholarships.



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## Maheshwari Colloquium Honors Graduate's Parents

More than 25 years after earning his degree, Raj Maheshwari, B.S.'83, returned to UAlbany for a special event last fall: a College of Arts and Sciences luncheon recognizing him for endowing a Department of Mathematics and Statistics lecture series in his parents' names. *The Man Mohan and Asha Devi Maheshwari Colloquium in Mathematics* will provide support for honoraria, travel, lodging, meals, audiovisual needs and other direct costs associated with the series.



Raj Maheshwari, top row, left, established *The Man Mohan and Asha Devi Maheshwari Colloquium* to honor his parents, standing third and fourth from left in the front row. Also pictured, front row, second from right, is Raj's wife, Sarita Singh.

Well known in their native India for their support of education, the elder Maheshwaris set an example for their son, encouraging him to collaborate with other UAlbany alumni to increase donations to the University. They and other family members, including Raj's wife, Sarita Singh, and children, were guests of honor at the Oct. 10 luncheon.

## RNA Institute Receives First Corporate Gift



With its gift of \$45,000, Krackeler Scientific, Inc., has become the first corporate entity to support the University's new RNA Institute.

The firm's president and CEO, Anthony R. Krackeler, said the contribution was inspired by the institute's "unique potential for advancing cutting-edge RNA research and applications, as well as its clear and substantial enhancement of the growing life-science research profile of New York's Capital Region." The RNA Institute was established last June.

# NYLARNet: Producing Knowledge and Results

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

With Latinos comprising 16 percent of New York's 19.1 million citizens, policies regarding immigration, health, education and political participation have come to the fore in recent years. Thanks to the UAlbany-based New York Latino Research and Resources Network (NYLARNet), the state has a resource that informs both public discourse and the policy-making process relating to those issues.

Established in 2004, NYLARNet sponsors and conducts research focusing on Latinos in the Empire State. The nonprofit operates on a consortium model, with affiliates at UAlbany's Center for Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies (CELAC) and at Columbia University's Teachers College, Hunter College, City College and Cornell.

At NYLARNet, explained José Cruz,

network director and associate professor of political science, "we conduct surveys, interviews, and analysis of primary and secondary sources, then use research papers or reports to suggest new policies or modifications to existing policies. Some of our work produces knowledge that, although not applied in a strict policy sense, is useful as a contribution to the understanding of broad historical questions and issues that impact our political culture."

NYLARNet research also produces results. An assessment of Latino representation within the City University of New York faculty, Cruz noted, "led to the establishment of an office within CUNY to identify and recruit more Latino faculty within the system." And doctoral candidate Jennifer Woodward, M.A.'08, who studied bilingual education in New York City schools, wrote a report that helped bring together state

and local educators and politicians on a task force aimed at increasing academic services for Bronx students, especially English-language learners.

Jackie Hayes, M.A.'09, is working with Cruz and Joel Bloom, director of Assessment & Survey Research and research assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, on a survey she hopes will determine "if there are certain things that can be tailored in order to attract more Latino students into state jobs. On the state level, there are major disparities in Latino representation in government jobs," said the Ph.D. candidate, who has also studied Latinas in the garment industry at home and abroad. Hayes enjoys the research process and may consider a career in nonprofit research.

Visit NYLARNet online at [www.albany.edu/wwwres/nylarnet](http://www.albany.edu/wwwres/nylarnet).



Mark Schmidt

Panelists at the 2006 NYLARNet Latino Immigration Policy Conference were Emmanuel Ness, Manuel Garcia y Griego, Susan Gauss and NYLARNet Director José Cruz

“I love working hands-on with objects and materials and textures,” says Judy Brust, pictured in the studio at her Nantucket home. On the wall behind her is a print inspired by the wildlife she saw while vacationing in Tanzania a few years ago.

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# Nature Girl™

Judith A. Brust, M.A.'94, M.F.A.'98 • By Carol Olechowski

When Judy Brust was studying art at the University at Albany, a classmate dubbed her “Nature Girl.” The nickname still fits: Her creations are often inspired by the wildlife she’s seen in her travels.

Brust has seen a great deal of the world since her days at Pennsylvania State University, where she first studied to become a hospital dietician, then an interior designer, before turning to art education in her junior year. She and her husband, Robert, met and married in college and settled into a busy life together as Bob’s executive career with General Electric – and later, with Unisys, Sprint and Kodak – took the couple and their three children to Philadelphia; Rochester, N.Y.; and Pittsfield, Mass. Judy, who raised their family while substitute teaching and giving lessons at home, sometimes thought about attending graduate school, “but there was never time.” Her mother’s passing and Brust’s consequent reflections on death, however, “gave me the impulse to continue my education.”

While the family was living in Pittsfield, Brust made her first move toward earning a graduate degree. She visited UAlbany and met Professor of Art Edward Mayer, audited his beginning classes, then applied for admission to the M.A. program.

Like Mayer, Professor Roberta Bernstein was “a wonderful help” to Brust, who would tape the art historian’s lectures to replay during the commute home. Brust also enjoyed the Visiting Artists Program, which brought “six or eight lecturers to campus every year. It was

extraordinary to meet the people you study and then go to see their work in museums.”

At UAlbany, where Brust later earned her M.F.A., the painter and printmaker expanded her repertoire to include sculpture. She also learned “what I really wanted to say in my art. I love working hands-on with objects and materials and textures.”

Away from the studio at her home in Nantucket, Brust enjoys observing the wild creatures that inspire much of her work. During a vacation in Tanzania a few years ago, she watched wildebeests at play and saw “a lake pink with flamingoes” – visual elements she later incorporated into prints.

Her artistic mastery is evident in several pieces displayed at the Mandarin Oriental Boston. Brust’s mixed-media *Life Line #3* is at center stage behind the reception desk; six other works hold places of honor throughout the luxury hotel. “It’s a beautiful building, and to see them in that space is just so nice,” she said.

Grateful for her experience at UAlbany, Brust has set up an endowment to fund a yearly scholarship for an art student. “It’s amazing to me how much that period of time affected my life,” she observed. “Everyone should have that experience.”

# Where Are They Now?

By Carol Olechowski

We wondered what was new with **Rebecca Whiteley, B.S.'07**, (Spring 2009, "A Lifelong Dream Realized"), a Peace Corps volunteer in Moldova two years ago. So we contacted her – and promptly received a response. Whiteley returned to New Jersey with her then-fiancé, Moldova

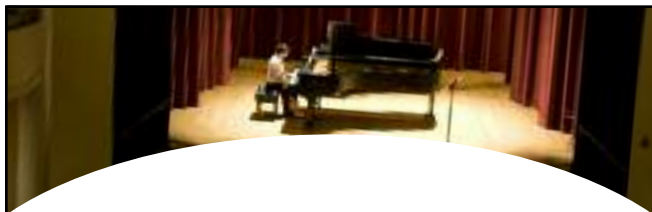
native Costel Sarivan, in December 2009, and the couple married the following month. "Costel is currently in his second semester at Raritan Valley Community College and works at the ARC of Warren County," e-mailed the Phillipsburg, N.J.,

native, who now goes by her married surname. "I am working as the development coordinator at Cancer Support Community Greater Lehigh Valley and am applying to graduate programs in fundraising management," added Sarivan, who majored in political science at UAlbany.



Professor of Political Science **Joseph F. Zimmerman** must be one of the most prolific writers around! The State University of New York Press, which published his *Regulating the Business of Insurance in a Federal System* in December, will release Zimmerman's *Horizontal Federalism: Interstate Relations* this spring. His manuscript *State-Local Governmental Interactions* has also been approved for publication. Zimmerman's many other books include *Congress: Facilitator of State Action*; *The Silence of Congress: State Taxation of Interstate Commerce*; and *The Government and Politics of New York State: Second Edition* – all published by SUNY Press.

**Alan D. Abbey, B.A.'75**, who wrote the initial installment of "The Last Word" for *UAlbany* (Spring 2007, "Back to the Future"), e-mailed recently to let us know that he's now Internet director of Shalom Hartman Institute, "an educational think tank and policy center focusing on pluralistic and modern Jewish thought." The institute runs programs in both Israel and North America, noted Abbey. He and his wife, Sheryl, marketing director for a publishing company, live in Jerusalem with their children, Alex, 15; Ezra, 11; and Maayan, 8.



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**Cover:** As a student photographer at UAlbany, Teru Kuwayama, B.A.'93, found that "the most basic thematic thread that interested me was life around me, and the people I encountered." That still holds true nearly two decades later, as Kuwayama trains his lens on "conflicted regions and crisis situations" in the hope that the resulting photos will help "to unravel tragedies" and enable nations "to work toward solutions."



Owing to the cholera outbreak, Phara Pignard, B.A.'02, M.S.W.'08 (Fall 2010, "Helping Haiti"), and her family delayed their planned December return to the Caribbean country to continue distributing clothing, medicines and other aid to victims of the January 2010 earthquake. Since the publication of her story in *UAlbany*, "I have collected funds for the shipping of five barrels [of supplies]," wrote Pignard, who earned her undergraduate degree in sociology and criminal justice. "I'll keep you posted as things progress," she promised.

School of Social Welfare Professor Emeritus **Edmund Sherman, Ph.D.**, let us know about his recent book, *Contemplative Aging: A Way of Being in Later Life*. Published last July by Gordian Knot Books and distributed by University Press of New England, *Contemplative Aging* emphasizes "the crucial importance of mind and spirit in the later years of life," noted Sherman, who lives in Latham, N.Y. "While staying physically and socially active for as long as possible, we would do well to cultivate a more reflective or contemplative approach to living [that will] prepare [us] for the losses of relationships and physical activities." Sherman, who taught at UAlbany for 22 years before retiring in 1995, follows his own advice: An avid reader, he also continues "a small counseling practice with older (60+) individuals." In addition, Sherman enjoys "theater, film, chamber concerts and long walks" with his wife.

B.A.'93

# Teru Kuwayama

## Activist With a Camera

By Carol Olechowski

**W**ith only a camera and a photographer's keen perception, Teru Kuwayama records history in the making.

As a freelancer for *Time*, *Newsweek* and other publications, he has journeyed to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq 15 to 20 times, "probably half the time embedded with U.S. and NATO forces; the other half, solo or with an aid organization." Wherever he goes, Kuwayama, who has also traveled extensively in India and Kashmir, captures images of humanity – and inhumanity – many of us would otherwise never see.

"In years past," observed the New York City native, "I was more of a traveler with a camera." His work, however, has "made the journalism aspect of my career more central. I'm not interested in producing compositions of tragedies; I want to unravel them and work toward solutions. But, on some level, I've probably crossed a line from being a journalist to more of an activist."

Activist or journalist, Kuwayama arrived at Albany with no career goals "at all."















His father, a painter, had “done some photography when I was a kid,” in the “pre-digital, black-and-white, analog era,” so Kuwayama did have a rudimentary knowledge of “the mechanics of cameras and darkrooms.” Despite a professed lack of interest in photography, he joined the Student Photo Service. “I went by the office one day to meet a friend, and they happened to be holding an interest meeting. While I was waiting, I filled out the form, just to be polite. I didn’t have any intention of joining, but as it turned out, I was the only one in the room who knew the

difference between a shutter speed and an aperture, so I was recruited. A year later, I ran the place.”

His first assignment – photographing a ticket for an *ASP* story about parking policies – went well. But during the second, which called for Kuwayama to “batch develop a week’s worth of film for everyone else’s assignments, I ruined everyone’s film. It wasn’t a very auspicious start.” Things improved, however, as he began photographing “sports, fashion, portraits, news, music, architecture, landscapes, parties, and anything and everything else. But the most basic thematic thread that interested me was life around me, and the people I encountered.”



Kuwayama was also an intern for Gary Gold, B.S.'70. The professional photographer “was really important to me and to many others who passed through Albany. He was sort of a mentor, patron saint and bail bondsman, all rolled into one,” noted Kuwayama.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree in art, Kuwayama remained in Albany and freelanced for the weekly *Metroland*, supplementing his income by washing dishes at a Mexican restaurant. When he moved back to New York, he did construction, worked in a type shop, filed slides at a photojournalism agency, and “did darkroom

**“I’m not interested in producing compositions of tragedies; I want to unravel them and work toward solutions.”**

**For his work, Teru Kuwayama, pictured on opposite page, has received numerous accolades, including:**

a 2010 John S. Knight Fellowship from Stanford University

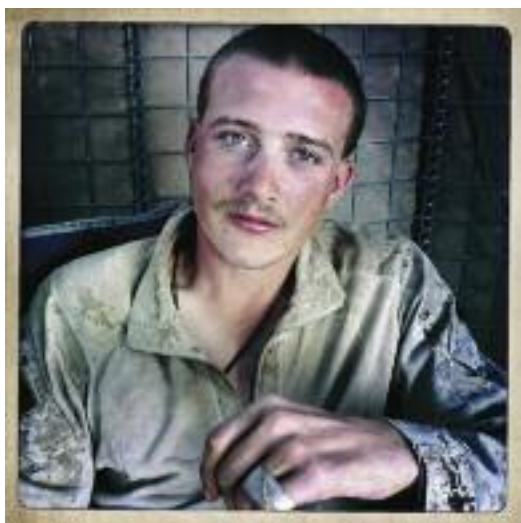
a 2010 TED (Technology Entertainment and Design) Global Fellowship

a 2010 Dart Center Ochberg Fellowship from the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

the 2009 Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize (shared with Christian Parenti) for the documentary *Unnatural Borders, Open Wounds: The Human Landscape of Pakistan*



Tivadar Domaniczky





“I’ve never had a staff job anywhere. Freelancing wasn’t a decision; it was just what was available to me.”

work for people who actually had careers as ‘working photographers.’ I’ve never had a staff job anywhere. Freelancing wasn’t a decision; it was just what was available to me.”

For his Fall 2010 project, Basetrack ([www.basetrack.org](http://www.basetrack.org) or [www.facebook.com/basetrack](http://www.facebook.com/basetrack)), Kuwayama employed “photography and social media, tactically and strategically,” in an attempt “to inject Afghanistan deeper into the public consciousness. The intention is to use photographs to draw viewers into contact with unfamiliar ideas and sources of information. I’m not trying to convey a specific message so much as I’m trying to disrupt a disconnect between the American people and the longest war in U.S. history. If we’re going to spend \$100 billion a

year on a decade-long war and deploy 100,000 troops to the other side of the planet, we should do it with a lot more thought and consideration than we have so far.”

For the time being, at least, Kuwayama will continue to cover the “conflicted regions and crisis situations” he documents so well. “I have no idea what’s around the corner, or what I’ll be doing a year from now. I’m ready to move on, but I’m also deeply invested in what’s become a very personal story.”

*See Teru Kuwayama’s photos and posts at [terukuwayama.com](http://terukuwayama.com), [www.lightstalkers.org](http://www.lightstalkers.org), and [twitter.com](http://twitter.com).*

# INTO THE EYE *OF THE STORM*

By Greta Petry, M.A.'01

To find clues that will help scientists provide more advance warning of hurricanes, several UAlbany faculty and students literally flew into the eye of the storm last semester.

Graduate students Diana Thomas of Lillington, N.C., and Leon Nguyen of Fresno, Calif., boarded a NASA DC-8 with Research Professor of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences John Molinari as part of a field study to determine what transforms some weather events, but not others, into tropical storms and hurricanes.

Based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Molinari and his atmospheric science students were part of the NASA-supported experiment Genesis and Rapid Intensification Processes (GRIP), which focused on how hurricanes form and why they often intensify rapidly. Professor and Chair Christopher Thorncroft was involved with GRIP, as well; his doctoral student, Matt Janiga of Chicago, Ill., joined Thomas and Nguyen in Fort Lauderdale. All were part of a three-pronged research effort that also dispatched research scientists to St. Croix and California.

Thomas, a second-year master's student, has enjoyed the unpredictability of weather ever since she was a girl observing approaching thunderstorms with her dad, Neill.

"Each day is different," said Thomas. "No two storms are exactly alike, and the excitement of watching a storm develop has stayed with me."



Mark Schmidt

**Graduate students Diana Thomas and Leon Nguyen and Professor John Molinari, pictured from left, participated last semester in a field study focused on hurricane formation and intensification.**

Another group, led by Distinguished Professor Lance Bosart, was based in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, from Aug. 15 to Sept. 30 as part of Pre-Depression Investigation of Cloud-systems in the Tropics (PREDICT). Since storms often form in the vicinity of St. Croix, flights extending thousands of miles from there were con-

ducted. Doctoral candidates Heather Archambault and Jason Cordeira; Thomas Galarneau, Ph.D.'10; and Kyle Griffin, who arrived on campus as a new doctoral student last fall, helped forecast for PREDICT aircraft operations and analyze data collected during the experiment.

"The real scientific challenge was to understand why so few potential disturbance seedlings develop into tropical cyclones," Bosart said. PREDICT's goal was to fly research aircraft into disturbance seedlings (cloud clusters) to obtain measurements that would help scientists find answers to this puzzle.

Assistant Professor Ryan Torn, who remained in Albany, incorporated data supplied by the aircraft into the computer model to help scientists understand what physical processes limit their ability to predict hurricane formation.

National Science Foundation and NASA funding for this experiment – in Albany alone – totaled more than \$800,000 among Bosart, Torn, Thorncroft and Molinari.

"Ultimately," said Molinari, "this work will help us to understand and predict hurricane formation, which remains an unsolved scientific problem. Many

Nguyen, second from left, and Thomas, at right, are pictured aboard a research aircraft with fellow GRIP participants Janel Thomas of the University of Maryland and Andrew Martin of Florida State. Diana Thomas noted that the dropsondes she and Janel are holding “send the vertical profile – winds, pressure, temperature and relative humidity – back to the plane” during their 12-to-15 minute descent to the ocean surface. The dropsondes’ parts “are biodegradable,” she added.



Courtesy Diana Thomas

times, all the ingredients – warm water; persistent, intense rainfall; and a pre-existing low-pressure area – are there, yet development does not occur, or is delayed for 24 to 48 hours. We want to understand what processes delay or even prevent tropical cyclone formation, as well as what brings it about.”

Molinari added: “Although we all have access to a huge volume of data collected in hurricanes, there is no substitute for actually being present when the data is collected. We got to see the eyewall and eye of the storms multiple times during our flights – a tremendous benefit when one is analyzing data. In GRIP, we flew into numerous storms, but my favorite was Hurricane Earl.”

The flights afforded the researchers an opportunity to observe the formation of Earl’s eyewall and the development of an eye, and to capture the latter with multiple instruments. “It will take additional months to assemble, process

and interpret the data. Our goal will be to understand what factors in the storm and in its environment are responsible for the formation of the eye and the eyewall in tropical cyclones,” explained Molinari.

“Rapid intensification,” a separate phase of hurricane development, transforms a tropical depression or a weak tropical storm into a hurricane. Because this phenomenon frequently occurs near coastal regions, often quickly and with little warning, it is especially important to understand. Unlocking the mystery of rapidly intensifying tropical cyclone formation may one day enable scientists to give more advance warning to hurricane-vulnerable communities. The National

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Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), running the Intensity Forecast Experiment (IFEX) and based at the Hurricane Research Division in Miami, Fla., was the third group involved in the research.

Seven aircraft – including NOAA aircraft flown out of Tampa, Fla., and NASA’s Global Hawk, a California-based unmanned aircraft that can remain aloft for 36 hours – supported the research projects.

For the students, Molinari said, the project presented “a great opportunity not only in the air, but also on the ground. They observed how a field experiment is designed and carried out, and the challenges that are always present.”

# Ask Geoff

By Geoff Williams,  
University at Albany Archivist

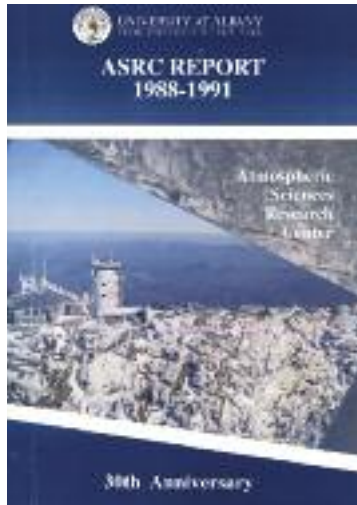


Photo from Vincent Schaefer Papers in University Archives.

Above, left: ASRC researcher Austin Hogan, an expert on aerosols, traveled to Antarctica numerous times to study air quality. This photo was taken during the U.S. Antarctic Research Expedition of 1973-74.

Center: Captured by Volker Mohnen of the ASRC staff, this picture of the Whiteface Observatory appeared on the cover of the center's 30th-anniversary report. Built in 1970 at a cost of \$125,000, not including equipment, the observatory broadcast weather reports 10 years later for the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

Right: In this undated photo, a student takes a reading from instruments in the Mohawk Tower ASRC Weather Center on Indian Quad. (If you know who this unidentified student is, please contact Geoff Williams at the e-mail address below so we can share that information with readers.)

## At 50, UAlbany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC) has built an enviable reputation for investigating the impacts atmospheric phenomena have on us and on our environment.

Based on a SUNY Board of Trustees-approved plan submitted by Distinguished Lecturer Vincent Schaefer and Oscar Lanford, dean of what was then the State University College of Education at Albany, ASRC was founded Feb. 3, 1961. At a December 1959 conference, representatives of the National Science Foundation's Atmospheric Science Division; RPI and its Radio-Astronomy Laboratory; General Electric's General Engineering Laboratories in Schenectady; and the New York State Conservation Department had recommended establishing ASRC at the college and a research station at Whiteface Mountain. The initial budget of \$45,000 included \$30,000 for equipment and \$15,000

for personnel. Lanford became the center's first director; Schaefer chaired its advisory committee. The new center's mission called for studying the atmosphere and developing new instrumentation to improve the study of weather.

Soon, ASRC evolved into the headquarters of a major research center. The September 1957 launch of Sputnik, the demonstration of the unmanned satellite's broadcast capabilities, and the Soviet Union's subsequent launch of a man into space all pointed to a need for the U.S. government to direct funding toward science in general, and more particularly toward space science and "the Space Race."

Prior to serving as dean of the college, Lanford had been a professor and then chairman of the chemistry department. Impressed by the National Science Institute that Schaefer conducted at the Loomis School in Connecticut, Lanford invited him to join the college staff. As a research scientist at GE's Research Laboratory in Schenectady, Schaefer had discovered the first successful method of cloud seeding in 1947. Later, he was director of Research for the MUNITALP Foundation, which funded atmospheric scientists all over the world. With Schaefer's addition to the faculty, the college – which would become one of the SUNY System's four

From 1999-2009, ASRC attracted a total of \$31,889,798 in research support from such diverse outside funding sources as:

U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	National Science Foundation (NSF)
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
Clean Power Research LLC		



*Vincent Schaefer, left, and Bernard Vonnegut, third from right, were among a group of Yellowstone Field Research Expedition participants in 1961. Behind the researchers is the Bombardier Snowcat that carried them into Yellowstone for that first expedition, which was originated and led by Schaefer.*

University Centers by 1960 – was able to broaden both its research capabilities and its graduate programs.

At ASRC, Schaefer duplicated the GE-style research center, where good scientists were hired and allowed to pursue their own research interests. Having flourished in that environment, he quickly set about assembling a team that included many of his co-workers on “Project Cirrus,” the U.S. government-run project that aimed to understand and attempt to control the weather. The first new hire was Schaefer’s former colleague Raymond Falconer, a weather-forecasting specialist. Falconer, charged with developing the Whiteface Mountain research facility, would go on to create a widely syndicated weather report and provide weather coverage for the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. Other ASRC hires included former GE researchers Bernard Vonnegut, who discovered cloud seeding using silver iodide, and Duncan Blanchard, an expert on water droplets.

Early on, Schaefer also demonstrated his ability to attract federal funding and his interest in studying the atmosphere in other venues. Supported by the National Science Foundation, he mounted the first of 10 winter expeditions to Yellowstone Park, where the -40 degrees Celsius conditions were ideal for performing cold-cloud experiments on the ground. One finding borne out by the Yellowstone Field Research Expeditions was the presence of heavy concentrations of lead in the atmosphere in late 1966, a time when all gasoline contained lead. Schaefer warned of the additive’s impact on “cloud modification,” and by 1973,

the federal government was taking steps to eliminate lead from gasoline.

Supported by grants from such important sources as the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy and NASA, ASRC staff have conducted research from the Northeast to the Amazon rain forest, from the Alaskan tundra to Quebec’s boreal forests, and at the South Pole. Through the efforts of researchers like Roger Cheng; Ron Stewart; Richard Perez; Jon Scott; U Czapski; David Fitzjarrald; Ernesto Barreto; Julius Chang; Kenneth Demerjian; Scott Miller; Volker Mohnen; Wei-Chyung Wang; and their predecessors, we have a better understanding of solar energy’s potential; microclimates; the impacts of rain, air pollution, radiation and climate on the environment; the health effects of ultrafine particles in the air; and the causes of acid rain.

I am extremely grateful to David Fitzjarrald for talking with me at length about the history of ASRC, and to Jon Scott and Duncan Blanchard for their helpful comments.

**This article draws mainly from Fitzjarrald’s work. To read his very detailed history of ASRC’s work, link to <http://www.asrc.albany.edu/about/history.html>.**

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# Real-Life GODDESS

Jane Marx, B.A.'65 • *By Carol Olechowski*





Jane Marx has been a teacher, an editor, a “terrible” waitress, a secretary who typed “90 words per minute – most of them unreadable” – and even an actress. But her most enduring job to date has been goddess: As the self-proclaimed New York Tour Goddess, Marx offers city dwellers and tourists the opportunity not just to see her beloved hometown, but to “swallow it, savor it, soak it up!”

Marx was born to the tour-goddess calling. The daughter of “a loving and talkative family” from Queens had just turned 17 when she enrolled at the University at Albany and “discovered another world. Albany was smaller than my high school, and it was a perfect environment for me. I just loved being with these people who were not all from New York City,” recalls the former history major. She made friends from all over the state and particularly enjoyed her anthropology and economics classes. Two professors, Catherine Newbold and Helen Horowitz, set a good example for Marx, who “wanted to be a social studies teacher since fifth grade.”

She did go on to teach 10th-grade social studies for three years in a Long Island school district. “I loved the kids, and I liked being in front of an ‘audience’; it was like theater. But I didn’t want to go to committee meetings.” Marx left when her roommate, Janice, who drove them both to work every day, quit her job. “I’m a terrible driver. “It’s boring to look only at the road. I had seven car accidents in three years,” Marx admits.

At that point, she made a career change, taking a position as an editor with Random House. She remembers: “I worked with Toni Morrison; she edited English books, and I did social studies. She was working on her novel *The Bluest Eye* at night.”

Four years later – after visiting the Virgin Islands, where she worked at a jewelry store and learned public relations – Marx switched jobs again and became a secretary at a publishing firm. While interviewing for that position, she recalls, the personnel director observed: “You’re so theatrical; you’re an actress. Why don’t you go to acting school?” So the highly suggestible Marx attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She landed some acting jobs, “but I would memorize my lines at the last minute and forget them on opening night.”

Still, all the job experience added up. As an independent tour guide, Marx has used the skills she acquired in teaching, editing, writing and public speaking, as well as her love of history. The job “also allows for zaniness, since I’m my own boss.”

Marx learned early on that poise and common sense are useful attributes for the tour goddess, too. Her first day on the job, she and a driver new to Manhattan took their coach down a street that was too narrow and hit a car. “My fault; I forgot the route,” says Marx, who proceeded to handle the situation with characteristic aplomb. After ascertaining that no one was hurt, she told the passengers: “Look, accidents happen every day. Today was our turn.”

Jane Marx blogs as New York City Storyteller at <http://x.nyourgoddess.com/blog>. Visit her online also at [www.nyourgoddess.com](http://www.nyourgoddess.com) and on YouTube at [newyorktourgoddess](http://newyorktourgoddess).





# A Philosophic

**Elizabeth Gray, B.A.'08 • By Carol Olechowski**

Elizabeth Gray has an interesting take on life: “Making plans is futile, and the best way to find opportunities is to be open to them when they present themselves.”

That philosophy has landed Gray jobs at an art studio and a farmers market and motivated her to begin her own after-school enrichment programs for children. Now, it has inspired her to take on a new project: helping a small indigenous community in Ecuador to establish its own school.

Born in The Bronx and raised in Ithaca, N.Y., Gray

arrived at UAlbany “with no clear career plans.” However, the University’s “wide-ranging course offerings” afforded her “incredible opportunities” to explore new interests. The Honors College student majored in philosophy, a “compelling and challenging” discipline that “offers a rigorous intellectual, moral and metaphysical foundation from which all things follow. My training in philosophy has prepared me, not just academically but as a whole person, to engage meaningfully with any path that I end up following.”

Inspired by the leadership of

then-President Kermit Hall, who passed away in 2006, Gray was determined to “strive for excellence and reach higher in the belief that we can be the best in all that we do. Every aspect of my education was all that I could have hoped for.” She cites the mentorship of Professor of Philosophy Jon Mandle, her adviser, and Distinguished Teaching Professor of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences John Delano, as well as a study-abroad experience in Chile, as highlights of her undergraduate years.

Gray took odd jobs after

graduation, earning enough money to buy a plane ticket to Ecuador. She traveled in Quito and the Galapagos Islands, teaching English at a hostel in exchange for free housing. Gray later connected with the volunteer program Nueva Era and taught on San Cristobal, Galapagos, for six weeks. “It was paradise,” recalls Gray, who explored the island and lived with local families during her stay.

Soon, a new opportunity presented itself, and Gray found herself teaching the children of the Wishi Community, part of “an



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indigenous group called Shuar. The families – about 10 adults and 20 children – live in simple huts made of wood or bamboo and survive as hunter-gatherers.”

In the community’s primitive schoolhouse, “the kids sat on logs under a scrap of aluminum roofing,” remembers Gray. “There were no supplies, so we used what was available: We wrote with charcoal on the piece of wood that served as our chalkboard, painted numbers on rocks with paint made from achiote seed, and made 10 workbooks from a single notebook. The kids shared

three pens while practicing writing for hours. Despite the limitations of our classroom, the children were so excited to be learning.”

Gray left the community a few weeks later, determined to return with the money, materials and manpower needed to build a school. Back in the Capital Region, she began the Wishi Project to raise the \$20,000 needed for construction and supplies. By early December 2010, donors had contributed more than \$13,000 toward that goal. Alumni Morgan Edwards, B.S.’07, and Danny Buckley, B.A.’07;

juniors Sammy Frumkin and Joel Tirado; and other friends Gray made at UAlbany “have been truly invaluable in supporting and guiding” the project.

Gray anticipates that the school’s impact will prove “immeasurable” as families who left to educate their children elsewhere return to their community. A teacher fluent in both Shuar and Spanish has already been engaged; Gray will work with her to develop a curriculum, then “leave the running of the school” to the Wishi. “My greatest hope is

to make myself obsolete,” she says.

“I don’t know what I will do when I finish this project,” adds Gray, “but I hope that it will have given me the tools I need to move forward toward a rewarding and successful path – or at least to my next step. I have learned that committing myself passionately to the opportunities that present themselves will lead me to the next big thing.”

**For more information about the Wishi Project, visit Elizabeth Gray’s Web site at [www.wishi.org](http://www.wishi.org).**

# Doing “the Incredible”



UAlbany Athletics

**Roberto Vives accepts the 2010 America East Conference Indoor Track Coaching Staff of the Year Award from AEC Assistant Commissioner Jessica Descartes.**

Spend just a few minutes with Roberto Vives, University at Albany director of men’s and women’s track & field/cross country, and you’re sure to hear his favorite motivational saying: “Do the incredible.”

Corny, perhaps, but it’s genuine. Most importantly, it resonates with his athletes.

“Do the incredible,” UAlbany women’s track captain Sandy Antenor said. “I can’t tell you how many times he’s said that. He makes you want to go beyond your limits.”

“Everyone knows that saying is Roberto’s,” said Winsome Foderingham, B.A.’89, M.P.A.’92, an All-American who ran for Vives in the 1980s and made it to UAlbany’s Athletic Hall of Fame. “He’ll make you better than you ever thought you could be,” added Foderingham, now the University’s associate director of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

Vives hasn’t simply asked his athletes to do the incredible. Since taking over the University’s track program in 1985, he’s demanded the same of himself.

He’s led UAlbany to 43 conference championships. He’s coached 27 All-Americans. He’s led the program through a seamless transition from Division III up to Division I, leading his men’s team to a ranking as high as 36th in the nation at the top division. His list of achievements is endless.

“There’s a sense that you don’t want to be the team that lets him down,” men’s track captain Tyler Fogarty said. “His teams have had success for so long.”

The success is expected to continue. The America East coaches recently picked the men’s indoor team to win its sixth straight indoor track conference title. The women were also chosen to defend their crown. And with Vives at the helm for the foreseeable future, more great results are likely.

“I really love what I do,” he said. “It doesn’t happen a lot in sports that each year keeps getting better, but that’s what we’ve had, and we want to keep it going.”



The coach's children, Ashley and Andres Vives, competed on the UAlbany track team as undergraduates. Ashley earned a degree in art; Andres was a business administration major.

Vives, 55, grew up in The Bronx. If not for an unusual rule, he possibly would never have gotten involved in track. At just 4'-11", 90 pounds when he was a freshman, he benefited from a rare rule that allowed him to compete against other athletes his size. It isn't the norm for track & field competitions to have weight standards, but the league that his high school competed in had such a setup.

Vives was immediately hooked on the sport. He loved the camaraderie of track. Not only did he enjoy competing; at age 14, he started coaching younger kids on the street, organizing races and giving pointers. "I'm not sure if I knew a lot about technique back then," Vives said. "But I think everyone saw how much I cared, and that's what matters. I've had a knack of connecting with people."

He went on to become a track star in college, first at Lehman, then at Seton Hall, where he set the school record in the decathlon. More exploits – including the winning of three Masters Events at the Empire State Games, an Olympic-style competition for New York athletes – followed.

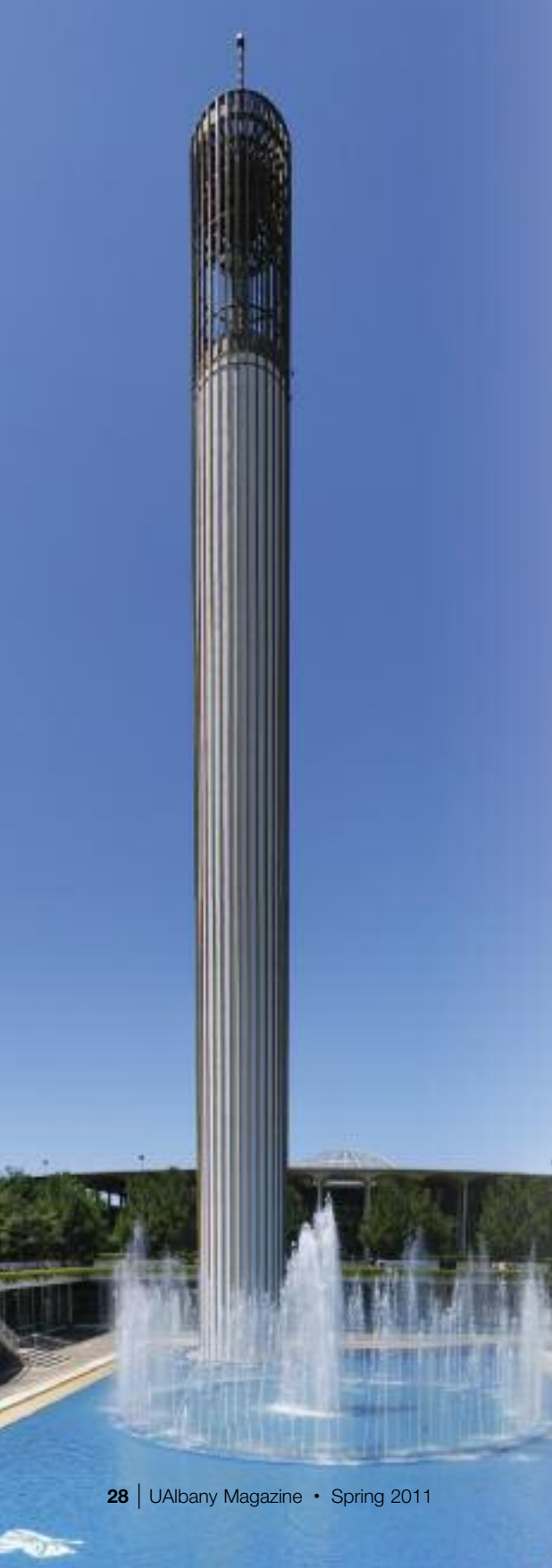
Vives was successful in high school and club track, but wanted to coach in college. "I would see kids coming back home, failing out, and I knew I could make a difference. You have to show the students that you care, that you're committed

to them. It's not win-at-all-costs here. I want good people who are committed to academics and to doing the right thing," he said.

For their part, Vives and his family are also committed to the University and its hometown. He and his wife, Valrene, live in Albany, and their children both were members of his team in recent years. Andres Vives, B.S.'06, graduated *cum laude*, earning a degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing/finance. Ashley Vives, B.A.'10, was an art major who minored in business.

"Albany has been a great place for me and our family," Roberto Vives said. "There have been a lot of memorable moments."

And many more to come.



**41** **A note from your class councilor:** Last October, **Josephine Autilio Sano** was inducted into the Albany City Schools Hall of Fame in recognition of her teaching and union work. After searching for 69 years, **Vince Gillen** located 1941 classmates **Herbert** and **Ruth Oksala**, who moved last September from Pittsford, Mass., to West Chester, Pa. Their telephone number is (484) 653-1676; give them a call. **Charlie Quinn** is holding his own quite well, and **Marian Duffy Quinn** is in a nursing home but doing well. **Bill** and **Janie Thomas** are doing well. They are in an assisted living complex near their home in Lowville, N.Y. Bill is past 93 years young. Sad to report that we lost **Pete (Vincent) Stanger** on Jan. 4, 2010. However, in September the community of Cragmoor, N.Y., honored him as the first entrant into their Hall of Fame. Pete was 98 and is in the UAlbany Athletic Hall of Fame; he was a one-armed left fielder on the baseball team at State in 1940-41. On Nov. 21, 2010, **Vince** and **Pat Gillen** celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary with their three children and three grandchildren. Two of their children are retired schoolteachers, and one of the grandchildren, Taryn, is the middle school psychiatrist in Ravena, N.Y. With sadness, we note the passing of **Will Thomas** on Nov. 4, 2010, at home with his wife Janie ('42) and their three sons and one daughter. Bill was 93. Bill was a roommate of Vince's for two years and left to found the SLS Frat. Bill, who played third base on the State College Team in '39 and '40, was a bomber pilot in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. We also note the passing of **Elmer Mathews**, who spent most of his career as a dean at the University at Albany. **Shirley Tooker Riffley** is back living in her home in Quogue, Long

Island, N.Y., and still driving in her 90s. Shirley lived in East Greenbush most of her life and has two sons and a daughter. **Doris Mauersberger McKee** (phone: 732-643-8773) is in Tinton Falls, N.J. Doris keeps in touch with Shirley. **Helen (Buzz) Miller Kovar** lives in Deming, N.M. She taught foreign languages and in 1946 earned a bachelor's degree in library science at Syracuse University. Helen was a librarian in Oswego, S.C., where she met her husband, Anthony Kovar. They moved to State College, Pa., and Helen became a senior librarian at Penn State. Anthony was an anthropologist. Now widowed, Helen has two daughters. She and her family traveled in Europe, Mexico and Africa several times and went on archeological "digs." Since June 2011 will be the Class of 1941's 70th anniversary, Vince would appreciate hearing from any living member of the class. If you have contact information for any member of the class, please send it directly to Vince at his new address: Vincent and Margaret Gillen, 1325 McCarthy Square Blvd, Apt. 12, New Bern, NC 28562; phone: (252) 638-1948; vpgillen@yahoo.com.

**42** **Margaret Westervelt** has been awarded the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Florida Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.



Margaret Westervelt

**44** **A note from your class councilor:** On Oct. 9, 2010, I visited the University at Albany during the annual Homecoming Weekend. Breakfast was served at SEFCU Arena, the athletic center. Getting to the right



Gillian McCabe; Anne McCabe '84; and Sophia Ketterer, daughter of Doug Ketterer '87, enjoy the festivities at the annual Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Feast Feb. 5.

building was easy because the Alumni Association had arranged for very visible shuttle vehicles with helpful student chauffeurs. The breakfast program was special because the class observing the 50th anniversary of its graduation would be inducted into the Half-Century Club. University President George Philip '69, '73 was the special speaker for the event. The 2009 October event was the Class of '44's 65th anniversary. I was happy to be with **Trece Aney Davidson** for the college's annual special breakfast. Trece had thoughtfully brought a copy of her recently published book. (Look for her book with the author identified as Edith Davidson.) Our 70th reunion is in 2014. Some get-togethers before then can be arranged.

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**councilor:** After many e-mails and phone calls to our classmates, Gari and I have the following to report: **Sam** and **Dorothy Dickieson** from Seneca Falls, N.Y., have a granddaughter who just graduated from Yale Law School and who married her high school sweetheart this past year. Sam and Dorothy also travel to visit daughters in Gloversville, N.Y., and Philadelphia, Pa., and are able to attend the Syracuse Symphony and Syracuse Opera. **Joan Baden** has retired from judging for Federated Garden Clubs but still is active for the American Rose Society shows. She still gardens herself, with some help; cares for her home in Webster, N.Y.; and stays active in her church. She became a great-grandmother in October and saw her great-grandchild when she visited her Minnesota family over the holidays. **Ruth Elmore** and husband Jim, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, recently enjoyed a Holland America cruise to the southern Caribbean. They visited nine islands, took in the evening shows and dancing, and took a computer course taught by Microsoft – a marvelous free package that allowed them to improve their digital pictures. Ruth teaches (volunteering) *Introduction to Computers, E-mail, and Power Point* to seniors at John Knox Village in Orange City, Fla., where she and Jim live. During July, they drove north to visit family and friends, and then flew to Albany for Jim's 60th reunion at RPI. Ruth and Jim have six grandchildren ranging in age from 16 to 28; the oldest

will be married on Labor Day 2011. Five of the grandchildren are out of college and have interesting careers. **Justine Maloney McConaughy** also lives at John Knox Village and remains active in the Vesper Choir. Her voice is even more beautiful than it was 60 years ago. **Gari Deliganis Patcopoulos** from Boca Raton, Fla., stays active by volunteering in many programs at her church, St. Demetrios. It is 20 miles from her home, but Gari says the distance is not a problem for her. She is also active with the Fort Lauderdale Cancer Research Society. Gari recently talked with **Julie Genovesi Fassett**, who enjoys her three grandsons and three granddaughters ranging from 6 to 25. The oldest granddaughter has a degree in chemical engineering. Gari and Eleanor manage to see each other twice a year when Gari comes north to visit her family in Delmar. **Adrienne Iorio Caruso** is well and enjoying time with her family and friends. Adrienne lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and doesn't drive her car anymore, so friends and family are there for her. **Donald Sayles** has some very wise comments to make: "Though away

from active participation in public school life for over 30 years, every now and then something about education riles me sufficiently to fire a letter to editor of the *The Daily (Schenectady) Gazette*. Latest such words from computer billionaire Bill Gates and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, that the fifth year of college education for teacher preparation was a waste. Essence of my response was that if achievement scores were all that interested us, two years of community college prep would likely suffice. Went on to suggest that that we could save billions by training teachers in techniques employed by Army drill sergeants. Reminded reader that drillmasters used to be prevailing mode in classrooms." **Rita Shapiro Schwartz** lives in Hillsboro Beach, Fla., and stays busy as an income tax aide and an advocate for the AARP safe driving program of South Florida. On a sad note, **Frances (Nancy) Walsh Leonard** of Lansingburg, Troy, N.Y., passed away Sept. 26, 2010. **Jane O'Brien O'Brien** was looking forward to the holiday celebration get-together for the day after Christmas with her five children, their

spouses and 11 grandchildren. **Ruth Doran** of Baldwinsville, N.Y., reports that the Syracuse area has over 40 inches of snow. The good news is that *The Greatest Generation Fund for the University Libraries* has reached \$137,048 and is still growing. **Mary Casserly**, dean and director of UAlbany Libraries, has forwarded the following message: "I want to thank all the Class of 1948 members, individually and collectively, for your amazing support for The Greatest Generation Fund for the Libraries. Because of strong returns in the last year, we've offset losses sustained in 2007-08, and the endowment balance has exceeded \$130,000 and is growing. In fact, UAlbany's endowment funds did better than Yale's and Harvard's in 2009-10. You have an open invitation to stop in to see our libraries whenever you are on campus. We have made many changes in all three libraries over the past five years, and I would be very pleased to give you a tour of the 'new' libraries." For more information about supporting the libraries, contact Roberta Armstrong, Armst13@aol.com or (562) 594-8995.

## "What a joy in my old age!"

exclaimed retired English teacher Edith Cutting, B.S.'38, writing to share the news that one book she penned and another she co-edited more than half a century ago have "come alive again" as recent Cornell University Press reprints. *Lore of an Adirondack County* (1944) and *A Pioneer Songster* (1958) had their genesis at the New York State College for Teachers, explained the author, an Elizabethtown, N.Y., native: "I took Harold W. 'Dr. Tommy' Thompson's *American Folklore* course and became aware of the riches of the Adirondacks, where I grew up." After earning a degree in librarianship, Cutting completed her master's studies at Cornell, where Thompson was then teaching; he was her adviser and also edited *A Pioneer Songster* with her. Cutting wrote five other books; they include *Joanna of Jerusalem*, "the story of a teenager in Biblical times," which was published in 2008. Cutting donated a collection of her papers to UAlbany. The correspondence, manuscripts, scrapbooks and other materials documenting her teaching career and her interest in folklore are housed in the University Libraries' M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.





More than 150 runners representing UAlbany and the community turned out for the second annual 5K Run during Homecoming '10. The event benefited the Cancer Research Center's Fund for Memory and Hope.

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**councilor:** I have some sad news to report: **Tom Lisker**, our sophomore president, died June 15, 2010, and **Bob Kloepfel's** wife of 59 years died Oct. 16, 2010. Official registration forms for our 62nd reunion, to be held June 3-5, will be mailed in April. The Saturday morning bus tour of the uptown, downtown and East campuses, to be narrated by University at Albany Archivist Geoff

Williams, should be quite interesting and informative. I'm urging each and every one of you to attend the reunion, even only a part of it, if you possibly can do so. **Bonnie Totten Adkins** attended her granddaughter's wedding in Austin, Texas; the ceremony was officiated by Bonnie's husband Lee, a retired Methodist pastor. In August, **Abe Trop** went to Malawi, Africa, for a Habitat for Humanity build. In November, he was involved in a large renovation of five to six homes in Delano, 30 miles from Bakersfield, Calif. On Abe's birthday, Oct. 29, 2010, he got to see his first great-

grandchild, a little girl; she's a redhead, just like Abe's granddad. **Larry Appleby** continues to receive honors. The latest, a dedicated service award for being a loyal and dependable brother, was from the Masonic Lodge. The presentation was made at a special event at the shrine in Rochester, N.Y. Congratulations, Larry. In May 2010, **Jake** and **Betsy Schuhle** went to SUNY New Paltz to attend a musical performance in which their grandson participated. They also had the opportunity to walk the old Railroad Bridge, now a walkway, over the Hudson River. This was especially meaningful to Jake because 100 years ago his father had walked it when it was known as the Railroad Bridge. Kudos to **Lena Sorcinelli Capuano**, who retired Dec. 21, 2010, from her position as associate in pastoral administration at her beloved St. Lucy's Church in Altamont, N.Y. Lena said she has loved every minute of the 35 years she has held this position. In the future, Lena expects fewer meetings, more books to read, and more time to enjoy her grandchildren. **Horty Zeilengold Schmierer** and her brother-in-law, Harris, had a fantastic three-week trip in August 2010 on an African safari in Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. They celebrated Horty's birthday in Washington, D.C., visiting monuments, war memorials, the Holocaust Museum and the Museum of the American Indian. You can hear more about Horty's adventures at our 62nd reunion. **Elsa Moberg Cox** keeps busy as moderator of the Presbyterian Women, a position she has held for five

years. However, she has found a replacement starting in 2011. Elsa has trained to become a Stephen Minister and has a care receiver she visits weekly. Elsa plans to come with one of her daughters all the way from California to our 62nd reunion. **Richard Foster**, who lives in Sarasota Springs, Fla., says that he is not yet bored with life. He enjoys many theatrical performances, an occasional opera, singing in two different choruses, and playing for Vesper services twice a month. **Joan Rourke McClelland** keeps busy in Arizona as the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commissioner, and as a volunteer at the Sedona Ranger District Visitor Center, the thrift shop that supports the local Humane Society, and the Keep Sedona Beautiful organization. **Anne Sulich Raser** reported from Los Angeles the sad news that William, her husband of 59 years, died in 2009. Anne tries to keep in touch with her three sons and six grandchildren. Her twin grandsons from Atlanta visited her in November. Anne is participating in several health-research studies, including the Women's Health Initiative and the California Teacher's Study. Congratulations to **Jean Selkirk McLellan** and husband Don on celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary. Jeane and Don stay in good health by hiking with the Union County (N.J.) hiking club twice a week. In October, **Bob Kaiser** and wife Mary Ann had a fabulous 12-day tour of northwestern Spain. Bob describes it as an ecumenical spiritual journey to Santiago de Compostela in celebration of the Jubilee Year. Madrid, Toledo, Salamanca, Avila and Leon were also cities visited on the tour. **Jean Pulver Hague** enjoyed another cruise with the highly recommended Uniworld. This one was a river cruise on the Rhine from Berlin to Basel. **Elfrieda "Freddy" Laemmerzahl Miller** continues her education at the University of Oklahoma. This past year, the courses were very diverse: *The Science of Anthropods, Historical Foundations of World Regions, Renewable Energy and Agatha Christie - Script to Screen*. Freddy comments that no homework or tests make the courses great. Just like NYSCT? She did report that **Marge Duryea Sykes '50** died Nov. 11, 2010. **Bob Kittredge** was scheduled for knee-replacement surgery but, thanks to regular visits to a local fitness center, his knee was doing so well

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that the surgery was cancelled. Bob's new motto is, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" As a substitute for surgery, he raised over \$500 in sponsorships by participating in the annual Church World Services Crop Walk for Hunger. Bob and Diana's son, Paul, who had been in Kyrgyzstan since May 2010, came home to the Bay Area for two weeks at Thanksgiving time. Diana was not able to come to our 60th reunion when Bob received the Alumni Award for Excellence in Service since she was undergoing treatment for cancer. She is psyched this year to attend our 62nd and meet some of Bob's classmates. Pima County Library in Arizona annually honors an individual for outstanding contributions to Southwestern letters. In 2010, the Lawrence Clark Powell Lifetime Achievement Award, cheerfully named the "Powie," was presented to **Dr. Donald Dickinson**, librarian, author and educator. The article in the Pima County Library publication described Don as a figure well loved by generations of University of Arizona-trained librarians. He arrived in Tucson in 1969 as director of the university's new Graduate Library School, established a budget, employed faculty, and wrote curriculum for the new program. Bibliography, book-collecting, and the rare-book trade are at the core of his research interests, and his book-length publications include a bio-bibliography of the poet Langston Hughes and biographies of the California collector Henry E. Huntington. Congratulations, Don! In closing, I want to say that our 62nd reunion will be the first of its kind in the history of our college. Let's make it one in which we can take pride. Hope to see many of you there, June 3-5!

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**50** **A note from your class counselor:** While making arrangements for our 60th reunion, **Harold Vaughn** kept a two-month vigil by his wife's bedside as she struggled to survive. **Maria Pia Vaughn** passed away Oct. 1. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 23 at the Church of the Annunciation in Washington, D.C. Interment took place in a village outside Florence, Italy. **Lila Lee Harrington**, now living in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., sees the Zanchellis ('49 and '52) at YAHA (Young At Heart Adults), a church group. The Harrington Warrensburg log cabin home, pictured in our 60th Anniversary Retrospective, is still on the market. **Joyce Dubert Everingham** was disappointed to hear of the cancellation of our 60th reunion. Despite extraordinary personal and travel difficulties she was making a serious effort to attend. She has attended every one of our class reunions. Can anyone else make such a claim?! After a battle with cancer for six years, **Irwin Baumel's** wife died in June. Irwin served on Sparky's reunion committee. **Earline (Ken) Thompson Sorensen** was making final plans to attend our 60th reunion when she was notified of its cancellation. Her disappointment was eased by her upcoming two-week trip to France. Ken also served on our 60th reunion committee. I propose a new approach

# WOW!

## Three Lessons That Make You Stronger

Let's focus on Words of Wisdom (WOW). Whether it's a new year's resolution, a milestone birthday or a significant life-changing event, we are often presented opportunities to reflect on our lives. When I read the inspirational alumni stories that were eventually included in this issue of *UAlbany* magazine, they made me think about how often I've heard from alumni who've changed their lives because of their experiences at the University and their interactions with classmates.

I'd like to share some of what I have learned from observing and listening to so many of you. Although some of these ideas are personal and some professional, I think there is something here for everyone.

### Begin

Some of the best advice I've received is simply just to start. Whether it's exercising, writing or volunteering, the most difficult (and often most frightening) step is often the first one.

### Invest

Invest in yourself. Get involved. (WARNING: SHAMEFUL PLUG COMING!) Volunteer with your Alumni Association. Build your network of contacts, both online and – dare I say – in person! Stay connected ... make UAlbany stronger!

### Balance

Perhaps the toughest achievement that eludes so many of us is balance. Often, the harder we work in one area of our lives, the more another suffers. Someone passed on some interesting advice to me recently: If you work too much, pledge to work 30 minutes less a day and dedicate that time to another area of need. If you're not working hard enough, perhaps cutting your television viewing time by 30 minutes and using that time in another way will help you to address an area that needs improvement.

Now it's your turn to share your words of wisdom with your fellow alumni. In a maximum of three sentences, please share the best suggestion, the most inspiring note or the best advice you have received. E-mail your WOW to [alumniassociation@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@uamail.albany.edu), or mail it to Alumni House, University at Albany, Albany, NY 12222. Deadline for entries is May 31, 2011. We will share all of the submissions on our Web site and reprint the best submission in a future issue of *UAlbany*.



**Lee Serravillo**  
Executive Director  
UAlbany Alumni  
Association



# Alumni Association Recognizes Outstanding Achievements



The University at Albany Alumni Association will bestow Excellence Awards on the following alumni and friends for their outstanding achievements and service. The awards will be presented at the 2011 Excellence Awards Gala on April 30.

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**John Delano, Ph.D.**, Distinguished Teaching Professor, UAlbany

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Recognizes international graduates who are highly distinguished in their professions and who have helped their nations and/or the world through outstanding contributions to government, science, art, education, business or human welfare.

**ZHANG Laiwu, Ph.D. '95**, Vice Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China

## Bertha E. Brimmer Medal

Celebrates alumni for excellence in teaching K-12 and for dedication to their profession.

**Deborah Mayne Brandau, C.A.S. '90, Ph.D. '94**, teacher, Wheelerville Union Free School District, and online professor, UAlbany School of Education

## Excellence in Alumni Service

Recognizes sustained leadership and service to the Alumni Association and the University by alumni.

**Michael Borys, B.S. '78, M.B.A. '79**, Vice President, Goldman Sachs

## Excellence in Arts & Letters

Celebrates alumni for outstanding achievements in music, literature and language, visual arts or performing arts.

**David Pietrusza, B.A. '71, M.A. '72**, author and historian

## Excellence in Business

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in for-profit business.

**Stacy Bash-Polley, B.S. '89**, Partner-Managing Director, Goldman Sachs

## Excellence in Community Service

Pays tribute to alumni for time volunteered to benefit a community or its nonprofit institutions.

**Robert Paeglow, B.S. '76**, physician

## Excellence in Education

Honors alumni for extraordinary distinction in the field of education, including pre-K through post-secondary classroom teaching, school services and administration/supervision.

**Charles Dedrick, M.S. '91**, Superintendent of Schools, Cohoes City School District

## Excellence in Entrepreneurship

Recognizes the accomplishments of an individual who has demonstrated the spirit, leadership and drive of an entrepreneur.

**Alan Mantel, B.S. '85**, Partner, Snow Phipps Group LLC

## Excellence in Public Service

Recognizes alumni for outstanding contributions to local, state or national communities, generally, but not exclusively, through opportunities in appointed or elected office or public service nonprofit organizations.

**Katherine Maciol, L.C.S.W. '88**, Commissioner of Mental Health, Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health/Unified Services

**Nancy Gleason Groenwegen, B.A. '79**, Counsel to the State Comptroller

## Excellence in Science and Technology

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in science and/or technology.

**Jonathan Newman, B.A. '85, Ph.D. '90**, professor and director of the School of Environmental Science, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada



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for submitting class news. I got the idea from a friend who had attended his 50th high school reunion. Attendees were asked to present brief responses to the following: Name, Spouse, Occupation, Life's Highlights, Favorite High School Memories and Bucket List. I hope many of you will "buy into" this format. It seems a viable and realistic plan at this stage in our lives.

Here is my entry:

**NAME:** Audrey Koch Feathers

**SPOUSE:** Richard F. Feathers (deceased)

**OCCUPATION:** Teacher/professor

**LIFE'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Summers and holidays with my family at our Jenny Lake home with tennis, sailing, swimming and climbing the high peaks. Bi-weekly trips to NYC to Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, NYU Club, Broadway Theater during the academic year and NYC Ballet in July and Philadelphia Orchestra in August at SPAC.

**FAVORITE COLLEGE MEMORIES:** Three-year courtship with Dick and playing on Myskania's women's basketball team and our undefeated record.

**BUCKET LIST:** Being realistic about my limitations. I am content.

The above suggestion/format/model should be helpful to you. I hope you will continue to be in touch with Sparky and me.

*Class notes co-councilor: Audrey Koch Feathers, akochfeathers@roadrunner.com*

**51** **A note from your class councilor:** KEEP OUR 60TH REUNION IN MIND! **Paul Kirsch** writes that he is still very involved with many community-based organizations, including 48 years as a Rotarian. Paul plays nine holes of golf, weather permitting, five days a week with a group of old friends, three of them also widowers. He has two sons and five grandchildren and also teaches. All his family members are 30 minutes to two hours away, so he sees them often. Our intrepid **Lester LeViness** took his 10th tandem skydive Oct. 10. Wow! Fred Paul is still supervising student teachers, part time, for SUNY New Paltz. He and his wife enjoyed a trip to Florence, Italy, in October. While there, they visited with their granddaughter, who was spending a semester of her junior year there. After



*Students gained valuable insights from experts in the field of public administration when UAlbany alumni and staff hosted a Dinner With a Dozen Danes last November at a restaurant in Albany. Hosts, standing, included Joseph Garba '02, '05 (second from left); Jim Clancy '90 (third from left); and Lee Serravillo (center).*

20 years living in Florida, **Leona Richter Toppal** feels she is a true Floridian, shivering if the day is colder than 60 degrees. She and her husband live in an "over 55" community and enjoy the friendliness and activities. For the past two years, her niece, Judy Koblintz Madnick '65, has been a close neighbor. **Ken Lein**, who retired from Lockheed Martin 15 years ago, spends time working for the Endicott Rotary club, where he is their "off-key song leader." He also volunteers for AARP. His wife just retired, and they have done some extensive traveling at home and abroad. Ken mentioned that he would be available to help plan a 60th reunion. From his home in Beacon, N.Y., **Ken Ludlum** sent greetings to the class. Ken retired as a senior environmental associate for Chevron USA. Working with the theatre department on its 100th anniversary celebration brought me back into contact with **Beverly Huber Woodin**. Bev designed the poster for our 1950 AD play, "The Swan." She still had a copy in her attic and graciously donated it to the department for its display. From her home in Lake George, **Joan Ahr Robertson** stays very active serving on the Institutional Board at Glens Falls Hospital, reviewing clinical trials for cancer. Joan participates in AAUW and recently was asked to be part of an adult Honorary Girl Scout group. Scouting has been in her life since she was nine. **Don Cohen** presented "Calculus By and for Young People" at the 2010 Global Education Conference last November.

His book *Calculus By and for Young People* was published in 1991 and became available as a two-CD rom set in 2006. Don is co-founder of The Math Program, an organization he started 30 years ago to help students of all ages and all abilities.

*Class notes councilor: Jacqueline Mann Gavryck, jgavryck@nycap.rr.com*

**52** **A note from your class councilor: Rita Stanger Levy** enjoys living in San Diego, Calif. Her children and five grandchildren are also in southern California. Rita keeps busy with Bunco, MahJongg, bridge, and cheering the Padres and Chargers. Rita sends regards to her classmates. **Jane Minckler Jennings** volunteers at Proctors, a Schenectady theater that brings New York stage shows to the Capital Region. Rita is hoping to eliminate the use of a walker or cane by undergoing physical therapy again. **Elsie Thorpe Freeman** still spends half of the year in Ithaca, N.Y., and half in Baltimore, Md., where her two sons and their families reside. She divides her time among attending opera and theater performances, volunteering in a soup kitchen, working as a democratic committee person, and reading English novels and American history. Jane ends by saying, "It's a good life." **Bert Jablon**, president of the Nassau County New York State Public Health Association, reports a successful conference on the topic "Recession: Its Impact on Long

Island's Public Health." His organization has offered more than 20 such programs to the Island beginning in the 1960s.

**Kitty Kloser Irons** and husband Marty flew to Florida to visit relatives. While home in Goshen, N.Y., they keep busy with Marty's genealogy searches and Kitty's book-club meetings. Their oldest granddaughter is in the honors program at St. Michael's in Vermont and is doing well. **Joan Bennett Kelly** and husband Charlie are downsizing their Florida home. They will be in the same subdivision, just in a little smaller place. **Vicki Eade Eddy** is very indebted to have had such marvelous teachers at NYSCCT as business faculty Dr. Olson, Mr. Terwilliger, Dr. Cooper, Miss Avery and Miss Wooschlager, and her English teacher, Mrs. Carrino. Vickie also mentioned working in the Placement Bureau for Dr. Elmer Matthews, "a very likeable, intelligent, and patient boss." She also fondly remembers working for the *State College News* and being a member of Myskania and Beta Zeta Sorority. Vickie would like to reconnect with **Evie Kampke Johnson** and **Mary Borys Marks Coro**. **Jeanne Seymour Earle** continues to substitute teach and work at the library while undertaking several big-time house projects. **Tom Holman** left Long Island in October for sunny Florida, only to find it too hot even for the South. He also did his usual two-week trip to St. Maarten, where the residents are very pleased with their new status as an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

## Alumni News and Notes

**Marilyn Johnson VanDyke**, class president, retired as executive director of the Warren County Historical Society, but is still historian for the Town of Queensbury. Locally, historians are working on the upcoming celebration for the Warren County's bicentennial in 2013. Marilyn's grandson received his bachelor's degree in psychology from SUNY Oneonta and is now in graduate school at The College of Saint Rose. **Jeanne Hayes Coyne's** family had a great Thanksgiving in a western Virginia resort to celebrate her upcoming 80th birthday. There were 30 attending: six children and spouses; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one granddaughter-in-law expecting the family's second great-grandchild. One granddaughter deployed in the Pacific with the Navy and one grandson-in-law "pirate hunting" in Somalia missed the celebration.

**Maureen Davis Mullin** writes from Santa Barbara, Calif., that we may soon hear of wedding plans from her. Maureen retired three years ago but has gone back part of each year. In May, Maureen will go to Berlin to visit friends whose sons were in her class; the father, a professor at the University of Berlin, used to do research at Maureen's college. He is now an author and has mentioned his Santa Barbara experience in his books — "my one moment of fame," Maureen says. She had another moment: Her son was Teacher of the Year in California in 2002.



*Class councilors Joan Cali Pecore '60 and Doris Hische Brossy '60 (seated, third and fourth from right) hosted their class's 50th reunion, capped by a dinner at the Holiday Inn in Albany.*

**Alta Reynolds Stevenson** is still in Elmira, N.Y., and has two daughters who live in western New York, but her two sons are ex-patriates. One lives in Denmark and one, who graduated from Albany in '82, lives in Mexico. However, they do get to visit every year. **Ruth Liepman Tighe** still lives in Saipan, where she has resided since 1980. Ruth has led an exciting and diverse life. She learned to scuba dive and has since dived in Fiji, Indonesia and Palau. Ruth, who has had an assortment of jobs ranging from college librarian to newspaper editor, retains her position as a weekly columnist of "On My Mind." Ruth was diagnosed with lung cancer and is

tethered to oxygen, but she still drives, shops, has lunch with friends and attends meetings. That a girl, **Ruth Nancy Frey Pettinelli** sent a witty response to my appeal for news about our classmates' "exciting lives." She responded, "We don't know exciting anymore," then went on to say that, "when I awake, I try to convince my body I'm not that old." Nancy went on to relate that "the 'work' of retirement is going to lunch, goofing off, checking e-mails, and ranting against the government." On a more serious note, she has been doing a genealogical search of her family, the Freys, whose records

are often in old German script, written "by deliberately deceptive church clerks," and the Sullivans, every one of whom is named Patrick Sullivan. Nancy and her husband, Lou, spent Thanksgiving in Pennsylvania with son Neal and family and visited son Larry in Larchmont, NY. She signs her letter, "From life in the fast lane." Thanks for giving me a chuckle, Nancy. **Mary Anne Fitzgerald Lanni** assures us that she and Bob are "aging in place" at their home outside Albany. All five children reside in the area; oldest son Joseph is a godsend. They find the University culturally vibrant, providing

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films and lectures for the community. The Lannis catch simulcasts of the Met operas. Saratoga; Cooperstown; and Williamstown, Mass., fill in the summer activities. Mary Anne cherishes her book clubs and parish activities and reads GED essays one day a week at the state education department. Bob enjoys Netflix and especially his electronic keyboard. I am sorry to report the death of Bill Terrill, husband of **Helen Pilcher Terrill**, in September 2010. Bill and Helen had been married 58 years, and he was the model of a father and grandfather, traveling thousands of miles each year to attend grandchildren's sporting events. Helen went to live with her daughter Ann in Virginia beginning in mid-December. **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** keeps very busy volunteering in various capacities, attending many performances of the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra in the summer, enjoying the art appreciation series from the Teaching Company, attending her book club, doing lots of reading and being your councilor. She took some time out in December and January, however, to recover from open-heart surgery, replacement of the aortic valve. She was back at "full power" by the end of January. Note to all members of the Class of 1952: Your planning committee is beginning to make plans for our 60th reunion in the spring of 2012. We are hoping for a great turnout. To get in the mood for a reunion, check out pictures of last spring's interim reunion at [www.nysct52.com](http://www.nysct52.com) and remember how much fun it is to see old friends.

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**53** **A note from your class councilor:** Last year The Olympia Genealogical Society published two of Joyce Turner Ogden's ancestor biographical stories. In addition, *American Libraries* published a letter from her in Reader Forum. **Mildred Foote Sheerin** is still directing plays on Cape Cod. She completed "The Gin Game" and is now doing "Mass Appeal." Mildred visited **Joan Allen Balfe** and her husband in Florida in March '10 and entertained Don and **Ruth Dunn Reed** in September. Millie now has 18 grandchildren. In 2009, Rosie and **Bob Hughes** had a wonderful trip to Egypt,

staying for a week at a hotel that was once a palace; they also spent a week on a riverboat that stopped to view the incredible temples, the Aswan Dam, the pyramids and the Sphinx. They were impressed with the friendliness of the Egyptian people. Rosie and Bob are blessed with five grandchildren and their loving parents. Rosie had lunch with former roommate **Linda Hopkins McGrath** last summer when Linda visited her children in Rochester. They reminisced about their being housed along with six other girls in the former locker room of Sayles Hall, a men's residence before WWII, during their first semester on campus. Second semester, they were placed in standard rooms vacated by dropouts. The simple accommodations, like heaven after the locker room, would cause today's coeds to hoot. **Frank Hodge** wrote that after 27 years he closed his shop, Hodge Podge Books, on July 30, 2009. He had a very happy experience meeting the hundreds of kids and teachers who visited the shop. He also numbers several hundred authors and illustrators as friends. Frank, who has spoken extensively in the United States and abroad, received the first honorary Charlotte Award, usually presented to authors voted upon by children in New York schools.

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**54** Last June, **Bill Floyd** took an 11-day cruise tour to Alaska. He saw lots of wildlife, including bald eagles, grizzlies and whales; Glacier Bay National Park; Juneau, including a helicopter ride onto Mendenhall Glacier; Haines; and Ketchikan. **Frank Mayer** is still playing tenor saxophone with three bands, including the Colonie Town Band, the Swing Docs (a 20-piece big band), and a jazz sextet called FIVE+1. In October 2010, the Swing Docs played a benefit dance for children with Down Syndrome; the event raised \$40,000. **Sally Gerig MacLachlan** is enjoying life at Beverwyck, a senior community. She serves on the Beverwyck Residents Council; continues outside volunteer activities; and enjoys travels to Israel with daughter Sheila and vacations at Cape Cod and Portland, Maine, with daughter Carolyn. Daughter Laura and family visited from California in July. **Sven Sloth's** wife, Eileen, is now the pastor at Nimmonsburg United

## CALENDAR

<b>APRIL</b>	8 CCI Women in Technology Reception
30 Excellence Awards Gala	30 Alumni Volunteer Council Luncheon
<b>MAY</b>	2 Rugby Alumni Reunion, NYC
12 UAlbany Lecture Series-Nanotechnology, NYC	14-15 Commencement
<b>JUNE</b>	3-5 Class of 1949 62nd Reunion
10-12 Class of 1956 55th Reunion	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	30 Potter Club Reunion (until Oct. 2)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	14-15 GOLD Reunion
14-16 Homecoming, Reunion & Family Weekend Reunions for the Classes of 2001, 1986, 1971, 1961 and 1954	

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Methodist Church, and the Sloths now live at the top of Oak Hill Road in Binghamton. They traveled to China last April, visiting Sven's son Nels and family in Shanghai and former students in Xian and Beijing. Joan and **Fred Paul** returned in October from a wonderful trip to Florence and Tuscany on a Tauck Culturious tour. It is something new with Tauck – full of activity: walking, cooking, bicycling (optional), art and special craft visits and a visit to marble quarries in Carrara. Cinque Terre, the five lands, and Lucca in Tuscany were wonderful. Their newest grandchild, Elliot, is 19 months old and, although he lives in Evanston, Ill, they have been seeing him often. Quite a change from the 24-, 20-, 18- and 15-year-old grandchildren! **Phyl MacCormack Weaver** spent a month in Egypt and Jordan last year and also spent five weeks in October traveling. Phyl's journeys included a New York-to-Los Angeles cruise, then a visit to northern California to spend Thanksgiving with family. **Sue Mitchell** and daughter Heather took a nostalgic visit to Vinalhaven, Maine, where they used to own a summer home and restaurant. Sue

keeps busy as the president of the library and serves as church deacon. Sue still sees **Jean Aceto** and **Bill Floyd**; after she moved to Cambridge, N.Y. she discovered Gerry Holtzman '54 was her neighbor. **Doris Hagen Henderson** has been busy doing readings and promos for her book of poems, *What Gets Lost*. Malcolm Blum says "Go Giants! I came to California the same year that the San Francisco Giants moved from New York and it's taken them all of this time to win a World Series. They almost made it in '89 but they were rudely interrupted by the Loma Prieta earthquake. I sometimes think that I'm in an earthquake but it's only my 79-year-old wobbly legs. Sorry to have missed our 55th reunion; maybe the 60th." **George Martin** and his partner, **Ann Githler**, spend a week every August in Santa Fe for the opera season. However, there was absolutely no opera on their tour to Easter Island for the total eclipse of the sun last July. In October, George and Ann took National Geographic's Spain's Northern Coast by Private Rail tour; in December, they toured the Yucatan. **Peg Livingstone Gilfillan** and **Bob**

## Alumni News and Notes




*Ellen Weatherby '98, left, and Judy Axenson enjoy the pregame reception prior to the UAlbany vs. Siena basketball games Dec. 6. Both the men's and women's teams went on to defeat the crosstown rivals.*

continue to spend six months in Nashville and six months in Venice, Fla. They are now caregivers for their oldest son, who suffered a traumatic brain injury in an accident two years ago. They spend most of their time at therapy sessions but are thankful for the progress he is still making. Peg states that it is "amazing what you can handle when you have to!" Back in the Finger Lakes area of New York State last summer, Dolores and **John Granito** hosted Wu Feng University's president and chairman of the board while the guests visited Rochester-area universities and technical institutes. Thanksgiving week was spent aboard a Viking riverboat, the *Helvetia*,

cruising the Rhine from Basel, Switzerland, through France and Germany to Amsterdam. The Granitos' grandchildren seem to be growing up: John and Dolores attended the first wedding of a grandchild; one is teaching school in New Orleans, one works for Viacom in New York City, and one has her own art-exhibition business. The other four are still being educated: one at the University of Michigan, one at RIT, and one as a high school senior. The youngest is a ninth-grader and a member of the varsity field hockey team. In September 2010, while on a trip to California for a wedding, the Zongrones met **Joan Mackey Stronach**; they had

a nice visit and breakfast and did some beach sightseeing. **Art Stone** still works as hard as ever and still enjoys it. His company manufactures costumes for dancing schools, dance teams, choirs and cheerleaders. The Stones also still run dance competitions and dance conventions around the country. Since "Dancing with the Stars" has been so popular, Art has been asked to teach ballroom at dance conventions. Art's wife, Nancy, has become the chairperson for "National Dance Week," and their daughter has joined the business. The Stones travel all over the country, but still have a few days off to enjoy themselves. They also travel to Italy every

couple of years because they love it; they also visit Hong Kong and China every year for business. **Richard Terzian's** wife, Barbara Mendoza, died April 19, 2008. The Terzians were married for 50 years. Richard has one son, Peter, who is an editor for *Elle Decor* in Manhattan. **Richard Bailey** has had two hospitalizations within the last year: the first to implant two stents; the second to pulverize a calcium plug in his main heart artery. Richard states: "Most of the time I hate modern technology but at other times I have to grudgingly admit some of it works. This is one of the latter times. I feel better than I have for years." This past October, **Pat Byrne Manning** traveled to Italy, visiting Rome, Venice, Assisi, Orvieto and Sorrento. Pat still enjoys her two mornings a week at Light of Christ Early Education Center; she also visits two or three Hospice patients a week for sessions of "soothing touch" and general companionship. In addition, Pat takes Marie, her dear 90-year-old friend, out for the day on Fridays. In between, Pat reviews children's books (mostly in the field of science) for *School Library Journal*. Pat enjoys life and knowing that Christmas comes every year, and so do Italy and the beach in North Carolina. Pat visits her delightful "grands" – Olivia, Julia and Alexander – twice a year, and is still invited to tell stories in their classrooms. **Naoshi Koriyama** celebrated his 84th birthday last November. In February 2010, he published his first book of verse ever in Japanese, *A Poet's Attraction*. Naoshi wishes all his classmates good health and happiness. Our




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57th class reunion will take place during Homecoming Weekend October 2011. Further details will be forthcoming. **Jim Thompson** plans to join Bunny, Joan and others at lunch to plan our 57th Class Reunion. Please contact Joan or Bernice if you have any questions or ideas. See the '91 class notes for news on Jim's son, Commander Scott Thompson '91.

*Class councilors: Bernice Gunsberg Shooobe, bshooobe@pol.net; Joan Paul, Joan Bolz Paul, fpaul1@nyccap.rr.com*

## 55 **A note from your class**

**councilor:** Making our 55th anniversary dinner a pleasure were **Ann Tobey, Jean Morris, Ed and Anne Franco, Ada and Mel Gollub, Fred Silva, Nancy Bush** and her friend Nancy Fleming, **Fran and Angela Dunning, Marilyn Koster, Dottie and Custer Quick, and Herb and Louise Hann Egert.** On Sunday, we met again for a lively farewell breakfast. **Louise Egert** is retired from her career as an elementary school reading specialist on Long Island. She and Herb have three children. In October, **Art Lennig** attended The Pordenone (Italy) Silent Film Festival. Several years ago, Art himself was honored for his contributions to silent film preservation. **Ed and Anne Franco** toured Mexico last March, and after the reunion, they were on their way to Italy and Tunisia. After attending her granddaughter's drum major competition in October, **Marilyn Koster** visited Spain for 10 days. **Dewitt and Mary Combs** were also in Europe last fall. In September, **Fred Silva** attended the 35th Toronto International Film Festival. **Bob Sage** now lives in Virginia Beach, where he volunteers at an aviation museum and participates in naval aviation organizations. For 34 years, **Mary Lou Cusack Birk** was a Spanish teacher and department chair at Greenville, Central High School. **Nancy Bush's** many years of experience with near-death studies are reflected in a book that she has ready for publication. **Lucie Johns Maier** and her husband were in Europe last summer for a two-week trek in the Austrian Alps. In the fall, **Dee Montalbano** took a month's overseas sojourn. In Lucca, Italy, she was a guide for five of her Boulder writing students. Afterward, in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, she spent two weeks teaching English to Swahili-

speaking women. After her teaching stint, **Dee** joined a six-day safari in the Rift Valley.

*Class notes councilor: John Orser, jorser@stny.rr.com*

## 56 **A note from your class**

**councilor:** The Class of 1956 will hold its 55th class reunion June 10-12, 2011, with the reunion dinner scheduled for Saturday, June 11. More details will follow. Stay tuned. Please send generous contributions for the *Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund* to The University at Albany Foundation, UAB Room 226, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12222, and make certain that the check is earmarked for the *Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund*. You also can give online at [www.albany.edu/giving](http://www.albany.edu/giving). Our contributions continue to help support two outstanding, financially needy students who are planning to become teachers.

*Class notes councilor: Arnold Newman, fish7hill@aol.com*

## 60 **A note from your class**

**councilor:** Oct. 8-10, 2010, brought many friends together for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1960. Hours of fun and reminiscing filled the weekend. Councilors **Paul Reagan, Doris Hische Brossy and Joan Cali Pecore** thank all who helped in the reunion planning and all who attended. We were very pleased with the turnout and plan to have an interim reunion sometime before our 55th! **Priscilla Jeney Albrecht** flew in from Sun City West, Ariz., where she and husband Pete are enjoying retirement. Pris has lived and taught in California over the years. She and Pete also enjoy winter sports when they journey north to their Show Low, Ariz. home. They were married in 1959, then moved to New Jersey, where Pris completed her degree. **Jane Graham Annis** and husband William are retired and live in Jupiter, Fla. They have two grandchildren. **Lawrence Czech**, who was interested in events planned for the 50th but unable to attend due to health problems, taught physics during his career. Lawrence was a college friend of **Al Wadsworth, Bob Waffle and Bruce Minch.** Hopefully, they will have contacted one another. **Sandra Zitko DeVisser** earned a

master's degree from Colgate University and another degree from a foundation program at the Proctor Williams Institute School of Art in Utica. In Utica, she taught for 30 years in the Community Arts Education program for young artists. Sandra is also a working artist. **Adrienne (Audrey) Hall-Bodie**

in the Teacher Education Conversion program. **David Mead** and his wife, Joyce Johnson Mead '63, retired in 1995 and now live in Port Orange, Fla. David taught math at Linton High School in Schenectady for 34 years, the last 15 years as math supervisor. They travel extensively and have visited Sweden,

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Curated by freelance art critic  
Ken Johnson '78

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retired in 2007 from Washington and Lee University, where she was the administrative assistant in several successive special programs since 1981. She and husband Charles celebrated retirement with an Elderhostel trip through western Canada. **Neil and Sheila Jurinski** now live in Alexandria, Va. They were not able to attend the reunion due to injuries Sheila suffered in an accident last spring. Sheila has been a real trouper with Neil's help, and therapy is moving her in a positive direction. **Janice Graham Kaliski** and husband **Burton '61** have five children and seven grandchildren. Janice is adjunct professor in the education department at New Hampshire Technical Institute, supervising math and science student-teachers

Hong Kong, Cyprus, Peru, and most recently Italy and Ireland. **Bill Nicholson** taught music at Huntington High School for 38 years. **Janet Burdick Page** and husband Dick live in Eagles Mere, Pa. They were married in 1958, and Janet finished at Albany in 1960. Janet was happy to be back in Albany during reunion weekend and to see her Chi Sig sisters at the coffee hour. **Beverly Burke Poole** and husband Frank have retired to Sun City West, Ariz. **Shea Allen Szachara** sends greetings to all. She has returned to the Binghamton area to live after a brief stay in South Carolina. **Olga Eckhardt Winsor** lives in Altamont and joined us at the wine tasting on Friday and the brunch on Sunday.



**JOSEPH S. BROSINAN,**  
M.S.'69, ED.D.'81

## Focusing on Leadership

**D**elaware Valley College President Joseph S. Brosnan completed his studies, but he has never left higher education.

Brosnan began his career in student affairs at his undergraduate *alma mater*, Marist College. After completing doctoral coursework in counseling at UAlbany, he worked at SUNY Potsdam for several years, switching midstream from working with students directly to handling broader management concerns.

“I decided I was much more focused on leadership to improve the overall environment for the students, and I thought that was more valuable than only working one on one,” said Brosnan, who relishes his role at Delaware Valley, a private, multidisciplinary college founded nearly 115 years ago in Doylestown, Pa. “I use the human relations skills I learned in my master’s and doctoral studies on a day-to-day basis. I learned to listen to people,” he added.

An awareness of human dynamics has also served Brosnan well in such varied undertakings as fundraising and project oversight. He sees his ability to listen as key to developing his leadership instincts. “I’ve always been able to see both sides of an issue pretty clearly, and I could bring people together around issues,” Brosnan noted. “I could build consensus. But I could also make the tough decisions when they were needed.”

St. Bonaventure University; Belmont Abbey College; and Teachers College, Columbia University have also benefited from his energy and experience. When asked which effort makes him most proud, he chose a theme rather than a single accomplishment. “I’ve done a number of startups or turnarounds. I’ve taken a program, an area or a project that was failing or non-existent, and I either started the program or turned the program around. And I didn’t just do it on a superficial basis. I built a foundation, so the structures for these programs I started are still in place, even 20 or 30 years later,” said Brosnan.

– Amy Halloran, B.A.’90

**Margaret (Meg) Hawver Wright** attended the Maine International Film Festival at the Railroad Square in Waterville. Meg continues to deliver Meals on Wheels; she also volunteers with the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and the Maine Public Broadcasting Network. **Jack Anderson** continues his running, and, as a result, looks most fit! He enjoys spending time with his five grandsons – ages 5, 4, 3, 2 and one! **John Trombly** has had a varied career and enjoys Florida during the winter months. He has taught, been in the business world, and was a chaplain for many years. **Liz Aceto Bunch** is always on the move! She and her husband, Donald, sail and have spent 39 consecutive February vacations in the Caribbean. In the past two years, she has seen China, Viequez, Bonaire, England and the Amazonia area of Brazil.

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**62** **Robert Sweeney** will head up our 50th reunion and is sending forth the call for volunteers and ideas. Reach him at lakeerie8@yahoo.com. Let’s come together for this. **Hannah Schnitt-Roger’s** twin son, David, married in Pasadena in July. Attendees included **Susan Blank** and **Sheril McCormack**. Sheril requests news from class members at vanillastar202@yahoo.com.

**63** **Michael (Martin)** and **Jane Beckett Camarata** are living in Philadelphia, Pa., and Jane is teaching at Rutgers University, Department of Public Administration. Michael, who teaches for Kent State University at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, is helping to establish a Freshmen Entrepreneurship program through the King Saud Center for Entrepreneurship. Michael writes, “It is a bit ‘crazy’ here and most women at Albany would/could not abide by the situation for women here, but I am trying to work with the U.S. State Department to set up a website and center for new women entrepreneurs in the Kingdom. We are just in our infancy, but the pressure in the Kingdom is gradually mounting for this all to change. I have another year and a half here and hope I see change for women begin to get traction. Who would have thought an English major from an



upstate 'teachers college' in New York would be involved in such an endeavor? Just goes to show, one never knows what life will bring and the impact of a great University education." Their daughter Tracy has graduated with her second master's degree, this one in strategic communications from Seton Hall University. Jane, Tracy and Michael all graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University within a year of one another: Tracy, M.B.A./marketing, 1996; Michael, Ph.D./management, 1997; and Jane, Ph.D./public policy, 1998.

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**Ross Martin**

**Kaufman** celebrates life every day with the help of his grandsons, Anthony Ryan, 10, and Dylan Ross, 8. Their mom, Celestine, is a 1989 UAlbany graduate.



Ross Martin Kaufman

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**Donna White Davis**

has been living and working in her studio in Woodstock for the last 10 years. After returning from teaching on the Cape, Donna bought a Jeep and traveled cross country photographing mountains and other sites. She visited 29 states and many music venues. Donna went west to enroll her youngest son in college and have him situated with a car. Her eldest son has a doctorate in African studies and travels to Africa frequently. Donna has a Web site for photography and paintings at [fineartamerica.com](http://fineartamerica.com).

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**James Vacca**

received a Child Abuse and Neglect /Family Violence Volunteer/Professional Award from the Suffolk County Advisory Committee on Child Protection and Suffolk County Task Force to Prevent Family Violence. James resides in



Timothy Abeel

Huntington, N.Y., and is currently associate professor and chairman of the Department of Special Education and Literacy at Long Island University's C.W. Post Campus.

**Timothy Abeel**, chair of Rawle & Henderson's Commercial Motor Vehicle group, is a founding member of the newly formed American College of Transportation Attorneys. **David Rosenberg**, a senior partner in the Garden City-based law firm of

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David Rosenberg

Rosenberg Fortuna & Laitman, LLP, and a resident of Dix Hills, N.Y., was honored by the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York and Suffolk Association for Jewish Educational Services (BJENY-SAJES) at a celebration of Jewish education in May 2010. In addition to his involvement with SAJES, David has donated many hours of pro-bono legal services for the Dix Hills Jewish Center, SAJES, the Solomon Schechter Day School of Suffolk County and other civic, religious and humanitarian organizations. He is a member of the Dix Hills Jewish Center, where he serves as gabbai (a person who assists in the running of the religious services). In September, **Greg Rickes** concluded 36 years of service at UAlbany. His most recent assignment was as assistant chief information officer in the Division of Information Technology Services. Greg also was a key supporter of the annual UAlbany entry in the CDPHP Workforce Challenge run/walk. In conjunction with Greg's retirement, his colleagues have made a donation in his honor to the Paul Saimond Scholarship Fund in the School of Education. *Research on Professional Responsibility and Ethics in Accounting* (2010) places **Chauncey DePree, Jr.**, DBA, in the top 5 percent

of the 4,680 North American academic accountants in terms of authorship of ethics research in accounting. Chauncey is an accounting professor at the University of Southern Mississippi. **Ijuka Kabumba** was promoted from associate professor to full professor in October 2010. Ijuka teaches public policy management, human resource management and political sociology at

Nkumba University in Uganda. She also supervises undergraduate and graduate research. **H. Peter Sprague** was awarded the 2010 Alaska Municipal League Vic Fischer Award for his service as a Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member. Peter has served the public for over 50 years and has written numerous books and articles on the history of local government in Alaska.

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Jeff Schneider '85 and Russell Scheier '85 look through a class photo album during their 25th reunion at WT's during the Great Danes Great Bash Homecoming Weekend.

2010 issue of *Pulse Magazine*. Russell also co-authored *Heather Still Has Two Mommies*, concerning same-sex parents' rights. The article was published in the September 2010 issue of the *Nassau Lawyer*.

**81** **Bernie Patterson**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Oklahoma City University, became chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, in Madison, Wis., in July 2010. **Bernadette St. John**, president of Menlo Park, Calif.-based St. John & Associates International, was featured in the November 2010 issue of *Law Technology News*.

**82** **Bernard Krooks**, managing partner of the law firm Littman Krooks LLP in White Plains, N.Y., is newly certified as an accredited estate planner by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils. Bernard also has been named to the 2010 New York Super Lawyers list. **Anne Chotkowski-Dearing** was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching at Hudson Valley Community College, in Troy, N.Y. A faculty member since 1991, Anne is an assistant professor of English. **Jerry Pradier** is CEO of EnviroTextiles, located in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

### 73 Lloyd Fishman

has been promoted to president of Elcam Medical Inc. in Hackensack, N.J. Lloyd also has been named chairman of the board of its Injectech LLC subsidiary in Fort Collins, Colo.



Lloyd Fishman

### 75 Paul Kirschbaum

was picked as a "Top Doc" in cardiology by *Atlanta Magazine*. **James Symonds** retired from the U.S. Navy after 35 years. James was a Navy pilot, flew 4,000 hours in the A-6 Intruder, and made 1,000 carrier landings. He commanded an A-6 squadron and two ships, the USS Nashville (LPD 13), and the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). James retired as a rear admiral (one-star). He and his wife, Anne (they were married while James was at UAlbany), have retired to Chandler, Ariz., and are contemplating what to do next ... while they play a lot of golf.

### 76 Kenneth Cobb

received the Public Leadership Award from the New York Landmarks Conservancy for three decades of services to the preservation community.

### 77 Michaelene Trainor

**George** is director of Business Development for BPI group, a rapidly growing human resources and management consultancy in Chicago, Ill. **Mark Kroczyński** was named executive director of the Association of Former Special Agents of the IRS, a non-profit organization of more than 1,180 members.

### 78 Anne Reynolds Copps

is the new chair of the 4,527-member Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. A resident of Clifton Park, Anne is a sole practitioner concentrating her practice on adoptions, real property, business formation and estate planning.



Anne Reynolds Copps

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This past October, **Mark Krauss**, president and owner of American Cord and Webbing Co., welcomed a visit from President Obama, who was traveling through Rhode Island as part of a fundraising tour. **Amelia Kluglein Klein** was named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2011* in Employee Benefits Law.

### 80 Mary Mullin

, a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in Boston, was recognized on *Barron's Magazine's* annual list of Top 100 Women Advisors. The mother of four children, ages 13 to 17, Mary has also donated her time to her parish as a religious education teacher. **Russell Marnell** was named one of Long Island's Top Legal Eagles in the area of divorce law in the September



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## Navigating the Technical Landscape



Matthew Ammerman understands the importance of communication skills and a well-rounded academic background.

Ammerman, who co-founded Appenda and serves as the Clifton Park, N.Y.-based software company's vice president for Client Services, applies the lessons he learned at UAlbany in his work every day. In the technology field, "you are always dealing with highly sophisticated, highly technical people," he said. "It's very important to be well written and well spoken. My background has helped me in a highly technical landscape."

Appenda serves a very specific developing niche in the software industry: offering companies the ability to deliver software as a service through the Internet. Ammerman began building his expertise in this area while still an undergraduate. "I got a job during my last year providing technical support to students and faculty of the SUNY Learning Network," the statewide online distance-learning system then located on campus. He credits Lynn Mayer, who managed the program, with offering him the chance to build his skills and gain confidence. "She wasn't afraid to let us explore some of the potential for providing support for the professors and students," Ammerman said.

The West Hartford, Conn., native chose UAlbany over more exclusively technical institutions because he didn't want to be restricted should he decide to study something other than computers. By his sophomore year, he had switched to English, with a minor in philosophy.

Ammerman continued to work for the SUNY Learning Network after graduation, and with various Capital Region firms for a few more years. He and two RPI graduates started Appenda in 2005 when they saw the need for Internet-based business-to-business software delivery.

A Menands resident, Ammerman was named one of The Business Review's "40 Under Forty" for 2010. The program recognizes young businessmen and -women who are rising stars in their professions.

– Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

**83** **Serdar Arat**, art professor at Lasell College in Newton, Mass., had a debut exhibition at Kouros Gallery in Manhattan in October 2010. Serdar is also curator of the Wedeman Gallery in the Yamawaki Arts and Cultural Center at Lasell.

**84** **Marc Gimbel** became a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics in November 2010. After graduating from UAlbany, Marc graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He then completed his education at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, earning his certificate in endodontics in 1992. Marc now lives in Boonton Twp., N.J., with his wife, Melanie, and three children: Molly, 16; Maxine, 14; and Macy, 10.

**85** **Nancy Grasso Barry**, former court attorney referee in the 9th Judicial District, has been appointed chief clerk of the Supreme & County Courts of Westchester County. **Patricia Salkin**, associate dean of the Albany Law School, was invited to attend the White House Forum on Environmental Justice in Washington, D.C., this past December to discuss creating a healthy and sustainable environment for all Americans. Patricia, director of Albany Law School's Government Law Center, is also the Raymond and Ella Smith Distinguished Professor of Law. In 2007, she was appointed by the White House to serve on the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, a 26-member advisory committee to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Committee members represent academia, community groups, industry/business, non-government organizations/environmental organizations, state/local governments, and tribal governments/indigenous groups.

**86** **Stephanie Hoffman** launched a new business, [www.TheWorkshopTrainingInstitute.com](http://www.TheWorkshopTrainingInstitute.com),



Stephanie Hoffman

to teach people how to put "fire in their presentations." Stephanie offers personal coaching and training programs through *Designing and Delivering Extraordinary Workshops*.

She was a guest presenter at the annual California Small Business Development Center Conference in Oakland. **Paul Schaffer** has been appointed president of the Danbury Westerners, a not-for-profit organization that competes in the New England Collegiate Baseball League. The Westerners have had dozens of players drafted by Major League Baseball,

and 17 have made the majors. **Eric Solotoff**, co-chair of Family Law Practice of Fox Rothschild, was appointed chair of the District XB Ethics Committee by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Since moving to Los Angeles, **Allan Steele** has been busy acting, writing and directing. Last fall, he played Sergeant Harris in the film "The Next Three Days," starring Russell Crowe. Allan, who also portrayed Damien Rust in the television pilot "Lifeography: Damien Rust, Magician," has written and directed three short films. "The Syndicate," a comedy, received the Audience Award for Best Short Film at the 2002 Hamptons International Film Festival. "The Fence," a drama, received an Honorable Mention at CineVegas 2008. "Vic's Café," a musical, will appear at festivals worldwide in 2011. Allan has appeared on stage as a founding member of Bobby Moresco's theater company, The Actor's Gym; in films such as "Crash" and "Liar's Poker"; and in recurring television roles on "The Black Donnelly," "Falcone," "Time of Your Life," "NYPD Blue" and "Michael Hayes."



Eric Solotoff

**89** **Rush-Copley** announces that **Ryan Asmus** has joined the hospital as vice president of legal affairs and general counsel. Ryan resides in Burr Ridge, Illinois, and is an elected member of the District 62 School Board.

**90** **Robert LeHane** has been elected partner at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP in New York City.



Robert LeHane

**91** **James Alexander** is the founder and CEO of Vizibility, which delivers the first SearchMe™ button for Google. Previously, he



James Alexander

## Alumni News and Notes



More than 150 GOLD alumni turned out for a sold-out beer-and-food-pairing event at the Heartland Brewery in New York City last September.

served as general manager of Jupiterimages, the third-largest stock media company worldwide. His other experience includes six years as director of product management at Adobe Systems, where James created, built and managed Adobe Stock Photos.

**Commander Scott Thompson**, U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, recently returned from a 12-month tour of duty in Kabul, Afghanistan. Scott served as senior advisor to the chief of legal affairs for the Afghan National Police and was awarded the bronze star for his service in Afghanistan. He is currently stationed in Washington, D.C., serving as the Navy's deputy assistant

judge advocate general for personnel.

**James P. Lamb** was engaged to Uliana Bogash on Nov. 22, 2010, in New York City.

**93 John Bagyi**, attorney for Bond, Schoeneck & King, was a panel member and presenter at the New York State Society of Human Resource Management (NYS SHRM) annual conference in Saratoga Springs in September 2010. The deputy managing attorney for Bond, Schoeneck & King's Albany Office, John is also general counsel to NYS SHRM. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, the

upstate edition of *New York Super Lawyers*, and *Super Lawyers' Corporate Counsel Edition*. John is also listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Emerging Leaders*. **Teru Kuwayama** has published photographs in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic*, *Outside*, *Fortune*, and *Vibe*, among other publications. Teru's work on the Tibetan refugee diaspora received awards from the New York Foundation for the Arts and the Alexia Foundation for World Peace, and his work was exhibited at the United Nations and the Open Society Institute. *Esquire* named Teru among the "Best and Brightest" of his generation for his reporting on the occupation of Iraq, and *PDN* included his work on Kashmir in a selection of 2005's most iconic images in contemporary photography. Teru co-founded Lightstalkers, a professional and social network of photographers, media professionals, NGO workers, military personnel, and other "unconventional travelers." He recently completed a Knight Fellowship at Stanford University and received a 2010 Knight News Challenge award. Teru is a 2010 TED Global Fellow and a 2010 Ochberg Fellow at Columbia University's DART Center for Journalism & Trauma. (See page 10 for a feature on Teru Kuwayama.)

**95 Jennifer Mantari Hoffman** was promoted to partner at Grant Thornton LLP. Jennifer is part of Grant Thornton's Northeast Not-for-Profit practice. This past November, **Rae McGrath**, owner and curator of Brooklyne Gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y., opened a solo show by creating an eclectic range of visuals for an exhibition titled *Unconventional Conviction*. For Rae, the vivid and hopeful Pop Art color schemes and graphic detail of the laundry bottles prove to be the perfect juxtaposition to his own urban Brooklyn upbringing and the countless cast of characters of his youthful blue-collar existence. **Ronn Torossian** is founder, president

and CEO of the New York-based 5W Public Relations. He has overseen the company's growth and expansion to the Inc. 500 List and provided counsel to hundreds of companies, including Fortune 500, Inc. 500 and Forbes 400 members. Ronn, named to the Forty Under 40 lists by *Advertising Age* and *PR Week*, is a regular lecturer at universities and conferences, a member of the Young Presidents Organization, and a board member of numerous nonprofit organizations.

**96 Bennett Kogan** has opened his own accounting firm, Bennett Kogan, CPA, based in Orange County, N.Y. **Arianna Frankl** is a member of the law firm of Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A., in the litigation, intellectual property and commercial practice areas. Arianna will be based in the firm's New York office. **Jennifer Saraceni Leitgeb**, director of development for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York, has been selected as a Forty Under 40 honoree based on excellence in the workplace and in the community.



Jennifer Saraceni Leitgeb

**00 Brad Hanscom** has joined Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker's Government Consulting Group, located in Portland, Maine. Brad has more than 10 years' experience working in New York State government, most recently as a manager with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**03 Travis Wattie**, public relations professional and advocate for home- and community-based care, has been awarded the Excellence in Public Relations Award by the New York State Association of Health Care Providers Inc. (HCP). Travis is the assistant director for public policy and communications at HCP. The statewide trade associa-



Travis Wattie



Hundreds of UAlbany alumni gathered at Legends in New York City before the men's basketball team played at the "World's Most Famous Arena," Madison Square Garden, Feb. 10.

## Alumni Association Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the University at Albany Alumni Association will be held Saturday, April 30, 2011.

tion representing providers of home- and community-based care is located in East Greenbush, N.Y.

**04** **Shawn Noel** has been named athletic director at Garrett College in McHenry, Md. Previously, Shawn was assistant athletic director at Herkimer County Community College, where he helped Herkimer achieve three national, seven regional and nine conference championships, and two academic teams of the year. **Rebekah Nellis Kennedy** has joined the Town of Colonie Town Attorney's Office.

**05** **Michael Tselnik** was honored in November 2010 at the Sanctuary for Families Above & Beyond *Pro Bono* Achievement



Michael Tselnik

Awards & Benefit in New York City. Michael is an associate attorney at the law firm of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP.

**09** In May 2010, **Cheryl De La Cruz** joined AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC). After a month of intense training, her team of 11 was sent to Toledo, Ohio, to begin a month-long project at the city's Botanical Garden and Toledo GROWS, a program to educate youth on community gardens and healthy eating. The project originally was slated to last six weeks, but was truncated as the Gulf Coast oil spill demanded action. Placed in the coastal community of Ocean Springs, Miss., the team was split between two Volunteer Response Centers, managing the Coast Watchers Program, where volunteers monitor oil

levels on local beaches, serve as first responders, and reach out to local nonprofits to create community volunteer opportunities to assist families affected by the oil spill. Cheryl was one of two project outreach liaisons with an extensive background in planning and community outreach. Recently, Cheryl assisted the local nonprofit Horticulture for Humanity in starting community gardens. **Dale Paynter**, **Ginny Lin** and **Gina Litz** all were accepted into The Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University in Elkins Park, Pa. **Luis Clemente** was the academic director of the first annual Ohio Hispanic Leadership Summit, held last September in Columbus, Ohio. Luis, who was presented a plaque recognizing his efforts in organizing the event, is a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Ohio University.



Senior Natasha Smith and junior Chris Onuorah join fellow students at a pregame party before heading out to cheer on UAlbany's men's basketball team at its home opener Nov. 12. The party was sponsored by the DANeEger Zone student fan club and University Auxiliary Services.

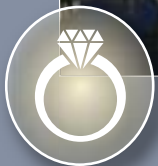
# Marriages



Renee Belardi and Tom O'Connor



Jacqueline Piccione and Jeffrey Iervese



- 1987 – **Michael Colussa** and Heidi VanDerhoof, July 17, 2010
- 2000 – **Rebecca Hosey** and **Michelle Mausteller**, Sept. 9, 2009  
**Daniel Guyton** and Mary Katherine Gaulling, Sept. 18, 2010
- 2001 – **Eric Gallagher** and Lindsay Johns, Oct. 11, 2009
- 2002 – **Meghan Breen** and Joseph Anthony Juidiciani, Sept. 27, 2009
- 2004 – **Jacqueline Piccione** and Jeffrey Iervese, May 15, 2010  
**Renee Belardi** and Tom O'Connor, Sept. 11, 2010
- 2006 – **Chris Sangimino** and Nina Accorsini, June 18, 2010
- 2007 – **Brandon Gavett** and Julie Horwitz, May 30, 2009

# BIRTHS

- 1997 – **Jennifer Ciavirella Schmidberger** and husband Joseph, a second child, Ava Josephine, July 12, 2010
- 1998 – **Matt Kraut** and wife Lindsay, a son, Chase Alan, July 12, 2010  
**Kristy Illuzzi** and husband Matt, a daughter, Bianca Marie, Aug. 6, 2010
- 2000 – **Rebecca Hosey** and Michelle Mausteller, a son, Matthew Ethan, Feb. 2, 2010
- 2003 – **John Howard Smith** and wife Erica, a son, Iain Connor, Nov. 15, 2010



Chase Alan Kraut



Iain Connor Smith



Matthew Ethan  
Hosey Mausteller



Bianca Marie Illuzzi



# Authors & Editors

**Diane Woodward Sawyer, B.A. '61**, has published *The Treasures of Montauk Cove*. Her other mysteries include *The Montauk Mystery*, *The Montauk Steps*, *The Tomoka Mystery*, and *The Cinderella Murders*. The author lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., with her husband, Robert '54, '59.

**Philip Ratzer, M.A. '71**, has published *Bungalow Kid: A Catskill Mountain Summer*. Both humorous and poignant, *Bungalow Kid* recalls what it was like to spend a summer in the Catskills in the 1950s, and reaches out to all those kids, now grown, who would very much like to go back. Ratzer is a retired high school English teacher.

says. Her book includes stories and ideas of the future from a survey of nearly 300 emerging leaders to get their points of view and thoughts about how organizations need to change. Penney is a professor of leadership at the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

**Dick Holmes, M.S. '74**, has published his second book, *Just Lucky, I Guess: Lessons I Learned through Forty-Three Years in High School*. Holmes recounts his own struggles, from first grade to the middle of his sophomore year of college. Given his own personal experience, Holmes says he vowed to enter the field of secondary education with one overriding goal: to help all of

of horse racing include the Eclipse Award, the William Leggett Breeders' Cup Award, and five first-place honors in the American Horse Publications Awards. Heller is a member of the writers' corner of the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y. His book *Above it All, The Turbulent Life of Jose Santos*, was released this past January. Heller resides in Albany, N.Y., with his wife, Anna, and their son, Benjamin.

**John (Johannes) Froebel-Parker, B.A. '79, M.A. '82, M.S. '84**, has published a tri-lingual (English, German, Spanish) children's book, *Friedrich and the First Kindergarten*, a story about Friedrich

quences of one bad decision can change the fates of many people, but does so in a fashion where the design is often more important than the characters.

**Jessica Treadway, B.A. '82**, has been honored with The Flannery O'Connor Short Fiction Award for *Please Come Back To Me*. Treadway's previous books include a collection of short stories, *Absent Without Leave*, and the novel *And Give You Peace*. Her fiction has been published in *The Atlantic*, *Ploughshares*, *The Hudson Review*, *Glimmer Train*, *AGNI*, *Five Points*, and other journals, and has been cited in *The Best American Short Stories* anthology. Treadway has received awards from the National



**Martin Benjamin, B.A. '72**, photographer and a professor at Union College, has published *Atomic Age*. The book's photographs were shot over a span of 30 years, featuring shots from locations such as Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, Alamogordo, Three Mile Island, White Sands Missile Range, Hiroshima, Cuba, China and Vietnam. Also included are many personal images taken locally in Albany and Schenectady. The body of work is in black and white and focuses on life through the Atomic Age – from people to locations to lyrical photographs about love and life. Some of the photographs can be seen at martinbenjamin.com, under "Atomic Age."

**Sherry Penney, Ph.D. '72**, has co-authored *Next Generation Leadership: Insights from Emerging Leaders*. Up-and-coming generations will soon be the leaders of the future, and their values will drive the innovation of tomorrow. While many talented young professionals are eager to take on these leadership roles, their voices are rarely heard, Penney

his students, but especially those who were struggling and finding little success or enjoyment in high school. He believes that the single most powerful influence on student success is the teacher standing in front of the classroom. Holmes, author of *For Parents Only: Straight Talk from Inside the American High School* (2008), is a freelance writer who lives in upstate New York and southwest Florida. His articles have appeared in numerous periodicals and newspapers.

**Bill Heller, B.A. '75**, has published his 21st book, *Randy Romero's Remarkable Ride*, covering the triumphs and tragedies of former jockey and Breeders' Cup winner Randy Romero. This biography begins with the jockey's unstable childhood in an abusive home and continues through the riding career that would make him a legend. Heller is a regular contributor to *Trainer Magazine* and *Canadian Sportsman*, and he handicaps for *The Daily Gazette* of Schenectady, N.Y. Heller's 10 national awards for magazine writing in the field

Froebel's life and how he created the first kindergarten in 19th-century Germany. Froebel-Parker, a teacher of English as a Second Language and director of The Froebel Gallery Ltd., has master's degrees in German literature and education and was a YMCA Educator of the Year in 2007. His frequent trips to Germany have fostered the love of Thuringia, originally inspired by his grandfather Froebel's recollections of his native land and his famous ancestor, Friedrich Froebel. More information: [www.firstkindergarten.com](http://www.firstkindergarten.com).

**David Klein, B.A. '80**, has published *STASH*. A small misstep derails several lives in Klein's debut novel, which examines a mix of middle-class upstate New Yorkers, chiefly Gwen Raine and her husband. Gwen's misfortune begins with the purchase of a small bag of marijuana and a car accident that results in the death of an elderly man. When police find the bag of marijuana in Gwen's car and demand the name of her supplier, a charge of possession turns into much more. Klein shows how the conse-

Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. A former member of the board of directors of PEN-New England, she served as co-chair of the Freedom to Write Committee. Treadway lives in Lexington, Mass., with her husband, Philip Holland.

**Jerome Pradier, M.A. '82**, has published *Financial Success, Ten Shortcuts to a Profitable Business*. Each of the book's 10 shortcuts has its own section and reads like a handbook; the work is filled with insight gained from the years Pradier spent founding and running four profitable private businesses. Pradier is a serial entrepreneur who has started several profitable businesses. After experiencing success in his own endeavors, he became a business coach, mentor and trainer who has helped other entrepreneurs achieve success. Pradier, who served 28 years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, is also a speaker on various business and personal development topics. He is president of the Progressive Business Development Network.

# Letters to the Editor

## Remembering a Beloved Professor

I received my fall issue of *UAlbany* and read through it. As always, I am amazed at the amount of news it contains about the University and its people.

I was, however, disappointed not to find mention of the passing in May of former faculty member and Dean of Humanities Ruth A. Schmidt. Professor Schmidt was my faculty adviser and a favorite Spanish teacher, and subsequently became a good friend. Although she had left Albany nearly 30 years ago to take a position as president of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., she maintained ties with many of us in the Capital District and frequently came back to visit.

Thanks for what the alumni magazine does to keep us all informed about and in touch with life at UAlbany.

*Kitt (Rarog) Jackson '66*  
Delmar, NY

## Applause for a "Magnificent" Issue

The Fall 2010 issue was magnificent! I enjoyed each page and especially thought the photos accompanying the articles were so well done! The authors who were featured are deserving of all this recognition.

As a 1952 graduate of what was then Albany State, I fondly remember my years there and am thankful for the education I received. My sister, Mary (Eade) Bett, was a member of the Class of 1951 and was the Student Association secretary – an honor second only to Student Association president. We were both members of Myskania and majored in business.

The Class of 1952 has quite a group of accomplished graduates; I am proud to have been a member of that class. I always enjoy reading the news about other classes and their accomplished classmates, too.

Kudos to the entire staff! Thanks for all your efforts.

*Victoria M. (Eade) Eddy '52*  
Olean, NY/Yuma, AZ

**Steven Dinero, B.A. '83**, has published *Settling For Less: The Planned Resettlement of Israel's Negev Bedouin*. The resettlement of the Negev Bedouin has been wrought with controversy since its inception in the 1960s. Presenting evidence from a two-decade period, the author addresses how the changes that took place over the past 60-70 years have served the needs and interests of the state rather than those of the Bedouin community at large. Dinero, associate professor of human geography at Philadelphia University, has published extensively on such topics as community planning and development, gender, identity formation, religion, education and tourism in post-nomadic environments.

implemented and practiced as a single body of law and policy. *Nutshell* explains how the U.S. legal system fosters greenhouse gas reduction, energy conservation, and sustainable patterns of growth, including energy-efficient and sustainable buildings, the use of renewable energy resources, the protection of sequestering open space, and the adaptation of buildings and communities to sea-level rise and natural disasters. Salkin is a Raymond and Ella Smith Distinguished Professor of Law and director of the Government Law Center of Albany Law School.

**Angelo Stagnaro, M.A. '86**, has written *The Christian Book of the Dead*, which explores the mysteries of death and the after-life. Fascinating stories and philosophical reflections accompany prayers and descriptions of death rituals to help explain what the soul means in Catholicism. A thoughtful investigation about how to approach death,

this spiritual resource postulates that the way to secure the fate of the soul after death is to prepare for this eternity by making the right choices throughout life. Stagnaro has been a professional magician for more than 35 years. He is the author of *The Catechist's Magic Kit* and lives in New York City

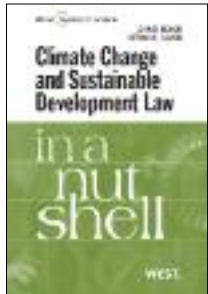
**Meredith Schorr, B.A. '94**, has published *Just Friends With Benefits*, a humorous story of one woman's pursuit of love, her adventures in friendship and her journey to discover what really matters. Schorr is a senior trademark specialist with Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP in New York.

**Georgia Triolo, D.A. '08**, has published *Antigone Unmasked: Fate/Facticity/Genetic Fallibility*. Triolo provides her readers with a new and insightful presentation of a classic heroine. She focuses on Sophocles' three Theban tragedies involving the Labdacid clan, viewing them from a 21st-century perspective. Triolo has been a special education teacher at LaSalle School in Albany, N.Y., for nearly two decades.

**James Del Vecchio, C.A.S. '84, M.S. '84**, has a new book, *Uncommon Success: Your Personal Guide to a Life Beyond Your Dream*. Del Vecchio uses an autobiographical format to take the reader on a journey of self-discovery. Del Vecchio, a career counselor and investment guru, presents startling spiritual research that included his own experiences as a subject with some of the best psychics in the country.

**Barbara Blatner, D.A. '84**, has published a book of poems, *The Still Position*, which tells the story of her mother's last five days of life in 1995, with poems for each day. A second collection, *Living with You*, will be published in Fall 2011.

**Patricia Salkin, B.A. '85**, has co-authored *Climate Change and Sustainable Development Law in a Nutshell* with John Nolon. The book explores international, federal, state, and local laws and policies regarding sustainable development and climate change management. It traces the history of sustainable development and climate change law, illustrating how they can be best understood,



# Alumni News and Notes

## Deaths

### 1910s

**Marian Dodds Muir** '16, Nov. 29, 1994

### 1920s

**Dorothy Davidson Simonson** '24, Feb. 7, 2010

**Isabelle Plude Cullen** '26, May 16, 2000

**Margaret Fortune** '29, Jan. 15, 2010

### 1930s

**Inez Kelley Frankland** '32, March 27, 2008

**Muriel Stewart Hunter** '32, June 23, 2010

**Alice Cornell Partridge** '33, Oct. 28, 2006

**Frances Hammersley Child** '34, Dec. 24, 2009

**Sylvia Wilson Abernathy** '35, Jan. 6, 2009

**Helena Gansz Bannister** '35, March 27, 2007

**Alice Gray Augustitus** '36, Feb. 21, 2010

**Mildred Deuel** '36, July 10, 2003

**S. Ellis Lyke Sr.** '36, Aug. 24, 2009

**Miriam Coutant Rider** '36, Nov. 6, 2009

**Virginia Chappell White** '36, March 10, 2010

**Louise Taylor Brown** '37, Sept. 25, 2010

**Evangeline Fancher Bruce** '37, Feb. 1, 2006

**Marion Townsend Fasoldt** '37, March 25, 2009

**Rose Fasce Meleski** '37, Oct. 31, 2007

**Margaret Mattison Coffin** '39, Jan. 22, 2008

**Elizabeth McConnell Fairbank** '39, July 25, 2010

**Mary E. Kays** '39, Feb. 18, 2010

**Ruth Saxby** '39, Nov. 18, 2010

**Lila Vorce** '39, Aug. 10, 2010

### 1940s

**John Caramia** '40, July 10, 2010

**Eileen Corrigan** '40, March 14, 2010

**Robert C. Karpen** '40, Nov. 7, 2010

**Mary Gabriel Norris** '40, Jan. 7, 2010

**Marion Deck Ryan** '40, Jan. 30, 2009

**Arthur I. Seld** '40, July 15, 2010

**Elizabeth Sheehan** '40, Sept. 21, 2009

**Noreen Williams Green** '41, May 11, 2010

**Vincent Stanger** '41, Jan. 4, 2010

**Harriet Swallow** '41, Oct. 29, 2010

**Frances Graceffo Brancato** '42, Aug. 25, 2010

**Margot Duren McVoy** '42, July 23, 2010

**Louis Pasquini** '42, Aug. 22, 2010

**Regina B. Roginska** '42, June 18, 2009

**Betty Taylor Grieves** '43, Nov. 12, 2008

**H. Grant Hermans** '43, Aug. 25, 2008

**Mildred Studley Hermans** '43, Nov. 4, 2009

**Charlotte Stafford** '43, July 2, 2010

**Geraldine Stierhoff Birdsall** '44, Sept. 15, 2010

**Shirley Hartz** '44, Feb. 14, 2009

**Helen Rhode Brown** '45, July 19, 2010

**Mary Now Haskell** '45, Nov. 5, 2008

**Caroline Hasbrouck Nagengast** '45, Jan. 14, 2006

**Doris Dikeman Anderson** '47, Jan. 27, 2010

**Mary Vangelder Eastman** '47, Aug. 12, 2009

**Mary Carey Franke** '47, Dec. 9, 2010

**Harold V. Gould** '47, Sept. 11, 2010

**Rosetta E. Hoffman** '47, Nov. 4, 2010

**William G. Miller, Jr.** '47, Aug. 16, 2010

**Rosalie Pooler Stage** '47, Dec. 31, 2009

**Martin D. Stewart** '47, June 15, 2010

**Carmella DeLisio Davis** '48, June 24, 2010

**Betty Robertson Lyman** '48, July 30, 2010

**Alice Fisher Sax** '48, Oct. 26, 2008

**James U. Brophy** '49, Nov. 24, 2009

**Thomas L. Lisker** '49, June 15, 2010

**Dorothy Byrnes Miller** '49, Nov. 12, 2007

### 1950s

**Asher B. Borton** '50, Sept. 17, 2009

**June Whiteman Fleary** '50, June 16, 2008

**Ruth A. Frambach** '50, Feb. 15, 2007

**Allen Rappleyea** '50, June 27, 2010

**Jeanette Teal Dunn** '51, Aug. 28, 2010

**James J. Marsiglio** '51, Sept. 19, 2010

**Elmeda Kibling Shuback** '51, June 16, 2010

**Harold L. Tucker** '51, Aug. 5, 2010

**Patricia Dargusch Bowker** '52, Sept. 24, 2010

**Angela Dirubba** '52, March 16, 2009

**Helen M. Podoba Donovan** '52, Oct. 13, 2009

**Ann W. Sturges Hagen** '53, Aug. 8, 2010

**Walter H. Curran** '54\*, Dec. 18, 2010

**Roslyn Nelson Lipton** '55, Dec. 7, 2010

**Patricia Finger Wiegand** '55, April 30, 2009]

**Sam J. Krchniak** '56, June 5, 2001

**Patricia De Mers Vrooman** '58, March 26, 2010

**Alfred Van Derzee** '58, Aug. 20, 2010

**Laurie Rothstein Jaffe** '59, Aug. 20, 2010

### 1960s

**Phyllis Mallory Jones** '60, Aug. 6, 2010

**Thomas Putnam** '60, Feb. 3, 2007

**Rhoda Levin Schaefer** '60, Nov. 26, 2008

**Bernard Weisburgh** '60, Dec. 25, 2008

**Irene Witkowski Agrawal** '61, June 9, 2008

**Clyde L. Beardsley, Jr.** '61, Feb. 24, 2010

**James Brown** '61, June 23, 2006

**J Donald Mabie** '61, Nov. 28, 2006

**Lawrence I. Jackofsky** '62, Aug. 23, 2010

**Angelo A. Lamena** '62, Oct. 16, 2010

**Terry J. Fitzgerald** '64, May 2, 2010

**Judith P. Suttmeier** '64, March 3, 2006

**William W. Vigars** '64, Nov. 27, 2009

**Sharon House Costello** '65, Nov. 14, 2009

**James O. Donovan** '65, Aug. 26, 2010

**John S. Merrill** '65, April 29, 2010

**Ruth H. Aronson** '66, Dec. 17, 2009

**Louis A. Choppy** '66, Dec. 4, 2010

**Edward Usher** '66, Feb. 21, 2007

**John W. Krumanoeker** '67, June 16, 2010

**Anne B. Larys** '67, Oct. 6, 2006

**Delia G. Moore** '67, June 12, 2010

**Dixon Stevens** '67, May 20, 2010

**Donald Woodruff** '67, March 31, 2010

**Thomas G. Egelston** '68, June 23, 2010

**Frances Holt** '68, May 23, 2009

## Harold Gould, B.A.'47

Veteran actor Harold Gould, 86, passed away in Woodland Hills, Calif., on Sept. 11, 2010.

Born in Schenectady, Gould completed his undergraduate studies at the New York State College for Teachers after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees at Cornell University, where he later taught theatre; Gould also taught in Virginia and California. He took up acting professionally in 1960, becoming a popular presence in such television series as "Rhoda" and "The Golden Girls" and earning five Emmy nominations over the course of his career. His film credits included "The Sting" and "Freaky Friday." Gould, who was also a highly respected stage performer, received a 1969 Obie for his work in "The Increased Difficulty of Concentration" and a 1993 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for Lead Performance in "Incommunicado." Most recently, he toured the U.S. in two plays, "Tuesdays with Morrie" and "Niagara Falls."

Over the years, Gould, who had honed his craft under the tutelage of NYSCT drama program founder Agnes Futterer, maintained a close affiliation with the college's successor, the University at Albany. In his mentor's memory, he established *The Futterer-Gould Endowment* to make it possible for student actors at UAlbany "to give specialized attention to their vocal performance in the great plays of our dramatic heritage." Gould, the guest speaker at UAlbany's 1978 Commencement, also gave a collection of his papers to the University Archives.

Gould's survivors include his wife, Lea; three children; and five grandchildren.



Gina Muscato



**Class councilors  
Zaven Mahdesian '35 and Helen Rhode Brown '45  
passed away last summer.**

**The Alumni Association is grateful for their many years  
of service to their classmates and *alma mater*.**

**Francis McDermott '68,**  
April 5, 2006

**Dorothy Zemaitis Williams '68,**  
Aug. 9, 2010

**Wayne L. Moody '69,** Oct. 21, 2009

**Diana Nelson '69,** Feb. 19, 2009

**Richard L. Schecter '69,**  
Sept. 10, 2010

**Karen McCarthy Townsend '69,**  
June 23, 2010

**Barrett Warren '69,** June 3, 2010

**1970s**

**Charlotte M. Festa '70,** Dec. 3, 2005

**Kenneth Harrison '70,**  
March 21, 2010

**Joan E. Knapton '70,** Aug. 28, 2010

**Owen P. McDonald '70,**  
Aug. 14, 2010

**Mark R. Velcoff '70,** Jan. 14, 2006

**Rita M. Witt '70,** March 4, 2000

**Thomas C. Kaiser '71,**

Sept. 3, 2010  
**Joyce Bentley Keeler '71,**

Oct. 15, 2007

**Leon J. Petty '71,** Aug. 7, 2010

**Lorren G. Worden '71,** Oct. 19, 2010

**Melinda A. Yates '71,** Oct. 5, 2010

**John F. Burke '72,** Jan. 29, 2009

**Joan A. Carpenter '72,** April 6, 2010

**Charlotte B. Frank '72,** Jan. 26, 2010

**Alan L. Roth '72,** Sept. 13, 2010

**Margaret M. Vincent '72,**  
April 16, 2006

**W.W. Freeman '73,** Jan. 5, 2007

**Maryellen M. Hanrahan '73,**

March 16, 2005

**Rex H. Herron '73,** April 5, 2010

**Charles E. Itchkawitz '73,**

July 10, 2008

**Robert G. Panthen '73,** June 26, 2010

**Ann M. Priestler '73,** May 30, 2008

**Ira Tolbert '73,** Sept. 2, 2010

**Daniel N. Wyatt '73,** June 10, 2010

**Gordon J. Hammond '74,**

May 23, 2009

**Barbara D. Margolius '74,**

Aug. 26, 2008

**Suzanne S. Mitoff '74,** July 10, 2009

**Russell E. Norton '74,** Aug. 1, 2010

**Beatrice Lands Sutton '74,**  
May 10, 2010

**Sanford Z. Chevlin '75,**  
March 31, 2010

**Kenneth H. Clay '75,** Oct. 23, 2005

**Andrew J. Donato '75,**

March 11, 2010

**Eleanor F. Ferris '75,** Feb. 7, 2009

**Jan C. Eisenberg '76,** Oct. 28, 2007

**Sharon P. O'Connor '76,**

Sept. 10, 2010

**Rick Sostchen '76,** March 4, 2009

**George Burstein '77,** March 6, 2010

**Shelly L. Perlman '77,** March 8, 2010

**David J. Schildwaster, CPA '77,**

Feb. 18, 2010

**Matthew A. Staccone '77,**

Dec. 27, 2010

**Katherine Anderson '78,**

Oct. 1, 2007

**Arlene Nagel King '78,**

Nov. 4, 2006

**Cheryl G. Demagistris '78,**

March 13, 2010

**William D. Redding '78,**

Feb. 1, 2004

**Joseph F. Bendzunas '79,**

July 6, 2010

**Kathleen Riedy '79,** Oct. 19, 2010

**1980s**

**Donald K. Haynes '80,**

July 16, 2008

**Rose M. Koch '80,** March 25, 2009

**Richard P. Delaney '81,**

April 13, 2007

**Donald G. Hester, Ph.D. '81,**

Feb. 18, 2010

**Robert A. Lawley '81,**

March 6, 2008

**Catherine Malatesta '81,**

Aug. 6, 2010

**Donna N. Hurley '82,** Sept. 16, 2010

**Joseph D. Gustafson '85,**

July 2, 2010

**Thomas J. Lee '85,** Oct. 26, 2005

**Noreen R. Oliver '85,** May 27, 2008

**Jeff M. Rawitz '85,** June 14, 2010

**John J. Redmond Jr. '85,**

June 7, 2010

**Gene L. Thorley '85,** Aug. 16, 2010

**Ethel D. Murray '87,** July 1, 2010

**Jeffrey R. Teolis '87,** Nov. 22, 2006

**1990s**

**Frances V. Atkinson '92,**

Sept. 29, 2009

**Andrew L. Goldberg '92,**

March 24, 2009

**Jeffrey E. Morlock '92,** July 12, 2009

**Robert C. Austin '93,** Feb. 13, 2010

**Randy A. Bowers '96,** Aug. 30, 2010

**Susan A. Landeck '97,** Oct. 4, 2008

**Damien B. Harrington '98,**

March 21, 2010

**Ralph W. Catroppa '99,**

Nov. 14, 2009

**2000s**

**Dinay Lechleiter '04,** Jan. 21, 2009

**Amy Seyboth-Tirador '04\*,**

Nov. 4, 2009

**Brian P. Snowdon '04,** Aug. 26, 2010

**Matthew J. Schnirel '05,**

April 28, 2009

**Karen D. Templin '06,** Dec. 7, 2009

**Philip H. Markoff '07,** Aug. 15, 2010

**Kirsten E. Prentice '07,**

March 6, 2009

**Jerold J. Settineri '07,** July 10, 2010

**Milton R. Ross Jr '08,** Feb. 23, 2009

**Angela J. Burke '09,** Dec. 15, 2010

*\*Indicates reunion year*

**Faculty/Staff**

**Samuel H. Hays,** Director,  
Public Executive Project, Feb. 8, 2008

**William S. Rooney,** Professor,  
School of Social Welfare, July 9, 1992

**John J. Sullivan,** Adjunct Professor,  
Physics and College of Nanoscale  
Science & Engineering, Jan. 19, 2010

**James W. Wessman,** Associate  
Professor, Latin American, Caribbean,  
and U.S. Latino Studies, Nov. 18, 2010



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# World Within Reach Speaker Series

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During his appearance at UAlbany in early March, former President Bill Clinton took some time to work the crowd, at right, and pose for photo ops with:



George R. Hearst III



Kimberly Jones '87 and E. Stewart Jones



Kimberly Welsh '89



Student Association Director of Programming Joseph M. Bonilla Jr., far left, joined Clinton onstage to ask the former chief executive questions submitted by audience members.



Tom and Kerry Selfridge



Edward Swyer



Michael Castellana '84, '92



Morris and Esther Massry



**Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.**

*~ Helen Keller*



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