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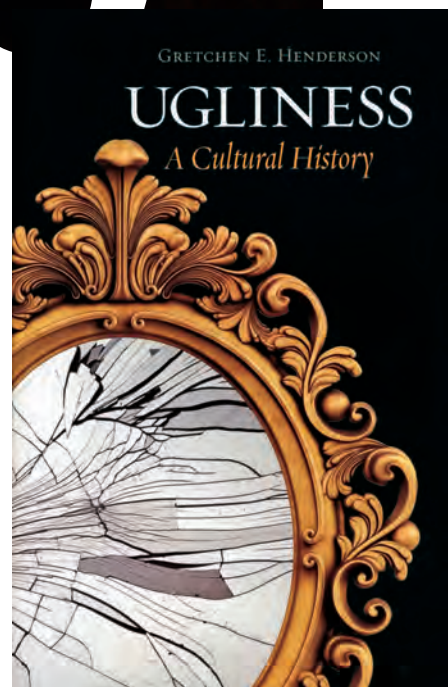


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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Because the Night

I tilted my head back as far as it would go. The sky was so big and so clear I imagined I could see the curve of the Earth. A single leaf fell in the silence, landing atop the blanket of leaves already on the ground below with a sound as distinct as a footstep, enough to make me jump the way things in the night do.

It was 3 a.m., and I was standing off Middle Path in front of Rosse Hall. Photographer Jodi Miller had set up her tripod and was trying to capture the muses and the sky and the stars in a single long exposure.

Kaaa-chick.

Kaaaa-chick.

I had taken the overnight shift on our 24-hour photo adventure because everything looks and sounds and feels different at night.

City streets, even if not empty or completely dark, soak up the shadows. Stoplights you would barely notice in the daylight blink like beacons: green, yellow, red. The occasional honk of a car horn blares more loudly at night when it doesn't have the rest of the daytime cacophony to sink into. The click of shoes on the sidewalk stand out, too, whether a methodical step

after step or the quick tap-tap-tap-tap of a single soul scurrying to get out of the night.

Your own living room will feel different in the wee hours, even in the moment just after you switch off the light. The air becomes heavier, taking on a solemnity.

And if you rise in the middle of the night — as I so often do — and wander back into your living space, it's not the same room you left just hours before. The darkness weighs into cushions of your couch like a dust that can't be dispelled.

Thoughts are different in these other hours. The one idea that blasts you from sleep — or the tumble of intentions that never let you fall into it — steals your breath. It's real, it's monstrous, it is the answer or the disaster, the sure thing that will save or destroy.

But just wait. Everything looks and feels different in the night. When exposed to the light, when given the breath of daytime, it all shifts again.

And it did, of course. The black night sky turned to blue. The pinprick lights of the stars faded. A leaf was just a leaf, silent in its descent.

I may never have the chance to see Kenyon in the middle of the night again. But I know it's there on the other side of day.
— Robin Davis



LETTERS

Diversity and education

In a letter regarding Kenyon's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion published in the Fall 2015 issue, John R. (Robby) Coughlan Jr. '63 declares, "Diversity of students does not enrich any academic experience." Although only one year ahead of Mr. Coughlan, I'm afraid I don't remember him, but I suspect that he is, like me, a white male. We were all male then, and the vast majority were white. Most of us did have a rich academic experience that left us well satisfied. It prepared us for the world into which we graduated.

There is not space here to discuss how much that world has changed. Today it is a terrific advantage to be able to move with ease among people who differ from us in gender, color, culture and income. Those who can be truly comfortable with such people as colleagues, neighbors and friends will not only advance the world's happiness but also increase their own.

When I went into teaching, I saw that, with respect to students of color and other minorities, there were two kinds of teachers. One kind believed without reservation that such students were every bit as capable of learning as white students. The other kind talked the talk but believed — and communicated — something different. It became clear to me who was the better and the happier teacher.

I do not know what accounts for bias or the absence of it in people. But it seems obvious that having professors, classmates and lab partners of diverse genders and cultures is an excellent way of learning that intelligence and character are found among humans of every description. Such knowledge is not only enriching but essential; a first-rate education must impart it. I welcome Kenyon's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

— *Michael S. Kischner '62*

Rogan remembrance

In 2011, Donald Rogan opened his house to my wife, Holly Donahue Singh '00, and me. In the years following, he opened my mind.

When we moved to Gambier from Charlottesville, Virginia, for my wife to teach at Kenyon, the apartment we had reserved was not what we wanted. Don and his wife, Sally, welcomed us into their home until we could find other accommodations. Even after we had moved out — and when we had left Gambier — I continued to visit Don. We spent several evenings drinking tea and talking. I asked him what it was like to live in the small village of Gambier, and he wanted to know what it was like growing up in India. We never ran out of topics to discuss. He was interested in my career as a writer and enjoyed reading my work.

Many conversations transpired at his home. On one of those evenings when I was having tea with Don and his wife on their screened-in porch, I happened to say, quite stupidly, that there's no point in continuing to write if there is no hope of getting published.

He immediately lowered the cup from his mouth and said, "No, no, no, no. You should always write. You should write for yourself, you should write for your kids, you should write for your wife, and you should write for everyone you love."

Don Rogan has inspired hundreds of scholars. Although I was never his student in a formal setting, I consider myself lucky to have spent time in his company and learn from him. Today he is not with us, but his words will remain with me for the rest of my life.

— *Deepak Singh*

Gingerbread Rosse

The stunning article on Patti Paige '74 and her recreation of Rosse Hall made of cookie dough (Fall 2015) — whoa! That is a work of art, down to the glowing windows.

My wife, Patty, reading the kind words about me included in the article, said, "Now you can die happy."

TO OUR LETTER WRITERS

The *Bulletin* welcomes letters of 300 or fewer words. Letters to the editor may be used for publication unless the author states the letter is not to be published. Letters may be edited for style, length, clarity, grammar and relevance to Kenyon issues. Please address submissions to: Editor, *Kenyon College Alumni Bulletin*, Office of Communications, Gambier, Ohio 43022. Letters may also be submitted to alumni@kenyon.edu.

That afternoon, shopping at Wal-Mart, I spied a box labeled "All Natural and Low Fat Gingerbread" by the Blue Dog Bakery. It was lunchtime, and I had to have it. I rushed home, tore open the box and dunked one heavy cookie-cut animal in a cup of milk. Kerrrrrunch! Oh, my teeth. It was a dog biscuit!

It wasn't your joke, Patti, but this old dog needs a laugh now and then.

— *Joe (and Patty) Slate H'88*

Survey says

We send an informal survey to 2,000 of our readers after every edition of the *Bulletin* is mailed. Here are some highlights about the Fall 2015 edition:

60 percent found the cover appealing.

80 percent read or skimmed the "5 Reasons You Should Care About Kenyon 2020" story — making it the most-read story in the issue.

70 percent read the Class Notes — making it the most popular section in the *Bulletin*.

CORRECTIONS:

In a Class Note about Richmond H. Curtiss III '85 in the Fall 2015 edition of the *Bulletin*, a quote was mistakenly attributed to him. It was his boyfriend, Mark, who said that Rick "played boldly" on *Jeopardy!* in February 2015, not Curtiss himself.

In the Spring/Summer 2015 edition of the *Bulletin*, a Class Note about Abigail R. Esman '82 should have noted that she was working on her next book. She has published four books.

ALONG MIDDLE PATH

Lighting a spark

Sophomore starts a chapter of a nonpartisan group on campus in an effort to engage young people in the political process.

GRIDLOCK AND PARTISAN BICKERING may have left many Americans disillusioned with politics. But Jules Desroches '18 believes it's more important than ever for young people to be engaged.

"We have to realize as young people that we have a lot of voting power," said the American studies major from Rockville, Maryland. In the 2012 presidential election, roughly 50 percent of Americans aged 18-29 voted, representing a substantial voting block.

Instead of getting behind one presidential candidate or political party, however, Desroches started a Kenyon chapter of No Labels. The national nonpartisan group is chaired by former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman and former Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman and counts about 70 members of Congress — about half from each party



— among its members. No Labels is committed to four objectives: creating new jobs, securing Social Security and Medicare, balancing the budget and making America energy secure.

Desroches spent the summer canvassing for No Labels in Manchester, New Hampshire, and meeting presidential candidates from both parties, including Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush.

“Based on where I stand politically, I wouldn’t have gone to listen to some of the candidates I ended up seeing,” he said. “I felt like I got a more balanced view. I wanted to bring that to campus.”

Working with vice president Kenda Tucker ’18 and social media chair Lindy Wittenberg ’19, Desroches, who is also a community advisor and plays defensive end and defensive tackle for the Kenyon football team, collaborated with the Democrat and Republican clubs to host viewing events of the initial presidential debates in the fall. The Republican debate event, held in Higley Auditorium, was particularly well attended — which surprised him. “With Kenyon being a more liberal campus, we had a decent amount of people show up who weren’t necessarily Republican but who wanted to listen to what the other side had to say,” he said. “I think that’s the coolest thing.”

He didn’t like the demonization of the opposing party evident in both debates, however. “The implication of that is that the whole entire ideology and anyone who agrees with it is completely out of their mind,” he said.

His goal, in part, for No Labels at Kenyon is to humanize all sides in the process. “Maybe I don’t agree with you, but I can see where you’re coming from instead of just telling people you’re a crazy person who doesn’t care about America,” he said. “And maybe we can get things done.”

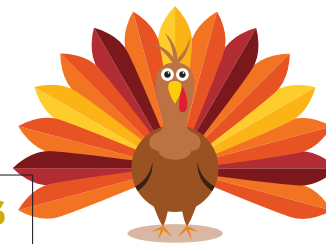
In its first semester on campus, No Labels counted about 50 students as members. Desroches hopes to host more social events this semester, piggybacking on what the other 140 or so chapters on college campuses nationwide have done. The group isn’t just about the presidential election, he says, so he sees it lasting well beyond his time at Kenyon. He’d ultimately like to see the organization get more involved locally.

Desroches, who credits his father, Marcel Desroches Jr. P’18, with giving him an interest in current events, says he doesn’t see himself ever running for political office. His own future will involve social justice in some way, topics that are so divisive they’re beyond the scope of No Labels. But he hopes that the work of No Labels will make tougher conversations about subjects like immigration possible.

“As callous as it sounds, we’re next in line,” Desroches said. “Whatever is going on now is not the best. We don’t have to accept that partisanship is and always will be. All we have to do is act differently and as young people get out and vote so people value our opinion.” **IK**

— Robin Davis

GREG SAILOR



Details

Kenyon students are particularly thankful for Peircegiving, the annual feast served in November before the holiday break. AVI food service workers took four days to prepare the massive meal that included:

45

free-range turkeys raised at the Kenyon Farm

450

pounds of local potatoes

200

pounds of Knox County squash, carrots and turnips

350

pounds of green bean casserole

12

gallons of turkey gravy

6

gallons of vegetarian gravy

2,500

rolls

900

pieces of pumpkin pie

450

cups of whipped chocolate mousse

3,500

fresh baked cookies

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ALONG MIDDLE PATH

Middle Path: Same As It Ever Was

The final phase of the Middle Path restoration wraps up in the summer of 2016.

KENYON IS POISED to embark on the third and final phase of the restoration of Middle Path, bringing to a close in 2016 the project that improves the appearance and utility of the path. The comforting feel underfoot and distinctive crunching sound of the path are ingrained in the memories of Kenyon alumni spanning many generations.

As detailed by Chief Business Officer Mark Kohlman before the Kenyon College Board of Trustees at its October meeting in Gambier, the project includes the installation of stabilized gravel from the College gates to Brooklyn Street to create new uses for the path in the center of Gambier, to enhance accessibility and to improve drainage.

“I think it is going to be really wonderful and is going to bring major positive change to downtown Gambier,” said College Historian Tom Stamp ’73, who sat on the Gambier Village

Council and is a member of a College committee that provided input into the design planning. “It will attract more people to downtown and encourage them to stay for longer periods of time.”

The second phase of the project, on South Campus, wrapped up over the summer in 2015, bringing stabilized gravel, new benches and lights to the path. Path and curb work on the first phase, from Brooklyn Street north to Bexley Hall, concluded in 2014, and 50 trees, all oak varieties, were planted along that stretch in spring of 2015.



The College will use the same combination of a base of stabilized gravel with a loose gravel surface on the center section as was used on the north and south parts of campus. The plan includes realignment of secondary paths near the gates to match more closely with the crosswalks on Wiggin Street. A



section of Scott Lane that crosses Middle Path in the downtown village will close to create a gathering place called a café terrace.

Most, if not all, of the 28 trees in the central section will come down because of poor health and anticipated construction damage, although at least a few of the newer

Making the Grade

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President Sean Decatur returns to the chemistry classroom in the spring semester, teaching Case Studies in Protein Structure, Dynamics and Function.		The Environmental Campus Organization and Student Council launched a Sustain-a-Mug program, calling for coffee mug donations for Peirce Hall to reduce use of plastic cups.		A Random Acts of Kindness student group had a first meeting for those who wish to spread “positivity and joy.” Cake was served.		A parent visiting campus found a student’s wallet and turned it in to Campus Safety. When the student arrived to fetch the wallet, he had to explain the fake ID within.		Several signs for the NCAA D-III Men’s Soccer Championship were stolen from Mavec Field before the Sweet 16 games. One was 18 feet long.	

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MICHAEL VAN VALKENBURGH ASSOCIATES

trees may be transplanted. When the project is complete, 32 trees will thrive in the area. Popular flower gardens along the path in the village will be expanded.

The plan was reviewed by the Gambier Village Planning and Zoning Commission and Village Council in November. The final request for approval will be submitted to the planning and zoning commission in February or March. Construction is scheduled to begin after Reunion Weekend in 2016.

The third phase of the restoration project comes after months of work by a committee including alumni, faculty, staff, students and village residents, as well as Matt Girard, a landscape architect from Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which handled the design.

“The primary reason for redoing this section is to make it more accessible,” Kohlman said. “The secondary reason

is that the current landscape has become outdated and is deteriorating.”

The 40-by-38.5-foot café terrace is one of the most exciting areas of the restoration, said Timothy Broderick '16 of Cincinnati, a student representative on the committee. “There’s no real gathering space in downtown Gambier now. This will be good for the Gambier community as well as the Kenyon community.”

In addition to the café terrace, a retaining wall of locally harvested sandstone on the Gaskin Street side of the path will help even the slope of the path. Benches set at angles from the path, rather than parallel to the path as now configured, will provide more areas for interaction.

“It will be an improvement to the campus, and it will make it more accessible for people,” said Steven Vaden, grounds manager. “This surface stays good and firm even during rain.”

BILL NAGEL



GAMBIER IS TALKING ABOUT

A NEW MAYOR

In a three-way race, Kachen Kimmel, spouse of Director of Planned Giving Kyle Henderson '80, defeated Liz Forman '73 and Betsy Heer, owner of the Gambier House Bed and Breakfast. Kimmel succeeds Kirk Emmert, professor emeritus of political science.

QUARRY CHAPEL

In a lease agreement with College Township, the Friends of the Quarry Chapel, led by Tom Hoffman '62, took over management of the historic chapel it helped restore. The friends group promotes improvements, oversees maintenance and schedules events.

LGBTQ+ PRIDE

Kenyon’s inaugural Pride Weekend, over the October break, included talks on the history of gay life on campus and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage, as well as a panel discussion led by President Sean Decatur on the importance of diversity.

DUST TO DUST

The Kokosing Nature Preserve for environmentally friendly burials was opened formally with native landscaping and walking paths and is now taking customers at the site of the old Tomahawk Golf Course on Quarry Chapel Road.

ALONG MIDDLE PATH

COLLECTIONS

TREASURES FROM KENYON'S ARCHIVES

Exploitation or empathy? Controversy has colored the reputation of George Catlin (1796–1872), famous for the paintings of Native Americans in western tribes that he produced between 1830 and 1836. The “Wild West” show that he took to Europe to promote his work would be seen today as exploitative. In his time, critics belittled his artistry. But he was also controversial because he saw his subjects as human beings rather than savages and argued that they had been abused and robbed of their land. It’s undeniable, moreover, that his paintings are valuable cultural

artifacts — realistic depictions of Native American life in the era before photography.

Kenyon owns a facsimile edition of Catlin’s 1845 *North American Indian Portfolio*, consisting of 25 hand-colored lithographs. The Catlin prints are in the library’s Greenslade Special Collections and Archives, as part of the Native American Portraiture Collection. That collection also includes 56 color aquatint engravings, featuring landscapes and portraits, by the Swiss artist Karl Bodmer (1809-1893). — *Dan Laskin*



JODI MILLER

A Spiritual Journey

The Rev. Rachel C. Kessler '04 serves Kenyon students as chaplain and Harcourt Parish as priest.

THE REV. RACHEL C. KESSLER '04, former associate priest at Grace Church on-the-Hill in Toronto, returned to Kenyon in November as College chaplain and priest-in-charge of Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church.

President Sean Decatur and the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr., Episcopal bishop of Ohio and a member of the Kenyon College Board of Trustees, announced the selection of Kessler for the new joint position after an international search.

“Rev. Kessler is a great fit for Kenyon and this position,” Decatur said. “She brings warmth, humor and a deep commitment to interfaith work.” Kessler will be based in the new Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, which Decatur established within the Division of Student Affairs during the summer.

Kessler said she will be available to support all students, regardless of religious identity, as they navigate the challenges of college life. “A close-knit, scholarly environment like Kenyon provides such unique opportunities to engage in serious dialogue, which should challenge our own individual beliefs and presuppositions,” she said. “I know that my own faith was shaped by so many late-night dorm room debates with friends from a wide range of spiritual perspectives.”

In the new office, Kessler will collaborate with Marc Bragin, director of spiritual and religious life and Jewish chaplain.

Bragin, who served on the search committee, said he is excited to work with Kessler. “She has the unique ability to challenge our assumptions and allow us to ask ourselves inspiring questions about why we do what we do, what we can do better and how best to build a meaningful and robust spiritual community at Kenyon.”

Perry Lentz '64, professor emeritus of English and a member of the Harcourt vestry (administrative council), was a member of the search



“A close-knit, scholarly environment like Kenyon provides such unique opportunities to engage in serious dialogue.”

committee who visited Kessler in her Toronto parish. “Rachel is at the outset of her career, yet she is already seasoned. She is intellectually gifted and accomplished, yet she is thoughtfully wise, and she is warm, open, engaged and engaging,” he said.

Kessler graduated summa cum laude with a double major in English and philosophy. “Kenyon is a special place that influenced so much of how I think about the world — how I enjoy asking difficult questions and tend to be wary of easy answers,” she said.

Raised in a Baptist household, Kessler attended Harcourt Parish during college, often joined in the pews by her future husband, Leeman Tarpley Kessler '04. The congregation meets in the Church of the Holy Spirit on campus.

Kessler received a master's and a doctorate from the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. While writing her dissertation, she realized that she wanted to work in ordained ministry instead of pursuing a career as a professor. The day after she submitted her doctoral thesis on Old English literature, she began a master's program in divinity.

Maggie Griffin '17, who met Kessler during her visit to campus, said she too appreciated Kessler's desire to reach out to students of all faiths. “I think that she

is someone who is firmly rooted within her own tradition and yet who respects other traditions in more than just a shallow way.”

Kessler and her husband are the parents of Amanda, 2, and a dog named Bilbo. “When I graduated, a small part of me hoped that I would find my way back to the Hill one day, although I never would have imagined it would be in a clerical, rather than academic, capacity,” she said. 📖

Pitch Proud

LED BY 11th-YEAR HEAD COACH Chris Brown, the Lords engineered a dramatic postseason run that culminated in the national quarterfinals. Not since the 1996 squad reached the NCAA championship game had a Kenyon soccer team marched as deeply into tournament play as the 2015 Lords.

The fact that the 2015 roster contained just one senior made the Lords' accomplishments even more astounding. "What was impressive was the desire to uphold Kenyon's soccer tradition and a level of urgency you rarely get with a younger group," Brown said. "Certainly, as the season progressed it became less about can we qualify for the NCAA tournament and more about how far we could go."

They polished off the regular season with a 15-1-0 record and, at different times, earned the No. 1 rank in two separate national polls.

When postseason commenced, wins over Oberlin College and Ohio Wesleyan University gave Kenyon its second-straight North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) tournament title, complementing its first NCAC regular-season title since 2007.

The Lords proved worthy of hosting the first four rounds of NCAA tournament play. Henry Myers '18 scored a late goal to kick things off with a 1-0 victory over defensive-minded Westminster College. Up next was a 1-1 tie with University of Chicago, but the Lords advanced by toppling the Maroons, 4-2, in a penalty-kick shootout.

That set the stage for a third-round game with Tufts University, the defending national champions. The young Kenyon side played with poise against the Jumbos, with a goal from Oliver Wynn '18 with 20 seconds left in regulation to cap off a thrilling 3-2 triumph.

Just one win away from the national semifinals, Kenyon had to get through undefeated Calvin



MIKE MUNDEN

Clutch goals by Henry Myers '18 kept the Lords in play during the NCAA tournament.

College in the quarterfinal round. Calvin, however, capitalized on a late Kenyon miscue and scored a breakaway goal to advance with a 1-0 victory.

Kenyon closed its season with a record of 19-2-1, tying the 1990 team's program record for wins in a single season.

"Our leadership was great, especially from the junior class, and this team showed a never-give-up quality that I thought was central to its success," Brown said.

At the conclusion of the season, Brown was voted NCAC Coach of the Year for the first time in his career. Jeremiah Barnes '16, Sam Clougher '17 and Tony Amolo '17 were selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division III All-America Team. Alberto Carmona '19 was named NCAC newcomer of the year. The Lords were placed at No. 8 in the final NSCAA national poll.

— Marty Fuller

SHINING BRIGHT

Five Kenyon alumni were inducted into the Kenyon Athletic Association Hall of Fame at Homecoming in October 2015. Since its inception in 1987, more than 200 alumni and coaches and nine teams have added their names to the best-of-the-best rosters. The following are the 2015 inductees:

Marc Courtney-Brooks '04
MEN'S SWIMMING

Jeffrey Katowitz '90
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Melissa Nelson Mulvihill '90
WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Erin O'Neill '02
SOFTBALL

Torsten Seifert '98
MEN'S SWIMMING

Don't Mess with Maddie

MADDIE BRESCHI '16 exits the field hockey program with College career records for goals (52), assists (27) and points (131). She's an All-American and the winner of multiple conference player of the year awards. Her presence on McBride Field helped accelerate a rebuilding process in which the Ladies went from a losing record her first year to capturing conference crowns in both her junior and senior seasons.

How have you made yourself stand out on the team? The players and coaches that I have had the pleasure of playing with for four years are incredible people who have made me a better player and person. I believe that I just had the work ethic and the attitude that is suitable for collegiate sports. I wanted to practice, I wanted to play in every game, and I wanted to push myself to see just how far I could go. I believe having that "want" translated onto the practice field and into games.

At any time during your career did you think, "Did I choose the right college?" Never once. I knew I wanted that small-community Kenyon experience, and I wanted to join a field hockey program where I could genuinely help build something great. I wouldn't give up the opportunities I've had here at



JOHN EVANS

Maddie Breschi '16 battles for control at McBride Field.

Kenyon and the friendships I've made for anything in the world. This school and its field hockey program are, and will always be, the perfect fit for me.

As a psychology major, were you able to apply your classroom studies to the field of play? As a captain for three years, it was crucial that I was able to understand and learn what motivated each individual on my team. Some people respond differently to various coaching styles, and psychology helped me understand how to motivate each individual person. More important than each individual's effort is the team's effort. Every season we always have the same goal, but the way we get there can change based upon the team personnel. Psychology was crucial in understanding how to perform to the best of our abilities in order to accomplish our year-end goals.

— Marty Fuller

Season spike

Second-year head coach Amanda Krampf revved up the rebuilding process with the Ladies volleyball program. Following last season's 6-24 mark, Krampf and her team concluded their 2015 schedule with a 15-13 record, marking the first time since 1990 that the Ladies produced a winning record. In conference tournament play, the Ladies fell to DePauw in the first round, but bounced back to earn fifth-place by defeating Oberlin and Denison, two teams they lost to during the regular season. Setter Jensen Shurbert '18 was named an All-North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) honorable mention, and outside hitter Delaney Swanson '19 was voted the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year.



MIKE MUNDEN

IN THE NEWS, ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

KENYON IN QUOTES

“I am not a terrorist. I do not believe in the use of violence. I am a young Palestinian woman who grew up under occupation and is trying to better my life through education. ... I was searched and humiliated on a daily basis, along with my parents and sisters. One day soldiers released dogs to chase after us.”

– **Layali Awwad '19**, in the *Huffington Post*, in an open letter to former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

“There are only about 100 things that could go wrong in any given week. What’s to be afraid of?”

– **Christian Brose '02**, Congressional Armed Services Committee majority staff director, discussing a rewrite and proposed passage of the defense authorization bill, in the *National Journal*.

“I think it’s a distraction, and it’s not really going to result in women’s empowerment to be able to bare their breasts in public. We need to focus less on defining women by their bodies.”

– **Sarah Murnen**, Samuel B. Cummings Professor of Psychology, in the *Pacific Standard*, commenting on the Free the Nipple campaign.

“RECORDING THESE SONGS at that specific time felt like part of the process of mourning the end of college and leaving and everything.”

– **Carmen Perry '15** in an interview with *Impose* magazine, discussing the album *All of Something* recorded by the pop-punk band Sports, which formed at Kenyon.

“There’s something wonderful about going under the surface of the water and not being able to hear anything besides your own heartbeat. It’s an intensely peaceful experience.”

– **Hanna Saiz '13**, in the *Press Republican* of Plattsburgh, New York, in a story about her quest to swim in the 2016 Olympics.

“What’s missing is the importance the school puts on learning, its educational values. Our success is measured not only by financial accomplishments but also by whether they’ve actually grown as people in their four years of college.”

– **President Sean Decatur**, in the *Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch*, discussing the U.S. Department of Education College Scoreboard.

“THERE’S NOTHING THAT GETS ME MORE ANGRY THAN WHEN I HEAR ABOUT AN INVESTMENT MANAGER THAT’S TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONSUMERS.”

– **John Chapman '86**, in the *Boston Globe*, after being named Massachusetts undersecretary of consumer affairs and business regulation.

HOT SHEET



Music to My Ears

The scream of a woman got the attention of Professor of Music Ben Locke one night while working late in Storer Hall. He heard a second scream and rushed to the computer classroom, which he found locked. Opening the door, Locke found a student making a recording that included screaming. She had thought the building was empty and was “totally embarrassed” but happy to know that a helping hand was available if needed.

Solidarity

The Black Student Union (BSU) organized peaceful sit-ins at Peirce Hall in November in solidarity with students of color at other colleges around the country, notably the University of Missouri. In a statement, the BSU said it was not protesting “our administration or institution” but striving to bring about awareness of issues regarding race.

Look Sharp for Halloween

A Halloween stunt involving full-body, skin-tight spandex suits

alarmed some students.

A Morgan Apartments resident reported that someone in a green Morphsuit peered in a window and attempted entry. New Apartments residents said two people in “gold/blue” Morphsuits knocked on doors and ran away. The spandex-clad students later admitted to a Halloween prank. And an apparently intoxicated male student was reported near the first-year quad in full costume: a pink princess dress.

Get the Bat Phone!

Bats have joined ghosts as frequent fliers at Kenyon. A student in the Morgan Apartments shooed a bat out of his room while wearing “thick gloves” during the fall semester. A student found a bat in her room in Manning Hall. Bats were twice spotted in Olin Library, including one aloft on the third floor. President Sean Decatur has had his fill of bats, reporting three bat invasions, including one in the kitchen and one in a bedroom at Cromwell Cottage.



Fired Up

The College introduced a portable fire pit for use by student groups after the removal of four fire pits traditionally used by fraternities in the sloping woods west of College Road. The old fire pits and a number of temporary wooden structures were removed because of safety and fire-hazard concerns after consulting College Township Fire Chief Bill Smith. Director of Campus Safety Robert Hooper said the pits were not used often and that wooden lean-tos and makeshift bars were added and the wood was in some cases rotting. An extension cord for electricity was at least once connected to a fire pit area from Hanna Hall. “A lot of reasoning went into this,” Hooper said. The Maintenance Division fabricated a mobile fire pit that is delivered to one of four designated spots. The portable pit with a controlled fire “is a really good idea,” Smith said.

Hug These

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) sized up three mighty trees on the campus and sent certificates to the College marking them as the largest of their species in the state. The Champion Tree Program recognized a white basswood near Bolton Theater, a grand fir north of Lewis Hall and a Norway maple on the west side of the Church of the Holy Spirit. “Big trees are a testimony to people’s land stewardship values amid today’s changing landscape,” said Alistair Reynolds, ODNR program coordinator.



PHOTOGRAPHERS DOCUMENT
24 UNINTERRUPTED HOURS
OF LIFE ON THE HILL.

It is still dark when the lights at McBride Field flash on at 6 a.m., illuminating a formation of 60 football players lined up for conditioning drills. The athletes' movements across the turf are the first signs of life on campus, their breath rising from their facemasks into the chilly fall air. Inside, the kitchens in Peirce start humming with the activity of employees brewing coffee and cracking eggs before the sun peeks over the horizon and extinguishes the lamps along Middle Path.

Kenyon rises slowly on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and then suddenly, picking up momentum with each chime of the Church of the Holy Spirit bells. The dismissal of classes releases steady surges of energy into the heart of campus as students travel to their varied destinations, landing in anthropology labs and art studios, at athletic events and play rehearsals and later at Horn Gallery shows and residence hall parties. From dawn to dusk to midnight and beyond, the story of one Kenyon day unfolds like a composition that gently swells into a powerful crescendo, finding harmony in the varied patterns of village life.

To capture the spirit of the Hill's daily rhythms, five photographers were tasked with documenting 24 hours of the Kenyon experience. From their thousands of images, we have assembled a collection of moments both routine and remarkable, a tribute to the artistry of a day well lived.

— *Megan Monaghan*

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A DAY

ALUMNI BULLETIN EDITORS ROBIN DAVIS, MARK ELLIS, ADAM GILSON
AND ROSE SHILLING CONTRIBUTED TO THIS STORY.

At 6 a.m.,

the Lords football team takes the field at the Kenyon Athletic Center — brightened with portable lights. Opposite page: Later in the early morning, Professor of Dance Julie Brodie walks her daughter, Evi, to Wiggan Street Elementary School. The two enjoy the morning ritual of ordering coffee and hot chocolate at the College bookstore before walking to school together.



MARTHA RIAL



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By 9 a.m.,

Middle Path fills with students heading to class (above). Clockwise from top facing page: Professor of Art Karen Snouffer shows A.J. Reid '19 a technique called sighting to help him achieve correct proportions in a drawing class in Horvitz. In Palme House, models of the human skull in Associate Professor of Anthropology Kimmarie Murphy's morning Introduction to Biological Anthropology give hands-on insight into human development. Grounds-person Evelyn Smith kicks up a plume of fallen leaves between Caples Hall and Sparrow House.



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MARTHA BIAL



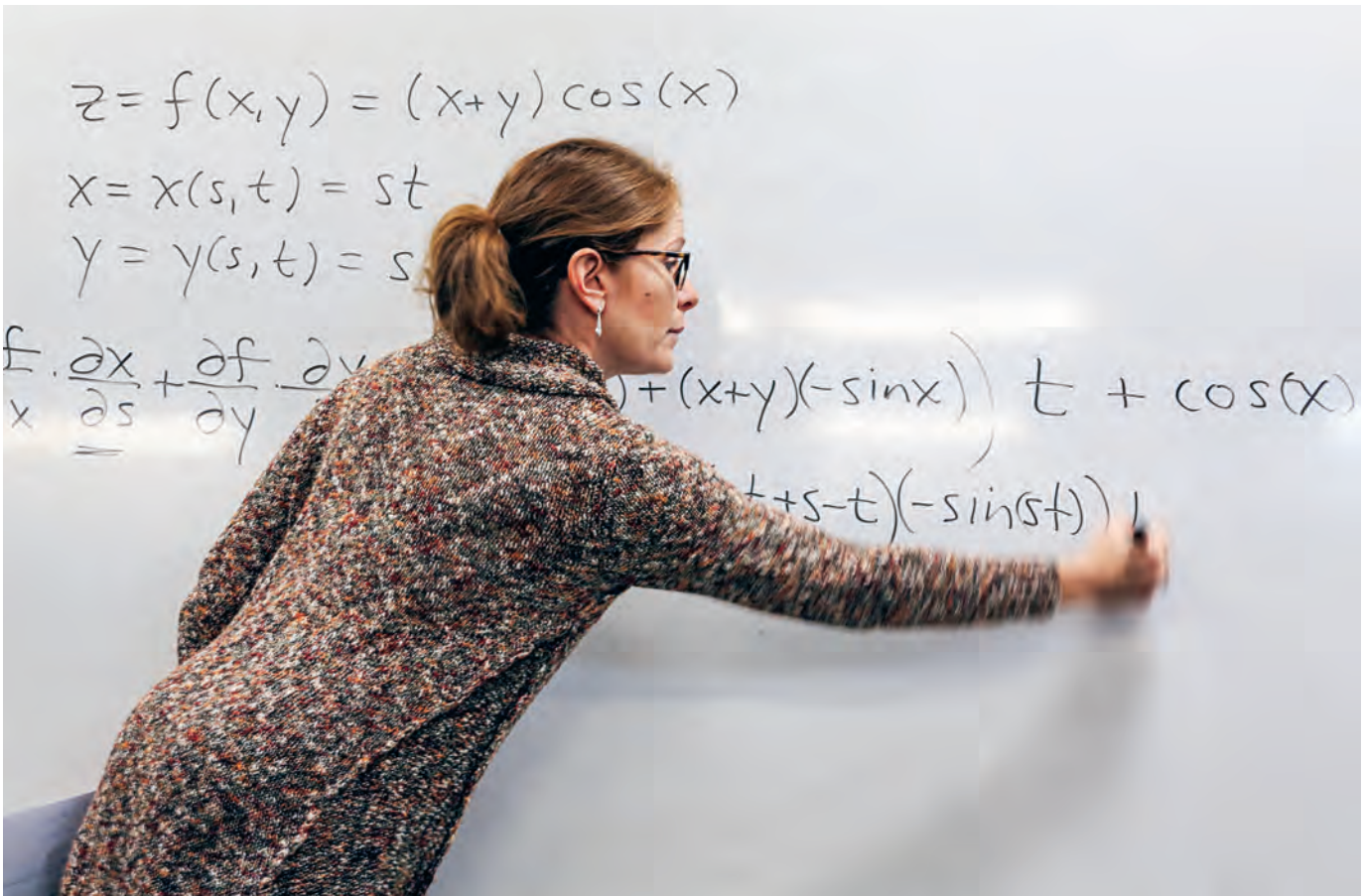
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Before lunch,

students browse records, clothing and other vintage items at the Barn Owl, a popular stop along Middle Path (above). Clockwise from top facing page: In Ascension Hall, Nahla al-Huraibi, visiting assistant professor of Arabic, instructs students in Advanced Arabic. In Peirce Hall's computer lab, Professor of Mathematics Judy Holdener explains equations to her Calculus III class, while AVI employee Rochelle Arck hurries to feed the lunch crowd at the international food station in the servery.





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At lunchtime,
students make room for one more
on the new spacious benches
along Middle Path, installed just a
few weeks before.





ERIC ALBRECHT





In the early afternoon,

biology students trekked to the pine plantation in the Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC). Their mission? To study the amount of carbon captured by Kenyon's forests.

Their research was conducted through Associate Professor of Biology Drew Kerkhoff's Ecology Lab. Throughout the semester, the students returned to different forest sites in the BFEC to examine the amount of carbon stored in the trees and soil. They measured trees and gathered organic material and analyzed their findings back in the lab.

According to Kerkhoff, each hectare of forest — roughly an area the size of two football fields — contains between 60 and 200 tons of

carbon. Trees and other plants in that area of forest capture another eight to 12 tons of carbon each year.

Kerkhoff said, "The forest resources of the BFEC provide an invaluable and irreplaceable ecosystem service and help us move toward Kenyon's goal of becoming a carbon-neutral campus."

— Adam Gilson



From the top: Drew Kerkhoff, associate professor of biology, points to the top of the tree canopy. Richard Dennis '17 measures the diameter of a tree. Students collect soil and litter samples from the pine plantation. Opposite page: Dennis, Mark Boniface '16 and Amanda He '16 collect a tree core from which they will calculate growth.



Throughout the afternoon,

campus hums with activity. Clockwise from right: Erica Christie '19 picks up mail from home at the Post Office, while Isabel Landers '18 browses at the College bookstore. Inside the KAC, the Kenyon swimming and diving team fills the lanes of the pool, while outside Sarah Speroff '18 guards the goal from Maddie Breschi '16 at field hockey practice at McBride Field. Lily, daughter of Associate Professor of English Jené Schoenfeld, relaxes in her mother's office with Heppy, their pug.



MARTHA RIAL



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Just before the sun sets,

Frances Sutton '13, a graduate student at Ohio State University, stops by Sunset Point with a friend while back on campus to see the band playing at the Horn Gallery. Opposite page: Students vie to catch a frisbee on the lawn of Peirce Hall.





ERIC ALBRECHT

In the last hours of daylight,

a goat greets Kenyon Farm residents Steven Ring '17 (left) and Nick Leibowitz '18 as they make their afternoon feeding rounds (above). Clockwise from top center: The sun sets behind campus. Patricia Koskei '19 rides down Middle Path as leaves start to burst into color.



WILL SHILLING



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EMMA BROWN '17



JODI MILLER

As darkness falls,

windows in the stairwell of Caples cast a geometric light into the night (left). Students find quiet places to study, including the lobby of the Gund Gallery. Lucas O'Brien '18 helps Anna Yukevich '16 get ready to go on stage for the dress rehearsal of *Moonchildren*.



JODI MILLER



WILL SHILLING



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The cast of the play *Moonchildren* go around the circle yelling out expletive-laden freestyle raps as a warmup ahead of dress rehearsal in Bolton Theater the night before opening.





WILL SHILLING

Late into the evening,

the campus is still alive. Clockwise from the top: Members of the Lords basketball team — and a few others — take the court at the KAC for a pick-up game. The Kokosingers fill Rosse Hall with their contemporary a cappella music during a late-night rehearsal. Rachel Schafer '18 and Richard Dennis '17 teach the hustle to other members of the Ballroom Dance Club at an evening practice in the KAC. Students take the steep walk up the hill from the KAC.



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From 10 p.m. on,

action moves inside. Clockwise from the top: Students share a laugh and a drink at the Gambier Grill. Moira Fett '17 plays card games and spins discs in her Old Kenyon room with visiting friends. Beer pong is the game of choice at a packed Hanna Hall room. Ellie Holmgren '18 and Ryan Muzzio '18 study for a physics exam in Hayes Hall, and Told Slant, a bedroom punk band from New York, plays at the Horn Gallery.





After midnight,

Sara Rahimi '16, a studio art and political science double major, pulls an almost all-nighter working on materials for her printmaking class in Horvitz Hall. Ar'Reon Watson '18 (front), Alma Urbana-Torres '18 (center) and Ronnie Zhu '18 get in some last-minute studying at the library before it closes. Libby Morrison sets the first pot of coffee on to brew while the stars are still out over Peirce Hall.

THE PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Eric Albrecht, a photographer with the *Columbus Dispatch*, has been an award-winning photojournalist for 38 years, earning National Press Photographers Association awards as well as the Ohio news photographer of the year award multiple times.

Emma Brown '17, a studio art major, is a student photographer for the Office of Communications.

Jodi Miller documents life in central Ohio for clients from *Columbus Monthly* and *Our Ohio* magazines to Capital University and Ohio State University.

Martha Rial is a Pittsburgh-based independent photographer whose work has won international acclaim, including a Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Photography.

Will Shilling is the highly awarded photo director of the *Columbus Dispatch* magazines division, where he captures interesting people and places in the company's varied glossy publications.

BOOKS

Debuts

TWO KENYON WRITERS have written noteworthy first novels, very different in setting, subject and tone, but similar in that they artfully convey a sense of place and astutely probe their characters' psychology.

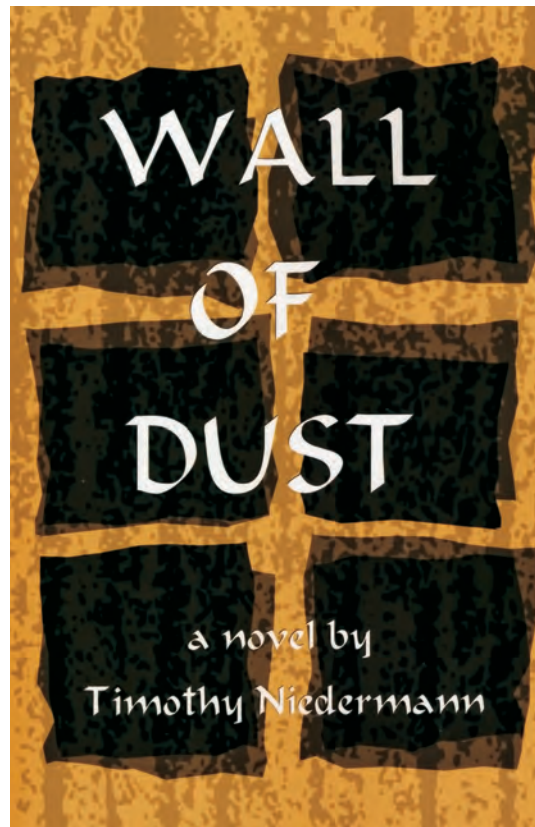
In *Wall of Dust* (Deux Voiliers Publishing), Timothy Niedermann '76 has woven a tale of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that is at once deeply personal and a kind of parable.

The novel centers on Aisha, a young first-grade teacher in a village not far from Ramallah, on the West Bank. Her little school is an island of security until one springtime day when militants fire a mortar into Israel from a nearby hillside and a retaliatory air strike accidentally destroys the school, killing 12 of Aisha's students.

In her despair, Aisha begins throwing stones at the massive concrete wall that divides communities in this part of the country. It's not an act of protest so much as an expression of hopelessness that becomes a ritual: Every day, as the afternoon ebbs, she faces the looming wall, calls out the name of each dead child, and for each lost life hurls a stone against the concrete, ending with a 13th, silent stone.

The ritual begins to draw a crowd; others join in. And, inevitably, it also attracts official attention, raising the prospect of violence. Even as the novel engages the reader through evocations of Aisha's inner life, moments of lyricism and resonant images — timeless olive groves, ghostly dust devils, pockmarks on the wall "like thousands of little scars" — much of the book's interest involves the way that the teacher's futile but relentless ritual disrupts the mental landscape of various others. These include an Israeli sharpshooter manning a turret on the wall, Aisha's rigidly religious brother, an Israeli peace activist and an aging terrorist who has begun to question the certainties that have guided his life.

The setting in *Local Girls* (Riverhead Books), by Caroline Zancan '05, couldn't be more different: a downscale bar in Orlando, Florida, where three longtime friends, now 19 and marooned in post-high-school "collective aimlessness," have come to drink. Nina, Lindsey and Maggie come from a working-class town an hour away whose drabness seems accentuated by nearby gated communities where construction has halted because of the 2008 recession.



Maggie, the narrator, recounts a night that becomes extraordinary, and fateful, when a B-movie actor named Sam Decker (whom the girls know

from celebrity magazines) shows up at the bar. In town for a New Mickey Mouse Club reunion that his agent insists he attend, Decker joins the girls at their table.

Stories flow with the drinks — stories about the girls' troubled families, escapades, rivalries and pranks, and disillusioning anecdotes from Decker's Hollywood career. It is to be a night of loss, when the girls feel "the full weight of how young we were, and that we wouldn't always be."

The book teems with often humorous images that suggest youth and emotion while capturing place. Florida, says Maggie, is like "the sticky, annoying little sister I was always telling to get lost. But whom I would break teeth and draw blood defending on the playground if anyone tried to pick a fight with her."

— Dan Laskin



RECENT BOOKS

BY KENYON AUTHORS

Christopher Bartley (Chris Frueh '85), *Naked Shall I Return* (Peach Publishing). In his latest Depression-era thriller featuring bank robber Ross Duncan, Frueh plunges readers into the heart of San Francisco's Chinatown.

Julie Barton '95, *Dog Medicine: How My Dog Saved Me from Myself* (Think Piece Publishing). Barton's affecting memoir tells how a golden retriever puppy named Bunker helped her deal with terrible depression.

Emily Guy Birken '01, *Choose Your Retirement: Find the Right Path to Your New Adventure* (Adams Media). Birken's information-packed guide offers sensible advice on everything from retiring early to changing careers in retirement.

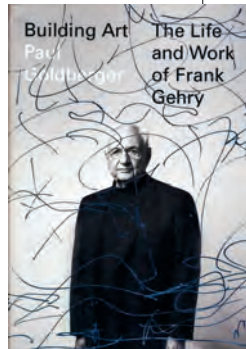
Kelly M. Duke Bryant '01, *Education as Politics: Colonial Schooling and Political Debate in Senegal, 1850s-1914* (University of Wisconsin Press). Bryant, who teaches history at Rowan University, shows how colonial schools reshaped African politics, leading to the election of Senegal's Blaise Diagne to the French National Assembly.

Paul Goldberger P'04 H'05, *Building Art: The Life and Work of Frank Gehry* (Knopf). One of the most discerning and eloquent architecture writers of our time has written an essential book about one of our time's most distinguished and original architects.

Norman Hane '61, *Outliving* (The Ledge Press). Hane's lovely collection, named for a poem about a brother who died too young, won the Ledge Press 2013 Poetry Chapbook Award.

Gretchen Henderson, *Ugliness: A Cultural History* (Reaktion Books). An affiliated scholar in art history, Henderson examines the history of a concept that turns out to be far more complex and fascinating than one might imagine.

Ellen Jackson '86, *Classic Cookies with Modern Twists: 100 Best Recipes for Old &*



New Favorites (Sasquatch Books). Open, salivate, start baking. Pastry chef and food writer Jackson has also recently published *The Lemon Cookbook*.

Kathleen Jordan '11, editor, *A Boy from Georgia: Coming of Age in the Segregated South*, by Hamilton Jordan (University of Georgia Press). When Hamilton Jordan, President Jimmy Carter's legendary chief of staff, died of cancer in 2008, he left behind this memoir. His daughter completed and edited the book, which provides a window on Southern life in the Civil Rights era.

Kit Kittle '78, *Drag Queens*. Kittle's full-page color photos capture the flamboyance, self-indulgence and joy of New York's drag-queen scene in the 1980s, even as the AIDS epidemic raged.

Adam Lazarus '04, *Hail to the Redskins: Gibbs, the Diesel, the Hogs, and the Glory Days of D.C.'s Football Dynasty* (William Morrow). More than 90 interviews underpin this vivid account of the Redskins' unprecedented

championship run between 1981 and 1992 under coach Joe Gibbs.

Cammie McGovern '85, *A Step Toward Falling* (HarperCollins). Jane Austen, disabilities, dating, coming of age – all figure in this widely praised young-adult novel by McGovern, who has also written a new book for middle grades, *Just My Luck*.

Peter Rutkoff, *Cyprus Portraits 2005-2013* (XOXOX Press). Centering on Rutkoff's personal encounters with both Greek and Turkish Cypriots, this journal/memoir examines political conflict and national identity in intimately human terms.

Lauren Goodwin Slaughter '99, *A Lesson in Smallness* (National Poetry Review Press). Spare, arresting poems both fix and expand moments from life in this collection – delivering meals to shut-ins, contemplating the obituary of an old boyfriend, waiting in a hospital for the results of a mother's biopsy.

Timothy Whealon '88, with Dan Shaw, *In Pursuit of Beauty: The Interiors of Timothy Whealon* (Rizzoli). With lush photographs of projects ranging from a Long Island country house, to a London townhouse, to a Monaco villa, this book showcases the "harmony and comfort" informing Whealon's work as a leading interior designer.

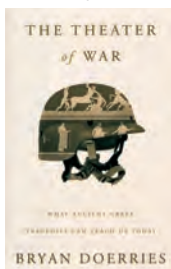


Andrew Welsh-Huggins '83, *Slow Burn* (Swallow Press). A deadly house fire, a convicted arsonist who might not be guilty after all, the fracking boom and a deliciously real Columbus, Ohio – all play a role in this second, highly compelling Andy Hayes mystery.

CULMINATIONS

Recent books burnish the careers of three alumni who have made important contributions to literature and the nation's cultural life.

Bryan Doerries '98, acclaimed for using staged readings of Greek tragedies to help traumatized veterans and disaster victims, tells the deeply personal and very powerful story of his work in *The Theater of War: What Ancient Greek Tragedies Can Teach Us Today* (Knopf). Doerries has also published new translations of four plays by Sophocles and Aeschylus in *All That You've Seen Here Is God* (Vintage).



Ransom Riggs '01 brings us *Library of Souls* (Quirk Books), the eagerly awaited final installment of his trilogy about Miss Peregrine's "peculiar children." Once again, fantasy, suspense, linguistic inventiveness and eerie vintage photographs captivate young readers.



Daniel Mark Epstein '70 draws on work from almost 50 years in *Dawn to Twilight: New and Selected Poems* (Louisiana State University Press). The passage of time is a major theme for Epstein, who is also a highly regarded biographer, with books about figures ranging from Nat King Cole to Abraham Lincoln.



OFFICE HOURS

KENYON PROFESSORS REFLECT ON THE LIFE OF THE MIND

MUSINGS

P.F. KLUGE '64

WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

Day By Day

Writer-in-Residence P.F. Kluge '64 considers the passage of time in Gambier.

I CAN'T HELP WONDERING about my life in Gambier, about what captured and kept me here. Late summer evenings on a succulently empty campus conduce this kind of reflection. I sit on a chair in back of my house, a place that was once a dormitory, ordered up by Philander Chase in 1827, later moved to the site of the Kenyon Inn and then to its current location on Ward Street. This house has outlasted a lot of careers; I'm not its first occupant nor its last. The house, like the College, is a place we pass through. Houses have no memories, nor do institutions. People do, though.

And that returns to the question: Why Gambier? Was the decision to stay about integrity? Compromise? It could go either way. But then, while mulling this over, I can hear cows lowing in nearby fields, and, coming from another direction, the bells pealing in the Church of the Holy Spirit; and I can't help feeling that I am where I ought to be.

I am about a three-minute walk from Lewis Hall, my freshman dorm. The place has a certain smell — cleaning fluid, floor wax, dirty laundry, sweat, pizza and testosterone. Spray a whiff of it under my nose on the last day of my life, and I would know it.

Later, I spent two years as a resident in nearby Norton Hall. That was a time when I stayed up all night, reading until dawn. Someone was always awake, wandering the halls, chatting about nothing in particular in the lounge. "Pulling an all-nighter" — like "going to the library" — didn't necessarily require studying. It was as though we were shipwrecked: 500 males and 40 faculty members marooned on this Hill. The distances were longer then, the nights were darker. In spite of all that, maybe because of it, the place had an eccentric magic.

Every walk I take here these days is on memory lane. I step into Peirce Hall, though it is not permitted to pass through the doors that once led us into that awesome stain-glassed, portrait-bedecked, dark wood room where I remember Smokey Robinson and The Miracles performing "Tracks of My Tears" in front of the high table. Afterward,

I induced Ronnie White, co-founder of the group, to a party at the Psi U Lounge in North Leonard. I can't forget his puzzlement, glancing around a room that was almost entirely male. "What do you guys do here?" Words failed me at the time. A dateless life. But did it make sense to transfer because you couldn't get a date here?

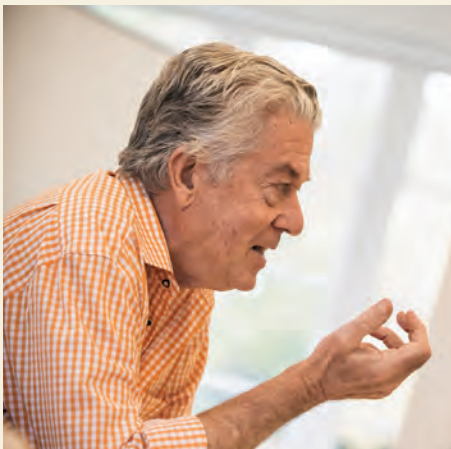
On another dateless weekend, a dance weekend, I meandered downhill to where a bridge — since destroyed — spanned the Kokosing River near Laymon Road. This was the setting for an early-morning gathering of the hungover, the dateless and bird-dogged, who assembled to elect "the asshole of the year." Bridge and party are history now.

People return and press me for my opinions about Kenyon. Sometimes they're looking for a booster. Sometimes they're looking for somebody a bit cranky. Has it changed? For the better? Is every decision prudent and wise? I'm asked to reach into my bag of nostalgia, appreciation, reservation and outright dismay. There's a lot to care about and a lot to worry about.

One thing I'll give anybody: There are always good reasons to leave Gambier. Love it and leave it. It's a company town after all, and you need to distance yourself. Funny thing though, I start missing the place almost instantly. In Singapore, Palau, Malacca, Sydney, Vienna, I start musing about Gambier. I like my life here.

My 24 hours in Gambier isn't like it was when I was a student. Students, as ever, stay up until the wee hours: 1 a.m. is early to bed for them. The dorms are an alternate universe, located in another time zone. Breakfast is a land they never visit.

But for me, Gambier is a morning place: At dawn I have my first coffee at home, checking to see what predators — ground-hogs, deer, raccoons, skunks — have turned my garden into a salad bar. Then I sit around Wiggin Street Coffee, where people drop by, a kind of cabal that mulls over sports; master plans;



HOWARD KORN

hirings; firings; funerals; trees cut, fallen, planted; ups and downs of administration. After that, if there's time, I drive downhill, turn right onto 229, continue about 100 yards and turn uphill to the Franklin Miller Observatory, find a bench, and I'm surrounded by woodlots, fences, grazing cows. This is a place that concentrates thought and calms feelings. There's nothing in view that's ugly. It can be hard to find a place like this.

By mid-morning, I am in my office, door ajar. I encourage students to visit at any time, but there's not much morning traffic. The *New York Times* crossword puzzle requires me to pick up a pen and keep it there. After the puzzle is done: lecture notes, student papers (shift to red ink) and my own scribbling.

In the early afternoon I enter the Kenyon Athletic Center. I worried about its cost and its hangar-like appearance. But I'm hooked. Some afternoons I arrange a trip to Mount Vernon on this or that errand. The journey, not the destination, is what matters. I meander down Lower Gambier Road — a.k.a. River Road. Live here, your interest in the river is proprietary. You watch it go from gentle to raging wild, flooding adjoining corn and soy fields, those same fields that sprout seedlings when our students graduate, then are brown, broken stubble a bit after the first-year kids settle in. Across the river, I glimpse the most likeable change I've seen: a running trail — once a railroad track — that runs 13 miles from Mount Vernon to Danville, cutting through ferny, shaded forests, pungent cow pastures and marshland where frogs and turtles plop off logs and lily pads as you pass. I've covered every inch of that trail though not, I have to add, all in one run.

And now: teaching, professing, my work. I've become nocturnal. I prefer the night shift, evening seminars that go from 7 to 10 p.m.; these sessions, I suspect, may go the way of Sunday doubleheaders. I confront students, putting their creative writing talent — and ego — at stake on a seminar table. I admire them for taking a chance on fiction. I also warn them that the world isn't necessarily waiting for their sunrise. It's the kind of seminar that people take personally — ask John Green or Ransom Riggs. I take it personally as well.

After class, I can't just go to bed at 10 p.m. Whether it went well or less well, I mull it over. I have a drink. I watch something mindless on television; at these times, the shopping channel will do. I have evening office hours as well. Sometimes, I'm left to enjoy my own company. Other times, I'm busier than a union dentist. Either way, it's strange. Once I was a student whose day was made if Denham Sutcliffe tossed me a line as I passed his office, wondering if he had read my paper. Now, I'm the one

in the office, waiting for someone to come by. Maybe a younger version of myself. Then again, even on slow nights, I'm tipping my hat in the direction of a man — dead more than half a century — who meant a lot to me.

In 1991-92, while reporting *Alma Mater*, a nonfiction account of a year in the life of Kenyon College, I moved back into Lewis Hall. For this alone, I deserved serious Nobel Prize consideration. I kept a distance from the inmates at first. By the end of that year I knew them well. Some are in touch. Others, I have wondered about. And this year, as at previous reunions, some stay at my house, coming home at anywhere between 1 and 4 a.m. Like an anxious parent, I listen for these 42-year-olds' footsteps.



MARTHA RIAL

And it's all about memory, personal and shared. Students recall things I said in class, dispensed on their papers. One student confided that he'd been guided for years by something I told him, something that had gotten him through some rough spots. I had no idea what I was in for. "You told me," he said, "that everybody is somebody's asshole." That may not quite be what Henry Adams had in mind when he remarked, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." You bet.

That's it. It's about keeping in touch with the past, sharing the present, and confronting whatever the future bequeaths. There are many colleges, surely as fine, possibly finer. It doesn't matter. I will leave her again and again, for good reason. But I will return. And at the end my returns will outnumber, by one, my departures.

CLASS NOTES

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The Rev. Keith D. "Darr" Briggs and his wife, Carole, managed to acquire three great-grandchildren in just two months — two are twins, and each of their parents is also a twin. **Edward E. Karkow**, Waldoboro, Maine, visited that state's North Woods in a pontoon plane that son **Jon M. Karkow '84** flew there from California. They met with **Karen Patronite Sikorsky '80**, wife of Igor Sikorsky III, who is the grandson of the helicopter pioneer. "And yes," he writes, "we sang the 'Kokosing Farewell.'" **John B. Martin**, Evanston, Illinois, reports spending 17 days last fall in the Austrian Alps and France with wife, Linda. Jack took oodles of reference photos to use for paintings he'll finish later. Last September, **Jack A. Moses**, Troy, Mississippi, attended the Flying Aces Club annual model airplane flying contest in Muncie, Indiana. Jack's rubber band-powered Fokker Limousine, modeled after a 1919 passenger plane of that name, placed third in the Golden Age category. **John M. Schmidt** is active in a conservation group working to protect the Loxahatchee River near Jupiter, Florida, from "the attacks of progress," he reports. **Robert V. Vallera**, La Jolla, California, reports that he had some major medical problems last summer. "But, thanks to blood transfusions and a merciless trainer," he writes, his doctor says he is "fit for the Ready Reserves." **Roger M. Whiteman** and his wife, Mary Jeannette Suggs, live in Wayne, Pennsylvania, where he has, at the request of the local civic association, written a short history of the neighborhood he has lived in for 52 years. Currently he's researching a local fireworks factory that blew up in 1903.

Alan D. Wright and his wife, Gloria, Willoughby, Ohio, enjoyed having family visit last summer "to enjoy our vegetable garden, the pool and some good food."

1952

I. Willard "Brook" Abrahams, Meriden, Connecticut, works at Yale as a clinical professor and senior consultant for overseas medical residents. **Silas Axtell** and his wife, Pat, sold their winter home in Vero Beach, Florida, and moved into an ACTS Life Care Community there. He continues to write "words of wisdom and humor about aging bodies and lively minds." **Charles H. Fultz** migrates from his home in Grawn, Michigan, to Arizona annually, and looks forward to new adventures in Hawaii and Cuba this spring. **G. Bruce Hartmann**, Brentwood, Tennessee, occasionally tutors in microeconomics, leads a church-group discussion on applied religion and remains active despite arthritis. He writes that he has read most of Ed Doctorow's books and wonders whether **Allen B. Ballard** "would write his recollections of four years at Kenyon, contrasting it with present-day life on the Hill." The **Rev. John E. McKune**, Nashville, Indiana, celebrated his 58th wedding anniversary with wife, Carole, and children John, Hope and **Amy R. McKune '84**.

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1954

Last September, the **Rev. William H. Aulenbach** was working with boys in an orphanage in Cuenca, Ecuador, and then traveled to Bolivia. His newest book, *Cramming for Finals*, is to be published this spring. He and wife Anne reside in Irvine, California. **Albert A. Eastman** and his company, Boat Maids Inc., made the papers in Cape Coral, Florida, where he lives, when the city hired it to clean up three "zombie" boats that had been long left untended along a local waterway. An eyesore and a "messy nuisance," the boats were drawing complaints from neighbors, he writes, so Al's company "got the job because of our good reputation and standing in the community." **David V. Smith** of Thousand Oaks, California, reports, "Having sold my house, I'm starting my third year as a happy apartment dweller. I'm still doing some lawyering, but for my own safety and that of others I've pretty much given up motorcycling."

1955

Last May, **John F. Gans**, Buckeye, Arizona, was diagnosed with lymphoma, he reports. "I have endured six chemo treatments and am now well. Thank God for Rituxan. The side effects are many, but the cure is well worth it." **Arthur L. Johnson**, Potsdam, New York, is still writing and directing dinner murder plays. His current dramatic project is composing

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—DAVID V. SMITH

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vignettes on a three-person writing team working on a play about the poorhouse of St. Lawrence County in upstate New York, to be staged this February. “Professor Jim Michael would be proud, I hope,” writes Art. **B. Allen McCormick** and his wife, Mary Ann, Indianapolis, took an “enjoyable, fun, extremely interesting and enlightening” 16-day tour of Ireland last September. **D. Barry Menuez** writes: “Life is quiet for Jean and me in old Poughkeepsie these days, interrupted by wonderful visits from kids and grandchildren. We’re both in writing groups. I had a short memoir published in the spring.” **Bruce Richardson** is golfing and gardening in Gresham, Oregon, where he lives with wife, Diane Parker. “Life is a little different,” he writes, “now that I have two eyes and two knees that I wasn’t born with. As the wise man said, ‘Getting old is not for sissies.’” **Gamber F. Tegtmeyer Jr.**, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, toured the Tetons and Yellowstone recently and enjoys watching his grandchildren, ages 6 and 8.

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William R. Abbott lives with wife, Christine Jewell, in Kitchener, Ontario. He is still advising students and marked his 50th year connected with the University of Waterloo. Bill notes, “We are told on all sides that technology and social orders are changing ever more rapidly, and yet we seem inclined to retreat into the customary, the traditional and the blinkered. Sounds grumpy, as is appropriate of someone of a certain age.” **Daniel D. Bumstead** is rehabbing “swimmingly” in Naples, Florida, after open heart surgery. He reports, “**Dr. Donald A. Fischman** fretted over me the whole time, offering wise long-distance thoughts and observations that were most comforting.” **Donald A. Fischman** moved to Rochester, New York, last July, when his wife, Barbara Lohse, was appointed the founding director of the Wegmans School of Health and Nutrition at Rochester Institute of Technology. Don enjoys oil painting, serving as a docent at the Rochester Museum of Science Center and living next door to the Eastman School of Music. **Robert B. Kohn** and wife, Kristie Langlow, have left Seattle after 30 years for Poulsbo, Washington, “to tend a

garden and small apple orchard, gaze at the Olympic Mountains and welcome visits from eagles, woodpeckers, foxes and apple-snitching deer.” **Theodore “Skip” D. Kurrus** and wife, Rita Mae, of Green Valley, Arizona, celebrated his 82nd birthday by returning for three weeks to Hawaii, where they lived for 20 years. He writes, “We gorged ourselves on Hawaii’s wonderful variety of indigenous comestibles—poki, poi, lomi lomi salmon, haupia, opihi, Kalua pork and as many of the 130 types of Hawaiian seafood we can find,” not to mention “more than our generous allotment of Hawaii’s famous mai tais.” **Allan G. Meyer**, Richmond, Virginia, retired from flying in 1990 after 21 years in the U.S. Navy and an additional 13 commercially, totaling over 11,000 hours in the skies. **James D. Morgan** has been teaching a seminar in New York University’s Urban Design and Architecture Studies Program for 35 years, covering “how NYC politics affects what gets built here (and what doesn’t),” he writes. He also has “become something of an exercise nut, taking aerobics classes five days a week. It makes a huge difference in my daily life, and I recommend it to all of you.” **Eugene P. Nassar** writes: “Fifty years ago, in 1964, I wrote a quasi-lyrical memoir of growing up Lebanese-American in East Utica, New York, together with my sojourns at Kenyon, Oxford and Cornell.” Selections were published in the past in varying venues, but for his 80th birthday last June, Utica College, where he teaches, published the whole memoir, titled *East Utica*. “It contains some Kenyon material, my freshman homesickness and shock at fraternity and social life, and some senior musings of mine as I sat in the Kenyon Library,” and can be found on Amazon. **Henry J. Steck**, professor of political science at SUNY Cortland, is now the longest-serving faculty member in the State University of New York. **William J. Wainwright**, of Milwaukee, reports that he and his wife, Mimi, had a great time at the post-50th reunion last spring: “And special blessings on Julie and **Phil Fox**, who rushed me to urgent care to attend to a broken finger. It didn’t interfere with dinner and drinks afterwards.”

1958

Martin A. Berg, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who retired in 2014, has been serving as an assistant football coach at John Hay High School in Cleveland. He and wife, Adrienne, winter in Boca Raton,

“In a rut. Still practicing law, but it is 20 percent law and 75 percent social work.”

—O. JOSEPH MURRAY

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Florida, and spend much time with their 16 grandchildren. **Dale A. Neuman** continues to direct the Harry Truman Center for Governmental Affairs at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. This coming September will mark his 50th year there, where he lives with his wife, Dona.

1959

Fred H. Appleton and wife Carol, of Madison, Wisconsin, report, “No real news. I am still alive and active playing tennis and volunteering. Life is good, considering the alternative.” **Max M. Bermann**, Canton, Massachusetts, is happily retired from his radiology practice. He and wife Glenna stay fit by playing tennis, hiking and biking. “I continue to be impressed,” Max says, “by all the changes that have taken place at Kenyon and by the accomplishments of many of its graduates.” **Paul E. “Gene” Bryant** shared that he and his wife, Maxine, enjoy splitting their time between Florida and the northern Georgia mountains. Gene was happy to discover during genealogy research last year “a great-grandfather who fought in the Revolution — but, more important, lived to be 100!” **Robert J. Clawson** lives with wife Betsyann Duvall in his hometown of Acton, Massachusetts. Still writing “after all these years,” he notes that he has been “spreading the word about a great yet little-known poet, Paula Tatarunis,” who died in September. **O. Joseph Murray** emailed: “In a rut. Still practicing law (for over 50 years) in my hometown, Ashland, Ohio, but it is 20 percent law and 75 percent social work.” **Arnold Ostrow**, Huntington Beach, California, retired from practicing medicine but

continues to teach at the University of California–Irvine Medical School, supervising pulmonary fellows in the chest clinic. **David N. Sharlin** has a fellowship in developmental pediatrics and directs the Mercer County, New Jersey, program for disabled children, which now has ties he has established with Rutgers Medical School. Widowed in 2000, he and second wife, Linda, live in Worthington Crossing, Pennsylvania, but spend much of their time in Vermont—skiing in winter, and biking, hiking and kayaking the rest of the year. Last October, **Stephen Wachtel** and wife, Gwen, visited their son and his family in Ramat Bet Shemesh, about 13 miles west of Jerusalem, where they found themselves “in the midst of a string of daily terror attacks and security restrictions,” he writes. Despite the situation, they had the chance to travel and sightsee. “Israel is still an awesome place,” he adds, “full of history, full of beautiful people of every stripe, full of vibes.” The couple lives in Memphis.

1960s

1960

Barry N. Auger runs a small contract gardening business and says he is the oldest commercial gardener in Vancouver, British Columbia. Last year, he traveled to Bilbao, Spain, and the Cathar fortress in Languedoc, France. **James H. Hawk** and his wife, Charleye, sold their home in Chicago after his retirement and now live 30 miles northeast of Louisville, Kentucky. **Robert G. Heasley** and wife Peg, who live in Gambier, have two grandchildren

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enrolled at Kenyon: **Samantha K. Williams '16** and **Robert J. Williams '19**. "The legacy continues for the Heasley family," he writes. **Charles E. Kalstone** continues to practice gynecological medicine full time in Coral Gables, Florida. **The Rev. David O. McCoy** and his wife, Chris Knisely, of Athens, Ohio, took a 10-day trip to Ireland with Susan and **Doug Mayer '65**. Dave is active with the League of Women Voters. **William S. Reed** and wife, Bev, divide their time between Grantham, New Hampshire, and Lincoln, Massachusetts, where they have bought into the Commons, a Boston-area "continuing care community" near their eight grandchildren. **George Cole Scott Jr.**, who runs a closed-end fund with son Jim, has traveled with wife, Leslie, to 40 countries and lived in five of them, going around the world twice. "Still an exciting life at 78," he writes. **Brent Scudder** and wife, Reggie, of New London, New Hampshire, have taken the "unusual step" of moving out of their retirement community and back into their old home. They'll be seeking another such community. **Gilbert L. Sperry**, Coronado, California, spends his days "filled with altruistic pursuits on behalf of the at-risk children" living in Rosarito Beach in Baja, California. He invites any classmates in the San Diego area to get in touch with him. The **Very Rev. Walter H. Taylor** and wife, Mary, live in Lenox, Massachusetts, and Key West, Florida. They are pleased that son **William W. Taylor '85** is the new head of Trinity Pawling and **Peter H. Taylor '88** is relocating closer to Lenox, so they will spend more time there.

1961

Paul L. Abbott, Kent, Connecticut, retired in 2014 after 49 years as a faculty member at South Kent School—just in time to celebrate both his grandson's graduation from South Kent and his own 50th wedding anniversary with wife, Terese. One of his former students who is now a trustee of the school is treating the couple to a 25-day tour of England, Scotland and Ireland this spring. The **Rev. Martin J. Carlson**, who lives in Biglerville, Pennsylvania,

with wife, Kay, retired last year. He now volunteers at Spiritrust Lutheran Retirement Village with a group that calls itself the Long Life Learning Group. "We watch and discuss videos from the Great Courses and other sources," he writes.

1962

Joseph B. Wharton is "no longer dealing with crops or hay, just about 20 cows and their calves" on his farm 10 minutes west of Mount Vernon, Ohio. "Still slowing down (**Paul C. Heintz** would say that's not possible), still love it, but it keeps getting harder. Sometimes I dream of sailing ... so glad I did it when I was able."

1963

Col. Lester D. Alford and his wife have downsized, leaving their home of 28 years on five acres outside Bend, Oregon, for a new place in town. "For those of you who ask why we did this," he writes, "the answer is quite simple: After 48 years of marriage, we had run out of things to argue about." **Thomas H. Curtis**, Red Bank, New Jersey, has been sailing, skiing, playing tennis, marching with his bagpipe band and, in winter, iceboating on the Navesink River since retiring from Bell Labs and then retiring "for good" in 2011 from the Johns Hopkins Advanced Physics Lab. **David B. Dawson**, Shaker Heights, Ohio, spent a "challenging but delightful week in Gambier" last June with wife, Ginnie, taking John Elliott's course on the *Federalist Papers* and Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* during a Kenyon Institute session. "A wonderful, mind-stretching experience with film and stimulating lectures augmenting the demanding coursework," he reports, "and, of course, nothing has changed in 50-plus years—I still was not prepared for class." **Donald J. Mabry**, Starkville, Mississippi, with wife, Paula, visited son **Scott L. Mabry '90** in Herndon, Virginia, last June. The Jacksonville, Florida, *Beaches Leader* excerpted much of one of Don's articles last year highlighting the 90th anniversary of the oldest hotel there.

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—DAVID B. DAWSON, ON ATTENDING THE 2015 KENYON INSTITUTE

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Robert W. Macdonald Jr. returned to Minneapolis with wife Susan after their 60th vacation trip to Europe, having "barrel-tasted all the 2014 wines at the Domaine de la Romanee Conti" in Burgundy, France, their favorite country to visit. **Neal M. Mayer**, Millsboro, Delaware, "has been logging miles with business trips to Shenzhen and Shanghai," and, for pleasure, a three-week cruise with wife, Jane, starting in Dubai and ending in Athens, with stops in Oman, Egypt and Jordan. "I questioned my instinct for self-preservation," he writes, "when the ship entered the Red Sea and we had Somalia on the port side and Yemen to the starboard. **Timothy E. Pierce** writes, "My wife, Lee, and I drove from our home in Baltimore to Seattle with stops in between to see my roommate, **Kenneth P. Schaebethal** in Custer, South Dakota. We stopped on the way back in Yellowstone. Not a hard drive, especially when the speed limits pick up west of Maryland."

1964

Douglas D. Brown and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Indianapolis, where he is president of his neighborhood association and active in the Indiana Astronomical Society. **Victor B. Schwartz**, Charleston, South Carolina, who retired last June, is chair of the Offshore Navigation Education Committee of the U.S. Power Squadrons, the world's largest recreational boating organization. In 2015, he and wife Liz took a two-week river cruise from Zurich to Vienna.

1965

R. Michael Bungaard, Denver, is in "perfect health" and continues to enjoy retirement. In the 16 years since he and wife Joyce VandeHoef sold their hot-air balloon school, they have visited 64 countries together, returning last year from a boat trip on the Irrawaddy River in Myanmar. Last fall, they explored Mongolia.

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1967

Richard G. Freeman, Philadelphia, represented the Class of 1967 at the funeral of Don Rogan, beloved chaplain and professor of religion, who presided over Rick's interfaith marriage to Noreen M. Shanfelter. "It so happened," he writes, "that the current occupant of the Donald L. Rogan Chair in Religious Studies, Royal Rhodes, was a major influence on our son, **Joseph H. Freeman '05**. We reminisced about Don over dinner at the Kenyon Inn." The **Rev. Dr. William C. Scar** and wife Gail Ann Cochran have left the Los Angeles area, seeking: "more nice people, less pollution, less crime, greater community spirit, four identifiable seasons but little snow, our own wooded acreage, lower cost of living and a small-town feel. We loved L.A. but did not need it anymore." They landed in the "relatively progressive" town of Aiken, South Carolina. **Lawrence C. Schmidlapp**, re-elected to a fourth term as mayor of the village of Oyster Bay, New York, reports, "The job doesn't pay a thing, but it does get you out of speeding tickets." Larry "almost had the chance to officiate the marriage of Billy Joel to his fourth wife," but Gov. Andrew Cuomo beat him to it. **Joseph E. Simon**, a senior tennis player in Fernandina Beach, Florida, is shooting for a No. 1 ranking, having beaten the No. 2 last spring to rank as high as 11th nationally. "Traveling to tournaments got old," he reports, hence his ranking has dropped. **Stephen G. Stonehouse** is enjoying his new place in Redondo Beach, California, still working in insurance but traveling often with wife, Gail. His new knee is working fine; the old one "was the result of being small and slow on the Lords football team."

1968

Peter L. Arango, a retired teacher, now lives with wife, Mary, in their new home

in Medford, Oregon. "It hasn't been easy to leave [California] and my years of teaching behind," Peter says, "and the future has a different cast as this next chapter begins." **James W. Babcock**, Escondido, California, occasionally fills suddenly vacant positions in the Mechanical Engineering Department of UC San Diego "when they are desperate enough to substitute a physicist," he writes. Otherwise he is busy hiking, biking, "playing with black-powder pistols and old cars and perfecting a bait for the Argentine ants that are constantly invading the house." The **Rev. Carl H. "Hunt" Beasley III** is assisting at his new parish home at All Saints Episcopal Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. **Michael J. Brown**, Claremont, California, is "alive, well, has a pulse and enough money to eat meat occasionally. Visited **Donald K. Bandler '69**, who suffers from Alzheimer's but I love him, and he is my buddy." **Barry I. Eisenstein**, Washington, D.C., recently saw the company he's been with for 12 years, Cubist Pharmaceuticals, acquired by Merck. He and his wife of 46 years, Joyce Kass, are happy to have all their children and grandchildren near them. **Edward G. Gaines** is practicing law in Jacksonville, Florida, as a defense attorney in federal court. He maintains his rock-star aura on the guitar and does professional photography, as well. **Richard S. Haines** writes, "After 44 years as an Ocean County, New Jersey, trial attorney, I have purchased another residence in Naples, Florida. I have become engaged to my longtime soulmate, Christine. We still have our ski house in Vermont, where my daughter and grandson (age 5) love to spend some winter weekends with us." **Timothy R. Holder** and wife, Sue, of Herndon, Virginia, have adopted an 18-year-old Afghani girl who is studying English as a second language and aspires to be a teacher of Farsi or a lawyer. "Life starts at 70!" **Charles W. Kenrick**, Pittsburgh, played golf last September at Shinnecock with **Jerome F. Williams**, **Howard B. Edelstein** and **Stephen B. Wuori**. "We had a ball!" he writes. "**Steve Honig** joined us for dinner, Jerry was a terrific host, and I heard scores of fraternity stories. The Betas clearly had more fun in those times." **Eric W. Linder**, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, reports that after running his last homeless shelter (No. 21) and then helping finalize a church construction in the Dominican Republic, he returned home only to collapse with spinal stenosis. Six weeks in bed meant he missed the wedding of

Turning the Page

Brackett Denniston '69 brings impressive career as an attorney to chair of Kenyon College Board of Trustees.

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Convicting white-collar criminals and securing multi-billion-dollar global business deals fill the resume of Brackett Denniston III '69 as a lawyer. Helping secure Kenyon's future as a thriving college ranks high among his next challenges.

With felicitous timing, Denniston became chair of the Kenyon College Board of Trustees in July and retired as GE's general counsel and senior vice president at the end of 2015.

Much of his career has been about timing.

After graduating from Kenyon with a degree in political science, Denniston earned his law degree from Harvard Law School. He worked in private practice, then became a public servant in the mid-1980s, when he served as chief of the major frauds division for U.S. Attorney William F. Weld in Boston.

During Denniston's tenure, the office brought the first racketeering case in the context of defense fraud, charging Hybrid Components Inc., its chairman and a former vice president with falsifying tests on semiconductors used in weapons systems and the space shuttle. The two men were sentenced to prison and for the first time in a racketeering case, the company forfeited its stock to the government.

"We shut down and prosecuted the largest commodity-fraud scheme in history up to that point. We prosecuted a number of people, through an undercover operation, who were involved in stock manipulation," said Denniston.

These were "some truly evil people who were engaged in truly nasty behavior," he said.

Later, from 1993 to 1996, he served as chief legal counsel to Weld when he was Massachusetts governor.

Denniston then joined GE, rising to become general counsel, the company's chief lawyer, in 2004. GE is a manufacturer in industries such as health care, power generation and transportation. "What made GE a good fit for me is I like to learn, and there was endless learning," he said. "GE is a global business. My job was a perfect

intersection of law, policy, public relations, human resources, breaking technology, global issues."

Denniston put the learning into practice as the company faced two of its greatest challenges in recent years.

A decade ago, the company's GE Capital consumer and commercial lending operations contributed substantially to company profit, but as the Great Recession unfolded, GE profit dropped precipitously as the quality of its loans deteriorated. The company lost its coveted AAA credit rating, participated in a government program to support ailing financial institutions and negotiated a \$3 billion investment into the company by financier Warren Buffett. After that storm, GE decided to return to its industrial roots.

"In April of this year we announced a plan to radically diminish the size of GE Capital's financial business. It involves over \$200 billion worth of divestitures. That's the biggest divestment in financial history," Denniston said.

More recently, GE bought a large portion of Alstom, a major French industrial company, in a \$9.5 billion deal after extensive negotiations that included the French government. Alstom is a leading employer in France; its achievements include producing the TGV, France's high-speed train.

"One of the hardest challenges that I've ever had to work through," Denniston said of the purchase. "This company was considered one of the French crown jewels. It was very sensitive politically."

Since his retirement, Denniston, who resides in Fairfield, Connecticut, with his wife, Kathleen, is turning his focus to Kenyon, where he has served on the Alumni Council, as a trustee and as chair of the selection committee that recommended Sean Decatur to become Kenyon's 19th president in 2013.

As for his goals for the trustees and the College, Denniston said, "That's a collective question and exercise." It will be focused on the Kenyon 2020 plan, he said, including "the faculty-student relationship, small classes, open debate, defending the liberal arts but adapting the liberal arts to a new century, being contemporary."

The new fundraising campaign will be a big part of his tenure as board chairman. "We must insure as best we can the financial future of the College by building the endowment and being good stewards of the finances of the College."

— Bill Mayr

Daniel G. Hale Jr.'s son, but he is grateful to have lost 20 pounds and can now walk again. **Charles D. Maurer**, Seattle, who retired after 43 years of clinical psychology practice, reports that he and his wife, Carol, had a wonderful trip to southern Italy, and they plan to visit Ireland in March. **Jeffrey C. Northup** and his wife,

Cindy, have returned to Knox County after 37 years in Arizona and purchased a 159-year-old house on Gambier Street not far from the Public Square in Mount Vernon. Jeff took a position as chief medical officer at Knox Community Hospital. **Pierce E. Scranton** is "hard at work on getting a novel finished,

inspired at the 2014 Kenyon Review Novelists' Workshop." Grandfather of four, he lives with wife Elaine in Sammamish, Washington. **John D. Sinks**, Arlington, Virginia, was elected to membership in the Society of Cincinnati in June and re-elected genealogist general of the Sons of the American Revolution

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in July. **Robert Tait**, Columbus, Ohio, retired last year after nearly 43 years of law practice. “I’ve had a wonderful and fulfilling career with many highlights,” Bob writes, “including appearing before the Supreme Court. Donna, my wife of 47 years, and I are in reasonably good health, and our initial plan is to travel, mooching off of as many friends as possible and increasing visits with our three children and six grandchildren.” **Jack D. Train** writes that he and wife, Betsy, are loving Boston, their new home. “I’m in charge of an extensive renewal and restoration of the Christian Science Center here. Looking forward to the Kokosingers’ 50th when, as one of the Koke originals, I plan to join my fellow singers and make merry one more time.”

1969

Kenneth R. Abraham reports that he is enjoying running the nonprofit Citizens for Criminal Justice in Dover, Delaware. “Although not practicing law, I am specializing in preparing applications for pardons and sentence commutation.” **Richard Baker Jr.**, Maumee, Ohio, decided “Life is too short to work every day” and sold his half of the real estate company he has worked for since graduation. **Thomas Caceci** resigned from Virginia Tech’s veterinary college but continues to teach first-year M.D. students in Roanoke. **Stacy A. Evans** has been appointed by the West Ohio United Methodist bishop to a part-time two-church charge in Licking County, Ohio. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Granville. **Robert G. Fugitt**, who lives in Getzville, New York, with wife Lora writes, “Still working at least part time. Need to get out of the house, especially during the too-long winters.” **Peter D. Lawrason** continues to practice as an OB-GYN in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he lives with his wife, Tracy, and children Andrew, 16, and Addison, 13. His stepdaughter, Amy, is a senior at Grand Valley State, and his three older children live in Washington, D.C.; Bend, Oregon; and Cherry Hill, New Jersey. **Gregory D. Seeley**, Westlake, Ohio, writes: “This year’s news is a new granddaughter, Annabelle Rose: daughter to **Matthew K. Seeley ’93** and sister to **Benjamin G. Seeley ’18**.

1970s

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Donald L. Comis moved to Howard, Ohio, four years ago and enjoys living near Gambier with his wife, Helen. Training as one of Knox County’s first Ohio certified volunteer naturalists, he helped with a mastodon dig in central Ohio in 2014 and excavation of a rock shelter campsite last year. He’ll soon be leading schoolchildren on tours of the Brown Family Environmental Center, where he is a volunteer photographer. **Ron Ditmars**, Brooklyn, New York, visited three monasteries on Mount Athos in Greece on a research trip last fall and by chance landed in a four-week modern Greek course in Thessaloniki. **Daniel M. Epstein**, Baltimore, writes: “My book *Dawn to Twilight: New and Selected Poems* came out in October, a milestone in my life as a writer.” **Donald O. Mayer**, Boulder, Colorado, is “winding down his career” as a professor in the business ethics and legal studies department at the University of Denver, writing, “Oddly enough, I get to make use of my philosophy major while teaching business ethics to M.B.A.s.” **Anthony W. Olbrich** is safe and sound back in Boise, Idaho, with wife, Nancy, after completing the 500-mile Camino de Santiago pilgrimage across the Pyrenees into Spain. Calling it an “indescribable experience to take on this challenge and to achieve each daily goal,” Tony adds, “If any of our classmates think they’re too old to do this, think again. Men and women—especially women—in their mid-60s are the biggest demographic group on the Camino.” **J.D. “Pell” Osborn**, Charlestown, Massachusetts, is proud of his LineStorm Animation students at MIT, whose short science film *Six Simple Machines* took first place at the annual Made-at-MIT Media Spectacle. “Our very basic hand-drawn animation,” Pell writes, “beat out all the computer animation offerings!” You can watch the film on YouTube. **James A. Park III** and wife, Marilyn, sold their home and moved into their weekend lake house on the Clermont Chain of

Anthony W. Olbrich and his wife, Nancy, completed the 500-mile Camino de Santiago pilgrimage across the Pyrenees into Spain.

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Lakes about 25 miles west of Orlando, Florida. After 37 years in real estate development and institutional financing with Holland & Knight, Jim is transitioning to senior partner (active) status. **David Taylor** reports that after five years at a Princeton, New Jersey, biotech firm specializing in vaccines, he and wife, Joanne Dornan, moved to Bozeman, Montana—“our favorite place on Earth.” He serves as a medical officer designing clinical trials to introduce new vaccines in the developing world for a Seattle nonprofit called PATH.

1971

Peter W. Halapatz continues to work at Point Park University in Pittsburgh as a facilitator in the physical plant and as an advisor to the rugby team.

1972

David L. Bergman has published *The Poetry of Disturbance: The Discomforts of Post-War American Poetry* (Cambridge, 2015). Also, he is editing the 600-page *Cambridge History of American Gay Autobiography*, to which **Reed Woodhouse ’70** is a contributor. Dave teaches at Towson University in Baltimore, where he lives with partner, John Lessner. **Todd J. Rosenberg**, Akron, Ohio, writes that he and wife Diane represented Kenyon last summer at the 32nd annual conference of the Winston Churchill Society at Blenheim Palace in England: “A British history junkie’s dream!”

1973

Robert L. Cluster, Los Angeles, is “happily ensconced as the Keeper of the Words on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* in Hollywood,” he reports. “If, for reasons best kept to yourself, you miss the sounds of my voice,” he adds, find his radio interviews of comedy legends at

bobcluster.com. **Bruce W. Duncan** was named to the *Crain’s Chicago Business* 2015 Who’s Who in Chicago, a list of 542 Windy City “movers and shakers ... from Fortune 500 CEOs to philanthropists.” Bruce is president and CEO of First Industrial Realty Trust Inc. in Chicago, where he lives with his wife, Deborah. Bruce also serves as chairman of the board of Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide Inc. **Pegi Goodman**, Scarsdale, New York, dropped off daughter **Maia R. Leeds ’18** in Gambier at the New Apartments, she writes, “which — after 43 years — aren’t.” Pegi celebrated her 30th anniversary with husband, Greg Leeds, last November. **William R. Gorski** was featured in the *Becker’s Hospital Review* “100 Physician Leaders to Know” 2015 list for his work as president and CEO of SwedishAmerican, the largest home health-care agency in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. He and wife, Sue, live in Rockford, Illinois. **Ulysses B. Hammond** retired from Connecticut College in October after 16 years as vice president of administration. He and wife, Christine, live in Waterford. **Kurt Karakul**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, started an educational foundation connected with Third Federal Savings and Loan that leads a “cradle-to-career” education program in an impoverished Cleveland neighborhood. The Third Federal Foundation “has realized some remarkable successes in turning around failing schools,” Karakul wrote. **John A. Kirkpatrick III**, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, stepped down as president of LNP (Lancaster Newspapers) last July. Previously publisher and president of the *Patriot-News* in Harrisburg, he led the paper to its first Pulitzer Prize in 2012 for its coverage of the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal at Penn State. **Kay Koeninger**, Yellow Springs, Ohio, was recently honored as the distinguished faculty scholar at Sinclair College in Dayton. “First time

this award has been given," she writes, "inspiring me to keep teaching a few more years!" **Richard A. Lebolt** has left the suburbs of Chicago for Driggs, Idaho, on the west side of Grand Teton National Park, population 1,663. **Paul A. Makowski**, Charlotte, North Carolina, is managing director of the financial services advisory practice at Grant Thornton. His expertise in developing effective enterprise risk-management solutions led to his being hired away from BB&T, where he was chief risk officer in its mortgage division. He is married to **Sheryl Franklin Makowski '75**. **Christiana Russo Maxwell** and her husband, Richard, live on a farm outside Roanoke, Virginia, bordering the Appalachian Trail. Last year they took "an amazing 24-day trip around the world hitting many of our bucket-list spots." **William E. Morrissey**, Hillsdale, Michigan, attended a conference at the Sorbonne in Paris last September titled "Winston Churchill in Peace and War" to present his paper "What Churchill and de Gaulle Learned from the Great War." **Frances Babinec Norris** writes that she is "still working full time at Medical Mutual in Cleveland and looking forward to retiring in a few years. I have two beautiful horses that

keep me sane and help my grandkids keep me broke. Any Kenyon alumni or student horse lovers in the Cleveland area are welcome to come ride my mares." **Charles H. Semple III** and his wife, Susan, moved from Kentucky to Castle Rock, Colorado, in November to be closer to their son Sam. "I will not miss the torrid summers in the Ohio Valley," Chuck notes. **Thomas P. Stamp**, Kenyon's official obituarist, has been writing "a lot of final sendoffs lately as Gambier's older generation (even older than us) shuffles off this mortal coil." **Julia Miller Vick** is about to fully retire from her work as a career advisor at the University of Pennsylvania. Husband, **James W. Vick '74**, "continues working as a family doctor in Haddonfield, New Jersey, across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, where we live," she writes. "Our youngest, **David Vick '12**, in Los Angeles works on the NBC television show *Truth Be Told*."

1974

David S. Barrie consults on merger and acquisition activities and serves on the boards of several companies, including as chair at MFRI, a leading manufacturer of specialty insulated piping systems

with global sales of \$225 million. In more "fun news," Dave writes that he and wife Robyn divide their time between homes in Harbor Springs, Michigan, and Fernandina Beach, Florida, at both of which the "bars are always fully stocked. Classmates should feel free to stop by for a visit." **James E. Breece III**, still active in the Asian art market, last year traveled to Myanmar and had one of his pieces displayed in the Japanese galleries at the Art Institute of Chicago. Jim recently had a Cubs-versus-White Sox baseball and dinner outing with **John M. Himmel '73**, **Randolph Kent Harrison '73** and **Greg "the Wiz" Binns '73**. He reports no beer was consumed. **Edward A. Cohen**, Minneapolis, passed his first test and is now a member of the Guild of Master Sommeliers. "Watch for news of my upcoming site at wine-symposiums.com," he writes. "I am excited and eager to help anyone interested to demystify the world of wine." **Marianne Dwyer**, Portland, Oregon, is retired, bikes and kayaks often, and writes that she is "playing tennis as often as my knees can take it." She is the widow of **Christian Eberle**. **Wilder Gutterson III** and his partner, Declan, live in London, England. Last July, he reports, "I became a late onset eco-warrior with Greenpeace in a

new role as global philanthropy advisor. Amongst cool, bearded hipsters who indeed wear Birkenstocks and munch granola, I travel from London to provide advice, mentoring and training in countries where the battle against global degradation is most critical." **David R. Pasahow** and his wife, Clair Brooks, are building a house in the Texas Hill Country. "Retired," he writes, "but on boards and keeping busy." **Janet A. Bloss Shuff** enjoys the occasional cruise with retired husband, **Ronald F. Shuff**. "Taking lessons in *krav maga*," she writes, "a self-defense system developed for the military in Israel. I love it!" They reside in Southlake, Texas. **Lucy Brown Vinis** reports: "I am running for mayor of Eugene, Oregon, in May 2016." Check out her campaign at lucyvinis.com. **Katharine Dawson Widin** has retired after 17 years of solving forestry issues and saving trees as the arborist for Oak Park Heights, Minnesota, just outside the Twin Cities. An article in the *Stillwater Gazette* described how her time at Kenyon brought out her passion for the woods, which eventually led to a Ph.D. in biology and her long career in tree health. She and husband **Gregory P. Widin** will be further exploring the natural world in the Pacific Northwest and New Zealand.



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Rabbi Michelle Werner is in her 10th year of leading B'nai Israel Synagogue in Rochester, Minnesota.

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1976

Stephen W. Grant and his wife, Vina, have moved to Thomaston, Maine. "After 23.5 years in the heat and urban sprawl of Houston, Texas," Steve writes, "we've opted for the quieter, more wholesome life in rural Maine." After 39 years, **Mark P. Leonard** retired from First-Knox National Bank in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Pamela.

1977

Rosemary Williams Begley, Louisburg, Kansas, is "delighted" to be painting for Disney theme parks and the Disney cruise line, and "soon will be adding scenes from Disneyland." **Laurence G. Bousquet**, Syracuse, New York, has been included in the 2016 *Best Lawyers in America*. At the firm Bousquet Holstein, he practices in many areas of finance; with wife, Lauri, he is involved in a wide range of community service activities. **Michael A. Swiger**, Ashburn, Virginia, is a partner at Van Ness Feldman, the Washington, D.C., law firm he joined 29 years ago. An expert in energy and water projects, he writes, "Retirement is when they drag me out of here with my boots on!"

1978

Rabbi Michelle Werner is in her 10th year of leading B'nai Israel Synagogue in Rochester, Minnesota, where she also serves as the Jewish chaplain at the Mayo Clinic. She has founded a local organization of interfaith leaders there.

1979

Susan Fulton Talbott decided not to return to the classroom after a lengthy leave of absence, and so is volunteering with at-risk kids in an after-school tutoring program. With husband, **Richard B. Talbott '81**, she welcomes classmates to call them if they're ever in Fort Myers, Florida. **Stephen C. Zonars** has been appointed vice president of sales at the *Columbus Dispatch*, where he has worked for 23 years. He will oversee advertising sales and continue managing the paper's consumer shows. He chairs the board of the Salvation Army of Central Ohio and lives in Dublin, Ohio, with his wife, Patti. **Margaret Garland Whitman** remarried last year and is in her tenth year as an elementary school nurse in Baltimore. She writes that although her three children all chose Denison, she still takes a "quick jaunt" over to Gambier when she visits them.

1980s

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Drew A. Peterson, Del Mar, California, an orthopedic surgeon in San Diego, missed the 35th reunion last May to honor confirmation-ceremony commitments at his church. He writes, "I see **Thomas W. Chesnut** often at the Y in Encinitas and plan to get together at our cabin in Traverse City, Michigan, this summer with **Mike Svihra** and **Mark Thomay '79**."

1981

Michael J. Lindner took the oath of office last August to become a Fairfax County General District Court judge. He lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with wife Emily Guthrie. **Gregory S. Rikhoff** took over the position of director of operations for Lane County, Oregon, in September. Previously, he was assistant vice president and chief of staff to the president of the University of Oregon in Eugene. **Richard B. Talbott** and his wife, **Susan Fulton Talbott '79**, live in Fort Myers, Florida, where he is a pharmacist manager. He writes, "Still chasing the Frisbee on the ultimate field. Any friends in the area, say hello!"

1982

David L. Conrod writes that he's "still living in NYC with two boys and wife, Nina. Every now and then I run into some Kenyon alumni — **Alex Luchars**, **Walter "Conway" Cliff '83**, **Chris Morley '83**, **Rob Holmen '83**." **Stephen F.**

Hale writes: "**Dan Kopman '83** and I are approaching our 25th anniversary with Schlafly Beer/The Saint Louis Brewery, so stop by for a beer if you're ever in St. Louis." **Victoria J. Landau** reports that she and **Emily A. Nicholson Alexander** and **Pamela Sayre-Butt** have been holding mini-reunions, one of which involved an Alaskan cruise in 2014. "We often get together at my Ann Arbor home," Vicki says, "to eat great food, relax and talk about our menageries (human and feline). The laughter we share makes us feel like the Kenyon years happened yesterday."

Diane Gross Leifer celebrated her 20th year in Phoenix. "I continue to pursue my love of scuba diving," she writes. "If anyone's in town, give me a holler."

Lynne B. Roblin is in her fourth season as costume designer at Russell Sage College in Troy, New York. She loves working with students and is constantly learning new things and stretching her skills. **Saraellen Toulmin Sargent** lives with husband Tom in West Hartford, Connecticut, where she volunteers at a middle school for boys and stays active skiing, biking, hiking, swimming and doing yoga. "I am a part-time garden designer and have begun taking art classes at a local university," she writes, "following a passion I started at Kenyon." **Julia Williams Schlegel** writes that she and husband, Paul, are busy raising two children, Atticus (13) and Adia (11). "Starting a memoir

about my history of trauma and child abuse — trying to get it out of the shadow so it stops! If we all talked freely about our difficulties, the world would benefit a lot." **Jamie K. Moore Weeks** retired after 27 years in education and became a grandmother. "I've moved from the burbs into Atlanta," she writes, "near **Josephine Grant Lindsley**. Saw **Ed Witkin** and **Ellen Schraeder '83** recently, felt like we hadn't skipped a beat. Kenyon folks are like that."

1983

Kenneth E. Brill and **Catherine "Katya" Uroff Brill '87**, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, write that they've had a dream come true: Their son, **Henry B. Brill '19**, began his studies at Kenyon last fall. An assistant vice president at Mass Mutual, Ken celebrated his 11th anniversary there. Katya is a product marketing manager for Konica Minolta and had a short story published in *New Madrid* last year.

1984

Helen C. "Missy" Bemis, Skokie, Illinois, and husband, Peter Markland, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. She is in sales with GlaxoSmithKline.

1985

Harriet E. "Betsy" Hayes, an associate professor of sociology and department chair at Bridgewater College, now heads its division of humanities and social sciences in Bridgewater, Virginia. **Kirk W. Roessler** joined the Cleveland office of Walter Haverfield in its corporate transactions group. With wife, Beth, he lives in Avon, Ohio. **David R. Watson**, East Schodack, New York, executive director of the New York State Bar Association, has been elected to the New York Bar Foundation's board of directors.

1986

John F. Pollard, a Seattle entrepreneur who has founded and sold several high-tech companies, has joined Amazon.com as a director of "Amazon Answers, Customer Reviews, Star Ratings and a few other cool things," he reports. **E.W. "Gentry" Sayad**, a partner at Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton, co-chairs its Asia practice. "I remain based in Shanghai," he writes, "but travel regularly to the U.S. to visit our 15 offices across the country."

1987

Stephanie L. Abbajay reports she is “super busy ghostwriting books and running David Stine Woodworking, my husband’s custom furniture company. We schlep back and forth from our farm in Illinois, where the company is located, to our house in St. Louis, where Oskar (16) and Willa (12) attend school.” They shot a pilot for a TV show, which may appear this spring. **Margaret Deane Franko**, Denver, finished her Ph.D. in education last fall and is a senior research associate at the Butler Institute for Families, where she evaluates child- and family-serving programs. **Jessica Greenstein**, Highland, New York, and husband, Eric Hollman, are loving the experience of hosting an exchange student from Sweden. She writes, “Johan was very surprised when I mentioned that the former prime minister of Sweden, Olof Palme, had attended my college.” **Sue Reid Herring**, Boulder, Colorado, writes, “I’ve recently divorced and am heading back for another M.A., in occupational therapy ... a big change after staying home for 15 years raising my kids Jasper (16), Gaelyn (10) and Serena (10). Give a shout if you come to my neck of the woods.” **Mary Napier Hundt**, Malvern, Pennsylvania, is back to her maiden name, Hundt (McLoughlin before her divorce). To celebrate her “second 25th” birthday, six bands played a full day-to-night jam in her yard, nearly a dozen of whose members were Kenyon alums. **Peter B. Luther**, president and CEO of the health-care company Atrium Innovations, has been appointed to the board of the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the major charitable arm of soccer in this country. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with wife, Dina Skelley Luther. **Mavis MacNeil** married Glenn Godley in Washington, New Hampshire, on Sept. 2. “My nephew **Johnny MacNeil ’15** gave me away,” she reports, and her brother **John C. MacNeil ’80** was also present. “My family is fortunate Kenyon continues to be a part of our life in

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so many ways.” The couple resides in Putnam, Connecticut, where Mavis is a nurse practitioner.

1988

Lawrence J. Paolucci, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, was appointed to the bench of the Wayne County Probate Court, where he has worked for 11 years as alternate dispute resolution clerk, assisting with mediation. In January, **Peter H. Taylor** became president of the Berkshire Taconic Foundation in Sheffield, Massachusetts, a community foundation serving Berkshire County, Litchfield County in Connecticut, and Columbia and Dutchess counties in New York.

1989

Margaret A. Escherich Alexander writes that she is divorced and has taken a new last name — “my son’s middle name, to keep a name tie with him.” She and 10-year-old Lucien Hazel live in Eugene, Oregon. **Sonya Kane Bingaman**, Fair Oaks, California, manages a state agency advocating for people with developmental disabilities. She and **Paul C. Bingaman**, whose children are almost 18 and 15, write that they recently enjoyed staffing the Kenyon table at a local high school’s college fair: “It was fun to reconnect with all the wonderful reasons someone might want to attend Kenyon!” **Heather Garrison Bingham**, Arlington, Massachusetts, a home-visiting lactation consultant, writes, “I feel lucky to be doing something I love, visiting new families all over the greater Boston area, and I have a feeling my liberal arts background helped make that happen (though in a very circuitous kind of way).” **Kyla K. Carlson**, Bellevue, Washington, is a voracious reader and cross-fit enthusiast. She shared a New York visit with **Andrea Grant-Leffler** and **Elizabeth Voves Martin** last summer. **Frances V. Carr** joined Axia Consulting in Columbus,

Lawrence C. Grimm appeared in Chicago Shakespeare Theatre’s production of *The Tempest*.

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Ohio, where she met **Anthony T. Kopyar ’90**. She writes of a “soul-enriching weekend in September with **O’Bryan Broecker Worley**, **Liza Q. Wirtz**, **Nancy Robbins** and **Melissa Eager Craig ’91**. I have known these beauties for 30 years.” **Andrea L. Moore Cohen** was named best supporting actress at the 168 Film Festival for the movie *Riva*. She and husband, John, live in Dallas. **Lawrence C. Grimm** appeared in Chicago Shakespeare Theatre’s production of *The Tempest*, which included magic by the duo Penn & Teller, music by Tom Waits and movement by Pilobolus. **Susan F. Bloom Hudgins** is a reading tutor for kids with dyslexia. She lives in Richmond, Virginia, with husband William and sons **Houlder L. Hudgins ’18**, William, Wren and 11-year-old Porter, whom Susie home-schools. **Abbe Jacobsen Kopf** runs her own business as a health and wellness coach — see “Feed Your Hunger” on Facebook. **Gordon G. Loveland III** and **Lisa Parker Loveland**, Mount Vernon, Ohio, have two Kenyon students in their family. Gordon is director of laboratories for Kenyon’s physics and math departments, works with the cross country team and “wears a few other Kenyon hats,” he reports; Lisa teaches elementary school. **Brian Lucey**, Los Angeles, is mastering four records a week in every style: Chet Faker, the Arcs, Marilyn Manson, Arctic Monkeys and the Black Keys, for example. “Stop by the studio in Atwater if you’re in town,” he writes. **Anil Mammen** is doing political consulting in Washington, D.C., “gearing up for a busy election year,” she writes, “fighting for women, gays and higher taxes on all of you who make the big bucks. Let me know if you’re coming through D.C.” **Steven E. Mischler** was deployed to remote villages in Sierra Leone as part of the Centers for Disease Control response to the Ebola outbreak there. With wife, Shannon, and children William (19), Peter (15) and Eva (13), he lives in Pittsburgh. **David N. Rath** is president of Sts. Peter and Paul School

on the eastern shore of Maryland, overseeing both its elementary and high schools and doing development and fundraising. A former teacher, coach and principal, he is “glad to be back in Maryland” with his wife, Mary-Kay, and occasionally sees classmate **Nancy C. Robbins**, who also lives in Easton. **Scott P. Rosenberg**, Dayton, Ohio, writes: “Together with a class of students, I have started a new project called the Lesotho Nutrition Initiative, which will provide food and a nutritional supplement over the next three years to 3,000 orphans who suffer from malnutrition and stunting in the rural district of Mokhotlong, Lesotho.” **Christopher M. Toomey** has relocated to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, to run BASF’s automotive coatings division. “My wife of 23 years, Monica, and youngest children — 13 and 9 — are active in horse-show jumping, and we have a small business, Ascent Equestrian, developing European Warmblood sport horses,” he writes. **Mark K. Warford** now chairs the modern and classical languages department at Buffalo State College. Last September, he gave the keynote address at an international conference on educational technologies in Moscow, Russia. **Sarah Wilsman**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is the head of youth services and assistant manager of the Geauga County Public Library and enjoys reviewing books for national library publications.

1990s

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Joseph C. Bline is now the athletic director of Grandview Heights High School in central Ohio. Joe lives in New Albany, Ohio, with wife, Eileen. **Tonia Lessani-Lutch**, Menlo Park, California, has a rewarding part-time, hospital-based medical practice. She and husband, Ben, have three children, ages 8, 10 and 12. “Met up with **Sebastian**

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“I’m still biking, skiing and rabbi-ing in beautiful Colorado.”

—RABBI BENJAMIN L. “JAMIE” ARNOLD

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Fernandez and hope to connect with more of my Kenyon friends in the future.” **Michele L. Petrucci**, director of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Office of International Education for 19 years and now assistant vice president for international education and global engagement, has been named one of six U.S. Global Dialogue Fellows. Partnering with a university leader from the University of Zanzibar, Tanzania, will be a good fit, she writes: “It’s a reconnection with my African past when I spent one year teaching in the Peace Corps in Botswana and nearly six years of living, working and studying in South Africa.”

1991

Whitney L. Balliett Jr. is a chemical-dependency clinician and therapist helping people who suffer from mental health and substance abuse issues. He lives with his wife and two dogs in Woodbury, Connecticut. **J. Chalmers “Chal” Browne**, who is responsible for the hiring systems at Google, was named president of the board of TADA! Youth Theater in New York City, where he lives with wife, Sarah Hemings Browne. “I love TADA!” he writes, “because its mission combines so many things I care about: keeping arts in education, developing young audiences for theater, providing a safe space for teens to learn who they are, and challenging talented kids to perform at a professional level.”

1992

Rabbi Benjamin L. “Jamie” Arnold writes he is “still biking, skiing and rabbi-ing in beautiful Colorado.” He and wife, **Marti M. Kunst ’90**, live in Evergreen. He started a new blog:

Elijahschair.com.” **Robert F. Voth**, Richfield, Ohio, who has spent 16 years in senior leadership roles across North America and in Europe, joined the financial services team of Russell Reynolds Associates, a global leader in assessment, recruitment and succession planning for executives.

1993

A new CD by trumpeter **Gabriel A. Alegria** (gabrielalegria.com) and his Afro-Peruvian Sextet came out last fall. Titled *10*, it celebrates the group’s decade of musical innovation. Holding court at the legendary Zinc Bar in the West Village, Alegria unites “jazz musicians with eminent Peruvian musicians, and we’re the glue that holds it together,” he writes. He lives with his partner, Gabrielle Foss, in Brooklyn. **Brian J. Bortz** and **Laura L. Harwood ’91**, Terrace Park, Ohio, celebrated their 14th anniversary together. He writes that they are “neck deep” in hockey with their three children ages 12, 10 and 8. **Allison Hillberg Bunker**, Larkspur, California, and husband, Chris, have a 1-year-old boy, Alden Woods Bunker, “who is so much fun,” she writes. “We left San Francisco for the greener pastures of Marin and are having a great time exploring all the amazing trails up here.” **Jennifer A. Carter** is now director of sport psychology at the Ohio State University Sports Medicine Center. She reports being “psyched to return to Kenyon for a volleyball reunion last October, followed by the release of *Aced*, the second novel in my college volleyball romance series last December.” **John D. Clark**, wife, Georgeann, and their two children, Amelia (11) and Grant (7), moved to Greenville, South Carolina, where John runs a planned giving program for

the YMCA to build its endowment.

Edward C. Curtis IV is co-editor of a new Pennsylvania State University Press book series on African religions, which will “emphasize the translocal nature of African religions across national, regional and hemispheric boundaries.” Edward is a professor of religious studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. **Rhonda Baker Debevec**, Mentor, Ohio, reports, “After years of my only exciting news being the births of my two great kids, Adam (14) and Rachel (11), I have something truly exciting to share: Last February, after almost 18 years at my old firm, I started a new firm in Cleveland — the Debevec Law Firm. I am proud and excited and welcome anyone to stop by!” **Paul J. Haaland**, Silver Spring, Maryland, is COO of a trade association in the Washington, D.C., area and with wife, Betty, enjoys watching Dylan (13) and Dyson (10) play soccer and basketball. He adds, “Turning 30 was fairly traumatic, turning 40 was anticlimactic; the only question I have when I turn 50 is whether I will still have hair!” **Elizabeth C. King Lofuto** had twins last April: Oscar and Daphne. “Our son Cyrus turns 3 soon, so life is very busy but a lot of fun.” She and husband, Gui, live in a restored Victorian home in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and welcome visitors. **Melissa A. Lord**, Fairport, New York, joined the Rochester office of the Martin Group as account director of the advertising, branding and public relations firm. She is married to Mathias Holzhaecker. **Trish Segal Piliado** works in Vancouver, Washington, at Columbia River High School, which offers an international baccalaureate program, so she hopes to recruit some students to apply to Kenyon this year. She and husband, Tito, live in Portland, Oregon. **Blake A. Taylor** and his band 46 Long played the Midpoint Music Festival last year, gave a presentation on writing about poetry at the College Board National Forum in November, and became a reader (scorer) of the AP English Literature Exam. He and wife, **Kristina Vitz Taylor**, live in Cincinnati, where Krista rose above all

other teachers in the Cincinnati public schools to win the 2014–15 Lawrence C. Hankins Educator of the Year Award. She writes, “Won a ton of money that I didn’t deserve. Tripped up the stairs to the stage. Gave away the check and then all of a sudden people thought I was worth talking about and they named a day after me—which is weird.” Krista handed over her \$10,000 teaching excellence award to her school to fund an eighth-grade trip to a Florida Keys marine biology research facility. **Suzanne A. Miller Taylor** and husband Sean work at Nike as program and portfolio managers in Portland, Oregon.

1994

Julian L. Boxenbaum is “swamped” with running his architecture/product design studio, BUZstudios, and live event series, LucidNYC, along with teaching at Carnegie Mellon’s Integrated Innovation Institute and leading the launch of its new Brooklyn campus. He and wife, Alessandra, who just graduated from law school, moved three doors down in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. Last June, **Martina E. Faulkner**, Wilmette, Illinois, published *What If? How to Create the Life You Want Using the Power of Possibility* and did a book tour down the East Coast, to Houston and Chicago, and will continue on the West Coast and Colorado this year. **Susan B. Grossman** lives with partner, Diyan Achjadi, in Vancouver, Canada, where she directs the Centre for Community Engaged Learning at the University of British Columbia. She writes that for three years she has been a Canadian citizen “who still hasn’t mastered Canadian spelling!” **Jessica A. Berkowitz Minier**, Roswell, Georgia, and husband, Mark, founded a company called CARE (College Athletic Recruiting Educators) Recruits. They assist student-athletes and their families with college searches, recruitment and financial planning. Five-year-old twins Ethan and Austin have already been competing in swim meets for two years. **Claire Laverge Pettitt** and

Blake A. Taylor played last year’s Midpoint Music Festival with his band 46 Long.

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husband Pete live with two kids and two dogs in San Francisco. She and her cousin recently completed a hiking and horseback riding trip in western Mongolia in and around Altai Tavan Bogd National Park. “Mind-blowingly beautiful and vast,” she writes, “it had the added bonus of being a mental vacation by being completely off the grid and unplugged for two weeks.” **Michael P. Rutter** reports, “It’s all coming up threes: My twin girls are three and a half, I am three years into my newish gig at HarvardX (open online courses and more) — and good Lord, I’m 43 for a few more months.” **Scott C. Sherman**, Chicago, is in his 16th year in emergency medicine at County Hospital, to which he rides his bike. He and wife, Michelle, have two sons, Mason (9) and Colin (5). **Alfred C. Snyder** and **Katie Usher Snyder**, both Seattle public school teachers, were active in last fall’s teacher strike. With Eleanore (13) and Turner (10), they went camping twice last summer with **Kenneth ’95** and **Sarah ’93 Gimbel-Sherr**, **Nicholas W.** and **Joie C. Monteforte Einstein**, and sister **Jennifer Usher Anderson**. **Ravana Wijeyeratne** and his wife, Ayesha, manage a mid-sized financial institution with a staff of 220 in Hantana, Sri Lanka. He was appointed by the French Foreign Ministry to handle its interest there in the Kandy region.

1995

Rachel E. Balkcom opened a Montessori high school in Denver last fall; it grew out of her existing middle school. “We have a working urban farm” there, she writes. “I’ve never gotten over the indoctrination of the Family Farm Project!” **Julie Hill Barton** is “doggone elated” that her acclaimed memoir, *Dog Medicine*, came out in November: “My first few years away from Gambier were rough — so rough I ended up collapsing when I was living in Manhattan, severely depressed and suicidal.” Her book is about “the astonishing way animals can heal even the most broken hearts and minds.” She and husband, Gregory, live in Piedmont, California. **Atieno Fisher Bird** and husband, Shawn, will be leaving Washington, D.C., for Crozet, Virginia, this spring. “Should be fine,” she notes. “Look what happened the last time I picked a spot based on the bucolic rural environment.” **Samantha Carey**, New York City, is a partner at Hedwick & Struggles, working out of Denver and New York recruiting

health-care professionals. Named to *Businessweek’s* “World’s Most Influential Headhunters” list, Carey also serves on the board of Pact, a nonprofit that helps to solve systemic issues that keep people in poverty. **Jesse N. Dougherty** is now head of the Green Vale School on the north shore of Long Island. His three children attend the school. Along with wife **Rebecca Harper Dougherty ’96**, who practices internal medicine, they all live on its campus in Glen Head, New York. **J. David Hicks**, Bristol, Tennessee, offers the following advice: “If you ever want to intensify your prayer life, just wait until you have a kid driving.” David completed his first

Ironman triathlon in Augusta, Georgia, by “channeling his inner Kenyon persona to complete the 1.2-mile swim,” finishing all three legs in five hours and 23 minutes. **Alice Mulvaney Link** and husband Lt. Col. Ryan A. Link, have moved again — this time back to the D.C. area. She writes, “My girls, Ellery, Megan and Sophia, are in fourth grade this year. This past summer, we visited Kenyon on our way across the country and it was [both] the same and totally different! My girls thought Peirce looked like Hogwarts!” **Spencer W. Parsons**, Chicago, was promoted to associate professor at Northwestern University in the Department of Radio-TV-Film. “My

short film, *Bite Radius*, has made the rounds of the film festivals,” he reports, “and in one case, so moved an audience member that he threatened smashing a beer glass in my face during post-screening Q&A, demanding ‘Explain yourself.’” **Katharine Rucker Sears** has completed a Navy tour in Jacksonville, Florida, overseeing 144 sailors working on six P3-C aircraft, and in October moved to Newport, Rhode Island, to begin a master’s program at the U.S. Naval War College. She reports being in a bit of shock from the cold weather, which she greatly dislikes, though Newport is beautiful. **Megan Sheldon** teaches elementary school in Montpelier, Vermont. About

Health, Happiness, Wellness

Karen Scott ’98 makes a mid-career shift to address reproductive justice in health care.

’98

A Kenyon course in the biology of female sexuality triggered a career in reproductive public health for Karen Scott ’98.

Scott, an OB/GYN, is a sexually transmitted disease fellow in the department of family and community medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. In 2017, she hopes to receive a master’s degree in applied epidemiology from Emory University, which she attends online.

“At the core, I’m a reproductive justice warrior,” she said. But her path to becoming a reproductive health advocate wasn’t exactly a straight one.

As a girl growing up in an impoverished section of Nashville, Scott dreamed big. “I was going to sequence the human genome,” she recalled. With visions of RNA, DNA and proteins dancing before her, she declared her major in molecular biology soon after arriving at Kenyon.

This early focus didn’t stop Scott from exploring other interests, however. She was a member of the Owl Creeks a cappella group and took full advantage of Kenyon’s liberal arts curriculum. She enrolled in a course on the biology of female sexuality that ultimately led her to rethink her intended career path. “We explored how societal and structural barriers negatively impact the health outcomes of marginalized communities,” she said. “I began to see medicine as the final frontier in terms of inequality and inequity, and I felt compelled to disrupt those systems.”

Scott’s interest in women’s health continued during medical school at Case Western Reserve University, but she nearly quit during her first year as an OB/GYN at a community-based hospital in Chicago. She felt hampered by her profession’s focus on the individual outside of social context, especially when so many of the issues she saw — teen pregnancy, lack of prenatal care, preterm births — originated in longstanding health disparities.

In 2009, Scott took action to help address these concerns, founding the Young Women’s Health Initiative to provide care and support for low-income adolescents

navigating pregnancy and parenting. Through her outreach, Scott also became involved with the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH), a network that advocates for the sexual and reproductive rights of youth.

“You can’t transform health care on your own,” she said. “This is a community process.”

As chair of ICAH’s board of directors, Scott led training to better assist health care practitioners in understanding the needs of their young patients. Her passion for the work eventually inspired another career shift into public health, leading her to work toward her degree in applied epidemiology.

“I’m examining the distribution and social determinants of STD disparity and equity — taking into account the relationships and institutionalized barriers that can either restrict or support a population’s pursuit of health, happiness and wellness,” Scott said.

The CDC-funded position, a collaboration with the California Department of Public Health and the California Prevention Training Center, combines research, evaluation, community development and provider training. In other words, it’s a perfect fit for Scott.

“This environment actually reminds me of Kenyon because I’m thinking critically about issues and creating space for people to share their opinions,” she said.

—Kelsey Rotwein Schagemann ’06



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“I graduated at the ripe old age of 40 with my degree in culinary arts.”

—KATE NAVE THOMS

'97

the 20th reunion, she writes, “I’m so proud of us for turning into my favorite kind of grownups: people who are easygoing and friendly with each other, who take good care of our children and the world, who are still working to become the best possible versions of ourselves.” Last fall, **Sejal Sutaria** began a Marie Curie Fellowship in the English Department at King’s College London, a city she finds “vibrant with diversity and madly energetic.” She has met the Kenyon Exeter students, “who seemed to be enjoying their experience as much as we did,” she adds. **Katherine H. Terrell** completed her book manuscript on medieval Scottish chronicles and poetry. Between research and writing, teaching and shepherding Matilda (7) and Simon (3) through their adventures, she is “completely overscheduled—but with many really fun things.” She and **Thomas A. Knauer '94** live in Utica, New York. **Daniel “Matt” Voorhies** loves his funny, cool, chatty 4-year-old Nick but worries whether Nick’s teenage years will resemble his dad’s.

1996

Jennifer E. Wellman Wason, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is now a technical writer and editor for SHAKER, the market leader in “virtual job tryout” simulations for pre-employment testing.

1997

Maeghan L. Jones heads the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, where she lives with husband, **Kirk S. Zigler '96**, a biology professor at Sewanee: the University of the South. She has been a leader at many nonprofit organizations, most recently the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. They have a son, Oliver. **Kate Nave Thoms**, East Lyme, Connecticut, graduated “at the ripe old age of 40 with my degree in

culinary arts from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island,” she reports. Next up, with husband **R. Justin Thoms '98**—the college search with teenage twin daughters Georgia and Alexandra.

1998

Derek R. Cooney, Manlius, New York, was chosen as the 2015 central New York emergency physician of excellence. He also serves as the SWAT team physician for the Syracuse Police Department and as chief medical officer for Mercy Flight Central, a critical-care air service in central New York state, where he lives with his wife, Norma. **MacAdam J. “Mac” Glinn** is now a senior vice president at Skanska USA Building, the second largest construction and development company by revenue in the U.S. With wife, Denise, he lives in Miami Shores, Florida. **Nathaniel McDonald** has been elected president of Montessori High School at University Circle in Cleveland. He and his wife, **Karen S. Babb McDonald**, live in South Euclid, Ohio. **Christopher L. Schilling** is a mortgage officer in the New York City office of the Community Preservation Corp. Chris will lead mortgage officers in the field as they grow the company’s Freddie Mac small-balance loan portfolio. He and **Alessandra M. Lacavaro** are married and live in Brooklyn.

1999

Nader M. Qaimari, Palatine, Illinois, has been promoted to executive vice president of Follett Corp. and will lead Follett School Solutions, the largest provider of educational materials and technology solutions to pre-K-12 libraries, classrooms and school districts in the United States. He’ll soon complete his University of Michigan M.B.A.

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Amanda L. “Amy” Kasten Bresie lives with husband, Eric, in Irving, Texas, where she teaches history at Greenhill School. She reports fellow Kenyon alumni working there are **Mike Jenks '95**, **Greg Browne-Nichols '05**, **Jack Fisher '00**, **Erin Ginsburg '15** and **Anna Wolley '09**. “We have mini-Kenyon reunions all around campus,” she adds. **Scott G. Carney** gave a talk at TEDx Boulder about “how the search for enlightenment isn’t always safe,” he reports. “Also launched wordrates.com, a website to help journalists navigate the publishing industry.” He is a senior fellow at the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism in Denver. **Emily Atwood Costello** and husband Christopher, Oak Park, Illinois, welcomed twin sons in December 2014. “Matthew and Timothy were born two months early,” she writes, “but after a two-month NICU stay they are thriving.” She returned to her job in the conflicts of interest department at the firm of Winston & Strawn in downtown Chicago and loves being a working mom. Last fall, **Rebecca White Newgren** became the pastor of Second Congregational/First Presbyterian Church in downtown Rockford, Illinois. When the two churches unified, they made Newgren their first pastor “to plan and figure out the future, to lock us in to wherever God is leading us,” she writes. She and husband, Andrew, have two daughters, Anneke, 6, and Nora, 2. **Erin E. Wimmers Wilson** is an associate professor of chemistry at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Her husband is **Mark V. Wilson**. **Marcela Zacarias** is a visual artist working on a big commission for a boutique hotel in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York, where she lives with **Weston C. Pew '02**, whom she married in 2014. Twenty-seven Kenyon alumni went to Montana to help celebrate the wedding.

2001

Bryan J. Auchterlonie writes that he and his wife, Sarah, are raising “two energetic boys, Graham (6) and Nathan (2).” They recently finished a whole-home remodeling of their 1930s bungalow in Arlington, Virginia. Bryan still works at East-West Financial Services, a boutique investment bank, and last year hosted **Peter M. Orlos '18** during spring-break job shadow. In October, **Emily Guy Birken** published her second book, *Choose Your Retirement: Find the Right Path to Your New Adventure*, with Adams Media. She lives with husband, Jayme, in Lafayette, Indiana. **Sister Jeana M. Visel** was appointed dean of the School of Theology programs and director of graduate theology programs at Saint Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. She traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, last year to teach monastic art to cloistered nuns there, and will publish her book *Icons in the Western Church* this spring.

2002

Eleanna Anagnos, Brooklyn, New York, is making art that she sells out of her studio and displaying some of it in shows and galleries; see it at cleanna.com. **Alexander S. “Sandy” Bryant** completed the “Jack and Back” 150-mile bike ride in October to raise money for multiple sclerosis. Assistant director of development at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School, Sandy writes that he “would love to meet up with any Kenyon classmates and alumni in the Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Memphis areas.” **John T. Chiavaroli** has joined Williston Northampton School in Northampton, Massachusetts, as a history teacher, sports information director and head coach of its boys’ varsity soccer program. **Caitlin L. Chun-Kennedy**, who defended her dissertation last fall in State College, Pennsylvania, celebrated an August wedding to Tom Spencer. Many Kenyon alumni were in attendance. After nine years in Minneapolis, **Danielle Hurley Dancer** has moved to Houston with husband,

Rebecca White Newgren became the pastor of Second Congregational/First Presbyterian Church in Rockford, Illinois.

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Chason and daughters Romelie (8) and Coraline (5) to work at the Children's Museum of Houston. "Looking forward to warmer winters," she writes. Future Kenyon alumna Eleanor Acinapura '35, daughter of **Elizabeth L. Dyer** and **Gabriel R. Acinapura**, celebrated her first birthday in September. They reside in Chicago. **Marian L. Frazer** and husband, Craig First, Saint Peter, Minnesota, celebrated the birth of daughter Bianca last May. **Margaret Y. Gilbert** reports: "Still living in Santiago, Chile, with husband, Victor, and two children — Sebastian (6) and Magdalena (3). Working in EFL teacher development programs in the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile." **Hilary L. Hodge** was promoted to senior associate vice chancellor of adult education at City College of Chicago. She oversees 30,000 students earning their GED and learning English. **Meredith A. Wilson Montgomery** and **Joshua H. Montgomery** report that Mays, their 6-year-old, is adjusting well to the addition of little brother, Thatch. They reside in Fairhope, Alabama, where Josh heads the History Department at Bayside Academy and Meredith publishes *Natural Awakenings*, a local green-living magazine. **Cathleen C. "Cate" Norian** was married on Nov. 7 in Santa Barbara, California. **Sarah L. Welch** and **Maureen C. Collins '03** were bridesmaids and a "whole crew from the Hill" attended, she reports. **Sister Ann M. O'Reilly** is in her 13th year as a cloistered Dominican nun at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in North Guilford, Connecticut. Her Cincinnati parents write, "I'm sure there are other alumni parents who wish their child had taken a vow of absolute poverty!" **James K. Reinhardt** and wife, Aleksandra, of Clarksburg, Maryland, write that sons James (6) and Henry (3) have been joined by Aurelia Zofia Reinhardt, born July 24. **Zachary M. Rose**, who lives in Chicago with wife, Emily, bought and renovated a 50,000-square-foot building, where he continues designing and building intriguing classic furniture. See it at zakrose.com. In July, **Adam A. Sapp** became director of admissions at Pomona College. "I'm thrilled to be back in Los Angeles again," he writes, "and welcome anyone to be in touch if they're in town!" **Margaret Scavotto** and husband, Ryan Musbickel, welcomed their second daughter, Caroline Gloria, on July 6 in St. Louis. "Thanks to her Kenyon onesie," they write, "we know purple is Carrie's color." They look

forward to a family trip to the Hill someday with sister Genevieve (2). On May 21, **E. William Towers Jr.** and wife, Anne, of Naples, Florida, "joined the baby clan," he writes. "Jacob William Towers is a big, healthy, happy boy ... sleeping through the night, which makes Mom and Dad very happy." **Miriam Ellen Walden** and **Philip A. Stephenson**, of Long Island City, New York, welcomed a son, Alexander William, on May 25, 2014. Phil teaches at Lawrence Woodmere Academy and Miriam at Ramaz Middle School. They return to the Hill each August to teach incoming first-year students in the "Writing and Thinking" pre-orientation program. **Dana L. Whitley** started graduate school last fall at George Mason University, working toward a master's in public administration.

2003

Katherine C. Murray and **A. Curtis Reis '02** are "loving life" in Brooklyn, New York, with 1-year-old Nick and his brother, Charlie. **3. Natalie Philpot Pergament**, husband Jason and two children relocated to Manchester, Vermont, where she teaches fourth grade at Maple Street School, an independent day school. **Ann Weinheimer Johnson** and husband, Gregory, moved to Ithaca, New York, where they had met while in veterinary school together. Their second child, Alice, was born last March. Ann is working part-time doing general practice, acupuncture and pain management in small animals.

2004

Kirk B. Alexander, Portland, Oregon, runs the movie review website catvskirk.com. **Eugene T. "Trey" Blair III** and **Katherine E. Lee Blair**, of Fort Worth, Texas, welcomed their second child, Thomas Rhodes, on June 27. **Phoebe L. Cohen**, a paramedic in Stuart, Florida, is raising her 4-year-old son Roy, with whom she recently completed a 2,000-mile road trip up to Massachusetts and back "without a hitch." **Pete Collier** moved from the Bay Area to Sedgwick, Maine, with wife, Pierian, and son Jethro. He works for Blue Hill Heritage Trust, a land-conservation nonprofit, and invites classmates to visit for a "peaceful float in a kayak." **Cynthia A. Cunningham** writes that she made a "very bittersweet move" last year by departing the world of public policy and nonprofits for private practice in real estate, estate planning and

"Thanks to her Kenyon onesie, we know purple is Carrie's color."

'02

—MARGARET SCAVOTTO, ON HER INFANT DAUGHTER, CAROLINE

small-business law with Murray, Rauzi & Kidwell in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She has returned to live in Knox County with husband, James Sulzer, daughter Matilda (2) and their dog, Phil. **Jennifer R. Feeney**, who is an account director at FreemanXP, will wed Tom Sullivan in San Francisco this April. On Feb. 15, 2015, **Elizabeth Kelly Freeman** and husband, Ned, welcomed their daughter, Susie Scudder Freeman, who is "quite the lady." They live in Denver. **David J. Gold** and **Kathryn S. Oczkowski '05** of Chicago had a son, Joshua, on Sept. 9. **David R.H. Handy** and **Anna C. Bierlein Handy** are happily settled in Brooklyn with Ella (4) and Calvin (2), having moved down the street to Carroll Gardens, where they hope to see **Emma S. Patterson** and husband, Chris, often. Anna works at Christie's and Dave at Bloomberg. **George C. Herryty** completed his Ph.D. and is doing a post-doc at Duquesne University's Counseling and Wellbeing Center in Pittsburgh. **Amanda F. Hollander** completed her Ph.D. in Victorian literature and teaches at UCLA. She sold her first children's book, *Petra*, to Simon & Schuster last June. **Joanna L. Jacobsen** is engaged to Ian Lloyd, who "went to Virginia Tech, not Kenyon, but I love him," she reports. She now works for Discovery Communications as a media logistics project manager at the Science Channel. **Jennifer A. Judson**, a land warfare reporter for *Defense News*, writes "After a year at Politico trapped within the Beltway, I'm happy that my new job allows me to travel around the country and the world getting to know the inner workings of ground forces everywhere." **Leeman Tarpley Kessler** and **Rachel C. Kessler** returned to the Hill with daughter, Amanda, and dog, Bilbo, last year when Rachel became priest of Harcourt Parish and Kenyon's chaplain. Leeman, meanwhile, continues to take his Web series "Ask Lovecraft" to horror conventions. **Randolph R. "Robbie" Ketcham** and his wife, the Rev. Kelley Baxter, of

Defiance, Ohio, have a daughter, Abigail Grace, born Aug. 3. **Bryan C. Stokes '05** is one of Abby's godparents. On June 6, **Jeremy A. Lavine** married Lisa Wickert in Madison, Wisconsin, with **Michael W. Inlander** presiding. **Rabbi Adam S. Lavitt** is now the Jewish chaplain at Swarthmore College in Philadelphia. **Adam G. Lazarus's** fourth nonfiction sports book, *Hail to the Redskins* (William Morrow), was featured in the *Washington Post* and *USA Today*. Twins Aaron and Benjamin (2) have no interest in his fantasy football team, which defeated **Tom Gilberson's** team and competed against **Kris Cheney '02** in October. **James M. Lewis III**, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, reports: "Rachel and I took two rescue cats (Gaston and GiGi) into our home. A great joy for Rachel and — as all those who know me could probably predict — a bit of a challenge for me." At Virginia Wesleyan College in Virginia Beach, Virginia, **Taryn A. Myers** is in her sixth year as an assistant professor of psychology and preparing to go up for tenure. Her chapter "Feminist Theories of Eating Disorders" was published in the *Wiley Handbook of Eating Disorders*, co-edited by faculty emeriti Michael Levine and Linda Smolak. She is married to **Brian D. Schiller '05**. **James R. Moro** is a network engineer at Data Network Group in Boulder, Colorado, and runs a wedding and photography business in his spare time. **Madeline S. Polton** and husband, Paul, welcomed Sadie Florence Criscuolo to their home in Brooklyn on Sept. 20. Last summer, the National Alliance for Musical Theatre (NAMT) selected as one of eight new musicals (out of 223 submissions) *The Last Queen of Canaan*, for which **Harrison D. Rivers**, St. Paul, Minnesota, wrote the book. Set in 1937 rural Virginia, the musical portrays a confrontation among three women in what NAMT calls "part Americana, part magic realism, part coming-of-age ... a show that is all heart ... rendered with imagination

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and haunting originality.” **Alexander T. Simpson** married Carter Coker in Cashiers, North Carolina. **Mary W. Thuell** launched Legacy Law Firm PLLC to provide estate planning and small-business planning to young families and entrepreneurs in Washington, D.C., and Maryland. **Yuliya N. Yoncheva**, a research scientist at NYU’s Child Study Center, is studying attention, learning and reward-processing using noninvasive neuroimaging techniques.

2005

Derick M. Busenberg has left his other alma mater, East Knox High School, to become the principal of Johnstown-Monroe High School, just south of Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Jessica. Their sons are Zach (7), Alex (3) and Parker, who was born last fall. Derick also sits on the board of the Kokosing Gap Trail. **Benjamin A. Golden**, Mount Kisco, New York, owns Golden Vines, a wine importing company whose wares can be found all over NYC—see golden-vines.com for details. **Lindsey McCabe Junkin** and Eric Charles Henry were married in New Haven, Connecticut, on Aug. 22. They live in New York City. **Rachel Armstrong Kolar** and **Thomas A. Kolar**, Laurel, Maryland, report that Billy and Liza are 5 and 3, with Billy “proving his future geek credentials with his encyclopedic knowledge of *Doctor Who*.” **Susan Campriello Moore**, Sandia Park, New Mexico, married Branden Moore in New York on May 16, 2015. Susan works in the marketing department of an independent New Mexico hotel company.

2006

Molly S. Murray is in her third year of running her company, Wake Robin Fermented Foods, and reports that “business is going great. Living in Cleveland ain’t half bad, either.”

2007

Hannah M. Garfinkle Margolis and husband, Benjamin, have bought an old house in Silver Spring, Maryland. “Receiving quite the education in home ownership,” she writes. **Emily C. Martyn** works as a midwife at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital in Vermont — the hospital in which she was born.

2008

Christopher M.M. Audain is a program officer at Alphawood Foundation, a Chicago-based grant-making private foundation working toward an equitable, just and humane society. Last May, **Andrew J. Berger** completed his Ohio State University Ph.D. in physics and moved to Colorado with girlfriend, Maggie, to do research as a postdoc at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder. **Marc E. Christian** will marry Melissa Kern this coming Labor Day weekend. In his second year of doctoral work at Penn studying higher education, he continues to coach the men’s and women’s swim teams. **Shea M. Davis** has moved back to Columbus to teach English at the Columbus School for Girls. **Rachel S. Dickson** continues working on documentaries in Chicago with Kartemquin Films, whose film

The Trials of Muhammad Ali won an Emmy in September. She toured the White House and Virginia wine country last fall with **Nina Chaudhary** and **Elizabeth Trenga ’07** before visiting family with her husband in Medellin, Colombia. **Robert A. Dignazio** left his job as head lacrosse coach at Beloit College to become the Macalester College athletic department’s recruiting coordinator. **Noah V. Flessel** is based in Tunisia and working on political transition and community stabilization in eastern Libya. **Anna K. Livak Hale** and her husband, Eric, celebrated their second wedding anniversary by buying a house in the Bay Area. She is an employee-assistance specialist with Optum Health, serving Wells Fargo employees. **Ariel O. Helfer** is a newly minted political science Ph.D. and now a visiting assistant professor at Michigan State University. **W. Neil Johnston** is a resident director at a residence hall for first-year students at Pitt, where he feels lucky to be interacting with students every day. He completed his master’s degree in education last April. **Joseph A. Kanengiser** is a therapist for an organization that offers mental health services to the homeless community in Los Angeles; he has completed his master’s in social work. **Alexander C. Kerr**, Washington, D.C., is director of strategic marketing at Monumental Sports and Entertainment. **Colin W. Maguire**, Lansing, Michigan, connected with **Phil Porter ’74**, director of Mackinac State Historic Parks, during a visit to the Lansing Rotary Club. With wife, Ashley, Colin attended the wedding of **John J. Gilsenan** and **Jenna L. Simpson ’09** in Rochester, New York, on Oct. 3, along with many other alumni. **Anthony C. Masterson**, Los Angeles, works for STATS, LLC as a researcher providing stats and info for studio shows on Fox Sports 1. He represented that network at the 2015 World Series as its lead major-league baseball researcher. For Long Beach State men’s basketball, he provides full-time radio play-by-play. **Isaac Miller**, Piedmont, Oklahoma, reports: “After years of ignoring the call, I left the world of raw juice pressing in Seattle and returned to the land of my roots in Oklahoma to become a teacher.” He works at an alternative charter school and also as a substitute teacher at a public high school. **Michael J. Northcutt**, a resident at University Hospital in Cincinnati, enjoyed catching up with Kenyon friends at **David**

“**Alex**” **Rinehart’s** and **Kyle T. Packers’** wedding weekends. **Emily J. Kliever Parliman** married Adam Parliman in Vineland, New Jersey, with **Anna Livak Hale** officiating. Emily is a university counselor at Rochambeau, the French International School, in Bethesda, Maryland. **Kirsten E. Reach** and **Eugene A. “Gene” Rutigliano** married in Gambier last June, presided over by the father of **Sarah C. Miller ’15**. In the wedding party were **Sarah E. Carter ’09**, **Preston A. Lange**, **Matthew Long-Middleton ’07**, **Stephen E. McCulloch** and **Robert “Fraser” Reach ’11**. **Jessie L. Rubenstein** and her husband welcomed daughter Helena Ruth into their family last June. Last year, **Rebecca Cole Stone** took two full-time plunges: into a job writing about the contemporary and antique jewelry markets on her blog “Diamonds in the Library,” and into marriage after a May wedding attended by many alumni at a Victorian mansion near the Chesapeake Bay. **Kathryn W. von Kann**, Austin, Texas, is a psychotherapist specializing in trauma work. She married Christopher Austin on Halloween at the Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland. **Pippa White** has moved to San Francisco and is an editor at Chronicle Books, focusing on pop culture, humor and narrative nonfiction. The **Rev. Stefanie G. Wilson-Brown** married Greg Brown in a “Kenyon-alum-tastic event,” she reports, with **Audrey L. Kaem** at her side as a bridesmaid.

2009

Hannah J. Ahern, in her second year at Fordham University School of Law, plans to be an international human-rights attorney. Previously, she worked at a women’s and children’s rights nonprofit in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. **Knud Adams**, a full-time theater director in New York City, presented work last year at La MaMa, the Pearl, the New Ohio, American Opera Projects and the Juilliard School, great reviews of which are at knudadams.com. **Thomas L. Boucher**, Redding, California, will be married this summer to Michaela Mangas. **Nicole M. La Fetra Broder** and **Alexander C. Broder**, Portland, Oregon, are enjoying exploring the Pacific Northwest. Nicole is now a sexual-assault nurse examiner, a career path introduced to her by the sexual-misconduct advisors. She educates new E.R. nurses about

“After years of ignoring the call, I left the world of raw juice pressing in Seattle and returned to the land of my roots in Oklahoma to become a teacher.”

—ISAAC MILLER

’08

recognizing and responding to human trafficking. **Aileen C. Caldwell** moved to Appleton, Wisconsin, where she enjoys her new job as a corporate archivist at Thrivent Financial “and the excellent cheese selection in America’s dairy land.” **Courtney E. Coleman**, Chicago, is now working on a nursing assistant certification and planning on eventually becoming a registered nurse. Last year, she volunteered and lived in rural Ollantaytambo, Peru, coordinating community health workers. **Charles A. Cromer** began a three-year M.F.A. program at the University of Georgia last fall, playing Dr. Andrew McFarland in Emily Mann’s *Mrs. Packard*, for which he also was fight choreographer and captain. **Sophie S. Davis-Cohen** graduated from Smith College School for Social Work last August and began working at Psychological Care and Healing Center in Los Angeles. **Yancy D. Edwards Jr.** is a federal public safety consultant at Lafayette Group, Inc. in northern Virginia, with clients such as the departments of Justice and Defense, the Major City Police Chiefs Association and FirstNet. **Cooper Fleishman** is an editorial director at Mic.com and building a team of reporters to cover tech, health and science. He lives in Brooklyn, New York, with **Ellen C. Jabbour ’11**. **Daniel A. Gajewski** turned his psychology degree into a job on Wall Street and has been living and working in New York City since graduation. **Matthew L. Harris**, Chestertown, Maryland, was promoted to assistant head swim coach at Washington College, where he has worked for four years. **Kelly Y. McGrath** is a private client associate at Bernstein Private Wealth Management. **Nina L. Holmberg O’Keefe**, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, works at the Periscope ad agency. Husband **William F. O’Keefe III ’07** is a project manager at Baden Development, a real estate development company. Together **Ann Pedtke** and **Patrick B. Smyth ’09** are enjoying New York, Patrick in the fourth year of his Ph.D. in English at CUNY Graduate Center, Ann leading marketing and outreach for the Student Conservation Association, having completed her graduate certificate in nonprofit development at NYU. **James Phillips-Farley** married Nicole Phillips last June. They reside in Baltimore. **Sarah A. Prendergast** married **Zachary S. Wallace** at Kenyon on Aug. 1 with over 30 alumni in attendance. **Johanna Ralsten-Cox** was promoted to chief

ministry officer at Miami Youth For Christ, while husband **Justin M. Cox** teaches AP English and creative writing in Little Havana. **Alexandra L.P. Roland** married veterinarian Joe Armstrong on Aug. 15 on Madeline Island in Lake Superior. She is a resident in anatomic pathology at the University

of Minnesota. **Sacha Jowise Schneider**, Los Angeles, and husband Ben traveled to Morocco last November. She is a grant writer for the California State Summer School Arts Foundation. **Jenna L. Simpson** married **John J. Gilsenan ’08**. More than 16 Kenyon alumni attended. **Lovey H. Walker** is in

the final year of her doctoral program and a psychologist intern at St. Paul’s Hamm Memorial Psychiatric Clinic. **Melissa King Weimer** and husband, Matthew, Cincinnati, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Camilla Ann, on Oct. 10. “Entire family is extremely thrilled,” she reports.

An Overdue Idea

Former roommates Andrew Cunningham ’08 and Craig Getting ’08 remain connected by co-hosting a popular podcast to review books.

Most people keep a running list of books they want to read. In 2013, Andrew Cunningham ’08 and Craig Getting ’08 started tackling theirs on an engaging podcast that now boasts over 30,000 total downloads.

Each week, the friends and former Kenyon roommates read and discuss a book from what they call their “life queues” in a podcast they appropriately named “Overdue.” What initially began out of a desire to keep in touch on a weekly basis has blossomed into a podcast that has over 130 episodes in the backlog and was selected as the iTunes Podcast For Booklovers list in 2014.

“The show became a chance to engage with other people’s works and find what’s interesting,” Getting said. Cunningham added, “We’re always coming at it with a layperson’s perspective, which I think makes the show more approachable.”

Each week, either Cunningham or Getting will read the assigned book, while the other one serves as the interviewer about the themes and storyline. They combine background information about the author and history of the book, providing context, before diving into the plot. The delivery is also entertaining — Cunningham and Getting’s friendship is made clear through their banter, and their perspectives on the story complement each other, too.

The two discuss the chosen book over Google hang-out while recording each side of the audio separately, Cunningham in Jersey City, New Jersey, and Getting in Philadelphia. Then, they edit both together to seamlessly recreate the conversation for release on Mondays. The two have covered everything from 1984 to *Looking for Alaska*, *Lolita* to *Gone Girl*, and even *50 Shades of Grey*.

In January 2015, the duo discussed how they could broaden engagement with listeners instead of just selecting books they wanted to read themselves. They launched a crowd-funding campaign to help fund recording expenses and book purchases and to create merchandise for the show. Donators at a certain level were allowed to send in suggestions, which have carried the blog choices ever since. In addition to funds, the duo found that the campaign also created a deeper level of engagement and dialogue with their most dedicated supporters.

Cunningham and Getting recorded a live “Overdue” show in August for the Philadelphia

Podcast Festival and hope to do similar events in the future.

“The way we discuss books on our podcast is very similar to how we’d discuss them while students at Kenyon. There’s a willingness to approach something not just from the canonical perspective,” Cunningham said. “You can talk seriously about something while still being informal and establishing a relationship with the person you’re talking to,” Getting added.

Neither claims the podcast as a full-time job. Cunningham, a classics major, worked within Kenyon’s LBIS for three years immediately after graduating. In 2012, he began freelance writing for Ars Technica, a technology website, and soon became a full-time reviews editor. Getting, a drama major, serves as the Theater Director at Lantern Theater Company within the Philadelphia High Schools systems.

Kenyon influences abound on the show. Fellow Kenyon alumni and friends such as Chris Holden ’08, Cunningham’s wife, Suzannah Rosenberg ’08, and Margaret H. Willison ’07, who co-writes her own newsletter for NPR called “Two Bossy Dames,” have appeared as guests.

Cunningham also recalls a class with P.F. Kluge ’64, writer in residence, his first year that particularly affected him. “I learned what works and what doesn’t work in stories, and we talk about that a lot on the show — the intent behind the author’s decisions and how it affects the audience.”

— Laura Goehrke ’10

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Craig Getting (left) and Andrew Cunningham

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Evan L. Axelbaum, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was married last year. He and his wife, Alannah, recently welcomed a baby daughter, Ayla Levana, into the world. He writes that he and his wife are "short on sleep, but long on joy." **Alexander C. Carroll**, Boston, married Franco Leon of Lima, Peru, at his parents' house in Boston. They plan to honeymoon next summer. **Pratima R. Shanbhag** is engaged to be married to **Robert "Derek" Barbato '13**. Pratima is in her second year of residency in pediatric medicine in Orlando, Florida. Derek is attending Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

2011

Jillian M. Arenz is working toward her master's at Teachers College, Columbia University. **Sara E. Berman** started Squash Blossom Farm in her hometown of Bellevue, Idaho, selling eggs, vegetables and berries to make locally produced sustainable food more prevalent in her community. In July, she'll marry her "best friend and partner in farming," Ed Zinader, in their hay field. **Emily E. Lewandowski** is enrolled in the physician assistant program at Boston University, class of 2017. **Katherine M. Loomis** is now a Spanish teacher and swimming coach at Darlington School in Rome, Georgia. After finishing her master's in social work at the University of Tennessee, **Anna B. West** took a job in Nashville with FiftyForward Supportive Care Services. **Caroline E. "Cari" Young**, McLean, Virginia, is a genetics and public policy fellow at the National

Human Genome Research Institute in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

2012

Kelley E. Anderson loves working at Chernin Entertainment in Los Angeles on the last *Planet of the Apes* movie and an Amy Schumer movie, "but mostly because the company has an ice cream fridge." **Mark R. Armstrong Jr.** is building digital libraries of rare materials at Princeton University's Art and Archaeology Library. **Faith E. Bell**, an administrative assistant at the Educational Opportunity Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is "still pretty bookish, participating in book discussions and writing groups." **Ellen D. Blanchard** is student teaching tenth grade world history while working on her master's in education at the University of Michigan. "**Aaron Stone '14** is my housemate, and I sometimes babysit his turtle," she writes. **Michael E. Broida** writes book reviews and essays when not working in admissions for a private high school in Boston and applying to M.F.A. programs. He lives with **Claire R. Dutton '14** and **Molly McCleary '14**. **Leanna D. Burckley** is finishing her master's and working part-time as a therapist at an outpatient drug and alcohol treatment center near Pittsburgh. She became engaged to **Ian Watt '13**, who is in his second year of law school. **Bennett S. Davidson** lives in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam — "stop by!" **Matthew W. Davis** co-directs "a daringly physical dance and performance project" called BOOMERANG with assistant professor Kora Radella. They recently presented a work made and performed with **William A. Arbery '11** and will perform in March with **Adrian F. Galvin**.

Amelia D. McClure is a deputy prosecuting attorney in Indianapolis.

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Adrian F. Galbraith-Paul was named one of Zagat's 30 under 30 in Philadelphia for urban farming. **Zack G. Goldberg** moved into an apartment in Park Slope with **Cody Shankman**, to whom he is engaged, and writes, "We are hoping to hold our wedding in Gambier given the recent Supreme Court decision!" **Megan E. Henshall** works at an outdoor education nonprofit near her home in Portland, Maine, a state which she explored last summer with **Ffej Caplan**, **Claire Dutton '14**, **Tracy Curtin '14**, **Mike Broida** and **Molly McCleary '14**. **Amanda M. Hoster**, Lamont, Illinois, writes that she is working in environmental restoration in the Chicago area after finishing her Peace Corps service in December 2014. **Nicole P. Kett** has moved from Johns Hopkins University to the University of Pennsylvania to become its assistant coach of men's and women's swimming. **Allison Kramer** teaches sixth-grade math at Roxbury Prep Lucy Stone, a Boston charter school, along with **Susan M. Livermore**. **Jared R. Kunze** is a claims recovery rep at Sedgwick CMS in Urbandale, Iowa, as well as goalkeeping director and U11 and U13 girls soccer coach. **Sonam Lhaki**, a teacher in Potomac, Maryland, writes, "Let's keep changing the world for the better, one student at a time!" **Jessica F. Marroquin** is now working on her Ph.D. in Spanish at the University of Virginia. After teaching in Valencia, Spain, last summer, she caught up with **Eric J. Sutton '11** and **David J. Turitzin '15** in Paris. **Amelia D. McClure** passed the bar exam in July and is now a deputy prosecuting attorney in the juvenile justice division of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis. **Ryan I. Motevalli-Oliner** moved to Ohio with **Brittany L. Thielke**. He works in admissions at Denison University, and she teaches preschoolers at Columbus Montessori Education Center. **Cyo R. Nystrom** works for tech startup Meadow in his hometown of San Francisco. **Christopher E. Philpot** leads poetry workshops and teaches composition at the University of

Maryland, where he is working on his M.F.A. **Andrea E. Pohly** is a third-year student at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. **Laurin R.A. Schonemann** moved to Berlin, Germany, in November to build up the office of a Dutch startup in sports financing; she volunteers as a United World College mentor and basketball coach. **Graham H. Sorenson**, completing a master's in biological science in Windsor, Ontario, writes: "Spent the last two summers on an island in the Canadian Arctic rappelling down cliffs to capture and study a species of seabird." He presented his research at a conference in Cape Town, South Africa, last October. **Carolyn G. Watts** married **David "Alex" Rinehart '08** in Atlanta. **Russell N. Weeks** runs a small farm on family land in northern Michigan. "I sell vegetables and pork that I raise using organic practices at local farmers markets," he writes.

2013

Heather K. Amato returned from a two-month environmental health assessment project in Trinidad and Tobago involving mosquito larvae and dengue fever. She's working on her master's in public health at Emory University. **Julia C. Anderson** left Brooklyn and the Guggenheim for the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. **Thomas P. Brown** works on national security and foreign policy issues in the U.S. Senate, living in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood of D.C. with **Jacob D. Lorber**, **Kian F. Byrne** and **Christian J. Stoll '14** near "dozens" of other Kenyonites. **Alessandra W. Compatore**, Los Angeles, was promoted to associate researcher for publishing at Riot Games, "working to understand who the players outside of their game are by developing multi-region surveys, focus groups and interview protocols targeted at constructs of personality, happiness and teamwork." **Kelsey G. Delaney** started KGD Films in Morristown, New Jersey, offering videography and social media management for "small businesses and mom-and-pop

Sara E. Berman started Squash Blossom Farm in her hometown of Bellevue, Idaho.

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shops whose owners do not have time to run their social sites yet could really benefit from the free advertising that social media allows.” **Emma R. Cummins DeVanzo** returned to Philadelphia from Alaska after honeymooning with husband Michael. She was promoted to lead reimbursement specialist at a nationwide heart-monitoring company “thanks to her critical thinking and research skills developed at Kenyon.” **Paul J. Dougherty** teaches special education in Kalispell, Montana, and manages a rental and retail business in Glacier National Park. **Philisile Dube** got her master’s in social protection financing from the University of Mauritius and is enjoying family time while job-hunting back home in Swaziland. **Shante N. Jackson**, Overland, Kansas, is working on her Ph.D. in pharmacology, toxicology and pharmaceutical science. **Madeline A. Jobrack** tutors students in a Columbus, Ohio, elementary school in English as a second language and teaches drama to preschoolers. She lives with a dog named Picasso and a cat named Taco. **John T. Krzeminski** and **Catherine M. Weitzel Krzeminski** moved to Oregon, where they produce vegan nut butters and a variety of superfoods. As of July, John is a registered yoga teacher. “Life is swell on the West Coast,” he writes, “but we miss our Kenyon companions.” **Sarita K. Kundrod** left New York to become a community program specialist in the University of Minnesota Department of Psychology. **Sara E. Kupper** married Yuri Samovalov on Sept. 27 and honeymooned in New Zealand. She is a writer at Northwestern University, where she completed her master’s in journalism last June. **Ville M. Lampi** is back in Finland working at a directory-assistance call center, enjoying life and writing his master’s thesis on Internet art and electronic literature. **Elizabeth A. Leonard** coordinates the website and email marketing for American Giant, an apparel company in San Francisco. **Liliana E. Martinez** lives next door to the National Cathedral—which reminds her of Kenyon—and began work on a master’s in international affairs and Middle East studies at George Washington University. She’ll be working with refugees in Lebanon and has met up in D.C. with **Emily G. Grenen** and **Spencer R. Kaye ’14**. **Ariana Skye McSweeney** moved to a friend’s farm in Oxfordshire after completing her master’s in architectural conservation at the University of Edinburgh.

She’s enjoying her favorite part of her favorite country while “attempting the almost futile task of getting a British work visa.” **David A. Miller** is pursuing a master’s in international education at SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont. **Stella Naulo** is a paralegal at Hunton & Williams LLP in Richmond, Virginia. **Elizabeth G. Panhorst**, who has “a little yellow house” in Cleveland, from which she walks to work, published her first article in the North American Montessori Teachers’ Association journal. She saw **Matthew F. Cobb** this summer at a program learning about Montessori education for adolescents. **Stella R. Ryan-Lozon** is now the assistant managing editor of the *Kenyon Review*. Last summer, she facilitated writing workshops at Kenyon, “conquered Yosemite National Park, hung out with Shaquille O’Neal and waved to Leonardo DiCaprio,” she writes. She lives with **James “Kale” Barber ’16** and her “excellent landlady, **Liz Forman ’73**.” **Hannah K. Saiz** teaches preschoolers at a swim school in Milwaukee and is training for the Olympic trials this June. She posted a worldwide top-40 time in the 200-meter butterfly last summer and documents her journey at h20obsession.blogspot.com. **Jonathan J. Spiegler** began his master’s in public policy at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in Minneapolis. **Christina A. Talierco**, Indianapolis, is “studying her face off” in commercial flight school and returned to Kenyon for a V.I. dinner with **Milica Petrovic** and the Ohiolina music festival last September. She caught up with **Tristan J. Neviska** there and noticed that Middle Path seemed wider and more groomed than she remembered.

2014

Frances J. Alston is a fourth-grade teaching assistant at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, taking graduate education classes at Lesley University. **Preston O. “Pete” Heck**, a second-year law student at the University of Baltimore School of Law, was named to the law review last July. **Anna V. Peery** writes, “I am attending Columbia University Medical Center to obtain a master’s in occupational therapy. I am also living the glorious life of a Caples suite in NYC with fellow classmates **Michael L. Burten** and **Samuel L. Loomis**.”

2015

Jonathan F. Amador is a test site and research technician at Bridgestone Golf in Covington, Georgia, which means that he helps develop and test all Bridgestone golf balls using fun toys like launch monitors and high-speed cameras. In January, **Avery M. Anderson** began the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program at Duke University. **Meredith E. Bentsen** is an account researcher for Brunswick Group, “loving life in the Big Apple” and seeing Theta Delta Phi and lacrosse team friends often. **Alexandra P. Britt** turned her summer internship in New York City at BBDO, a global advertising agency, into a job there as a junior behavioral strategist. **Stephanie A. Cordonnier** is researching olfaction, fasting and DNA repair in a mouse model of Alzheimer’s disease at the National Institute on Aging in Baltimore. She volunteers at a free health clinic for homeless men with **Daniel C. Akuma ’14**. **Julie M. France** is an editorial assistant at *Columbus CEO* magazine. **Emily M. Graf** is “part of the Kenyon College takeover of SXSW in Austin, Texas.” She’s a production assistant with SXSWedu, while **Henry Heuck** works with SXSW Interactive. **Cooper H. Handelsman** joined the Lehigh University men’s basketball staff. **Andrew W. Herring** is an account executive at Fisher Investments in San Francisco and misses his fellow tennis players. **Emily R. Hurd** works with adults suffering from mental illness and developmental disabilities at Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare in Portland, Oregon. **Michael A. Jeffers** went to China to teach English for five months before starting law school at Ohio State this coming fall. **Ashlyn C. Johnson**, studying part-time in NYU’s social work program, is interning for a fashion stylist and lives in Brooklyn with two Kenyon friends. **Timothy R. Jurney** reports: “Went to Spain to figure out life. So far, so good. Loneliness is everywhere, but so are other people.” **Sofia I.B. Mandel** and **Alexander Urist** are

living and working together in Beijing. **Wesley J. Manz** has begun his master’s thesis project involving atrial fibrillation events in aging endurance athletes at the Indiana University School of Public Health. **Claire E. Matlak** is “immensely enjoying” her Americorps year with City Year Columbus, along with **Emilia M. Louy**, **Rachel A. Carson** and **Anna “Claire” Gaglione**—and a bunch of seventh-graders who are “adorable, goofy and inspiring.” **Jacqueline P. McGraw** is about an hour outside Aix-en-Provence in the south of France, working as an English language assistant in a program sponsored by the French government. **Emma G.F. Miller** directed a youth theater program in her hometown of Cleveland before starting a directing internship in New York City at Playwrights Horizons in January. **Camelia Milnes** is an upper school/AP biology teacher at the McLean School of Maryland. **Kevin Pan** teaches biology for Teach for America in St. Louis. **Lucas Pastorfield-Hi** served three months with Circle of Health International in the rural town of Fond-Parisien in Haiti, along the Dominican border, helping to provide health care to women and children and evaluating the refugee/exiled Dominican situation. **Christine A. Prevas** is substitute teaching Shakespeare to high schoolers and working in the Baltimore County Public Library system. **Lydia R. Shahan** is studying the mysticism of the medieval Low Countries in a theology master’s program at KU Leuven in Belgium. **Morgan J. Sterling** taught guitar at summer camp in Maine before moving to Washington, D.C., to start his Americorps year. **Andrew D. Stewart** is serving in his Americorps year at East Technical High School in Cleveland. **Matthew E. Super** joined the Peninsula Players theater program on the shores of Lake Michigan just north of Green Bay, Wisconsin. **Ashley L. Thompson**, New York City, is painting in a studio collective and showing her work in galleries around the Lower East Side.

Ashley L. Thompson is showing her work in galleries around Manhattan’s Lower East Side.

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IN MEMORIAM

Robert A. “Mitch” Mitchell Jr. ’39, on July 21, 2015. A resident of Volcano, Hawaii, he was 98.

Mitch was born in Scottdale, Pennsylvania. He majored in English, played varsity football, joined Delta Tau Delta and graduated cum laude, with honors in his major.

Following brief stints at Harvard Business School and with a New York City printing and publishing firm, Mitch joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, which gave him his first taste of life in Hawaii. He was among those at Oahu’s Hickam Field on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese navy attacked and made America’s entry into World War II a certainty. His duties as a bombardier in the South Pacific led him to be awarded the Air Medal (with two oak-leaf clusters), the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Purple Heart and nine battle stars in addition to a presidential citation.

Mitch returned to Hawaii after the war to accept a sales position with the Fisher Corp. in Honolulu. He was recalled to military duty in May 1951, serving as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

For many years, Mitch was president and general manager of Edward Enterprises Inc., a commercial printing company, on Oahu. He also served as a director and president of Creative Printers of America, a group whose membership was limited to one printer in each of the major marketing areas in the United States and Canada.

Mitch retired in 1982 and built a cottage at Volcano, about two miles from the summit of Kilauea on the “Big Island.”

Active in numerous professional and volunteer organizations during his career, Mitch had served as president of Printing Industries of Hawaii and the Oahu chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. A faithful correspondent with and generous supporter of the College, he had also been an admissions volunteer and a career counselor.

Mitch is survived by a daughter, Mary Lou Mitchell Davis; a son, James R. Mitchell; three grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a brother, John Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his wife

of 70 years, Florence “Betsy” Macaulay Mitchell, in December 2013.

William B. Heffner Sr. ’45, on May 28, 2015. He was 92 and a resident of Cincinnati.

Bill was born in Columbus, Ohio, and raised in nearby Circleville. During his two years at Kenyon, he majored in economics, played varsity basketball and joined Alpha Delta Phi. Inducted into the U.S. Army in 1943, he served in Europe during World War II.

Bill was discharged from the infantry as a staff sergeant in 1946. Decorated with the Bronze Star, he had seen action in several European campaigns and participated in the liberation of the Ohrdruf concentration camp. He then went on to complete his bachelor’s

degree at the University of Michigan, graduating in 1948.

Bill spent the majority of his career with the Pease Woodwork Co. in Hamilton, Ohio, where he held several senior management positions over the years.

Bill is survived by daughters Nancy Heffner Donovan and Susan Heffner Monnier; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Janet Pease Heffner, and a son, William B. Heffner Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Hospital Foundation, Attention: Rick Kammerer, 625 Eden Park Drive, Suite 150, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Charles G. MacGregor ’48, on Oct. 25, 2014. A resident of Ada, Michigan, he was 88.

A native of Detroit, Charlie majored in biology and joined Delta Phi.

He went on to do graduate work in business administration at Wayne State

University, then joined the J.L. Hudson Co., a Detroit department store, as an executive trainee in 1950. He spent the remainder of his career with the firm, rising from assistant buyer of furniture to general manager of the Hudson’s department store in Oakland, Michigan.

Charlie was married in 1955 to Virginia O’Brien. They had four children. The couple later divorced.

Charlie is survived by his second wife, Janet Stims MacGregor; a daughter, Virginia MacGregor Aylesworth; three sons, Andrew MacGregor, Charles MacGregor and Peter MacGregor; and nine grandchildren.

Louis Phillip “Phil” Best Jr. ’51, on May 9, 2015. A resident of Thousand Oaks, California, he was 86.

A native of Davenport, Iowa, Phil was nomadic in his early life. By the time the family landed in Washington, D.C., Phil had already attended 17 schools.

Phil majored in physics, participated in varsity football and track, and joined Delta Phi. He went on to earn a second

IN MEMORIAM

Charles D. Williams III

Third-generation Kenyon man, lover of travel



Charles D. “Chuck” Williams

III ’49, on July 6, 2015. A resident of Indianapolis, he was 89.

Chuck was born in Michigan, the son of naval officer **Charles D. Williams Jr. 1917**.

Although he had planned to enroll at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chuck instead entered the U.S. Navy for World War II service. During his two

years in the Navy, he re-examined his educational goals and decided to attend a liberal-arts institution.

At Kenyon, where he was in the third generation of Williams men to matriculate, Chuck majored in mathematics, played varsity lacrosse and soccer, and joined Beta Theta Pi. He also presided over the Student Assembly and served as managing editor of the *Collegian*. Elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, he graduated magna cum laude.

Chuck spent most of his career as an actuary in the insurance industry, primarily with the American International Group in Bermuda and the Jefferson National Life Insurance Co. in Indianapolis. At his retirement

in 1984, he was executive vice president and a director of the company. He then became a consultant with the Nyhart Co. and later founded and led the Williams Consulting Group.

Chuck’s favorite pastime, both before and after retirement, was seeing the world. A typical class note would reveal that he and his wife had spent five weeks in Africa, or in China “visiting old haunts,” or in Indonesia and Singapore, or in Iran, or even in Antarctica (where they spent their 50th anniversary). Having also globe-trotted in his business life, he was able to boast of having visited all seven continents and 227 countries — and to claim the title of “most traveled person in Indiana.”

Chuck is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Williams McCracken; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jan Williams Clark. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Barbara Hobbs Williams, and his son, C. David Williams IV.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Office of Development, 105 Chase Ave., Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio 43022-9623, or to the Westminster Foundation, Inc., 11050 Presbyterian Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46236-2982.

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Roger served the University of Louisville as mathematics professor, acting dean and director of continuing education programs.

bachelor's degree, in business and engineering administration, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1953.

After service in the U.S. Navy, Phil moved to California to work for the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. as an engineer and supervisor. Throughout that time, he was heavily involved in YMCA and other youth activities with his children.

Phil married Barbara Johnson in November 1953. The couple had four sons, Louis Phillip Best III, David Best, Timothy Best and Christopher Best. He was preceded in death by a brother, **Stephen L. Best '55**.

Robert M. Connolly '51, on May 2, 2015. He was 85 and a resident of New York City.

Born in Brookline, Massachusetts, Bob majored in modern languages and literatures. He entered the U.S. Air Force after graduation. He was stationed in Detroit, then Naples, Italy.

Finding Naples simpatico, Bob stayed on after completing his military service. During his 15 years there, he became fluent in Italian, cultivated his interests in opera and other arts, taught English as a second language and served as director of studies at the city's American Studies Center.

Bob returned to the United States in the late 1960s and settled in New York City, where he became the librarian at Columbia University's Casa Italiana. After retiring from Columbia in 1989, Bob taught Italian at Hofstra University.

Bob is survived by a brother, Tim Sanchez, and two nieces.

Charles E. DeWitt '51, on March 10, 2015. A resident of Boca Raton, Florida, he was 85.

Born in Flushing, New York, Chuck followed his father, **Charles W. DeWitt 1928**, to Kenyon, where he majored in economics, played basketball and lacrosse, ran track and joined Delta Tau Delta. He transferred in the middle of his junior year to the University of Wisconsin, from which he graduated with a B.S. in economics in 1951.

After earning his degree, Chuck entered the U.S. Army, where he served as president of the honor council in officer cadet school. Discharged as a second lieutenant, he undertook graduate studies at Marquette University and then took a position with Western Publishing Co.

Chuck left Western Publishing after 26 years to join the Simplicity Pattern Co. He retired from Simplicity after 14

years as the company's vice president of manufacturing and distribution.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lu Polzin DeWitt; a daughter, Marion DeWitt Cook; two sons, Steven DeWitt and Robert DeWitt; nine grandchildren; a brother, Richard DeWitt; and a sister, Barbara DeWitt.

George W. Bauer '52, on July 7, 2015. He was 88 and a resident of Lewiston, New York.

Born in Niagara Falls, New York, George originally enrolled at the University of Rochester but left after a year to do coursework at Genesee Community College. At Kenyon, he majored in history and joined the Middle Kenyon Association.

George spent most of his career as an engineer with Aircro Speer Carbon Co., from which he retired in 1991. From then until 2014, he served as the custodian of Niagara Frontier Bible Church.

George is survived by a sister, Margaret Bauer Holsclaw, four nephews and a niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to Niagara Frontier Bible Church, 5287 Bronson Drive, Lewiston, New York 14092.

Albert A. De Caprio '52, on Dec. 30, 2013. A resident of Highland, California, he was 87.

Al was a native of Newton, Massachusetts. He spent a year and a half as a student at Harvard College before entering the U.S. Army for World War II service. His time in the Army was followed by a lengthy hospital stay and a period in which he did odd jobs while attending writing classes as a part-time student at Emerson College.

Enrolling at Kenyon in 1950, Al majored in English and joined Sigma Pi.

After earning a master's degree in library science at Simmons College, Al spent two years as reference librarian at the Providence (Rhode Island) Public Library, followed by two years as head of the humanities division of the Worcester (Massachusetts) Public Library. In 1960, he joined the Miami (Florida) Public Library, where he served as business librarian before being named head of administrative services.

Al later moved to California, where he worked for the San Bernardino County Library. He retired in 1993 as assistant county librarian. He and his wife then spent 17 years in retirement in Merritt Island, Florida, before returning to California.

Al is survived by his wife, Rita De Caprio, and a son, Edward De Caprio. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane De Caprio.

Roger H. Geeslin '53, on March 3, 2015. He was 83 and a resident of Louisville, Kentucky.

A native of Cincinnati, Roger majored in mathematics at Kenyon, sang with the Kenyon Singers and joined the Archon Society. He graduated summa cum laude, with high honors in his major, membership in Phi Beta Kappa and a National Science Foundation Fellowship for graduate study.

Roger went on to earn his doctorate in mathematics at Yale University in 1958. While at Yale, he also completed coursework at the university's divinity school. He served on the faculty of International Christian University in Tokyo from 1958 to 1965, at which time he returned to the United States to take a position at the University of Louisville.

During his tenure at Louisville, Roger rose from associate to full professor and served as both acting chairman and chairman of the Mathematics Department. He had also been acting dean of the University College and director of continuing education programs before his retirement in 1994.

Long active in Christian causes and the Society of Friends, Roger served for 15 years as president of the United Nations Association of both Louisville and Kentucky. Also a committed bicyclist, he participated in more than two dozen tours, worldwide, as a retiree.

Roger is survived by his wife, Lois Fogle Geeslin; three daughters, Beth Geeslin Spears, Linda Geeslin Allen and Rose Geeslin Moyo; a son, Maurice H. Geeslin; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Leah Geeslin Davies.

Memorial contributions may be made to WaterStep, whose mission is to save lives with safe water, at 625 Myrtle

St., Louisville, Kentucky 40208, or online at waterstep.org.

Peter M. Hermes '57, on Feb. 24, 2015. He was 80 and a resident of Stockton, California.

Born in Los Angeles, Peter was the son of **Roland Peter Hermes 1927** and Isabelle Osborne Hermes. He joined Beta Theta Pi.

Peter, who left the College before graduating, was listed for many years as a "lost" alumnus. He spent at least part of his career with Duraflame Inc.

Peter was preceded in death by his brother, Michael D. Hermes.

J. Benjamin Rice '57, on June 15, 2015. A resident of Barton City, Michigan, he was 80.

Ben was born in Midland, Michigan, and spent his freshman and sophomore years at Michigan State University. He worked for a year as a research assistant for Dow Chemical Co. before enrolling at Kenyon, where he majored in economics and joined Delta Tau Delta.

After graduation, Ben enlisted in the U.S. Army for service in the Army Security Agency. His postings included Korea and Japan, among numerous others in various parts of the world.

Ben spent his post-military career with the Dow Corning Corp. back in Midland. He moved to rural Barton City in retirement.

Ben is survived by a son, Timothy M. Rice; two brothers, Thomas Rice and John Rice; and two sisters, Connie Rice Moorhead and Jenifer Rice Hare. He was preceded in death by his wife, Masako Konno, in 2009.

J. Thomas Rouland '57, on March 30, 2015. He was 79 and a resident of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Born in Detroit, Tom majored in economics and served as a reporter, assistant advertising manager and business manager for the *Collegian*. He

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also joined the Archon Society and graduated magna cum laude, with high honors in his major.

Tom went on to earn his law degree at Duke University in 1960. He worked as an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission before winning designation as a “certified association executive” and serving for almost 20 years as executive director of the Federal Bar Association in Washington, D.C. He then took a position as chief staff executive with the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington.

A former class agent, Tom had also been a career counselor, phonathon volunteer, regional association officer (in Washington, where he was president in the 1980s), and reunion planner. In 1982, he was presented with the Alumni Council’s Distinguished Service Award. Active in various professional organizations as well, he was a former director of the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives.

Tom is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Rouland Schwenke; two sons, Christopher J. Rouland and Michael R. Rouland; and five grandchildren.

Thomas W. Wiseman Jr. '58, on April 4, 2015. He was 78 and a resident of Orlando, Florida.

A native of Lancaster, Ohio, Tom was following in the footsteps of his father, a 1918 graduate of the College, and an uncle, **William P. Wiseman 1922**, when applying to Kenyon. During his two years at the College, he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

Tom enlisted in the U.S. Marines after leaving the College, serving in California. While there, he married his first wife, Sally Maury Archer, with whom he had four children. The family

later moved to Orlando, where Tom worked as a stockbroker.

Following a return to California, Tom began a career in retail, holding the post of operations manager for the department stores Bonwit Teller, I. Magnin and Neiman Marcus. He also worked for F. & R. Lazarus and Co. department stores in Ohio before once again settling in Florida in 1984 and going to work for Terminix.

Tom is survived by his second wife, Bridget Miller Wiseman, to whom he had been married for 40 years; their twins, Megan Wiseman Arcuri and Casey Wiseman; four children from his first marriage, daughters Whitney Wiseman Curtis, Jennifer Wiseman Nixon and Allison Wiseman Carter, and son Eric Wiseman; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Richard E. Wagner Jr. 1964, on Feb. 16, 2015. He was 74 and a resident of Cincinnati.

A native of Cincinnati, Rick spent two years at Kenyon, where he joined Delta Kappa Epsilon, and then transferred to the University of Cincinnati, where he earned a B.A. in economics.

Rick was a commercial insurance broker, working for many years at Cincinnati’s A.W. Shell and Co. He retired from USI Insurance Services Midwest, “with the hope,” according to an obituary, “of further lowering his golf scores.”

Rick was also active in his home community, where he was a member of numerous boards, including those of Dohn Community High School and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services as well as the Cincinnati Country Club (where he was a fixture on the golf course).

Rick is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbie Jones Wagner; two daughters, Christine Wagner Carli and Anne Wagner Shapiro; four grandchildren; a brother, Charles T. Wagner; and a sister, Elizabeth Wagner Wunker.

Bray S. Ficken '73, on May 29, 2015, at the age of 63. Although he had been living in Hong Kong in recent years, he was a resident of Durham, North Carolina, at the time of his death.

A native of Cincinnati, Bray majored in studio art, served as associate editor of the 1973 *Reveille*, joined Sigma Pi and won honorable mention in the contest for the Ryerson Prize in painting and distinction on his senior exercise.

Bray moved to New York City after graduation to learn more about commercial fashion photography. Perhaps most important, Bray met his first wife, Ayla Danon, in New York. The couple married in 1978, returned to the family farm outside Cincinnati and had two children.

Bray opened the Bray Ficken Studio, in a building designed by his classmate and friend, architect **Peter M. Bloomfield '73**, and became one of Cincinnati’s leading photographers in both the advertising and fine-arts realms. His work, which won numerous awards, was featured in top art and design magazines, including *Communication Arts* and *HOW Design*. In 2001, Bray earned an M.F.A. from the Institute of Design at the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he went on to teach photography.

Ayla Danon’s career in international marketing allowed the family to live abroad. The Fickens made their way through Africa, Asia and Europe, eventually landing in Hong Kong. Although Bray and Ayla eventually divorced and she returned to the United States with the children, Bray stayed on in Hong Kong, where he continued his adventures. In 2007, he was remarried, to English teacher and tutor Leung Fung Ling Haddy, with whom he continued to travel, touching down in Australia, China and India, among other countries.

Bray returned to the United States in 2014 for cancer treatment at Duke University. During his illness, he was cared for not only by his wife, daughter and son-in-law, but also by Kenyon friends **Robert Horowitz '73**, **Douglas B. Thomson '73** and **Lucinda Neff Thomson '73**.

Bray is survived by his wife, Leung Fung Ling Haddy; his daughter, **Cari D. Ficken '09**, and son-in-law, **Richard E. Marinos '07**; his son, Robert

S. Ficken; his sister, Gayle Ficken-Clarke; and his first wife, Ayla Danon.

Nancy E. Bacon '76, on July 3, 2015. A resident of New York, New York, she was 60.

Born in Bronxville, New York, Nancy majored in studio art.

After graduation, Nancy returned to New York. A talented artist and designer, she had been employed at one time by Covington Fabrics Corp.

According to an obituary, Nancy was “devoted to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Miss Hall’s School and Kenyon College. Her warmth, intellect, wit and courage touched all who knew her.”

Nancy is survived by a brother, John Bacon; a nephew; three nieces, including **Holly E. Bacon '10**; and her companion, Bill Frasca.

Chin Beng Ho '80, on May 2, 2015. He was 59 and a resident of Singapore.

Born and raised in Penang, Malaysia, Chin majored in economics and joined the Badminton Club, the *Collegian* staff and the International Students Forum, and served as an upperclass counselor.

Chin went on to Harvard Business School, where he earned his M.B.A. in 1982. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Singapore, where he became a naturalized citizen. He spent the following decade in positions ranging from financial journalist to television producer.

After several years with the *Straits Times*, where he rose from researcher to assistant to editor, Chin joined the Singapore Broadcasting Corp. (SBC). There he served as a writer, producer and director of business stories for SBC’s current-affairs and financial programming. In 1992, he accepted a position with DBS Bank as an assistant vice president in the international department, which assigned him to be the bank’s chief representative in Myanmar from 1994 to 1995.

Chin then opened his own firm in Singapore, Chin B. Ho Multimedia Marketing, a business and property consultancy. He later served as chief executive officer of DotComBrokers (which became DCB Holdings in 2001) and chairman of its Internet CallCentre (iCall), managing a business-incubation facility. He spent the final decade of his career as a management consultant with two other firms of his own devising, Chin B. Ho Cross-Border Consultants and Chin B. Ho Resources.

An ardent supporter of Kenyon, Chin was a longtime admissions volunteer and

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'73

Bray’s photography won numerous awards and was featured in top art and design magazines.

career counselor. He was a member of the American Management Association's Pan-Asian Council and a life member of the Economic Society of Singapore.

Chin is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sok Chng Tng, and two daughters, **Avril W. Ho '11** and Mariel Ho.

Wailam A. Kwok '86, on June 4, 2015. A resident of Oswego, Illinois, he was 50.

Wailam, who was born in Kobe, Japan, majored in physics, served for three years as president of the Karate Club and joined Phi Kappa Sigma. He won membership in Sigma Xi during his senior year.

After graduation, Wailam entered Northwestern University, where he earned a master's degree in biomedical engineering. That was followed by a Ph.D. in bioengineering from Penn State University and an M.D. from the

College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

Wailam completed his residency in cardiology at Penn State's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He then undertook a fellowship in cardiology at UIC. He had been affiliated with the Dreyer Medical Group in Aurora, Illinois, since 2006.

Wailam is survived by his parents, Chen Yu Cham Kwok and Kam Yuk Kwok; his wife, Glynis Mullan-Kwok; a son, Noah Kwok; and three brothers, **Wai-Leung Kwok '77**, **Wai-Kwong Kwok '79** and **Wai-Meng Kwok '82**. His first wife, Rosemary Bolinger Kwok, preceded him in death in 1998.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 2151, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-2151, or online at www.stjude.org.

Daniel C. West '87, on Sept. 17, 2014. He was 50 and a resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Dan majored in studio art. He won the Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award, presented for a high level of artistic accomplishment, in his senior year.

Dan worked for a dozen years at Harvard Business Publishing in Watertown, Massachusetts. At the time of his death, he was the company's senior layout and design specialist.

Dan is survived by his father, Allen C. West; his wife, Kelly Myers West; two sisters, Katherine West Walles and Margaret West Bennett; three nephews; and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Facing Cancer Together, 430 Walnut St., Newtonville, Massachusetts 02460.

Matthew D. Huber '08, on Oct. 15, 2015. A resident of Denver, Colorado, he was 29.

Matt was a native of Columbus, Ohio. He spent his freshman year at Bucknell University, then transferred to Kenyon, where he majored in philosophy and served as manager of the Craft Center, a board member at the Horn Gallery and an upperclass counselor.

As a sophomore, Matt participated in a trip to Louisiana to help with cleanup efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. He then organized a spring-break trip for 60 students and community members. He also raised more than \$10,000 to pay for trip members' expenses and founded OhioAction, a group dedicated to finding food and housing for any Ohio student assisting in post-Katrina volunteer efforts. As a junior, he was presented with Kenyon's Humanitarian

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Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara

Leading scholar on the history of slavery and emancipation in the Hispanic world



Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara '88, on June 27, 2015. A resident of Somerville, Massachusetts, he died after a brief illness while visiting his daughter in Paris. He was 48.

Chris was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He majored in history, studied in Madrid in his junior year, won the Spanish Prize as a senior

and graduated cum laude, with highest honors in history.

On hearing of Chris' death, Peter Rutkoff, professor of American studies, wrote to Chris' sister, "Chris was a cherished student, friend and colleague. We have been in steady touch since his graduation from Kenyon, more than 25 years ago. I loved his gentle spirit, his wry sense of humor and his committed intelligence. I am proud to have been his teacher and advisor here, and I know that his Kenyon friends will share my grief. I still see him sitting in the very first class he took at the College, off to my left, glasses a bit awry, ready to talk, leaning over with attention and curiosity."

Chris pursued his graduate work in history at the University of Michigan, from which he earned his Ph.D. in 1995. While there, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Spain. His dissertation became the basis for his first book, *Empire and Antislavery: Spain, Cuba, and Puerto Rico, 1833-1874* (1999).

Holder at the time of his death of the Prince of Asturias Chair in Spanish Culture and Civilization at Tufts University, Chris became a member of the History Department there in 2011. His research focused on the history of slavery and emancipation in the Hispanic world and the history of politics and ideas in the Spanish empire, especially during the imperial crises of the 19th century.

Chris had recently embarked on a new study of Spanish prisoners of war during the resistance against French rule (1808-1814) and the independence struggles in Spanish America (1810-1830). And he was editing and annotating the 400-page unpublished diary of the Spanish prisoner of war Fernando Blanco y Crespo, who recounted his dramatic escape from captivity in France during the waning days of Napoleon Bonaparte's rule.

"The History Department fondly remembers Chris as an inspiring teacher, brilliant scholar and a warm, friendly and endearing colleague," wrote Peniel Joseph, a fellow professor of history at Tufts. "He was a passionate follower of Boston sports, a lover of good beer and food and a committed mentor to junior colleagues. Above all, however, he was a devoted father, brother, son and friend who will be greatly missed, but whose presence will remain in our hearts."

Chris' most recent book was *Slavery and Antislavery in Spain's Atlantic Empire* (2013), which

he co-edited with Josep M. Fradera of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain. An earlier book, *Slavery, Freedom and Abolition in Latin America and the Atlantic World* (2011), was selected by *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* as one of the year's outstanding academic titles.

As a leading scholar in his field, Chris served on the editorial boards of three journals: the recently founded *Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies*, *Illes i Imperis (Islands and Empires)* and *Social History*, for which he edited two special issues, one on contemporary Spanish historiography and the other on emancipation in the Caribbean. He was also a member of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University.

Prior to joining Tufts, Chris was the Magis Distinguished Professor and associate chairman of the History Department at Fordham University. He had also taught at Stanford University, where he was a post-doctoral fellow, and as a visiting professor and fellow at Princeton University, the University of Puerto Rico, the University of São Paulo (Brazil) and the Fernand Braudel Center at Binghamton University.

Chris is survived by his daughter, Althea Rose Spieler Nowara; his mother, Elizabeth Ebert Schmidt-Nowara; his father, Wolfgang Schmidt-Nowara; his brother, Peter Schmidt-Nowara; a sister, Molly Schmidt-Nowara; his stepmother, Ellen Marder; and two stepsisters, Wendy Vance and Dinah Zeiss.

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Award in recognition of his work on these and other projects.

In his senior year, Matt was part of a group of four students who won a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Projects for Peace program. The four spent two months in Ethiopia at the Mekele School for the Blind, which sheltered about 90 children abandoned by their families.

Following graduation, Matt returned to Ethiopia and then spent further time abroad as an English teacher in South Korea. He spent six months as a member of a ski patrol in Keystone, Colorado, took a post-baccalaureate business course at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and went to work for UCH Venture Capital in Philadelphia. In 2014, he earned his J.D. at Northwestern University and moved back to Colorado to practice law.

A friend, **Hannah Szlyk '09**, wrote on a memorial page, "Matt was someone I idolized during college, and he is one of the main reasons that I'm pursuing my Ph.D. in social work today. He made me a better person, and I'm confident in saying he did the same for many other people."

Matt is survived by his parents, Gail Hahn Huber and David F. Huber; two brothers, Jeffrey Huber and Nathan Huber; his maternal grandmother, June Hahn; and his companion, **Katherine "Katie" Hickey '08**.

Memorial contributions may be made to Episcopal Relief and Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-7058.

Mary Allnutt Hettlinger, longtime Gambier resident and widow of Professor Richard F. Hettlinger, died Aug. 24, 2015, at her home in the village. She was 87.

Born in Croydon, a borough of London, England, Mary married Dick Hettlinger in 1946.

Following stints in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and New Haven, Connecticut, Mary and her husband came in 1960 to Gambier, where he had accepted a position at Kenyon as a half-time chaplain and half-time religion professor. Dick Hettlinger became a full-time member of the religion faculty in 1964 and later a founder and director of the Integrated Program in Humane Studies. He retired from the College's faculty in 1985.

"I first met Mary when I was a student here in the first class of women," recalled **Elizabeth "Liz" Ransom Forman '73**, former senior associate director of admissions. "Mary, along with a small cohort of other women in the community, reached out to the new female students and did their best to make us feel at home in Gambier."

Until recently, Mary was a faithful member of the "Dog Group," a Gambier institution for many years. An enthusiastic dog owner, rarely seen without a faithful canine companion, she was also involved in the activities of the Knox County Humane Society. In addition, she undertook volunteer work with Planned Parenthood for many years.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Sarah A. Hettlinger and Karen J. Hettlinger; two sons, Stephen R. Hettlinger and Graham P. Hettlinger; and four grandchildren. Her husband died on July 23, 1995, at the age of 75.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gambier Dog Park in care of the Village of Gambier, P.O. Box 1984, Gambier, Ohio 43022.

Carroll T. Harding, a fixture in the Kenyon maintenance department until

IN MEMORY OF HELEN RANSOM FORMAN

A set of Helen's unsigned poems was printed in the *Michigan Quarterly Review*—mistakenly credited to her father, John Crowe Ransom.

the 1990s, died on Aug. 27, 2015, at his home. He was 85.

Carroll worked in the College's maintenance department for 40 years. He first came to the College in 1949 as custodial supervisor, leaving in 1969 and then returning in 1973. He retired as manager of custodial services in June 1993.

Carroll was survived by his wife, Betty Sapp Harding (who died on Oct. 29, 2015); three daughters, Sue Harding Hammond, Kathy Harding Mabe and Lori Harding Moore, Kenyon's assistant manager of facility services; two sons, Joseph Harding and Stephen Harding; two adopted children, Susan Harding and David Harding; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack Harding; and two sisters, Joan Yoakam and Ruth Gillian.

Helen Ransom Forman, longtime College bookstore employee and daughter and mother of Kenyon pioneers, died Sept. 12, 2015, at her home in Gambier. She was 93.

Born on Jan. 17, 1922, Helen Elizabeth Ransom was the first child and only daughter of Robb Reavill Ransom and John Crowe Ransom. When her father, a renowned poet and professor at Vanderbilt University, accepted a position at Kenyon as a faculty member and as founding editor of a new literary magazine, Helen came to Gambier with her family. Her initial stay in the village was brief, though, because, at 16, she enrolled at Wellesley College.

Helen's stay at Wellesley was also brief. She moved on to Vanderbilt and graduated in 1944. She met Oliver Duane Forman, a medical student at the university who would become her husband.

Helen and Duane married in Gambier in 1945. They spent most of their married life in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he became a successful neurosurgeon. The couple divorced in 1967, and Duane died two years later.

In 1969, Helen moved to Gambier to live with her elderly parents. Coincidentally, her younger daughter, **Elizabeth "Liz" Ransom Forman '73**,

was about to begin her first year at Kenyon's new Coordinate College for Women. In short order, both Helen and Liz became legends in the Gambier community for their intellect, warmth and ability to throw a memorable party.

During Liz's senior year at Kenyon, Helen took a job at the College bookstore. She remained on the payroll there for 20 years.

Like her father, she was a talented poet. That was demonstrated a few years ago when a set of her unsigned poems was discovered among some of her father's unpublished works. Several of her poems, mistakenly attributed to her father, were printed in the *Michigan Quarterly Review*, and one was chosen by poet Heather McHugh for the anthology *The Best American Poetry 2007*. The selected poem, "Daily," was identified as Helen's work by her grandson Charles Stephen Dew, a poet in his own right, and published under her name in the anthology.

Helen was especially adept at poetry that allowed her to show off her lightning (and often ribald) wit, such as the limericks and other light verse she wrote as place cards for the celebrated dinners she and Liz hosted.

"Helen Forman, full of wit and fun, hilarious limericks and award-winning poems, was also a living link to the glory days of the College's literary tradition in the 1940s and '50s," said **David Lynn '76**, David Banks Editor of the *Kenyon Review* and professor of English. "The word-game parties presided over by Helen and Liz were the source of vibrant community fun for many years."

Helen not only wrote poetry and published it—in such venues as the *Kenyon Review*, to which it was submitted anonymously, and the *Partisan Review*—but also inspired it. Her daughter Liz and others have long been convinced that Helen inspired one of her father's most anthologized poems, the haunting "Janet Waking" with its "transmogrifying bee." Helen, typically not wanting to draw attention to herself, denied any involvement.

IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW D. HUBER

'08

Matt founded OhioAction, a group dedicated to assisting Ohio students involved in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

Helen is survived by her daughters Elizabeth, a retired senior associate director of admissions at the College, and **Robb Forman Dew H'07**, novelist and nonfiction writer; two grandsons, Charles Stephen Dew and John "Jack" Dew; and a brother, John James "Jack" Ransom. She was preceded in death by another brother, Reavill Ransom.

Memorial contributions may be made to the *Kenyon Review*, Finn House, 102 W. Wiggin St., Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio 43022-9623, or online at kenyonreview.org.

Marianne A. Cunningham, a mainstay of Gambier's Village Market for many years, died on Sept. 28, 2015. At the time of her death, she was a patient at Hospice of North Central Ohio in Ashland, which she had entered just two days earlier.

Marianne, who was a 1966 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, was employed by the Village Market when it was operated by Art Arnold, then by Roger Fannin and Bob Tier, and finally by its current management team, led by Tim Newton. She became not only a familiar face behind the deli counter and at the checkout but also a cherished friend to students and villagers alike.

Over the years, Marianne developed especially close bonds with a number of Kenyon football players. Those bonds expanded to include the entirety of the College's chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the one most closely identified with the Lords football team.

In no way did Marianne limit her attentions to campus athletes, however. Her fans could be found in every group. "To my friends and everyone who knew her, Marianne was as much a part of the Kenyon experience as Middle Path or Old Kenyon," said **Samuel Leeds '09**. "Not a single person didn't know her. She was a force to be reckoned with, and she made sure that everyone was treated based entirely on the nature of their character."

"I cannot remember Marianne not working at the Village Market, though she may not have been there as long as I've been in town," said Elizabeth "Liz" Keeney, chair of Kenyon's Board of Spiritual and Religious Life and a former dean at the College. "It just seemed like she was part of the institution. She was a 'mom' to many students, both athletes and non-athletes, and when they came back to campus after summer vacation or graduation, they visited her, which she loved."

Marianne is survived by a sister, Jan Legg, two nephews, and two nieces.

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Thomas J. Edwards

Mentor to swimmers and students in general

Thomas J. Edwards, head swimming coach from 1954 to 1964 and dean of students from 1957 to 1990, died on Dec. 13, 2015. He was 90 and a Gambier resident.

"Tom had an enormous impact on Kenyon and many generations of the College's students," President Sean Decatur said. "His close attention and concern for students set a tone for Kenyon that we aim to sustain today. I am deeply honored to have known him personally. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with Gloria and their family."

Born on Nov. 15, 1925, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Tom grew up in York, Pennsylvania. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1948 at Springfield College and a master's in 1953 at the University of Toledo.

Arriving at Kenyon in 1954 as head swimming coach, Tom later took on coaching duties for tennis, soccer and golf as well. He led the swimmers to 10 conference championships.

"He was a great coach, a great dean and a great family man. Kenyon was the love of his life, along with his family. He was a wonderful mentor not just to his swimmers but to students in general," said Tom Hoffmann '62, a Lords swimmer and a 2002 inductee into the Kenyon Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

In 1957, Tom was named dean of students, a post he held for 33 years until his retirement in 1990. During the brief life of the Coordinate College for Women, from 1969 to 1972, Tom was officially known as the dean of Kenyon College and Doris Crozier was the dean of the Coordinate College. Tom played a key role for the College during many crucial periods but none was more important than his work in crafting a fully coeducational Kenyon.

"Tom was so many things to so many people," said Don Omahan '70, a one-time member of Tom's staff and a successor to him as dean of students. "To us, he was the dean of students; to his colleagues from around the country, he was the dean of deans."

Jack Au '73, a former trustee of the College, said, "I cannot think of anyone else who has made such a lasting impression on the College's students over the course of multiple generations. Tom was enthusiastic about all things Kenyon. He was a gentle, fair and compassionate dean who understood the challenges inherent in becoming young adults."

Tom was recognized for his work by his peers, the College and alumni. In 1985, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators gave him its top service award, the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean. In 1990, the College granted him the William A. Long Memorial Award, and in 1997, the alumni gave him the Greenslade Award. In 1991, he became the first administrator to be inducted into the Kenyon Athletic Association Hall of Fame. That same year, the College first awarded the Thomas J. Edwards

Scholarship, created with an endowed fund established by alumni on the occasion of the dean's retirement.

In recent years, Joseph Adkins III '63 has informally spearheaded fundraising for the scholarship, tripling the size of the fund. "Working on raising monies for the Thomas J. Edwards Scholarship

Fund has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done in my life," said Adkins. "He meant so much to so many."

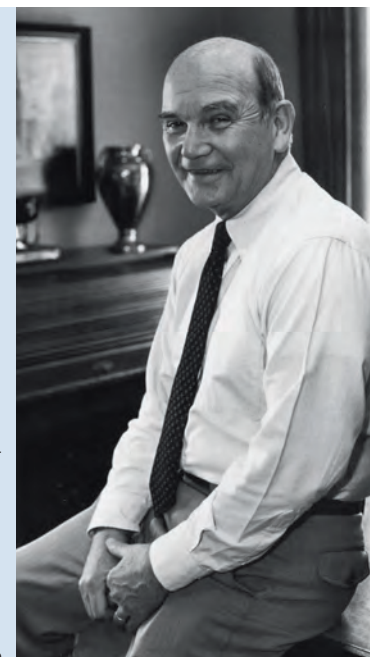
At his final Commencement as dean in 1990, Tom was awarded an honorary doctorate of laws. The citation, by Pery C. Lentz '64, now professor emeritus of English, read, in part, "Villager and sportsman, coach of swimming and founder of dynasties, dean of students and defender of the College, witness to its history and keeper of its secrets: at no graduation in Kenyon's history has a man receiving an honorary degree known as much about the inner life of this institution, as much about the lives of the students spread before him, and even — we suspect — about those of the faculty assembled behind."

In 2002, Tom was given the Burchell H. Rowe award, presented to individuals each year who, by giving of themselves, have made significant contributions to Kenyon College athletics. In presenting the award, fabled former Kenyon swimming coach Jim Steen said, "Tom was a keen observer of the human condition as it related to athletic performance. He understood the art, and he understood the science of what it took to excel on the playing field."

Despite the heavy demands on his time on campus, Tom was involved in the larger Knox County community. He was especially active in the YMCA of Mount Vernon, serving for many years on its board of directors.

Tom is survived by his wife of 68 years, Gloria Reiss Edwards; son, Thomas J. Edwards Jr. of Athens, Georgia; two daughters, Nancy Edwards, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Anne Edwards, of Charleston, South Carolina; and a granddaughter, Laura Maruszczak.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Thomas J. Edwards Scholarship Fund, in care of the Office of Development, 105 Chase Ave., Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, 43022-9623. Alumni may also share their memories electronically at kenyon.edu/for-alumni/share-a-tribute-about-dean-edwards.



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Rev. Donald L. Rogan

Compassionate chaplain and distinguished professor

Rev. Donald L. Rogan, professor emeritus of religious studies and former chaplain at Kenyon, died on Sept. 18, 2015, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. He was 85 and a longtime resident of Gambier.

"I am honored that I had the chance to get to know Don over the past two years," President Sean Decatur stated upon hearing of Don's death. "His wisdom, warmth and generous spirit made my life, and the lives of all of those whom he touched, much better."

"For more than 35 years, Don was my mentor and friend," said Royal W. Rhodes, who holds the College's Donald L. Rogan Professorship in Religious Studies. "He modeled for me the importance of seeing religion through the many traditions as an important, even crucial, phenomenon in life, and he took seriously the hard questions that religious and non-religious thinkers have grappled with in understanding what it means to be fully and compassionately human. He gave a 'voice to the voiceless' to those in need."

Born in Staunton, Virginia, and raised in West Virginia, Don earned his B.A., magna cum laude, at Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston). He went on to study at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, where he received his S.T.B., and at St. Augustine's College in Canterbury, England, where he was awarded a diploma.

After being ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1954, Don founded and led several parishes in West Virginia before returning to the General Theological Seminary to complete his master's degree work on French philosopher and Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. In 1965, he accepted a dual position at Kenyon, serving both as chaplain and as an assistant professor in the then-newly organized Department of Religion (now the Department of Religious Studies). Although he left the chaplaincy in 1972, he continued as a faculty member for another 27 years and held the department chairmanship for a total of 15 years.

Don's seven years as chaplain encompassed one of the most fraught times to be a college student or chaplain. With the Vietnam War at its peak and a military draft in place, he played a key role as a valued counselor to the College's young men — and, beginning in 1969, its young women as well. His book *Campus Apocalypse: The Student Search Today* argued that students of the time were rejecting a complacent

society of "security and status and prosperity without soul," grappling with a search for salvation.

"I remember from my student days a simple one-line prayer that Don gave to end a Kenyon convocation," recalled Adele S. Davidson '75, "'In the name of God, let us go forth in peace' — a simple but profound prayer in a turbulent time of war."

Don made just as much of a mark as a classroom teacher as he did in the chaplaincy. Author John Green '00 declared, "Don was the best teacher I ever had. His wisdom and compassion were such a gift to me, to Kenyon and to the world."

Over the years, many of Don's students, both Christian and Jewish, were inspired to pursue vocations in ministry, as well as in education or social services. Rabbi Stacy K. Offner '77 P'98, of Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison, Connecticut, said, "Don's teaching, which gave me my familiarity with and respect for the Gospels, has made me a better rabbi. And the way he and his wife, Sally, opened their home to me as a student and to my family as an adult has inspired me to be a better mensch."

In 1994, Don became the sixth member of the College's senior faculty to be presented with the Trustee Award for Distinguished Teaching (now the Trustee Teaching Excellence Award). The citation acknowledged his role in shaping his department's curriculum "to resonate with the truly global languages of religious experience" through courses in the biblical field, religion in America and readings of Job and more contemporary religious thinkers such as Martin Buber.

Among the other prizes bestowed on Don by Kenyon was the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, recognizing his leadership in working with the College's Black Student Union and his life-long commitment to civil and human rights.

In 2001, the General Theological Seminary conferred on Don an honorary doctor of divinity degree, citing him as "a self-confessed generalist, whose range of interests, sympathy for his subject matter and sympathy with his students" exemplified his vocation as scholar and priest. Later that year, he was honored with the creation of the Donald L. Rogan Professorship in Religious Studies, endowed by gifts to the College from former students Myer S. Berlow '72 and Caroline "Coty" Sidnam M'74. At

the time, Berlow commented that Don "treaded that fine line between Kenyon being the 'Magic Mountain' and being part of the world," helping the College avoid violence in an era of campus riots.

Don's retirement came in 1999. At that year's

Commencement, he was presented with an honorary doctorate in humane letters. The citation for the degree, written and read by Rhodes, stated, in part: "Your lessons, always the poetry of religious discourse, delivered with your trademark honesty and humor, continue to enlighten in words of faith, hope, and the greatest of these, love."

After the word "emeritus" was added to his title, Don continued to teach on a part-time basis. In addition, he continued to stay in touch with a wide circle of friends — alumni, faculty colleagues past and present, presidents and staff members — in whose lives he had played a special role.

Don is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sarah "Sally" Larew Rogan, a retired schoolteacher, whom he married on Aug. 25, 1954, in Beckley, West Virginia; a daughter, Lynn Rogan; three sons, Edward Rogan, John A. Rogan '83 and Peter Rogan; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his sister Jane Rogan Hoy.

The Rogan family requests that tributes to Don be in the form of contributions to any of these organizations:

Interchurch Social Services of Knox County (P.O. Box 1052, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050) and Knox County Head Start (P.O. Box 1225, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050), two agencies he was instrumental in forming.

Hospice of Knox County, 17700 Coshocton Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 377, Gambier, Ohio 43022.

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ALUMNI NEWS

A Student Again

Alumni return to Kenyon Institute for an education vacation.

When Barbara Hostetler '79 stepped into Professor of American Studies Peter Rutkoff's classroom last June, she said she felt like a student again. "I felt like my brain was working," said the OB/GYN from Verona, Wisconsin, about her experience at the Kenyon Institute Summer Seminar. "I can still go into a classroom and choose to think and pick things apart. That experience never gets old."

Hostetler was one of 225 people—including many alumni—who attended one of the Kenyon Institute courses last summer. Now in its fourth

DATES FOR 2016 KENYON INSTITUTE

June 8-10 Biomedical and Scientific Writing

June 12-18 Playwrights Conference

June 19-25 Summer Seminar

June 23-26 Cycle Seminar

July 7-9 Executive Communication

July 10-18 Beyond Walls

For more information, visit kenyoninstitute.org.

year, the institute offers multi-day seminars exploring books that changed the world in addition to programs in playwriting, biomedical writing and spiritual writing.

Matt Crowley '11 chose to attend the playwright conference because he had heard so many positive things from friends and colleagues. "I met a lot of interesting people who are like minded in terms of writing plays," said the Los Angeles-based playwright. "I generated new material and worked on old material. I was very inspired."

Last summer was the inaugural year for Beyond Walls, a spiritual writing seminar for clergy and other spiritual leaders. For Rabbi Benjamin Arnold '92 of Congregation Beth Evergreen in Boulder, Colorado, it was a launching pad for his blog, Elijahschair.com. "The timeliness in terms of helping clergy shift gears to the modern age of writing, particularly social networks, appealed to me," he said.

Arnold felt having a week dedicated to writing made the seminar particularly worthwhile. Being



Steve Nisi '14 was one of the leaders of the 2015 Cycle Seminar.

back on Kenyon's campus was a plus, too. "It was a great experience. It's still a beautiful campus and a great time of year to be there," he said.

Hostetler said she hopes to make attending Summer Seminar a regular part of her life. "My work is very gratifying," she said. "But to get away and be in a classroom was incredibly refreshing and rejuvenating."

Kokosingers Highlight Reunion Weekend

The Kokosingers 50th Reunion tribute concert in Rosse Hall will highlight Reunion Weekend, May 27-29. The concert will include songs from each decade of the Kokes, along with traditional melodies and College favorites.

Jim Hecox '69, a founding member of the Kokes, noted, "The Kokosingers have continued to thrive for a half-century, marked by high-quality musicianship and a camaraderie that binds all of us— young and old—together."



Eric Koppert '74, a Koke organizer of the upcoming reunion, remarked, "There's a welcome familiarity in the sound that comes down through the generations, but each era has an inflection of its own. Each group is as much like the original as it is different."

Because of the expected crowd, this year's concert will be a ticketed event. "The reunion concert is always a highlight of the weekend," said Scott R. Baker, associate vice president for Alumni and Parent Engagement. "We are planning to live stream the concert to additional locations as well, so everyone who wants to see the concert will be able to enjoy it, as it's happening."

Nearly 1,000 alumni are expected to return to Gambier for Reunion. This year's gathering will celebrate the classes ending in ones and sixes, with special plans for two 50-year celebrations: the class of 1966 and the Kokosingers. The weekend festivities will include animals from the Columbus Zoo, Alumni College lectures, tours of new buildings and class dinners.

Save the Date

LEARNING IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS
This spring, Kenyon's alumni gathering and learning series is coming to a city near you.

San Francisco with Professor of Biology
Siobhan Fennessy, April 5

Boston with Professor of Biology
Jeff Bowman, April 21

Columbus with Professor of Chemistry
Sheryl Hemkin, April 26

POST-50TH REUNION
April 13-15

K80S: SAME AS IT EVER WAS 2
June 24-26

See alumni.kenyon.edu for registration and additional information about these events.



"a mouthful," archival inkjet print by Christopher G. McCann '16

"There is a certain familiarity in grabbing a bag of candy, ripping it open and pouring it in your mouth, leaving you with a piece of trash that you crumple up and toss away. There is a liminal moment in between each of those actions that is frequently slighted. The series, of which this is one photo, takes those transitional moments and captures them without giving context so that they can be universally enjoyed. An instant in time passes and can easily be forgotten, but when captured is preserved and forces you to acknowledge its worth." — *Christopher G. McCann '16*

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