Dear Alumni and Friends

In 2002, my employer, The Trust for Public Land, generously gave me a 10-month leave of absence to attend F&ES as a midcareer student. Like every other student, I tried to pack in the full buffet of course offerings and extracurricular activities available, *but in just two short semesters*. As I processed with the Class of 2003 under rain-soaked skies, little did I know that I’d be back at F&ES a few years later as a staff member, ever striving to make up for the second year I never had. F&ES is one of those places that you can never get enough of.

As the Director of Development and Alumni Services, I’ve been back at F&ES for the past six years working to re-engage and reconnect alumni to F&ES and to each other, and to provide meaningful opportunities for friends and supporters of the School to be partners in our mission to train the next generation of environmental leaders. I love my job because I get to interact with many of our over 4,500 alumni who are researching, teaching, writing, solving, organizing and fighting for environmental change in every corner of the world. Last year, more than 150 of you individually returned to campus to meet with students, give a presentation or organize a program. You made a huge difference and I invite all alumni to make your way back to campus soon. We can’t get enough of you.

One great excuse to come back to campus is Reunion Weekend. On October 4–6, 2013, we’ll be celebrating reunions for the graduating classes ending in 3’s and 8’s, but everybody is welcome to come back and catch up with a favorite professor or friend. And fall in New England is pretty special.

If New Haven is not in your travel plans, I encourage you to connect with our Alumni Association and its Board of Directors. We have 25 incredible alumni volunteers who are working hard to build a strong alumni community across the country and internationally. You can find them at http://environment.yale.edu/alumni/board-directory/.

Let’s make a point of all getting better connected this year: to F&ES, to current students, to each other, to local Yale clubs and to our communities. By strengthening our ties to each other, we can assure that our F&ES experience never has to end.

Cheers

Tim Northrop, M.E.M. ’03, Director
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HYDRAULIC FRACTURING: BRIDGE TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE?

On September 18, 2012, F&ES hosted a panel discussion (above) in Kroon Hall on a controversial method of extracting natural gas from shale. The discussion explored whether hydraulic fracturing — better known as hydrofracking or fracking — will enhance America’s energy security, or deter the development of renewable energy sources and foster a continuing dependence on fossil fuels. The panel featured John Hofmeister, a former Shell Oil executive and CEO of Citizens for Affordable Energy; Bill McKibben, an environmental journalist and founder of the grassroots climate campaign 350.org; Sheila Olmstead, a fellow at the nonpartisan think tank Resources for the Future; and James Saiers, F&ES professor of hydrology and a water chemistry expert. Brad Gentry, co-director of the Center for Business and the Environment at Yale and a member of the F&ES faculty, moderated.

PATAGONIA COMES TO YALE

On September 27, 2012, Yvon Chouinard (middle) and Vincent Stanley (right), the authors of The Responsible Company: What We’ve Learned from Patagonia’s First 40 Years, came to Yale to discuss how a highly successful company can spread a message of environmental responsibility. Sponsored by F&ES, Yale Divinity School and Yale School of Management, the discussion took place in Levinson Auditorium at Yale Law School. Chouinard, a noted alpinist and environmentalist, is the founder and owner of the high-end sportswear company. In 2007, Fortune Magazine named him “the most successful outdoor businessman alive today.” Stanley, Chouinard’s nephew and one of Patagonia’s original employees, is co-editor of the company’s Footprint Chronicles, which tracks the environmental impact of products and addresses pressing social and environmental issues.

WHOLE FOODS AT F&ES

On October 5, 2012, the Whole Foods Sustainability team held its annual meeting in Burke Auditorium. The entire day’s activities were open to Yale F&ES students; two back-to-back panels in the afternoon were open to the public and hosted by the Center for Business and the Environment at Yale. The first afternoon discussion with Kathy Loftus and Brad Gentry (above), part of the Sustainability Leader series, centered on how the company weaves its Green Mission into everything it undertakes. This was followed by a panel on food access with Whole Foods founder and CEO, Patrick Stuebi; Mark Bomford, director of the Yale Sustainable Food Project; Yale Professor Kelly Brownell, director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity; and Rafi Taherian, executive director of Yale Dining.
JOHN ABER M.F.S ’73, PH.D. ’76: “THINKING LIKE AN ECOSYSTEM”

On October 11, 2012, John Aber—renowned scholar on the effects of acid rain on forests—received the Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal, Yale’s highest graduate alumni honor. Dr. Aber is University Professor and Provost at the University of New Hampshire. He received the award at a private dinner with President Richard Levin and other Yale officials. As part of the festivities, Aber discussed “Thinking Like an Ecosystem: From Forests and Pastures, to the Globe” in Kroon Hall at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

COP 18, DOHA, QATAR

In November 2012, 20 F&ES students traveled to Doha, Qatar. The delegation actively participated in the 18th annual meeting of the world’s climate summit, the Conference of the Parties (COP). Students supported country missions, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental institutions, and facilitated a number of prominent awareness-raising events. The significance of this ongoing opportunity for F&ES students is evident in the years-long involvement of alumni at the COPs.

19TH ANNUAL YALE ISTF CONFERENCE
FOOD AND FORESTS: CULTIVATING RESILIENT LANDSCAPES

On January 24–26, the Yale Chapter of the International Society of Tropical Foresters hosted the conference, “Food and Forests: Cultivating Resilient Landscapes,” assessing the complexities of building equitable and resilient food systems while enabling tropical forest conservation. Practitioners and researchers from education, government, and environment and development institutions discussed how development and conservation goals can be integrated across food-producing landscapes in the tropics in order to promote food security and healthy forests. Conferees also considered the scales at which this integration could occur, potential challenges to implementation and past lessons learned. Frances Seymour, the former Director General of the Center for International Forestry Research, delivered the keynote address. The conference then moved on to a workshop on facilitating multi-stakeholder conversations, led by Gary Dunning M.E.S. ’96 of The Forests Dialogue.
Over the past decade, the Yale-Myers Forest Camp has undergone a remarkable transformation. We began with the complete demolition of the upper camp building in 2004 and its reiteration as a remodeled kitchen, dining and study area. At that time we also added a new roof to the lower bunkhouse. Then we renovated and restored the Morse House in 2006 and constructed a new bathhouse in 2009. In 2012 we constructed a new garage and barn adjacent to the “Blacksmith shop” that we restored in 2005. Now we are building the new classroom and dormitory, to be completed in Spring 2013. All this means the core facilities at Camp have never looked so good.

The past three years have also seen a series of smaller scale projects—the Class of 1980 Timber Frame Pavilion, new lean-tos, a smoker and grilling station, and the dish station have all made Camp a wonderful place to do research and to learn about forest management. Special thanks is due to Kris Covey, Ph.D. ’16, for his efforts as the Director of New Initiatives. He is a constant source of inspiration, new ideas and hard work. With a shoestring budget, we have leveraged lots of volunteer student labor and services donated by craftspeople to stretch our funds as far as they will go.
1. **Renovation:** Built in the late 1700s and featuring beautiful American Chestnut beams throughout, the Morse House received much-needed renovation by a local builder who refurbished the interior while respecting the history the building represents. This project was completed in 2006.

2. **The New Bath House:** A generous donation by Thurston Twigg-Smith, YC ’42, gave the Camp a new bath house complete with doors on stalls, fully separate men’s and women’s quarters, and a washer and dryer, completed in 2009. It has received rave reviews from MODs attenders. Alums chuckle when they see it and say, “You don’t know how good you have it... why, back in the day...”

3. **The Class of 1980 Timber Frame Pavilion:** With funding from the Class of 1980, students, alums and friends of Yale-Myers joined in a timber frame-raising party in July 2011. Blue Line Barns donated the design and donated time to build the frame off-site and then assembled it with our help. One hundred percent volunteer labor produced the roofing and bluestone patio—the latter once a sidewalk in New Haven that was salvaged (special thanks to URI and Ashford mason John Basch for help with the trucking). In 2012, we added electricity, the grilling station (with donated construction time from John Basch and metal smith Peter Barrett) and a smoker, which have already produced some of the best meats ever consumed at Camp. The large table built by Kris Covey handles summer banquets and long-pong tournaments—a new sport that has come to dominate camp life.

4. **The New Barn:** The snows of the winter of 2010-2011 did in the white barn. To replace it, we contracted a local builder to erect a new barn by the Blacksmith’s Shop. Using locally-harvested and -sawn hemlock, he built a gem—three bays and a nice upstairs workspace. Hemlock is clearly an underutilized species—it makes beautiful boards.

5. **The New Barn Interior:** In December 2012, Mik McKee M.F. ’13 led a volunteer work weekend to furnish the new barn. Using mostly locally-sawn hemlock, workers built 10 locker cubbies for forest crew gear and three beautiful tables for the upstairs workspace. They also installed a series of cabinets (salvaged from Grecle Lab renovations) and a drafting table to complete the workspace.

6. **The New Classroom/Dormitory Building:** With generous support from the Joseph Stephen Taylor Fund and the Childs Family, we are constructing a new building that will be half classroom and half dormitory. It will have beds for 24 and a classroom that will seat 50 students, either in individual chairs or around collaborative workstations for silviculture exercises. The building should be done in time for silviculture field trips in April.

7. **The Class of 1980 Lean-tos:** Blue Line Barns donated the design and built two new lean-tos: one on the Morse Reservoir, and one overlooking Branch Brook. Both are screened and have become coveted sleeping quarters during the heat of summer. We have a series of improvements planned for the lean-to overlooking the reservoir for Summer 2013, including a deck and a robust fire-pit.

8. **The Dishwashing Station:** Thanks to the Class of 1980, with donations as well from MODs and the School Forests, we have a new dishwashing station attached to the north side of the classroom building. Mik McKee spearheaded the effort and acted as general contractor, with volunteer student labor to carry the day. We installed a stainless steel two-tub dishwashing sink (salvaged from a Yale College remodeling project) with a dish sprayer.
WITH YOUR SUPPORT . . .

Alumni support of the F&ES Annual Fund is a crucial component of the School’s financial aid program. The ongoing generous support of so many F&ES graduates—many of whom benefited from similar financial aid—enables us to prepare the world’s best students to become the environmental leaders of tomorrow, our abiding mission. Here is a small representation of the bright and passionately committed students who are studying at the School right now, thanks in part to Annual Fund giving.

Elizabeth Babalola, Annual Fund and Leadership Scholar • Lagos, Nigeria

Prior to arriving at F&ES, I spent time working in community development projects, including an EU-sponsored Mangrove reclamation project in Cross River, Nigeria, that focused on promoting the sustainable use of forest products by educating the surrounding communities and providing them with alternative sources of income. I also volunteered as a Peer Education Trainer for high school boys, equipping them with social skills and information about reproductive and sexual health in a joint UNICEF program that focuses on reducing their risk of contracting HIV and other sexually-transmitted diseases.

At Yale I am acquiring the skills, knowledge and network necessary for me to inspire high school and college-aged youths as an environmental educator in and around Nigeria and as an efficient manager and implementer of policies for the sustainable use of natural resources in tropical forests.

Ultimately, I hope, among other things, to build a network of ‘Green Clubs’ in schools across Nigeria and West Africa that inculcates environmental stewardship in young people as a means for community development.

Matthew Fried, Annual Fund and Strachan and Vivian Donnelley Endowed Scholar

Baltimore, Maryland

Prior to my arrival at F&ES, I spent three years coordinating urban tree planting projects for the D.C.-based nonprofit, Casey Trees. As Urban Forestry Manager, I oversaw more than 45 planting events annually, ensuring that each community project team—comprised of a diverse array of stakeholders—had the resources and guidance to plan a successful event. The achievement of which I am most proud is the conception and development of the nation’s first bicycle-powered tree maintenance program, The Water By-Cycle. By pairing a fleet of bicycles with a custom cargo trailer, I deployed maintenance crews and their watering gear to young city trees without the hassle of parking restrictions, the fuel costs or the tailpipe emissions of truck crews.

Here at F&ES, I am studying traditional forest management. I have become fascinated with how trees move through different successional phases and how disturbances affect this process. I am interested in silviculture that attempts mimicry of these natural processes through sound forest management practices.

This past summer I completed the Summer Forestry Apprenticeship at the Yale-Myers Forest. I feel fortunate that Yale has both the apprenticeship program and the Yale-Myers Forest resource. After graduating with an M.F., I hope to manage forest resources for multiple values as an in-house forester for an NGO, or in a consulting capacity with many different landowners.

Katharine Gehron, Annual Fund and Student Conservation Association Fellow, in honor of John R. Twiss • Wakefield, Massachusetts

In the last ten years, I have worked on environmental protection in a variety of ways: monitoring endangered birds for the National Park Service, raising money for wilderness protection at the Wilderness Society, designing sustainable landscapes and creating land-use planning documents that balance proposed human activities with habitat protection on parcels ranging from a few to hundreds of acres, from urban settings to rural areas surrounding designated wilderness.

In recent years, I have become interested in urban ecology, particularly in the potential for green cemeteries to provide habitat in urban and suburban areas. I have
completed land-use planning documents for potential green cemeteries and pursued collaboration with land trusts as a member of a green-cemetery advocacy group based in the Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts.

My objective at F&ES is to learn about restoration ecology and habitat creation in densely settled areas—how plants, soil and hydrologic conditions in disturbed, human-dominated landscapes can support biodiversity; and how research into urban restoration can inform the work of landscape architects, landscape designers and planners. After my M.E.Sc., I hope to pursue doctoral work in urban ecology.

Renzo Mendoza Castro, Annual Fund and H. Stuart Harrison Fellow • Lima, Peru

As a son of rural-to-urban migrants and an immigrant myself, I have always been interested in the economic and environmental effects of migration and urbanization. As an undergrad, I was able to return home to conduct research on the urban encroachment into rural lands on the outskirts of Lima, and then travel to Madagascar to study the role that the Indian migration played in the economic development and ethnic conflict on the island.

Prior to my arrival at F&ES, I spent four years working at ACCION, the leading microfinance organization in the United States. I worked with small business owners—most of whom were minorities or immigrants—in low income urban areas (Boston, NYC and Los Angeles). I co-designed the first green microfinance program in the organization and saw its implementation in the New England region.

At F&ES, my studies focus on urbanization, climate change in cities and environmental policy analysis. I am developing a strong foundation with courses such as environmental economics, statistics and geographical information systems.

After earning my M.E.M., I hope to work with the city government of Lima to improve its planning and development strategy in order to incorporate migrant entrepreneurship development as a goal and galvanize its commitment to environmental management. Ultimately, I would like to become a sustainable development consultant for cities in the developing world.

Carina Roselli, Annual Fund and Leadership Scholar • Durham, Connecticut

I am a joint degree student working toward my J.D. from Vermont Law School and M.E.M. from F&ES. I have completed my J.D. academic requirements and am now in F&ES’s three-semester portion of the joint degree program. After F&ES, I will finish the program with a semester in practice in the spring of 2014. My career interests are the environmental impacts of war and post-conflict environmental reconstruction. These interests stem from my 10 years as a soldier and officer in the U.S. Army and my firsthand experiences in Iraq. I am currently a Captain and instructor at the Vermont Army National Guard’s Officer Candidate School. Prior to my return to academia, I spent five years as a full-time Army aviator and mobilization training officer for the Connecticut Army National Guard. I deployed to Iraq in 2009 where I served as a CH-47D Chinook helicopter pilot and Battle Captain.

In Iraq, aerial views showed me the environmental devastation caused by the Iran-Iraq war, particularly the draining of the Mesopotamian Marshes that once thrived south of An Nasariyah. I decided to return to school after the deployment, and I studied for and completed the LSATs while in Iraq. I later applied to several law schools before leaving theater; I remember applying to Vermont Law School from Starbucks in Kuwait, using the only wi-fi I could find while waiting for my plane ride home.

Before F&ES, I interned at the Department of State in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs on the Iraqi Economic Assistance Desk. I helped the new government of Iraq develop their National Environmental Strategy and Action Plan. I also drafted the U.S.-Iraq Science and Technology bilateral agreement and helped to organize a joint Department of State-UN water management working group.

Here at F&ES, my courses focus on problem solving and social science aspects of environment and natural resource management. I am also studying international law and armed conflict at the Yale Law School. I hope to continue exploring courses offered throughout the University. I intend to take full advantage of my short time here, using everything that F&ES and Yale have to offer.
What’s better than a beautiful New England autumn weekend?

A beautiful New England weekend that brings together F&ES alumni from three continents for reconnection, education and a lot of fun! Reunion Weekend 2012 kicked off with a duo of alumni authors presenting their recent books, a drop-in-at-will all-day doctoral student conference, the latest news on an alumni-founded start-up company, and of course, not to be missed ... TGIF!

Phillip Hoose M.F.S.’77, winner of the National Book Award, took us on a whirlwind tour of the hemisphere, tracing the world’s most celebrated shorebird—dubbed B95, for the band he wears, and nicknamed “Moonbird” because he has flown the amazing mileage needed to reach the moon and halfway back. Phil’s book, Moonbird, highlights the species-threatening effects of human sprawl on rufa red knots and other migratory birds, and introduces the worldwide team of scientists and conservationists trying to save them. As the rufa knots decline in population, through the triumph of this single bird—at last count 20+ years old—the specter of extinction becomes all the more poignant.

In a dynamic visual presentation, Austin Troy M.F. ’95, associate professor at the University of Vermont’s Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, laid out the growing energy challenges facing the world’s urban centers. His book, The Very Hungry City: Urban Energy Efficiency and the Economic Fate of Cities, emphasizes the coming inevitable, potentially disastrous increases in energy costs that will make cities as we know them no longer viable. At the same time, Austin points to a generous handful of cities that have already innovated to reduce their energy needs and embraced sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels. The future of cities, asserts Austin, will be as vibrant as their ability to curb their energy appetites and transform their models for urban spaces.

They met as F&ES students, Class of 2007. They came together again in 2008, as partners in a vision of urban renewal that became a reality when they cofounded “ioby” (in our back yards). Erin Barnes M.E.M. ’07, Cassie Flynn M.E.M. ’07 and Brandon Whitney M.E.S. ’07 now run a nonprofit organization that works to connect people and great green projects with the resources they require. These partnerships occur at the neighborhood level, one block at a time, with stakeholders who live where the projects are developed. The model has turned out to be a winning one, as Erin, Cassie and Brandon demonstrate—they received the Jane Jacobs award, given each year by the Rockefeller Foundation to recipients whose work “creates new ways of seeing and understanding New York City.”
There’s evidence that the tradition of TGIF here at the School goes back to the early 1900s. In those days, they called such events “smokers,” with obvious implications. Although the smoking is a thing of the past, food, drink and hearty exchange continue. This year, TGIF marked the culmination of a day-long doctoral student conference, with a short presentation by Professor of Ecology and Director of Doctoral Studies, Dave Skelly, and the arrival of the Reunion class members. Dean Peter Crane and Director of Alumni Services Tim Northrop M.E.M. ’03 added words of congratulation to the doctoral students and welcome to alumni, and then TGIF took on the traditional life of its own.
SYMPOSIUM
Sustainability and the City: The Shape of Things to Come

Reunion Saturday offers a convivial breakfast gathering, a “State of the School” address from Dean Peter Crane, an opportunity to consider current issues in the context of expert presentations and perspectives, and—always a highlight—the Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Awards (see pages 16–19). This year, the Saturday morning symposium focused on the global future of urban spaces, their inevitable growth, their daunting needs and their profound impact on the planet’s resources and climates. The multi-faceted conversation addressed questions of the challenges to meeting those needs, the stakeholders involved and the inspirations to rise to the challenges.

The moderator, Colleen Murphy-Dunning, is the Director of the Urban Resources Initiative at F&ES. She partners with F&ES faculty to teach courses in environmental justice, monitoring and evaluation methods, and urban

Alumni and families, F&ES administration staff and faculty gathered for a celebratory luncheon in the Knobloch Environmental Center of Kroon Hall in honor of the 2012 Distinguished and Honorary Awardees. Refreshment and conversation, connections and celebration, all add up to a true Reunion that joins the past experience of the participants to the present and future of the School.

Time to shake loose for the afternoon—one group of alumni gathered to meet Melissa Goodall, Assistant Director of the Yale Office of Sustainability, for a tour of Yale University’s notable sustainability initiatives and structures across campus. Yale has taken significant steps over many decades to advance sustainability at Yale and educate a broader public on issues of sustainability—beginning, of course, with the founding of the first forestry school in America—the Yale School of Forestry!
Colleen was joined by panelists Karen Seto, F&ES Professor of the Urban Environment, Co-Chair of the Urbanization and Global Environmental Change Project of the International Human Dimensions Program on Global Environmental Change and a Coordinating Lead Author for Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report; Austin Troy M.F. ’95, Associate Professor at the University of Vermont’s Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources and Director of UVM’s Transportation Research Center; Mary Verner M.E.M. ’92, CEO of Spokane Tribal Enterprises and former Mayor of the City of Spokane; and Brandon Whitney M.E.Sc. ’07, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of “ioby,” a nonprofit organization designed to link resources to green small-scale urban projects.

The Project is now in its second decade and offers educational and volunteer programming, the organic Yale Farm, purchasing guidelines for institutional food procurement and a sustainable dining program for all of Yale. It also competes as the producer of some of the tastiest hearth oven pizza in New Haven—not a small feat in the “pizza capital”!

While the Class of 2007 took off for the traditional 5th-year class overnight at Great Mountain Camp, other alumni gathered for a gourmet pizza dinner and The Island President, the Environmental Film Festival at Yale Jury Grand Prize winning film. The film documents the sobering story of President Mohamed Nasheed, political leader of the Republic of the Maldives—the lowest country on the planet and the most vulnerable to seawater inundation—and his attempts to lobby for international climate-change agreements.
DISTINGUISHED AND HONORARY AWARDS 2012

The Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Service and Honorary Alumni Awards were created by the F&ES Alumni Association to recognize graduates and leaders of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies for outstanding contributions to the fields of forestry or environmental science, policy or management. This year, the Distinguished Alumni Awards went to Carter P. Smith M.F.S. ’97, Edward O. Sullivan M.F.S. ’82 and Mary B. Verner M.E.M. ’92. John Kauflmann received the Honorary Alumnus Award. The citations to follow were read, respectively, by Mary Tyrrell M.F.S. ’97, Tim Gregoire Ph.D. ’85, Melissa Paly M.F.S. ’87 and Jay Espy M.E.S. ’85. Holly Welles M.F.S. ’88, President of the F&ES Alumni Association Board, presented the awards.

CARTER P. SMITH M.F.S. ’97
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2012

Carter, as a renowned biologist and conservationist, you have preserved a natural legacy for Texans that stretches far across the land and far into the future of the state.

As executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, you have expanded conservation efforts with the acquisition of new park land, even as you juggle and reconcile the diverse interests of everyone who wants something from the land.

You have built a bridge to nature for those who live disconnected from it, and through nature initiatives provided children with the opportunity to experience, connect with and develop a lifelong love for their natural world.

In your many roles over your years with The Nature Conservancy of Texas, you stood as a great preserver and protector of Texas land, acquiring more than twenty thousand acres near South Padre Island for the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, and raising $90 million to protect the Edwards Aquifer – one of the most productive artesian aquifers in the world.

For your commitment to the stewardship of private lands, your advocacy for the preservation of wildlife and wildlife habitats, and your successful outreach initiatives to the public;

For your ranch-born passion for wildlife and the outdoors; for the dedication to conservation that compels you to give your energy and your time not only to your work with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, but also to conservation work for the Katy Prairie Conservancy, three Texas Universities, and both regional and national service with the Association for Fish and Wildlife Agencies;

For your faithful use of cooperation in serving both people and the land; and for your mission to engage and inspire millions through nature,

We proudly recognize you as our Distinguished Alumnus.
Ned, from green investor to champion of the Hudson, you’ve traversed the three worlds of finance, government and nonprofits; and through all you’ve been a force of creativity and transformation respecting and defending urban landscapes and waters, quelling pollution and negotiating bureaucracy equally in stride.

As President of Scenic Hudson, you have dedicated thirteen years to preserving, restoring and shaping the Hudson River and the extraordinary landscape of the Hudson Valley, building and supporting the power and resources to preserve thousands of acres of critical open space and farmland, and to transform contaminated waterfronts into clean, resplendent parks, earning Scenic Hudson the Land Trust Alliance’s highest member organization award in 2011.

Your public service in Massachusetts, New York and Maine gave the people of Boston a clean harbor, relieved the land of New York of hazardous chemical waste, and protected Maine’s air and water from deadly dioxins and mercury. Your work at the Bank of Boston provided ecologically minded entrepreneurs the funds for innovative projects around wastewater and renewable energy production.

For your innovative ability to design and implement programs – such as the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority – that have the power and the flexibility to tackle complex challenges; for your leadership in bringing together environmental and business leaders to create beneficial legislation across party lines;

For all of the projects that Scenic Hudson has pivotaly supported under your presidency – from Walkway Over the Hudson, to the Dia:Beacon museum, to daylighting the Saw Mill River; for your three decades of dedication to clean water and healthy land, and your stunning record of success in the private, public and nonprofit sectors,

We proudly recognize you as our Distinguished Alumnus.
For your long forward vision that leads you to value, protect and build from what nature provides; for your commitment to cooperative action and community conversation, to what is right over what is self-serving, and to serving your people — whether the citizens of Spokane or the members of the Spokane tribe — with integrity and perseverance;

For the rich perspectives you embody and embrace, for the peace you brought to public office, and for your unwavering love of your natural environment,

We proudly recognize you as our Distinguished Alumna.
JOHN KAUFFMANN HON ’12
Honorary Alumnus Award 2012

John, as a selfless public servant through the National Park Service, and as a unique voice in environmental science and discourse, you have dedicated half a century to monumental accomplishments on behalf of our natural heritage, preserving our environmental integrity alongside our wilderness.

Your efforts as chief planner for National Park Service projects in Alaska provided for the establishment of many treasured federal parklands, including the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, a place you envisioned, and then created as the premiere wilderness park in Alaska. You called it a “black belt park” – not for being difficult, nor for being daunting, but for being a place where the fragile, all-important resource of solitude could be conserved.

The skill and beauty of your writing lent grace and gravity to numerous projects of special importance, from influential speeches to scholarly works. It was through your writing of Alaska’s Brooks Range: The Ultimate Mountains, that you shared with us “all the splendors that bespeak Alaska” – glaciers, volcanoes, alpine spires, wild rivers, lakes with grayling on the rise, and along with those splendors, your own respect, admiration and tender concern for the mountains you love best.

For your reverence for what is wild, tough, pure and remote; for your dedication to finding what is left untouched and preserving it for itself, and for men and women and children far into the future, as pristine and open, challenging and inspiring;

For being a true citizen of the planet, and for fighting to protect the wholeness and integrity of wilderness throughout Alaska and the continent,

We welcome you formally, at long last, to the F&ES family. And we proudly recognize you as our Honorary Alumnus.
CLASS NOTES


We heartily welcome volunteers for class years currently without Secretaries, and additional volunteers for classes with a single Class Secretary to lighten the load. Just send a message to alumni.fes@yale.edu indicating your interest. Your help can make a difference!

*Note, please, that F&ES alumni are a welcoming bunch. For the sake of space, the editor has removed from the Notes the many, many invitations to visit that alumni extended.*

1946
Class Secretary
Paul Burns
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1948
65th Reunion Year
Class Secretary
Francis Clifton
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George Hindmarsh writes: “I now have 10 great-grandchildren, and have seen them all, but two. George is in Okinawa, his dad is a USAF Pararescue Jumper Technical Sergeant, Special Operations, now in Afghanistan. Sammy is in northern California. I am still golfing, fishing and volunteering.”

1950
Class Secretary
Kenneth Carvell
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1951
Class Secretary
Peter Arnold
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Peter Arnold writes: “Just finished another duck season—five times out, three birds. That is three times better than last year’s performance.”

John Christie writes: “I’m 86 years old and terrified of this electronic device. I retired as a forestry instructor at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Ore., in 1984 after 13 years, preceded by 16 years with the Oregon Department of Forestry. I own a small (175 acres) tree farm—now a family forest, so all four offspring are actively involved. I don’t get down to the farm much any more, other than in my pickup, and I stay on the roads. The farm has primarily Western hemlock, Sitka spruce, red alder and a small amount of Douglas fir in varying age classes from first-year seedlings to 200 years. A logger is currently removing windfalls that will be sold locally to a mill or to the export market, depending on species and size. I am in reasonably good health. I go into the Astoria Aquatic Center three days a week and attempt to swim and walk around in the current for about an hour.”

1953
60th Reunion Year
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Eric Ellwood, Ph.D. ’54 writes: “I reached the ripe old age of 90 this last September after having taken a solo-camper trip from Raleigh, N.C., to the western and southwestern national parks and monuments. My objective was to do a photo essay of nature’s remarkable architecture, which is exemplified in those regions. The trip took two months and covered 11,000 miles in my trusty Roadtrek. I have been retired for 23 years from my position of dean at the College of Natural Resources at N.C. State University, but retirement to me just means being busier than ever without the financial compensation. I am now a semiprofessional photographer, among other activities, and would like to contact my surviving classmates.”

1954
Class Secretary
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1955
Class Secretaries
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Richard Bury writes: “Volunteer opportunities abound here in the mountains of Asheville, N.C. I recently completed a dozen years of teaching various conservation topics at the College for Seniors, University of North Carolina, Asheville. Then I spent a school year as tutor for a sixth-grade boy under the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. I am now, at age 84, tutoring fourth-grade children as part of a Yale service program in Asheville’s school serving the most disadvantaged of the community.”

Pat Cummins writes: “After 15 years as a field forester for Weyerhaeuser, I changed careers and founded Green River Community College’s Forestry Technology Program. I taught hundreds of students over a 24-year period, retiring on my 65th birthday. I’m past president of Washington State Society of American Foresters, and a fellow of SAF since 1989. I’m 86 and my wife, Jean, and I have made many trips to places all over the world. I’m in frequent contact with Kennard Nelson M.F. ’60. ‘Hi’ to Larry Sunderland. He has persistently kept me alert to Yale’s Forestry needs.”
1956
Class Secretary
Jack Rose
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Patrick Duffy writes: “It was a pleasure to renew contact with Gerardo Budowski, Ph.D. ’62, and his family in San José, Costa Rica. Gerardo went on to serve in important roles at CATIE in Costa Rica, the IUCN at Gland, Switzerland, and as acting director and professor (natural resources) at the University for Peace in Costa Rica. There he helped my project team on an urban forest inventory of the 167 parks in San José. At that time I had the pleasure of attending a convocation at UPEace when Chancellor Maurice Strong presented Gerardo with a lovely framed appreciation certificate and gift on his retirement. He is in the San José area with family and friends nearby. Thanks to cooperation on both sides, I continue to work toward strengthening the ties between F&ES and the University of British Columbia Faculty of Forestry to encourage UBC grads to include Yale in their considerations for master’s and Ph.D. possibilities and to make the reverse opportunities known for F&ES master’s grads. Recently I was asked to join the (Canadian) National Energy Board (NEB) Consultant Roster on Participant Funding (Canadian) National Energy Board (NEB) Consultant Roster on Participant Funding

1957

Gertrude Huntington, Ph.D., writes: “I had a limited part in the planning of the TV documentary, The Amish, which was produced last winter as part of the PBS series The American Experience. The producers were very considerate of Amish sensibilities, and Amish individuals supplied most of the dialog. A small part of the interviews with me were included in both the first and second hours of the program. Needless to say, I recommend the film.”

1958
55th Reunion Year
Class Secretary
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Gordon Weetman, Ph.D. ’62, writes: “I have an office in the University of British Columbia Faculty of Forestry and try to stay involved in British Columbia and Canada-wide forestry issues. I have been involved with hosting class groups from the Indian Forest Service in mid-career training at UBC.”

1959
Class Secretary
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1960
Class Secretary
John Hamner
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1961
Class Secretary
Scott Wallinger
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Paul Haack writes: “I have fond memories of Yale, and consider myself blessed to have studied there. Professors George Fernald (Forest Measurements) and Chester Bliss (Biometrics) were tops! In my earlier updates, I mentioned returning to my beloved Alaska to continue mensuration, biometrical and computer work at the (then) Alaska Forest Research Center. In October 1964, I accepted Bob Pope’s offer to transfer to the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station and work on his two-man Forest Inventory Techniques project. I became the Great Lakes Fishery Lab’s first biometrician beginning in June 1969. I retired in December 1981. We settled on the shores of Lake Isabella in Michigan and remained there until November 1991, at which time we moved to a retirement center to be closer to family in Oviedo, Fla., where we reside. I am an avid wilderness canoeist, with many past and planned trips in Alaska and Canada, to the delight of mosquitoes and black flies; but at age 86, the portages are getting tougher.”

Scott Wallinger writes: “I was fortunate that in the 1990s my work caused me to live in Connecticut about a 45-minute drive from New Haven. That put me in contact with the School, where I enjoyed chairing the External Advisory Committee of the Yale Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry. That interaction led me and business colleagues at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development to make Yale the Secretariat for The Forests Dialogue—a group we helped create to foster dialogue among forest industry, leading NGOs and family-forest owners on controversial forestry issues. It’s flourishing at Yale. I also served on an advisory committee at the New York Botanical Garden, which has a 40-acre forest remnant they were convinced was virgin and, therefore, believed they needed to protect—even though it was being invaded heavily by exotic species of plants along with hemlocks under insect attack. Dr. Dave Smith graciously agreed to spend a day at the Garden’s forest and—in a way we can all appreciate as reminiscent of his silviculture class—he quietly pointed out the aspects of trees and other vegetation that made it clear to him the forest had once been a woodlot and woodland pasture for cows and not ‘virgin.’ With that information the Garden quickly revised its approach to the forest and wrote a new management plan to deal aggressively with invasives. The point: keep F&ES in mind when you see a need or opportunity that a world-class school of forestry and environmental studies may help address. It’s more than a ‘school!’”

http://environment.yale.edu/gisf/

1962
Class Secretary
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Le Viet Du writes: “In keeping with the Yale tradition, my grandson Andrew (18) enrolled in Yale College this past year. One
factor that helped him choose Yale over Stanford was the beautiful campus with its European architecture. During Bulldog Days we had fun climbing the stairs in Sage Hall to find the 1962 class picture. Andrew was assigned to the residential college Berkeley. When asked if he likes forestry, he said the course closest to forestry he’s attended is environmental politics! On a personal note, I retired from ExxonMobil in 2002 after 23 years of service as an accountant and financial analyst. Previously, I taught forestry at Tuskegee University and was the last director of the Directorate of Waters and Forests of the Republic of South Vietnam."

John Zasada writes: “I am in Grand Rapids, Minn. We enjoyed a more typical winter this year—best of all we had enough snow for good cross-country skiing. We had a bad windstorm in July 2012 and ‘lost’ most of a 55-year old, six-acre red pine plantation. It was salvage logged—about 300 cords of small-saw logs. I’m planning a spring planting with a mix of white and red pines, a little white spruce and a hardwood component—mainly paper birch, and red/sugar maple. Greetings to classes of 1961–1962.”

1963
50th Reunion Year
Class Secretary
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1965
Class Secretary
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Bob Kreitler met in October with classmate Bill Barber and his wife, Rhoda, in Boston. Bob then went on to trek to Everest Base Camp. Forestry School Professor Chad Oliver ’70, Ph.D. ’75, provided Bob’s fellow trekkers a wonderful telephone briefing on what they would see. Bob then helped deliver Forestry School caps to one of Chad’s prior students, a Sherpa, living in the Everest Region. Bob continues to work full time in New Haven with his son, Charlie, running Kreitler Financial, a financial planning firm affiliated with Raymond James and working closely with many Yale senior staff and professors. Professor Oliver earlier in the year met with the New Haven Money Managers, providing a stimulating discussion of investing in forestlands.

1966
Class Secretary
Howard Dickinson

1967
Class Secretary
Robert Hintze
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1968
45th Reunion Year
Class Secretary
Gerald Gagne
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David Briggs writes: “I retired at the start of 2012 after 38 years on the faculty in the College of Forest Resources at the University of Washington, which is now the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences in the College of the Environment. It was a lot of fun working with students over the years and with many organizations in the region as director of the Stand Management Cooperative and the Precision Forestry Cooperative. Without a schedule, my wife, Anne, and I have started working through a long list of travel dreams that are becoming reality. We also have a miniature horse that is a registered therapy animal we take to skilled nursing homes. It is so rewarding to see the smiles.”

Andy Johnson writes: “The North American Land Trust, of which I’m president, reached a major milestone, completing our 400th project by the end of 2012. We also reached another milestone—the Trust is now 20 years old and continues to be in demand. This year my staff and I have logged thousands of miles to assist landowners to conserve some very special places. These include a rugged Texas Hill Country landscape, a pastoral farm with valuable specimens of azalea and rhododendron, and majestic southern bottomland hardwood forests, to name a few. The current real estate situation continues to provide opportunities for the Trust that did not exist before 2008 during the ‘heady property development period.’ The ‘Historic Lakeside Community’ case study (found on our webpage) illustrates the value of a conservation approach versus a traditional property development model. This is a real success story because the developer completed the project in a timely manner and focused the final effort on the market for conservation-minded buyers.” www.nalt.org

1969
Class Secretary
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Harry Haney, Ph.D. ’75, writes: “It has been a decade since I retired from Virginia Tech as Garland Gray Professor and since Jackie and I moved to Austin to be near J. Lee Haney and our granddaughter Margaret Lee. In the meantime, the University of Georgia invited me to continue teaching timber income tax, estate planning and conservation easements as an adjunct. Clemson made a similar offer the following year. In addition, I served on the political steering committee of the pine genome initiative, I continue to work on the national steering committee for ‘25x’25 –A Vision for America’s Energy Future,’ and I am privileged to serve on several boards involved in timberland management. The balance of our time is spent consulting, managing our tree farm, traveling and bird watching.”

1970
Class Secretary
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Floyd Connor writes: “In 2010 I retired from my position as assistant manager of the Queen’s University Biological Station,
a facility with residences, labs and nearly 7,000 acres of natural field research habitats on the Rideau Canal north of Kingston, Ont., Canada. I’m back in my original farm community in Kindersley, Sask., Canada, visiting my 94-year-old mother, enjoying the prairies and wondering what’s next."

Steve Maurice writes: “I am serving my fifth year as president of the Minnesota Conservation Federation. Our major issues are aquatic invasive species (particularly Asian carp), proposed non-ferrous metal mining in the north and the sulfide pollution that results, mining and transportation of silica sand for the hydraulic fracturing energy industry, and a new farm bill. We lobby, inform and partner with other conservation groups to put pressure on our legislators and agencies to improve the environment. I continue to make 300–400 birdhouses and kits per year with my local conservation club. I soon will be starting my seventh year as a tax counselor with AARP.”

1971
Class Secretary
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Rory Harrington writes: “It’s been a productive year. We built and commissioned an extension to the village Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) at Dunhill. The facility includes a newly planted riparian woodland that commemorates the thousands of emigrants from the southeastern part of Ireland in the 17th and 18th centuries to Newfoundland, a reference pond that has become a swimming facility and general amenity. The Canadian ambassador came down for the event and planted a black poplar (putatively Ireland’s rarest native tree species) to mark the occasion. I finally made it to China—twice last year, working as part of a consortium developing a wetland tourist/educational center at the Sima Qian temple near Hancheng on the Ju River, near the Yellow river, north-west of X’ian. The ICW concept was well received, and through contacts with the Wetland Research Institute at the Chinese Academy for Forestry in Beijing and the Beijing Government, I expect further engagement this year. There is a widening of interest and application of the concept, with the U.K. and Sweden interested too. I hope to make it to the United States this year to the Society for Ecological Restoration’s congress in Madison, Wis. I hope I will meet up with some classmates and friends from the past! Initiatives in promoting forestry here are gaining ground. The family is well. My youngest will defend his Ph.D. thesis at the University of Edinburgh in February, and his sister will likely start hers soon, so the values of continued education have not been lost, which I believe reflects well on the ethos gained from my studies at Yale.”

Tom Nygren writes: “I am actively involved with small woodland owners—Oregon Woodland Cooperative, Tualatin River Watershed Council and Oregon Small Woodland Association. I took on the job of Technical Service Provider for Natural Resources Conservation Service this year, and developed 10 forest stewardship plans with my son, Ken, a forester serving in the Oregon National Guard. I have my own tree farm to manage as well.”

Ron Wilson writes: “Mary and I had a trip to the Czech Republic and Germany in September 2012, which was mainly for visiting Mary’s relatives—I also had some inspections of small-scale biomass plants for heat and power. I visited as well the biomass research center in Leipzig with 180 staff doing some interesting work. I was impressed with what I saw and the enthusiasm that those countries are putting into renewable energy. I am involved in a project to establish a biomass plant in Australia based on plantation resources, but it will take a continued hard slog. Australia has banned the use of native forest residues for use in biomass due to green ideology and a hung Parliament. Foresters hope this will change following the next federal election this year. We now have another grandson to make five grandchildren, which barring an accident is likely to be the limit.”

Bart Young writes: “I made two trips to Morocco this year, assisting Morocco National Parks in developing a tourism zone plan for Toubkal National Park. The park is located in the High Atlas Mountains just south of Marrakech. The park’s highest peak, Jebel Toubkal, is the highest peak north of the Sahara. Having worked for Tanzania National Parks in the mid-90s, I hope to join the Director of Toubkal National Park for a study tour of Kilimanjaro National Park sometime next year. I also assisted two other Moroccan parks—Tazekka and Souss Massa—in developing ‘sketch’ tourism plans. Otherwise, I have finally finished my upscale thatch cottage on Lake Victoria near Entebbe—a great escape from the traffic and chaos of Kampala. I spent last week designing and constructing outriggers for my Sseese canoe, so I will now be able to take my boy fishing. If any of you plan trips to East Africa, please get in touch.”

1972
Rosalind Batchelor writes from York, England: “I was delighted to be able to attend the Reunion Weekend in October, but disappointed to see only one other member of the Class of 1972. I was devastated to learn of Ruth Allen’s death, as we had particularly agreed to meet. Back home, I am mostly retired from paid work, except as a ceilidh and contra dance caller. However, some of my voluntary roles, involving business development, financial planning and fund-raising, feel like I am back in the office. John and I are looking forward to the arrival of our first grandchild in March.”

David Brink writes: “In September 2012, I retired after more than 38 years in federal service. I began my career as a summer-
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hire trail-crew laborer and firefighter with the Forest Service and ended it as acting director of the Pollution Prevention, Pesticides and Toxics Program for EPA Region 8, headquartered in Denver, Colo. Between those two milestones, I had the good fortune to work in a broad variety of environmental programs, including water-quality planning, National Environmental Policy Act analysis, Superfund cleanup and Clean Water Act enforcement. The highlight of my career was the opportunity to work with and learn from the many knowledgeable and deeply committed professionals who staff the civil service.”

Helen Kim writes: “I co-direct Targeted Metabolomics and Proteomics Laboratory with my husband, Dr. Stephen Barnes, a Brit who has worked at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and lived in the DEEP SOUTH longer than I. A recent collaboration with a colleague at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, is to apply the proteomics approaches in our lab to understand the mechanisms that underlie the symbiotic relationship between a poplar tree and the fungus that resides in the soil intertwined among the tree’s roots. I have two wonderful grown daughters from a previous marriage, Sabrina (33) and Shannon (27), who both reside in Chicago. If anyone wants to find out more about the proteomics and metabolomics analytical approaches and instrumentation we have, or has samples they would like analyzed (plant or mammalian), I invite them to contact me/us.”

Matt Rosen writes: “I am enjoying retirement, keeping busy participating in our Sister Cities program. I will be going to Beijing and Shijiazhuang (Des Moines’ Sister City) in mid-to-late April to attend a trade show. If anybody is interested in joining me, send me an email.”

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Steve Wells writes: “After leaving Washington State government eight years ago (I had been director of the office responsible for implementation of our Growth Management Act), I have been the Northwest dealer for Maas open water racing shells. That keeps me fit and very happy! I’m married to an accomplished singer, and she’s educating me about the mysteries of music. We live simply and quite well in Tacoma.”

1973 40th Reunion Year Class Secretary
Roy Deitchman rdeitchman@verizon.net

Roy Deitchman accepted an early retirement offer from Amtrak. He now serves as an engineering firm contractor to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration on environmental and safety matters in the D.C. area.

Tom Dunn is enjoying the best years of his life! He retired in 2011 from a large international producer of food packaging material, Printpack (Atlanta), after 40 years with the private company. He now manages his one-man consultancy, Flextacknowlogy, for users and producers of flexible packaging. Most of his clients are domestic, but his work took him to Korea, Argentina and the Philippines last year. He also consults for the in-package radiation sterilization food safety project of the International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna, Austria). He was inducted into the National Packaging Hall of Fame at the industry’s trade show in Chicago this October. He also writes for magazines and periodicals and is working on a book about the flex pack industry.

Tom and Marcia were privileged this summer to attend the weddings of their two sons—Peter at University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and Mark at Yale. Peter is a 2009 AT through-hiker and frustrated cartographer with a sense of whimsy. Mark is senior assistant director of Yale’s undergraduate admissions office, so Tom receives regular reports on indignities impressed on Prospect Street’s Sage Boy.

Lloyd Irland, Ph.D., writes: “Last fall I was guest editor of a special issue of the journal Environmental Practice on professional ethics. I’ll soon finish up a long project on forest fire risks in the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada. Superstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes have revived awareness of extreme weather events in this region, which has had a placid fire history recently. I’m working with F&S professor, Ben Cashore, on a whitepaper for the U.N. Forum on Forests on the role of private investment in the world’s forests. This effort builds on my industrial consulting and financial analysis interests as well as experiences in tropical forests. I also work with a group building up an impressive bamboo plantation program in Central America, and am serving on a master’s committee at the University of Maine, along with Bob Seymour ’76, Ph.D. ’80. Best of all, the skiing was good, despite variable weather conditions, and our grandson (3½) is starting to enjoy skiing too.”

Milos Krnajski-Jovic writes: “After my retirement five years ago, I took up golfing, which has become a passion and the perfect substitute for work, as it keeps me outdoors among trees, shrubs and grasses. Two years ago I stopped in Tuscaloosa and had a round of golf with my ex-roommate Sam Hopkins. Sam gave my wife, Ellen, and me a tour of his office building, which is slowly turning into an impressive art museum. Ellen and I are moving to Cincinnati after 33 years of living in France. We are not burning any bridges, and we’ll be going to Europe as often as we can. Traveling to exotic places will be on our agenda from now on. I look very much forward to our class’s 40th reunion—hoping to see many of you. So please do come en masse!”

Bob Seymour ’76, Ph.D. ’80 writes: “I am enjoying retirement, keeping busy participating in our Sister Cities program. I will be going to Beijing and Shijiazhuang (Des Moines’ Sister City) in mid-to-late April to attend a trade show. If anybody is interested in joining me, send me an email.”
1974
Class Secretary
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Liz Mikols is installing solar hot water heat as she remodels her house in Silver City, N.M. She writes: “The photovoltaics are humming along nicely, and we deposit a check each month. I’m developing a one-woman show on Millie Clark Cusey, Silver City’s highly successful local madam, who operated businesses from New Mexico to Alaska. I can proudly report that the Silver City Museum Society (the nonprofit, of which I am president) netted more than $17,000 in 2012, based on income of about $90,000. Much of our expenses were related to mounting several exhibits celebrating 100 years of New Mexico statehood, providing outreach to school children and expanding the stories we tell to include all the ethnic and cultural groups in our corner of the continent.”

1975
Class Secretary
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Alyn Caulk is working as a family doctor in Virginia for the military and dependents. She’d like to get more involved with environmental work and is thrilled at what Forestry School students and graduates are doing in the world. She writes: “I’ve gone in two diametrically opposed directions: 1) managing family woodland in northwest Connecticut, and 2) performing as an extra at the Lyric Opera. So much for post-retirement leisure!”

Terry Chester reports that his firm, Adbiz, now in its 16th year, is using the natural selection principles he learned in academia and applying them to client marketing, advertising and Internet strategies and campaigns. He writes: “I’m happy to announce our newest endeavor—a comprehensive QAauditing—with full-service capability to quality-assure documents, advertisements, Web sites, scientific papers and reports before they are exposed to and scrutinized by a discerning public. We can be a cost-effective support to a company’s existing QA department and have already served several businesses and agencies.”

http://www.adbiz.com

Evan Griswold writes: “We are awaiting arrival of our third grandchild. I am hoping he and his brother and cousin will benefit from the fine oak regeneration coming in on family forest land in Lyme, Conn. Don’t forget to donate to the Annual Fund this year. Our current students will be grateful.”

Steve Levy writes: “I took an early retirement in 1995 from the Fish and Wildlife Department at the Bonneville Power Administration here in Portland. I volunteer with high school ESL students, primarily with Somali and Karen (Burmese) refugees, who mostly arrived here illiterate. I also enjoy overseas travel with my wife, Sue, pursuing our mutual interest in Islamic art and architecture and unusual landscapes. The mountains are my playgrounds—hiking, climbing, backpacking and cross-country skiing. Since 1977, I have backpacked almost annually for 10–12 days with the same partner, exploring mountains of the West and Alaska.”

Hallie Metzger writes: “I’ve been working as a Research Wildlife Biologist for the Pacific Northwest Research Station of the U.S. Forest Service in Olympia, Wash., since 1987. My current research is focused on the ecology and conservation of rare and potentially threatened forest carnivores, including the Cascade red fox, fisher, Canada lynx and wolverine. In September 2012, Cornell University Press published a book entitled, Biology and Conservation of Martens, Sables, and Fishers: A New Synthesis, for which I was the lead editor. The book synthesizes the current state of knowledge about the genus Martes, and is international in scope with chapters written by scientists from 12 countries. The book reflects recent developments in knowledge and research technologies for the genus, and is targeted to resource managers, conservation biologists, ecologists and mammalogists.”

Mark Boyce, Ph.D., is professor of ecology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Denise Mitten works with students in the master’s and Ph.D. programs at Prescott College. She is involved in researching the impact of hidden curriculum in adventure education on women and in a second project looking at the effect on body image of time in nature or participating in outdoor activities. Her daughter Lauren is a sophomore at Scripps Women’s College studying environmental action and gender and women’s studies.

1976
Class Secretary
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1977
Class Secretary
James Guldin
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Keith Aubry writes: “I’ve been working as a director of PEFC International (the

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Michael Rees writes: “I’ve been with the National Park Service’s Denver Service Center’s Division of Planning office for over 20 years. I’m working on park foundation documents, which provide the basis for all of the management and work we do in parks—why parks were established, their significance, special mandates, fundamental resources and values, and planning needs. I’m also working on wilderness plans, general management plans, a NPS long-range transportation plan and a system plan for national parks.”

David Wentworth writes: “Since early 2011, I have been a technical assistant advisor (in tax policy) with the International Monetary Fund. I get to fly around the world giving advice to governments (recently headed for Indonesia). I’m having the time of my life. I’ve been happily married to Betsy (an international consumer protection lawyer) for more than 28 years. We have two wonderful daughters: Ariel is a paralegal here in D.C.; Caroline is a senior (psychology major) at Yale.”

1979

Class Secretary
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Chris Brown reports that he has traded his Forest Service Wilderness hat for an historic preservation cap: he’s leading the effort to save the 107-year-old Washington Canoe Club, a Victorian edifice (and institution) on the Georgetown Waterfront in Washington D.C., which is his riverside “home.”

John Carey writes: “In my post-Business Week life, I’m continuing to make a living as a freelance writer and editor. To name a few recent projects, I helped Connecticut write its energy plan, delved into the controversy over whether outdoor cats decimate wildlife for Conservation magazine, predicted what will happen on climate change in Obama’s second term for Yale Environment 360, and explored whether climate change may be happening faster than expected in the November issue of Scientific American. If any of you see other stories out there that should be done, please let me know!”

Pat Leavenworth retired from her job as Wisconsin’s State Conservationist in October. She’d held the post for 18 years, longer than any other currently serving state conservationist in the nation. She writes: “I am now onto the other things I want to do in my life. The first is our farm. We will be managing it more directly now with managed intensive grazing, hay, Christmas trees, grapes, orchard and vegetables. We’ll see where this all will lead after 33 years in soil and water conservation. I’m also finally able to volunteer more, and I want to write. And last, but not least, I have a foundation dog to bring golden retriever litters into the world in the hope that some pups will be important in service to those who need them.”

Bob Perschel writes: “I’ve been Executive Director at the New England Forestry Foundation since March 2012. I hope Forestry School colleagues will stop by for a visit at our Prouty Woods headquarters right off Exit 30 on I-495 in Massachusetts or one of our 144 community forests. We are implementing our Heart of New England campaign, which seeks to implement the Wildlands and Woodlands vision by conserving 70% of New England’s forestland by 2060. One of our communication projects in the Massachusetts/Connecticut Partnership area will link up with the Yale Forest Quiet Corner Initiative. In 2013 I will finish my term on the F&ES Alumni Association Board. It’s been a great way to stay connected and serve the School, and I highly recommend it.”

Elizabeth Rich writes: “Bobby (McKinstry) and I became the grandparents in June 2012 of Sylvia Elizabeth, the first grandchild in our family.”

1980

Class Secretary
Sara Schreiner-Kendall
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Louise Richardson Forrest married Jonathan Davis ’82 on a lovely September 2012 day in Maine. Louise now goes by Louise Davis.

Tricia Johnson writes: “I’m almost halfway through my 10th year of teaching at Common Ground High School in New Haven. It has been a life-changing career move, and I enjoy it. I am putting to use the training and education I got while participating in the Japan-Fulbright Teacher Exchange for Education for Sustainable Development. Students at our school have exchanged projects with students from Japan, and I have shared our experiences at several education seminars, including the National Science Teachers Association meetings. My biodiversity class makes an annual field trip to Great Mountain Forest. Life with Robert is wonderful, and we enjoy our summers, when we sail in the Long Island Sound off Rhode Island. Last year we took a three-week trip to Maine. At home we survived both hurricanes [Irene and Sandy] and a severe winter storm with minimal damage.”

Virginia Kearney writes: “I’m living in Baltimore, Md., and working at the Maryland Department of the Environment as Deputy Director of the Water Management Administration. I have two fabulous daughters now in college—one at St. Mary’s College of Maryland (chemistry) and the other at William and Mary (English/teaching). Life is good!”

Sara Schreiner Kendall enjoyed participating on the University Council Committee’s review of Yale F&ES, which
took a hard look at ways to build on the many positive contributions the School provides to the Yale University community. And she happily sent her third child off to his freshman year of college and used the empty nest opportunity to train for and finish her first marathon last November.

Rubén Rangel writes: “My wife, Beatriz, and I live in Santa Fe, N.M. Both of us are beginning to see the light of retirement, she from teaching in the Santa Fe Public Schools and me from Los Alamos National Laboratory. I’m working two jobs to help cover the college costs of Daniella and Dante. They are doing well in school. It’s always beautiful out here. Warm regards to my fellow classmates and to the F&ES faculty, staff and students.”

Laura Snook, D.For. ’93, is leading research on multiple-resource forest management (focused on species hosting edible caterpillars) in three Congo Basin countries, and tested methods in Cameroon in January. About mid-year she will launch a new research project in Guatemala and Nicaragua on community forestry as a win-win solution for conservation and livelihood improvement. She lives in Rome, where she enjoys regular field trips with fellow resident Tom Mcherny and family during the Christmas season of 2012.

Jane Sokolow writes: “I work on Bronx and NYC community environmental and greening projects, including The Harlem River Working Group—a coalition of Bronx and city groups who are working to gain access to the Harlem River and build a greenway along the river. In the Catskills, both Ned and I stay active in the movement to ban fracking operations in and around the Catskill Park.”


Jim Thorne, Ph.D. ’85, has dropped down to four days a week as Senior Director of Science and Stewardship at the Natural Lands Trust. He taught a graduate evening course in Land Stewardship at the University of Pennsylvania this fall.

1981
Class Secretaries
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Mark Plotkin has been focusing much of his recent fieldwork on the northwest Amazon. He just submitted an article to Harvard Magazine on the legendary physician-explorer Hamilton Rice, the first person to map the Amazon from the air. And there is a cover story due out soon in Smithsonian magazine about the Amazon Conservation Team’s partnership with the Colombian government to protect 14 uncontacted tribes and their ancestral rainforests.

1982
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Ken Osborn writes: “I attended the National Society of American Foresters’ conference in Spokane in October, where I had the pleasure of running into, among others, classmate Betsy Jewett, whom I hadn’t seen since our student days. Professionally, this is my 27th year managing a Bavarian family’s forest holdings in Washington State and North Island, New Zealand.”

1983
30th Reunion Year
Class Secretary
Stephen Broker
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Dom Forcella is director of Environmental Health & Safety and Sustainability at Central Connecticut State University. The Princeton Review has recognized CCSU for its sustainability work. He is an active participant in the Environmental Protection Agency’s Football Challenge to boost recycling at games. He remains active with the Connecticut Blues Society and Blues Foundation.

Dave Loeks continues to build his timber frame home company while living in the Yukon and manufacturing in British Columbia. Haven TimberHomes salvages timber from the massive beetle infestation—the structural benefit is ultra-dry wood. They are working to fund a study that will provide actual data on log structures to inform the energy-performance-standards enthusiasts who influence the building codes. Dave secured acceptance of the Peel Watershed Plan by the Yukon government, one of conservation’s last—and best—opportunities to make a difference.

Catherine Radford writes: “Shelley Dresser ’84 and Dave Gagnon ’85 hosted a dinner at their home in Brattleboro, Vt., that included Ned Childs and wife Anita Dunlap, Nora Devoe, visiting from Alice Springs, Australia, Chris Recchia ’84, Steve Winnett ’84 and me. I have been making a living in the glamorous world of property management and am also an election clerk for the City of Boston. I’m on the board of our local friends of the park group—it’s the last such park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted himself and is on the National Register of Historic Places. I secured a grant to restore a fountain that is part of the original design. You can watch me compete on Jeopardy! May 24!”
Denise Schlener writes: “I joined Island Press a year ago as VP for Strategic Advancement. After years (decades) of focusing on delivering on-the-ground results, I am now in the knowledge generation and dissemination business. Very interesting. Give me a buzz if you have been longing to write that book.”

1984

Class Secretaries
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Bruce Phillips writes: “I’m living in Newton, Mass., outside of Boston, and working on energy and environmental issues in the U.S. electric and gas sector. Since the November election, I have been traveling to D.C. on some policy matters, where it’s been great fun to see Denise Schlener ’83 and get her reports on other F&ES grads. I would love to get to the next F&ES Reunion and see old friends again.”

1985

Class Secretary
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James Coleman, Ph.D. ’87, writes: “After a few years as VP for Research at Rice, I realized that my passion leading me to a career in higher education rests on its public mission and its information impact to provide opportunity where none might have existed. So, I now find myself as dean of a large (16,000 students) liberal arts and sciences public research university—Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Our work on the James River has put me in contact with several alumni—it has been great to connect with Denise Schlener ’83 and Daniel Fort ’83 in their roles on the Board of the VCU Rice Center.”

Whitney Tilt lives in Montana, splitting his time between consulting projects ranging from national fisheries strategic planning to local land use conflicts, developing mobile applications for interactive field guides and enjoying the outdoors. www.highcountryapps.com

1986

Class Secretary
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Dave Braun writes: “I have passed the five-year benchmark owning and managing Braun Arboricultural Consulting in Hood River, Ore., offering consulting work in arboriculture and forestry, as well as hands-on tree pruning, removal and restoration work. I laid out my first timber sale this past fall in an ice storm—damaged Douglas-fir stand with broken and uprooted trees. My wife, Becky Nelson, is working at a clinic across the Columbia in Goldendale, Wash., and Zev is winding down his second year at Grinnell in Iowa. He enjoyed a stint last summer at Biosphere II outside of Tucson, where he also did graduate level research in the Mt. Lemon ‘Sky Island’ forest on tree physiology. Becky and I got a personal tour of both places when we went to pick him up, stopping at Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks on the way back. He will be studying abroad next fall in Kenya, Chile and Ecuador. No kids, no pool, no pets.”

Bruce Phillips, Ph.D. ’89, writes: “I’m studying abroad next fall in Costa Rica in tropical ecology and/or tree physiology. Becky and I got a personal tour of both places when we went to pick him up, stopping at Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks on the way back. He will be studying abroad next fall in Costa Rica in tropical ecology and/or medicine.”

Daniel Hellerstein, Ph.D. ’89, writes: “I’m working for USDA as an environmental economist, focusing on conservation programs. I look mostly at enrollment mechanisms—how to entice farmers to join conservation programs (doing good stuff at reasonable restitution rates). Otherwise, life is decent. The money is more than adequate. The kids are in college, doing adequately. No major health issues, other than age-related decrepitude. My wife and I just got back from a round trip via Amtrak from D.C. to San Francisco. The scenery was awesome, in a lay-back-and-look-out-the-window kind of way. Other excitement—I’m installing 6.5kw of solar panels on the roof.”

1987

Class Secretaries
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Christie Coon writes: “Allen Green (husband) and I relaxed during the latest New Year’s holiday on Martha’s Vineyard—hiking rugged trails, walking on beaches, picking up sea glass and checking out the seabird life, and listening to the night sounds of fog horns, barred owls and screech owls. In March we wa de out onto sandy shoals to go oystering! Delineating wetlands is my job with my own company—Wetland Resource—but because of T.R. (time remaining), we are enjoying life. Hope you are, too!”

Elysa Hammond writes: “I’ve been working remotely (from New Rochelle, N.Y.) for Clif Bar (located in California) since 2000 as the director of environmental stewardship, promoting organic food and farming and all things green. I just celebrated 26 years of marriage to Charles Peters, ’79, Ph.D. ’89, who works as a scientist at the New York Botanical Garden. We have three kids (22, 19 and 16). We saw several F&ES friends last spring at an event to honor our wonderful professor, Herb Bormann.”

Jim Pissot writes: “We did lots of enjoyable, memorable and rewarding things over the past year. But we also made one really significant contribution. We drove down to the swing state of Virginia and cast our winning votes for President Obama and Senator Tim Kaine. Also, we totally rebuilt the 6-cylinder engine for the 1948 Chevrolet, and it runs smooth and strong. The Luxton Foundation asked Valerie to oversee their historic gardens at one of the oldest homes in Banff, where
She spent the summer restoring, planting and enhancing. Our Big Spring Trip was a family-and-friends rendezvous at the Wave, Coral Pink Sand Dunes and Bryce Canyon in southern Utah. We enjoyed another 8,200-mile, trailer-towing odyssey this year, doing our part to exhaust fossil fuels so we can get on to a sustainable energy future. Along the route, we were able to reconnect with good friends from 10, 20 and 50 years past. Note to F&ES Reunion-goers: when they say you ‘haven’t changed a bit,’ it may mean their eyesight has deteriorated or that you looked worse back then than you might remember.

1988
25th Reunion Year
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Holly Welles writes: “I’m at Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI), remembering Hurricane Sandy (I was out of power for 10 days), the doom and gloom of the national fiscal situation, and gridlock and grief in D.C., Newtown, etc. My husband and I are digging deep to find positive news to share with our twins (6½). For solace, I try to get outdoors as much as possible and appreciate the natural beauty we are all trying so hard to protect. And, when I have the time to pull away from the lure of my computer and engage with the next generation, those here at Princeton, at Yale and my nieces and nephews scattered around the country, I feel new optimism. Interest in studying environmental issues is growing on college campuses, and many students arrive with a strong environmental/sustainability ethic. Also, this fall at PEI we had F&ES’s Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim as visiting faculty members. They did an amazing job engaging students, faculty, staff and the local community in their Journey of the Universe project; encouraging people to reflect a bit more about the role we are all playing in Earth’s history; and inspiring hope for new ways in which Earth and its human civilizations could flourish together. Good food for thought.”

1989
Class Secretary
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Anthony Boutard runs an organic farm in Oregon. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6mgUEwgjSM

Jane Hoyt Freeman writes: “I’ve been on a six-month detail with National Marine Fisheries Service in Sacramento, working on Central Valley salmon/water issues. It’s been a nice break from my position with the Bureau of Land Management in Reno and a great learning opportunity. We’ve been enjoying exploring Sacramento, and it’s been a good time to be out of the cold and snow of the mountains!”

CJ May was laid off from Yale Facilities in July 2012 after serving as Yale’s first and only recycling coordinator for 22 years. He started working for Yale Recycling while at F&ES and transitioned to full time soon after graduating. He is currently expanding his use of magic in environmental education, both as Cyril the Sorcerer for schools and families, and as a TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design)-style talk presenter for professionals and other adults. To see how he used both his magic and environmental skills to vanish his four-ton carbon footprint from last year, go to his sorcerer Web site to check out his new blog posting and video. This is one trick that everyone should know! www.cyrilthesorcerer.com; www.betterworldmagic.com

1990
Class Secretaries
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Bryan Albers writes: “After F&ES, I spent a decade in private industry developing imaging sensors for environmental monitoring. From there, I returned to federal service to continue sensor R&D with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Finally, two years ago I had the opportunity to join the ODNI as the deputy director for science and technology at the National Counterproliferation Center (a great job). My son, Henry, graduated from William & Mary last year and is a financial analyst on Wall Street. My middle son, Breccan, is a sophomore at Ohio State, and my daughter, Ceridwyn, is a high-school freshman in Virginia. I do miss those carefree days in New Haven.”

Jody Anderson writes: “I’m writing from New London, Wis., where I’ve been for almost 18 years. I’m doing the ‘MOM’ thing with Parker (16) and Celia (10), so I have no interesting projects or trips to report, and my husband Jim retired in 2001, so I’m not even plugged in to the nature-center scene anymore. We did take a trip two summers ago for seven weeks to Alaska in an RV. We had a great five-day ‘cruise’ on Prince William Sound and caught 77 lbs. of salmon, which we shipped home, and saw lots of seabirds and sea lions.”

Linda Behnken writes: “I am fighting for the fish and coastal fisheries, except for the wonderful part of the year when I get to go catch fish. Last year threw some tough punches at our family, but we are back on our feet and ready for more adventures. I have two wild boys (my spouse claims they are part chimp from my side of the family) and a mischievous dog, so adventure seems to find us. In January we went boat camping/hunting/hiking one week and got hit with...
un-forecast gale force winds, an earthquake and a small tsunami—see what I mean?”

Seema Bhatt writes: “I am based in New Delhi, India, and work as an independent consultant on issues relating to biodiversity, ecotourism and climate change. The highlight of last year was the Conference of Parties (COP) on the Convention for Biological Diversity that India hosted. Two of my publications were launched at COP. Other than that, I travel quite a bit within the country and write about ecotourism.”

Mary Ann Boyer writes: “I’ve been teaching science to middle-schoolers for the past 14 (yikes) years. I like the drama of middle school—never a dull moment. My husband Chris and I are living in Philadelphia. Two out of our three kids are in college and we have a high-school junior at home. I was lucky enough to spend an Outward Bound Educator’s Initiative Course in North Carolina with C.A. Pilling ’90 last year. C.A. is doing great things at Georgetown Day School and she is probably too humble to share that she is Head of the Upper School! GDS is lucky to have her.”

Ann (Allen) Camp writes: “I’m at F&ES and have enjoyed seeing those of you who’ve stopped by during Reunion or at other times.”

Tony DeNicola writes: “I got married a few years ago and live between Virginia (only 40 minutes from D.C.) and my original place in Connecticut. I met my wife, Vickie, while working with Rich Reading ’86, Ph.D. ’93, in Mongolia, where she was volunteering (Vickie and I were helping Rich capture vultures in Botswana this past spring). We married on Great Beach in Point Reyes National Seashore, where I spent two years working on a non-native deer eradication project.”

Tim Donnay writes: “I spent a week in Montenegro working on closeout planning for USAID. We end our assistance in June, and close down the office in September. Any hikers/bikers looking for a new place to explore—look no farther than the mountains of Montenegro, it’s absolutely stunning. My wife and I are based in Belgrade, with our son off to college at the University of Vermont (and loving it) and daughter in an international boarding school in Austria, a beautiful place called St. Gilgen. Living in the Balkans has been a great experience (spent four years in Macedonia before Serbia), though I think our next post may return us to Africa (pushing for Uganda) … it feels about that time to return. There are great places to visit in this region, too, and we still have a lot of exploring to do. Last fall my daughter and I went mountain biking in Romania.”

Vicki Goldstein writes: “Bruce and I moved to Boulder, Colo., four years ago with our two children, Ari (13) and Melina (10). Bruce is a tenured professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and having a great time teaching, researching and either riding his bike or taking the bus to work. He had a book come out last year, Collaborative Resilience, and is working on a couple of research projects addressing climate change networks and locally managed marine areas (yes for oceans and research trips!!). I founded an organization, Colorado Ocean Coalition, which is in its third year. We are saving oceans from a mile high. We have monthly Blue Drinks with about 40–50 folks attending on average and had a couple of big events, Making WAVES in Colorado 2011 and 2012, where Jean Michel Cousteau, Sylvia Earle and other ocean notables attended. We are developing the first community-based ocean conservation organization in the middle of the country.”

Melissa Grigione writes: “My family and I live in North Salem, N.Y. Marcus is now 10 and Andea is 6. I direct a graduate program in environmental science at Pace University. I study carnivores and hope that the Eastern Cougar repopulates New England during my lifetime! My husband and I have been studying bison on the Great Plains in South Dakota for the past three summers. We’ve been working on an Indian reservation—a great experience for us and the children.”

Alan Haberstock writes: “I have been in Pittsfield, Maine, for 16½ years and love it. I have a great wife, one kid, a dog and a good job for a great company that does hydro-electric and wind (renewable) energy and habitat restoration.”

Judy Olson Hicks writes: “I am creating a community-trail plan for my local area of interior Alaska. I welcome any advice on this project. After living in Alaska for almost 20 years, I still love the long winters for getting out skiing or running my dogs through the woods and along the creeks.”

Enomoto Hiroshi writes: “Since graduation, I have worked for Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). I was assigned to Cambodia, Poland and East Timor. I am now in Tokyo and director of the office for climate change. This office is the coordinating point for climate change-related issues and assistance in developing countries by JICA and other related organizations in Japan and the world. My job is far from the field and packed into an office building with floods of email and paper. I will finish my assignment this April, and my next post will be Hokkaido University (the school I attended more than 30 years ago). It’s located in the northern part of Japan and is the best place in Japan for outdoor activities—skiing, mountaineering, fishing and canoeing. I was married seven years ago and no children.”

Gina Hirsch writes: “I am living and working in Wisconsin—back to my roots. I can be on the river kayaking or cross-country skiing within five minutes from my front door. I split my time between two careers: one at the University of Wisconsin Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, where we work with farmers in the Midwest on projects ranging from outreach programs on integrated pest management, native
pollinator conservation, farm bill policy for specialty crops, food security, farm to school, and building resiliency in farm systems to deal with climate change; the other as director of strategy and planning at Advanced Engines Development, a R&D business my dad started 30 years ago. Current projects include a contract with the U.S. government to develop a more fuel-efficient and powerful engine for the Humvee and the development of a biodiesel motorcycle engine.”

Anne Kinsinger writes: “Ron and I have been chained to the nation’s capital for about three years. I’ve worked at the U.S. Geological Survey for a long time and am associate director for Ecosystem Science. Ron and I have moved from D.C. to Missouri (where we married) to California (where our daughter Corey was born and Ron retired from his environmental law practice to become a stay-at-home dad), back to the D.C. area and then on to Bainbridge Island in Washington State, where I was Western Regional Director for USGS for about eight years. Working in D.C. during such an intense time in history has been great, but we miss the Pacific Northwest. Our daughter, Corey (16), is a fun and funny person with absolutely no interest in science (it could have something to do with my, er, exuberance during her science fairs).”

My wife, Lalla Carothers, and I live in Cumberland, about 20 minutes north of Portland with our daughter, Olivia (9), and our son, Benny (6).”

Jen Lamb writes: “I left Wyoming and my work at the National Outdoor Leadership School two years ago to move to Maine (we’re in Bangor now) while my husband, Jim, attends grad school. My little boy (6) and I have had some fun adventures in many corners of the state while Jim toils away in the library. We’ve had some great times reconnecting with Jonathan Labaree and his amazing family. Wyoming calls us back later this spring and I’m looking forward to joining The Nature Conservancy to help push conservation initiatives forward in the southwest part of the state. There’s a lot of work to do in the realm of watershed protection.”

Marco Lowenstein writes: “I live in Corrales, N.M.—a village outside of Albuquerque—with my wife of 20 years, Charla, and my two kids. Micah (16) is a junior in high school and Keleah is in seventh grade. We have two horses, four chickens and four dogs. The kids are into equestrian vaulting, lacrosse, piano, photography and reading. I work from home for a company in Portland, buying lumber in Central and South America. Maybe 30-50% of the wood comes from FSC certified forests in Guatemala, Honduras and Minnesota. The majority of the products go for musical instruments (acoustic and electric guitars, ukuleles, marimbas and a smattering of other instruments). One of our big customers is Gibson Guitar USA, who consistently specifies FSC certified hardwoods. I also am on the board of Northwest Natural Resources Group, a forestry NGO in Washington and Oregon. We have an FSC group certification with 175 small and conservation landowner members covering over 15,000 acres. Members include lots of 20-100 acre private homesteads as well as Washington State Parks, The Nature Conservancy preserves and Seattle Public Utilities Seattle Watershed.”

Mary Miller writes: “Our family lives southwest of Tucson in the beautiful Baboquivari Mountains and Altar Valley. We run a guest ranch called Elkhorn Ranch. I’m quite involved in a collaborative conservation group called the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance. Our kids are 15 and 13—busy with school, ranch life, sports—the works.”

Bob Russo writes: “Carol and I live in Ivyton, Conn., within walking distance of an Atlantic White Cedar swamp. Our two sons are Peter (19), who did a year at University of Maine, and Daniel (15), a high school sophomore. They both love the outdoors, and each summer they practically move into the nature camp up the road (where the cedar swamp is). I am a soil and wetland scientist at a small consulting firm in eastern Connecticut and enjoy the people and the work.”

Patricia Shanley writes: “After five years living in the Brazilian Amazon and 10 in Indonesia (working with CIFOR), my husband, Chris Barr, our daughter, Grayson (12) and I returned to the United States a couple of years ago. We landed in a patch of woods with a stream and a 40-acre preserve next door that we are joyfully cutting trails through. I am working with friends at People and Plants International and continuing decades-long work with rural communities in Brazil. We live a one-hour train ride from NYC, in Princeton.”

Tara Shimberg writes: “After fleeing New Haven with hundreds of dollars in parking tickets, I returned to my beloved island of St. Thomas as an environmental planner in a newly established Environment Division in the Public Works Department. I was tasked with the impossible mission of managing and developing solid waste management programs for the territory. After five years of head banging, I took a five-month leave of absence and traveled to Kauai, Indonesia and Australia. My last stop before home was D.C., where I met my husband, Steve Shimberg. I moved...”
to D.C. and we decided to start a family. I became a stay-at-home mom to two boys, Ethan (14) and Logan (12). Struggling to maintain my sanity as a mother of two small monsters, I got in touch with my creative talents and eventually found my calling in interior design. I have my own part-time (children still come first) business out of my home."

Catherine Bealle Statland writes: “Lawrence and I are livin’ the laid back West Coast lifestyle here on Vancouver Island. I work for the Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch of the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The stand development modeling team I’m on, though diminished and under bureaucratic pressures, endures and manages to attract funding. I study tree and stand growth in complex stands, with several favorite research installations in the interior of Southern British Columbia. We have one son, Max (15), who shows at least some interest in science and environmental stewardship, as well as soccer, music, Star Craft, YouTube, food, girls, friends ... Larry, a pro musician/stay-at-home dad for several years, is working on a financial designation, and volunteers as treasurer for three nonprofit boards, and also keeps some music projects going. Three years ago, we moved to a fixer-upper in a forested neighborhood in Victoria and are both keen on municipal tree and green space stewardship programs.”

Tim Sullivan writes: “Leah and I have been back West Coast lifestyle here on Vancouver Island. I work for the Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch of the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The stand development modeling team I’m on, though diminished and under bureaucratic pressures, endures and manages to attract funding. I study tree and stand growth in complex stands, with several favorite research installations in the interior of Southern British Columbia. We have one son, Max (15), who shows at least some interest in science and environmental stewardship, as well as soccer, music, Star Craft, YouTube, food, girls, friends ... Larry, a pro musician/stay-at-home dad for several years, is working on a financial designation, and volunteers as treasurer for three nonprofit boards, and also keeps some music projects going. Three years ago, we moved to a fixer-upper in a forested neighborhood in Victoria and are both keen on municipal tree and green space stewardship programs.”

Susannah Troner writes: “I have an amazing husband named John who is smart, funny, loves beer and is a true environmentalist—fits right in with most of you! He manages the removal of derelict vessels and battles high-powered nefarious attorneys representing clients that have coastal construction violations (sea walls, docks, etc.). I am trying to figure out how to balance work vs. home and mind-health vs. body-health. I work for our Department of Management and Budget, doing grant research and grant writing for our departments. I have a gym in my building and I can work out almost every day. I have another job as “Mom” to two girls. Chiara (15) is studying for her driver’s permit—thank goodness in this one instance she is a procrastinator!!—and Ruby is 11. John and I like to hoard all of our vacation days and then go for month-long vacations. Last summer we spent time with the girls and some friends in the Alps near the border with Austria. Our next big trip will be to Patagonia.”

Carla Wise writes: “Mark Van Steeter and I live in Corvallis, Ore., where we have been since 1999. We have a 13-year-old daughter (awesome and humbling), and a 6-year-old yellow lab, who gives us unconditional love. Mark has been teaching geography at Western Oregon University since we got here, and enjoys the life of a tenured professor with a very heavy teaching load but, blissfully, a nine-month appointment. I am writing about environmental topics—mostly climate change—writing my first book and working on rebuilding a local food system in the Willamette Valley. We love to ski and float rivers, and Mark has become an avid steelhead fisherman.”

1991

Secretary needed! Volunteers?

Chip and Jill Isenhart write: “Ever wondered if you could take your family along on a conservation project? We just did that in Africa and Asia, working six months on conservation education and visitor center design projects (and homeschooling along the way). It was a very rewarding trip both professionally and personally. Yes, it’s hard to be back—enduring the drama of middle school girls and life back at the office—but all good. We’re working on climate change with the National Park Service, working with a few zoos on how to engage visitors directly with conservation efforts abroad, and helping to create a water education center in Colorado.” http://news.mongabay.com/2012/1225-szotek-isenhart-family-interview.html

1992

Class Secretary

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Anne Black writes: “I work for the U.S. Forest Service’s research arm. My focus has evolved from traditional ecology to social ecology, particularly the science and practice of leadership, organizational learning, high reliability, safety and resiliency. I am developing skills and experience in leadership facilitation and development, particularly women’s leadership. We live in Montana.”

Shawn Dalton writes: “I live and work in New Brunswick, Canada. I left the University of New Brunswick in 2010 to open my own company, Thrive Consulting. I’m working with the Assembly of First Nations’ Chiefs in New Brunswick to develop an environmental education and career paths program for First Nations youth, and designing an integrated social ecological research program for N.B. First Nations. My daughter, Riley (15), and son, Declan (13), keep me pretty busy when I’m not working.”

Syma Ebbin writes: “I am working at the University of Connecticut, teaching environmental and marine science and policy courses, and I am the research coordinator for Connecticut Sea Grant. I am involved in climate change adaptation efforts, land conservation (board member of the Groton Open Space Association) and fisheries (president-elect of the American Fisheries Society, Southern New England Chapter).”
Mark Loughman writes: “I am the director of Environmental Affairs and Resource Strategy at Mississippi Power Company, where I’ve worked for nearly 15 years. I’m responsible for environmental compliance, managing relationships with regulatory agencies, directing our environmental stewardship efforts, and leading our power generation resource planning efforts. My wife, Leslie, and I have three terrific kids—Meg, Patrick and Caroline—who keep us very busy with soccer, baseball and sailing.”

Mary Verner writes: “As CEO for Spokane Tribal Enterprises, I’m actively engaged in feasibility studies for commercial opportunities in biofuels. All that forest stand measurement and biomass availability work learned at F&ES really comes in handy!”

1993

20th Reunion Year

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Patrick Baker writes: “I have started a new position as associate professor of silviculture and forest ecology at the Melbourne School of Land and Environment, University of Melbourne.”

Meg Kelly writes: “I am alive and well, living outside of Boston and staying out of trouble by working with Weston Forest & Trail Association (a trails/open-space-oriented land trust) as their president, and on the steering committee of a group called ‘W2O’ (Women Working for Oceans)—just trying to cover as many ecosystems as possible! I am also married to a great guy (coming up on 20 years) and we have three daughters (18, 16 and 12). Life is nuts, but in a good way.”

Eugene Simonov has a stronghold in Dalian on the Yellow Sea in China, where his wife, Svetlana, and he try to control Daniel (4) and Maria (1), both of whom were denied Chinese citizenship despite place of birth. Eugene works as coordinator for the Rivers without Boundaries Coalition that unites experts and NGOs involved in transboundary river management in Mongolia, China, Russia, Central Asia and the United States. At frozen Lake Baikal, he assists a dialogue on ecological optimization of lake levels regulation by hydropower dam. He’s preparing the Rivers of Siberia International Conference to be held there in June. Question: Does any alum work on the Great Lakes on a similar problem? www.transrivers.org

Bhishma Subedi, executive director of Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources, has 20 years of experience in participatory conservation and rural development programs, research, policy analysis, university teaching, and networking. He has designed over 50 development and research projects and led the implementation of over 40 projects, including those with multiple donors and partners; developed strategies, methodologies and tools; monitored and evaluated conservation and development programs; and acted as a resource person in national and international conferences. He has over 50 published articles, books, practical manuals, guidelines and toolkits, and over 60 research/technical reports.

1994

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Andrew Beckerman, Ph.D. ’99, writes: “The Beckerman clan is doing well. We’ve temporarily migrated from Sheffield in the U.K. to the Southern Hemisphere for a nine-month sabbatical at the Universidad de Austral, In Valdivia, Chile.”

Beth Conover writes: “Ken Snyder and I are in Denver, raising teenagers and doing river trips whenever possible. Ken runs Placematters, a land-use decision-support nonprofit, and has been working closely on his staff with Jocelyn Hittle ’05 and with Don Chen ’92 as a principal funder. I work for a Denver-based foundation on natural resource protection and community development initiatives, often in collaboration with Lise Aangeenbrug ’90, Tim Sullivan ’90, Tim Wohlgenant ’93 and others.”

Bill Keeton is on sabbatical leave this spring, spending much of the time as a guest professor in Vienna, Austria, and working on forest carbon research in the Carpathian Mountains of Eastern Europe.

Nicola Robins is director and co-founder of Incite Sustainability—an advisory company with an advocacy edge. Incite is branching out with partnerships in the E.U., Australia, West Africa and the Middle East. She lives with her husband, Steve, in a wooden cabin in the deep southern peninsula of Cape Town.

William Stevenson writes: “I run Lycott Environmental in Spencer, Mass., where we help clients throughout New England manage lakes, ponds and reservoirs, primarily for invasive species and algae. Our oldest son is almost a teenager and the younger two appear to be catching up fast.”

Graham Trelstad and his wife, Julie, are adjusting to life as empty-nesters. Lizzy is studying chemistry at Columbia and Ellie is studying physics at SUNY Geneseo. Some of you may remember the days when they would appear in a stroller in Sage Hall to attend Jerry Cohon’s lectures on multi-dimensional decision-making algorithms. Perhaps they absorbed some of what their father was struggling to understand.

Jessica Wilkinson writes: “After 18 years with the Environmental Law Institute, I am working with The Nature Conservancy...”
Can’t a guy just get a hug and kiss anymore? I’m at the Environmental League of Massachusetts in trench warfare with the legislature around global warming and improving mass transit. We’re making some progress.”

1996
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Derek Denniston writes: “I’ve joined NaturEner USA and NaturEner Canada as vice president of business development. My primary focus is the commercial performance of NaturEner’s wind energy, transmission and balancing authority assets by structuring optimization strategies, and negotiating revenue contracts.”

Steve Dunn writes: “I am a project manager for the U.S. Department of Energy, based in Golden, Colo. In my current position, I support DOE’s Better Buildings Neighborhood Program, a $500 million Recovery Act initiative launched by Vice President Biden in April 2010. My work helps to bring energy efficiency improvements to homes, businesses and even farms in urban areas, small towns and rural communities nationwide. I enjoy spending time outdoors in beautiful Colorado with my wife, Kendra, and our two sons, Gavin and Grady.”

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Kelly Keefe finished a Ph.D. at the University of Florida and is a lead scientist and facilitator in the U.S. Army Corps and South Florida Water Management District’s Everglades Restoration program.

Jon Kohl writes: “I have a six-month-old son, just published a novella called Fallout (available on Amazon), and just started a new organization called the PUP Global Heritage Consortium, which unites people and organizations around the world dedicated to introducing new paradigms in natural and cultural heritage site planning and managing. The organization is based on nearly 15 years of work with UNESCO World Heritage Sites trying to redefine relationships between donors, sites and their communities. Some of the new paradigms that we have built into our approach include adaptive co-management, organizational learning, participation, resiliency, mutual gains approach and Integral Theory. We are recruiting core members across a variety of sectors. If anyone is particularly interested in protected area planning and concerned with the conventional mode of planning, do contact me.”

José Juan Terrasa-Soler just completed four years of service in government as director of planning and development for the Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC). The PRTC is Puerto Rico’s government agency in charge of tourism development, policy, regulation and promotion. José Juan is a Landscape Architect at the Office of Marvel & Marchand Architects in San Juan. He also teaches landscape architecture and environmental science at the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico.
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Rebecca Gratz writes: “In July I was appointed principal of the Sound School in New Haven. I have been at Sound since I student-taught while at Yale, and it is an amazing opportunity and challenge to lead this unique school. The next big change for me was marrying Steven Sitrin this summer in Ghent, N.Y. We now share three kids—Isaac (10), Shira (8) and Danielle (7). They all get along very well and my Dani was absolutely thrilled to have a sister. I co-own an inn (austinstreetinn.net) in a restored 19th century house in Westville—keep us in mind for your visits to New Haven.”

Jennifer Kefer writes: “I am enjoying life inside the Beltway, and outside D.C. in Bethesda, Md., with my husband, Josh, and two boys, Ari (8) and Doron (5). I am working for a family-owned environmental consulting group, David Gardiner & Associates, where I work on sustainable energy policy. Our family just installed a geothermal system in our home. We spend time every summer exploring the United States. This year’s adventure took the family on a camping road trip to Sturgis, S.D., for the motorcycle rally, along with visits to four national parks.”

John Kuriawa writes: “I’m with NOAA, just wrapping up an interesting detail assignment to develop a case review/evaluation process for the restoration implementation component of our Damage Assessment, Remediation and Restoration Program, which is NOAA’s arm of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Process. I enjoyed catching up with new and old alums when Dean Crane visited us in D.C.”

Katherine Lieberknecht writes: “My family—daughters, Lucie (8) and Rowan (2), son, August (5), and husband, Robert Young—moved to Austin this year so my husband and I could start jobs at the University of Texas, Austin.”

Keely Maxwell, Ph.D. ’04, and her husband, Mike, welcomed their second son, Gabriel, in November 2012. Keely is an AAAS Fellow at EPA’s National Homeland Security Research Center.

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Julie (Herbst) Bain writes: “I’ve been working for the Santa Fe National Forest for 12 years. My husband and I have four horses/composters that we pack and ride, and we use them to haul rocks, logs and tools for volunteers doing stream restoration and trail work. We’ve also bought an antique crosscut saw and can’t wait to get into the woods once the snow melts. Last fall I harvested honey for the first time from my one beehive. I had to put down my beloved dog, Cypress, who attended Yale Forestry as a pup. We miss him a bunch.”

Steve Bosak writes: “My organization, the Society for Ecological Restoration, is holding its Fifth World Conference on Ecological Restoration in Madison, Wis., this October. This will be a four-day program featuring more than 100 concurrent sessions; it will take place at the Monona Conference Center down the hill from the Capitol building. We have lined up author and entrepreneur, Paul Hawken, as our keynote speaker and also will feature the founder of Costa Rica’s national parks, Alvaro Ugalde. Our conference partners include the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the International Crane Foundation, the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at University of Wisconsin, Madison, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. We expect a number of federal agencies to participate too, such as EPA, NOAA, BLM and USDA. Feel free to contact me.” steve@ser.org

Lavanchewee Sujarittanonta writes: “Kun Ying is teaching management and marketing in Thailand, Taiwan and Macau.”

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Linus Chen is an attorney advisor at the Department of the Interior Solicitor’s Office working on wildlife and refuge issues. He is active with the Udall Foundation, assisting alumni of the various programs. He also teaches spin classes at the Washington Sports Clubs and Sports Clubs LA. (Occasionally he can be seen in re-runs of DIY’s “I Want That” for bead-board wallpaper.)

Heather Peckham Griscom, Ph.D. ’04, writes: “I am an associate professor of forest ecology at James Madison University (7th year). Bronson, Ph.D. ’03, is director of forest carbon science at The Nature Conservancy in Arlington (6th year). Our twin daughters, Adeline and Genevieve, turn two years old in March when we are expecting our third daughter. We live in a small town in the Shenandoah Valley and have a cabin on 60 acres of land in West Virginia, where we are experimenting with American Chestnut and Ginseng reintroduction.”

Ashley Prout McAvey writes: “I am living in Shelburne, VT., with my husband, Ken, daughter, Elle (4), son, Reid (2), and big, beautiful Golden Retriever, Jackson (7!). I enjoy working independently from home...”
as a development consultant and hope
to raise funds and awareness for endan-
gered African wildlife in the coming year.”

Alice (Walker) Wolfe writes: “Last year I
led American Municipal Power’s con-
struction of the Napoleon solar facility.
The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the
17,000-panel, 21-acre facility was held on
September 21. Nine days later I married
Jeremiah Wolfe. We plan to honeymoon
in Peru in May.”

2001

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Leigh Cash writes: “I am wrapping up my
doctorate on plutonium nanoparticles
at Los Alamos National Laboratory. I am
very proud to get to work with so many
outstanding scientists and mentors. My
husband James and our dogs love living
and working in New Mexico.”

Mary Ford writes: “I’m enjoying my job at
National Geographic—working on a new
program to get people outside taking
pictures of biodiversity and then sharing
photos and learning from each other in
online communities. I’m also coaching a
team of marathoners for Team in Training
and working in New Mexico.”

Mary Ford writes: “I’m serving as
associate director for statistics at the
Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research
on AIDS at the Yale School of Medicine.
My most recent publications examine
extensively resistant TB/HIV co-infection
in South Africa and improved barrier
methods to prevent HIV infection.”

Cordalie Benoit is very pleased to report
that she has been elected to the board
of the American Community Gardening
Association.

Catherine Bottrell writes: “I am juggling
running Pilio, a spin-out from my Oxford
University research, and writing my Ph.D.
thesis that has explored the response of
the U.K. music industry to climate change.
The goal for 2013 is getting the thesis
done and dusted so I can put my full ener-
gies working on domestic lighting and
rural cookstoves. My husband, Arvind,
and I will soon move to our hometown of
Bangalore, where I really look forward to a
bit more outdoors than the capital could
ever offer!”

Russell Barbour, D.F.E.S., writes: “I serve
as development consultant at the
Church of England on a national
campaign—so we are hitting the iconic
buildings for energy saving! It was
wonderful to be back in New Haven for
the 10-year reunion and have the chance
to catch up with so many dear friends." www.pilio-ltd.com; www.smeasure.com

Liam Carr writes: "I work with the Pew Charitable Trusts, as the senior policy associate for the Ending Overfishing in the Southeastern U.S. Campaign (I started the day after Inauguration). I’d been working from Washington, D.C., but have relocated to beautiful Charleston, S.C. My work will take me around the entire Southeast and back forth to the U.S. Caribbean Islands (hello, St. Croix! I missed you!). I’ve kept busy since graduating with my Ph.D. in geography from Texas A&M University in May 2012, spending time in the Yucatan working with several fishing communities to share their knowledge for improving their rights and access to more sustainably managed fisheries. I’ve also enjoyed D.C., having run 23.5 miles of the Marine Corps Marathon (I did a silly jog-lurch the last 2.7 miles.)."

Rachel Fertik and Vic Edgerton ’03 were married on October 8th, 2011, in a forest glen as part of a weekend-long celebration in Monkton, Md. They were happily joined by F&ES alumni Becca Brown ’03, Sarah Canham, Roberto Frau, Andrea Johnson ’05, Barry Muchnick ’01, Kate Muchnick ’09, Bryan Petit, Justin Ruben, Colleen Ryan, Carrie (Magee) Sargeant and Becky Tavani. They had a grand time celebrating their marriage with family and friends, dancing, building a bonfire, feasting together and field games.

Michael Funaro and Zhanna Beisembaeva-Funaro and their three children are in San Antonio, Texas. Michael is with ESRF and Zhanna is taking care of the kids, providing support and planning for Danna’s competitive tennis goals and academics —she is a freshman now; volunteering at Kair’s school and helping him achieve his full intellectual potential and overcome Autism/Aspergers challenges; and exploring with our outdoorsy nature-loving Aarez. Both Michael and Zhanna are active members of the Yale Club of South Texas and are on the Admissions School Committee.”

Shafqat Hussein writes: “After teaching for three years at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., I am currently on sabbatical. I’m trying to finish my book manuscript on politics of predator conservation in the western Himalayas. For the last month I have been tracking snow leopards in the frigid mountains of Pakistan’s north. Annie is working for the Yale Carbon Fund. We have three children, Khadija (14), Musa (11) and Askari (6). We live in the East Rock neighborhood in New Haven, which means that I get to go to interesting talks and events at F&ES.”

Jay McLaughlin writes: “Life’s good in southern Washington. Bridget and I do our best to keep up with the kids’ activities. I continue my work directing a small nonprofit working on community-based forestry issues. It was fun to see Prof. Mark Ashton ’85, Ph.D. ’90, and the Yale-Munich gang last May as we shared the story of our efforts with the Mt. Adams Community Forest Project and other aspects of our work.”

Jill Trynosky writes: “My husband, Steve, and I live in Washington, D.C., with our son, Stephen Bruce (1). I am working with the U.S. EPA Office of the Inspector General and am enjoying my work on program evaluations. I was a member of our office’s Deepwater Horizon Interdisciplinary Audit, Evaluation and Legal Team that received the Alexander Hamilton Award in October. It is the highest award given by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.”

Josh Zaffos and Sylvia went to Costa Rica for 10 days around Christmas after officially getting married (!) ahead of the “Mayan apocalypse”—they got some warm (and rainy) days around volcanoes and on the beach—very beautiful and tranquil.

2003
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Rebecca Ashley Asare writes: "I am in my eighth year in Ghana, and life and work are in great balance. My daughter, Claire, is a precocious 5, and in early October I gave birth to a second daughter, Dale Yayira Ashley-Demordzi. Since her birth, she continues to win all of the ‘good baby’ awards (we’ve entered many national and international competitions) and is truly a little blessing. On the work front, I head up the West Africa FES Incubator for Forest Trends—a job that challenges me in interesting ways and makes me immensely happy!”

Brian Goldberg writes: "I’m enjoying Alexandria, Va., though troubled by this year’s wacky weather. Also, I am having fun teaming with Pete Land and others to pull folks together for celebrating our 10th-year reunion. Hope to see you all there!”

Kat Hall spent much of January crewing on a 50-foot sailboat on a 22-day Atlantic crossing from the Canary Islands to the Caribbean.

Krithi Karanth was chosen by National Geographic Society to be in their class of 2012 Emerging Explorers from around the world. She lives and works in Bangalore India.

Pete Land and his wife, Emily, welcomed their first child to the world on Christmas Eve. In an effort to introduce little Robbie Land to as many F&ES offspring as possible, Pete is serving as the 10th Reunion Committee Chair. You’ll be hearing from him!

Flo Miller writes: “Bill Finnegan and I have lived in London with our daughter, Esme, since last June. I am coordinating
the Environmental Funders Network, a network of about 120 foundations that support environmental causes in the U.K. and abroad, with the goal of improving the effectiveness of environmental philanthropy and attempting to increase the amount of funding going to environmental causes.”

Kabir Peay writes: “2012 was a big year for our family. I moved from Minneapolis back to the San Francisco Bay area to take a job at Stanford, we adopted a dog (Blue) and Alison Forrestel and I had a baby girl, Eslyn Jane Peay, in June. I’m looking forward to things slowing down in 2013.”

Liz Roberts writes: “I’m thrilled to be working for Pilo, the company Catherine Bottrill ’02 founded, helping with business development on several energy management projects. When I’m not doing that, I’m hanging out with Bill Finnegan and Flo Miller, now that they’ve moved to the U.K., and planning my trip for reunion, obviously!”

Yvette Williams writes: “I am looking forward to graduating this spring with my Ph.D. in urban & community development. If time permits, I would like to attend the reunion in October—it will be coming home for me.”

Andrew Winston writes: “I’m working on a new book on corporate environmental strategy. It will focus on how companies need to operate to bring about, and benefit from, a change in capitalism in relation to climate change, resource constraints, transparency and other mega- forces. It should be coming out later this year. I’m living in Greenwich, Conn., with my wife and two boys.”

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Margarita Fernandez and Benjamin Hodgdon ’03 welcomed their second child, Lucia, in May 2012. They live in Chiapas, Mexico, where Margarita is conducting field research for her Ph.D. Her research explores the relationship between food security, agrobiodiversity and climate change in coffee communities of Mexico and Nicaragua.

Ilmi Granoff was based in Tunis, Tunisia, for the year, consulting as the African Development Bank’s special counsel for environment and climate change, working all over Africa and taking frequent trips to Southwest France to surf.

Amanda (Farris) Mahaffey writes: “I’m happily living in Brunswick, Maine, with husband and dog, and recently succeeded F&ES’s Bob Perschel ’79 as the northeast regional director for the Forest Guild. In my spare time, I conduct music groups and sing.”

Christopher Riely lives in Providence and works as a forester and watershed manager for the city’s public water utility. He and Ingrid Heilke welcomed their daughter, Sylvia Riely-Heilke, to the world in January 2013. Last May, Christopher received his MBA from the University of Rhode Island and is now looking for ways to apply it in environmental work.

Abby Weinberg writes: “I’ve been having great fun learning about new wildlife adaptation science out of The Nature Conservancy, working on a water quality project in the Delaware and Susquehanna basins and doing planning projects with state wildlife and forestry agencies in the Southeast. I feel like I’m learning non-stop, especially from Jack (3½), who keeps asking when it is warm enough to go camping again. I can’t wait!”

Kevin Woods was last seen eating shan tofu noodles in northern Shan State, Burma.

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Sybil Ackerman recently became the foundation advisor for Burning Foundation in Portland, Ore.

Lauren Baker is in her fifth year of her Ph.D. at F&ES. She is back from a year and a half of fieldwork in Peru, examining indigenous advocacy in response to oil concessions—It went well, and she is enjoying writing it up. She recently became engaged to Darrin Mortenson, a journalist/activist she met in the Amazon during fieldwork—they will be married in California in August.

Ann Grodnik writes: “We are living in Madison, Wis., the land of lakes, badgers, beer and cheese curds. I work for Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure, administering Wisconsin’s statewide EE/RE program, Focus on Energy. Sylvie turned 2 in November, and Kyle is happy practicing sports medicine. I have found a few F&ESers in the Midwest, but we are few and far between.”

Bruce Ho writes: “I am back at F&ES, at least for 2012–2013! After graduating from Stanford Law School and working at NRDC in Chicago, I returned to New Haven in August to co-teach the Yale Environmental Protection Clinic. I am also currently a Fellow at the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy, where I am researching clean energy policy as well as issues surrounding shale gas development.”

Radha Kuppalli writes: “I rented out my place in D.C. and moved Down Under. I live with an Englishman near Sydney Harbor. I work at New Forests—miss D.C.”
Melissa Anderson Kuskie writes: “My husband and I moved back to the D.C. area in the fall of 2011 and are now living in Falls Church, Va. After spending a year unemployed while I gestated and then cared for our son, Michael Andersen Kuskie (born April 2012), I’m a consultant with CALIBRE Systems, working with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment’s Restoration Directorate (hazardous waste cleanup program). Between work and a baby at home, I’m basically doing nonstop hazardous waste cleanup.”

Azalea Mitch writes: “After 10 great years in the New Haven area, we are heading back home to California. Bill (the hubby) accepted an offer from Stanford, so we are excited to go back to the land of sun and earthquakes. I will continue doing environmental engineering consulting and will work on setting up the California office. Our rascal, Sam (2), is keeping us busy, and we continue to be amazed and challenged by parenthood.”

Dan Stonington writes: “This past year, I’ve had a few fun F&ES connections. Jordan Jobe ’10 got a job at The Nature Conservancy in the cubicle next to me (my organization subleases from TNC). I cohosted a webinar on certified wood with James Lucas ’03. And Elizabeth Black (not F&ES, but much-beloved by ’05 class members) moved to Seattle to work as an environmental attorney. I grew an amazing vegetable garden and plan to do so again this year!”

Yusuke Taishi is working in Bangkok in the climate change adaptation team in UNDP. He travels frequently to the Pacific, Cambodia, Bangladesh and Bhutan.

Victoria Thompson writes: “I moved to Minneapolis right after Christmas to join my fiancé, Chris Vaughan, who started a job here in October with the Minneapolis Public Schools. We got engaged in November, and have been together for two and a half years, after having met in the minerals exhibit of the Harvard Museum of Natural History. We’ll marry in September in Massachusetts. I left my job after seven years at ICF International, and am currently looking for something in the Twin Cities, possibly in corporate sustainability.”

Kevin Tidwell writes: “I have two big updates: 1) Ilana Kirsztajn and I married this past June, and 2) we live near Cape Town and travel around Africa from here.”

Songlin Wang writes: “I got married in 2009, and we are expecting our son by the time you read this. My wife is a lawyer who used to serve as an inspector for environmental crimes. We live in Beijing, now one of the most heavily polluted and expensive cities on earth. We bought an apartment in 2009. I am pursuing my dream job as a conservationist with the World Wildlife Fund. In Beijing, owning a piece of land is Mission Impossible (unless you are a billionaire). So no garden or vegetables, but I have a big fish tank as a compensation. I have two F&ESers around me, both in WWF China. One is Seth Cook ’98, Ph.D. ’04, and another is Ran Song ’12. I used to work closely with Isao Endo, when he was with UNDP.”

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Imelda (Dada) Bacudo writes: “I am working for the Government of Laos Department of Forestry implementing a UNDP-supported project that aims to build capacities of authorities to adhere closely to three Rio Conventions: UNFCC, CLD and CBD. I am doing policy analysis, providing baseline data for measuring levels of capacities and creating grant proposals with communities that showcase greater commitments to the above international conventions, of which Laos is a signatory. I try to go to Bali as often and as long as possible, chasing waves. Maybe I will get to live there permanently.”

Gonzalo Griebenow writes: “I finished my work at the Inter-American Development Bank in D.C. and moved to the U.K. at the end of spring to work on my Ph.D. at Oxford University—a long-delayed objective in my life. It reminds me so much of my time at Yale! I am also consulting for the World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, so I have a good excuse to visit friends in D.C. My new neighbor at the School of Geography in Oxford will be Alex Shenkin ’06 so there will be time to keep F&ES memories alive!”

Jesse Grossman writes: “2012 was an eventful year with a marriage to my wife, Nandita Chandra, and over a week of festivities in Delhi with a number of fun-loving F&ESers (and even a prof) in attendance. Other than that, Soltage and the build-out of east coast solar facilities continue to be an all-consuming and joyful enterprise.”

Kate Hamilton writes: “I moved back to Boulder, Colo., last spring. I’m serving as Director of Ecosystem Marketplace, and have enjoyed meeting up with a crew of F&ES grads (including Dave Cherney ’05, Jocelyn Hittle ’05, Caley Johnson, Dan Steinberg ’09 and others) on the Front Range.”

Christina (Zarrella) Milloy completed the editing of the book Celebrating the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program: 75 Years of Conservation and Partnership Success, published by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and available for free. In her spare time, Christina is also writing a personal memoir about her life as a homeless teen on the streets of San Francisco.”
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Adrián Cerezo, associate director for conservation education research at the St. Louis Zoo, was recently appointed by the zoo to develop a new Department of Conservation Education Research, and invited to join the faculty at Washington University and University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Gordon Clark works at Peninsula Open Space Trust in Palo Alto, Calif., with fellow F&ESers Paul Ringgold ’97 and Abigail Adams ’10. He and his partner, Nichole, recently moved into a neat little house on the coast outside a tiny town called Pescadero, one hour south of San Francisco.

Brandi Colander is serving as the deputy general counsel with the Council on Environmental Quality in Washington, D.C. She also serves as a member of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies Alumni Association Board.

Aja DeCoteau writes: “For the past three years, I have been the Watershed Department manager for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission located in Portland, Ore. I work on behalf of four tribes, including my own (Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs and Nez Perce) in Washington, Oregon and Idaho on a variety of natural resource issues related to salmon, tribal treaty rights, water quality and toxics reduction, climate change, workforce development, habitat restoration, and other regional and national policy processes.”

Tomas Delgado works on federal food safety efforts and toxics reduction, climate change, land use, migration, exposure to metals and population health. I love living in Durham, N.C.!”

Todd Gartner moved to Portland, Ore., in the spring of 2012, after four-plus years in D.C. He has worked as a senior associate to the World Resources Institute focusing on conservation finance for the last two and a half years. He spends part of his time in Portland collaborating with the Willamette Partnership to expand ecosystem markets in the western United States. Todd enjoys snowboarding on Mt. Hood, climbing at Smith Rocks and “work” travel to Rwanda, the Rockies and the Everglades.

Ariane Lotti works on federal food and agriculture policy for the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition in Washington, D.C.

Charlie Liu is working in Shanghai for an industrial biotech company making renewable chemicals.

Brandon Berkeley Middaugh writes: “I am living in California and wrapping up an MBA at Stanford Graduate School of Business. I spent last summer at Bloom
Energy and plan to pursue a career in clean technology after graduation in June. I recently got married to Mark Middaugh, and F&ES grads Anton Chiono ‘08, Claire Gagne, Scott Laeser ‘08, and Ariane Lotti joined us at the wedding celebration!”

Colleen Morgan is the director of Bayou Rebirth, a nonprofit that facilitates wetlands planting projects for volunteers and a wetlands education program for local students in New Orleans. She also serves as the environmental editor and writer for the local Natural Awakenings magazine and is a consultant for the Latino Farmers Cooperative and FutureProof, an environmental master-planning firm. Her passion for native plants has led her to develop a plan for a native plant nursery that will help to spur the market for ecologically appropriate plant material for the region while supporting the nonprofit she founded five years ago.

Tamara Muretagoiena writes: “I am the program manager of the Lehendakari Agirre Center, a joint project between Columbia University Earth Rights Institute’s Consortium on Cooperation and Conflict and George Mason University. The goal of the research center is to promote the sustainable development strategy of the Basque Country as a model for other regions in the world. I work part of the year in the United States and the rest in France and travel frequently to Latin America, looking for new partners for the project. I teach Columbia University’s Summer Ecosystem Experiences, a field-based conservation and ecology course in the Dominican Republic. I am coeditor with Ashley Duval ‘10 and Mark Ashton ‘85, Ph.D. ‘90, of the just-published book, Multiple-Use Management of Protected Natural Areas: Integrating Conservation, Restoration and Recreation in the Spanish Basque Country.”

Kate Neville writes: “This winter found me living in an off-grid cabin in the Canadian north, reading, writing and tending the wood stove. I successfully defended my Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia in December (looking at the contentious politics and economics of biofuels), and I am now spending my days honing practical skills and reconnecting with wild places.”

Tina O’Connell writes: “I live, work and play in Washington, D.C., with Jonathan and our two wonderful children, Louise (3) and James (1). I started a new job with Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in D.C. in September and would love to have F&ESers volunteer with us!”

Stephanie Ogburn writes: “After over two great years as the online editor for High Country News in Paonia, Colo., I’ve taken a new job as a climate science reporter with ClimateWire, based in Washington, D.C. I am excited to write more about climate science and meet all the F&ESers in the D.C. area. I’m looking forward to exploring the mountain biking trails, hiking routes, caves and rivers of Appalachia and the Smoky Mountains.”

Sarah Percy writes: “I have been living in the San Francisco Bay area for five years and working for Chevron’s Environmental Department. In February, I began a short-term assignment in Dhaka, Bangladesh.”

Judy Preston writes: “I’m in the process of advertising an exciting (if I do say so myself) program that is focusing on alternatives to chemical- and time-intensive traditional coastal landscaping. The Coastal Certificate program is designed to provide information, and an outreach component to Master Gardeners (and non-Master Gardeners—it’s open to all) to spread the word about the connection between land use and water quality in Long Island Sound. I’m doing this through the Long Island Sound Study and CT Sea Grant (UConn). I’ve got great speakers lined up and am very hopeful that this program will continue yearly. It will run this spring (April) in Haddam. Who said you can’t garden for a cause?”

Camille Rebele writes: “I live in Kenya, building and managing EcoPlanet Bamboo—the bamboo plantation company I co-founded in 2010. We have operations in Nicaragua and South Africa, with over 6,000 acres of degraded land converted into productive bamboo forests. We have created more than 500 jobs in some of the poorest regions of the world and continue to grow while holding on to our triple bottom line mission. We are always looking for good F&ES talent!”

Kate (Woodruff) Tipple writes: “My husband, Brett, and I are restoring our 1905 home in Salt Lake City, located next to one of only two accredited stand-alone aviaries in the country. We have big plans this spring to remove the struggling Kentucky Bluegrass and xeriscape with Intermountain West natives. I’m in law school pursing an Environmental Certificate with the University of Utah. We’re having fun with Jeffrey Ross ‘08 and enjoying visiting with Todd Garth, Nell Larson ‘06 and several other F&ES alumni during the 2012 Land Trust Alliance Rally in Salt Lake!”

Juliana Wang, Ph.D. ‘10, lives in Los Angeles with her husband. She is an assistant professor of the Practice in Environmental Studies at University of Southern California. She works on issues related to water and energy management in China.

Laura Washington writes: “I am a wildlife biologist for the D.C. Department of the Environment. As of 2012, I began an NGO based in D.C. with the mission of promoting international and intercultural exchange, as well as environmental stewardship. Last year we partnered with the National Park Service, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa and several other diplomatic missions to have NPS’s first African-themed and environment-focused festival in the nation’s capital at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.”
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Georgia Basso writes: “Last winter I moved back to Connecticut to work with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Coastal Program Office. I love my job working on habitat restoration and land protection around Long Island Sound. This past winter, Kate Boicourt ’09, Josh Gange, Amy Heinemann, Troy Hill, Marissa Ramirez ’10 and I headed to the Adirondacks for a weekend of cross-country skiing.”

Josh Berman writes: “I got married this past fall! I met my wife while clerking in West Virginia after we graduated from F&ES in 2008. She was clerking for another judge in the same courthouse. We live in D.C. and had our wedding in northern Virginia. Several F&ESers were in attendance, including Anton Chiono, Scott Laeser, Ariane Lotti ’07 and Adam Melnick. We traveled to Australia in September for our honeymoon, where we saw Michael Davies, a very pregnant Steph Niall ’10, her husband, Nick Abermarle, and their adorable daughter Josephine. When not getting to go on fun adventures (i.e., most of the time), I work as an attorney for the Sierra Club in D.C. on energy issues in the Northeast.”

Anton Chiono has arrived in Wellington, N.Z., to pursue a Fulbright. He is meeting up with fellow F&ESers, Chelsea Chandler ’10 and Scott Laeser, to take in some of the sights, including the Milford and Routeburn tracks.

Christopher Clement writes: “I am settling into my second semester as a Ph.D. student at the University of Vermont after changing fields, research topics and advisors last semester. I was awarded an NSF fellowship and find myself in the world of complex systems modeling of cooperative behavior. I will call New Mexico home for the summer and will be conducting research at Sandia National Laboratory.”

Nick Gurnett writes: “After working at nonprofits, and later consulting in sustainability and environmental compliance for a couple of years, I have moved into the world of environmental and quality management systems, and responsible sources auditing! This move was inspired by the fact that I had done an International Standards Organization (ISO) 14001 internal audit for my graduate internship and loved it! I am still at the early stages, but I am optimistic about it in the long term.”

John Nixon, wife Shawna, and baby—in a bittersweet departure after five amazing years in Berkeley—are excited to be moving back to New Haven in July as Shawna starts a post-doctoral fellowship at Yale Medicine.

Matt Oden writes: “I’m living and working for a start-up in Silicon Valley, and my wife and I had a baby boy last October. We named him Caleb after his great-great-great-grandfather.”

Sara Bushey Ohrel and her husband, Ron, are happily remodeling their home in Maryland. Sara charges ahead at the U.S. EPA’s Climate Change Division, working on land use and bioenergy economics. She has the pleasure of seeing fellow alums like Adrian Deveny ’09 around D.C., as well as other drop-throughs, like Scott Laeser. She also ran into Gerald Bright up on the New Jersey coast recently and reminisced about good ole times at F&ES.”

Leila Pinchot started a research fellowship with The Pinchot Institute for Conservation. She lives in Cheshire, Conn., with her husband, Matt, and their two Tennessee mutts, Patsy and Townes.

Ashley Roberts writes: “I live in Sheridan, Wyo. I teach college part time and do contract work for a small software development company researching and writing about learning technology. I keep going further down the rabbit hole exploring homemade and local food production.”

Teresa Sarrocco is living in Montevideo and enjoying it! She worked with the United Nations Environment Program all of last year and works on a climate change adaptation project on a metropolitan scale for the United Nations Development Program. She’s thinking about moving back to Europe or the United States, so if you hear of anything fun in those areas be sure to let her know! She hopes to meet up for the five-year reunion, and also hopes for a large 2008 contingent attending. Start thinking about it!

Yuliya Shmidt lives in Guatemala City, working on renewable energy for Guatemala’s Ministry of Energy and Mines as a Fulbright Public Policy Fellow. In 2013 she plans to return to San Francisco, resume work at the California Public Utilities Commission and speak English.

Peyton Smith writes: “I am finishing my Ph.D. in microbial ecology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, with plans to defend in May. Tom, who was the local mechanic at Devil’s Gear Bike Shop during my time at F&ES, and I are expecting our first child in September.”

Terry Unger has been utilizing her joint M.E.M. and J.D. to perform environmental regulatory development, analysis and review with ICF International for three years. She was recently promoted in the company to the senior associate level. She presented at the annual Energy, Utility and Environment Conference in Phoenix for the second year in a row, and was thrilled to see F&ESers Jamie Quigg and Kelsey Wharton while in town.

Kelsey Kidd Wharton writes: “Chris and I are so excited to be expecting a baby boy in April! We’re looking forward to seeing everyone at our five-year reunion this year!”
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Ke Cao enjoys commuting by bike to work. He got the pleasant feeling of déjà vu when he met Dean Peter Crane and F&ES alumni over dinner in Beijing this year.

Jaime Carlson resigned from the Department of Energy in December, after over three years as the advisor for finance and operations to Secretary of Energy Steven Chu. She has returned to the private sector, working on strategic mergers and acquisitions for the energy and agriculture company Rentech. She will locate to California in summer 2013.

Sarah Charlop-Powers and Dani Simons ’04 recently made a 40-plus hour journey to check on Dani’s classmate, Kevin Woods ’04, in northern Burma. Woods gave them an amazing tour of Burmese teashops and educated them about resource extraction and politics as they traveled between Mandalay and Lashio.

Sean Dixon writes: “Village Fishmonger NYC, a local, responsibly harvested seafood sourcing company I launched in September, has started its second season of bringing New York/New Jersey seafood direct from fishermen to consumers in New York City. With 100 members (and growing), our ‘community-supported fishery’ wouldn’t have been possible without the seafood-eating help of F&ESers Chris Aung ’10, Kate Boicourt and Amy Heinemann ’08!”

Xiaoyue Du writes: “I graduated this May with a Ph.D. from F&ES. I am working at EMPA, the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology. My husband and I moved from the United States to Switzerland. I miss Yale and New Haven and hope to connect with any F&ES friends in Europe.”

Darcy Dugan writes: “My husband, Toby, and I welcomed our first child, Suvan Max Schwoerter, into the world in January—the most amazing experience we’ve ever had.”

Oluosola Ikuofiri writes: “Following my Junior Professional Program with the World Bank, I took up a consultancy position with the African Development Bank (Tunisia) working on the preliminary assessment of a disaster risk management framework for the Bank. I also support the Operational Safeguards on Biodiversity and Environmental Flows.”

Baihai Wu writes: “I am serving in the Administration of Forestry in China, and am responsible for forestry policy-making and law-making pertaining to climate change, as well as rural forest reform.”

Kim Yuan-Farrell writes: “Chris Yuan-Farrell and I are pleased to say that in December 2012 we had a baby boy—Teagan Porter Yuan-Farrell. This has been one of our greatest joys. I am working for a nonprofit called The Park People, managing our urban forestry programs, and Chris is working for Great Outdoors Colorado, a quasi-governmental organization that allocates lottery funds for parks and open space throughout the state. We’ve been lucky to see numerous F&ES friends over the past year, including Cindy Chang, Jordan Macknick and Dan Steinberg, who also live in Denver, and other friends who’ve visited Denver, like Tom James, Paula Randler ’08 and Julie Witherspoon ’08. I also saw a number of F&ES friends when I visited D.C. over the summer for a conference — Josh Berman ’08, Marshall Duer-Balkind ’10, Emily Enderle ’07 and others.”

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Eric Desatnik is now the director of publicity at the X PRIZE Foundation, located in Los Angeles. He writes: “While F&ES certainly didn’t cover some of the areas I’m now involved with—space exploration and lunar robotics, whole genome sequencing, and health sensing technologies—I’m thankful to Martha Smith and the Munson Series for the primer on ocean acidification, which is really coming in handy for our ocean health prize!”

Clara Changxin Fang writes: “I married last June and moved to Baltimore to become sustainability manager at Towson University. My blog about sustainability, which I launched in September, received 4,500 hits as of January 30, 2013. The accompanying Facebook page contains updates on sustainability jobs, news and opportunities.”

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Mary Fischer writes: “This fall, I’ll become officially wed to a tall drink of water named Matt. I had a great visit to F&ES in January to talk to the LCA class about my work at Stonyfield, which also gave me the chance to enjoy some well-missed mashed potato pizza from BAR. I live in Somerville, Mass., near the likes of Trisha Shrum ’09 (also recently married), Fauna Samuel and a few other F&ES folk. Speaking of weddings, the Elizabeth Turnbull ’11–David Henry ’11 nuptial last
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September was a mini-F&ES reunion and lots of fun. Boston might be the F&ES of the North."

Kate Freund writes: “I’m working on climate change policy for the Fish and Wildlife Service and enjoying being in D.C. with so many other F&ESers!”

Carmen Guerrero Perez has been nominated by the Governor-elect of Puerto Rico to be Puerto Rico’s next Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment.

Marissa Matsler writes: “I’m having a blast as a doctoral student in the Urban Studies program at Portland State University. I’m in my second year of studying socio-ecological systems and urban policy using the concepts of ecosystem services and urban metabolism. My hubby and I are buying a house in Corvallis, Ore.”

Tien Shiao writes: “My current position is senior associate at the World Resources Institute’s Markets and Enterprise Program based in Washington, D.C. My research focuses on evaluating water risk around the world for companies and investors. In general, I’m interested in all global water trends. I’ll be based in Beijing, China, from February to July 2013 and would like to connect with other F&ES-ers in the area! In 2013, my traveling plans include Beijing; Mumbai, India; Taipei, Taiwan; Manila, Philippines; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Stockholm, Sweden.”

Kristin Tracz writes: “I have happily moved back to D.C., though I am continuing to stay connected to work in Appalachia through my new job, program officer in the Blue Moon Fund’s D.C. office. My grant-making program covers the Chesapeake, Appalachia and the Gulf Coast and looks to support environmentally responsible, community-focused economic development in the face of transitioning economies and a changing climate. It is great to be back with the F&ES mafia in D.C., as well as closer to family.”

Rae Wynn-Grant writes: “I am in the third year of my Ph.D. at Columbia’s E3B department. This summer I’ll head to the Sierra Nevada Mountains for a year of fieldwork studying black bear habitat selection in the Lake Tahoe Basin. And in more exciting news, I’m getting married to Oba Davis on April 28, 2013! Many F&ES alums will be present.”

Seth Zeren has left his job in local government to teach a course on urban planning and sustainability as part of a semester abroad program traveling from New York City to New Delhi, Dakar and Buenos Aires.

2011

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Natalie Allan writes: “I am in New York working for PricewaterhouseCooper’s Sustainable Business Solutions consulting practice. I live in the East Village and spend a lot of time biking around the greater New York area. The only new thing would be that Win and I are busy planning our wedding for this summer!”

Margaret Arbuthnot has been a program officer for markets strategy at World Wildlife Fund for a year. She enjoys regular happy hours and other adventures with her forestry friends and loves that the D.C.-F&ES crowd is ever-growing!

Lotta Chan writes: “I am enjoying life in the Bay Area, still chugging away at two projects for the Public Health Institute—Community Food and Justice Coalition, and Dialogue4Health. My work involves research and communications around the intersections of health, food systems and climate change. I’m playing rugby, falling deeper in love with Oakland and spending time with the F&ES crew based here!”

Yasemin Erboy has been working with the United Nations Foundation’s Energy and Climate Team as a program associate. With her colleagues, she works primarily on scaling up energy access in developing countries, in line with the U.N. Secretary General’s Sustainable Energy for All initiative, and provides research support to her team. She is enjoying Washington, D.C., and looks forward to catching up with her fellow F&ESers every month at our D.C. happy hours!

Efrie Friedlander is halfway done with architecture school at University of Michigan and was recently selected to be one of the University’s Sustainability Fellows. She and David just finished remodeling their house.

Rebecca Funk has been at IFPRI since leaving F&ES and spends a third of her time in West Africa. When in D.C. she fosters rescue dogs and hangs out with Irene Scher ’10 as much as possible.

Alyssa Go is working at Southern California Edison on statewide energy efficiency policy.

David Henry writes: “I married Elizabeth Turnbull on September 1 in Woodbury, Conn., and then departed for two weeks of hiking in Scotland. I enjoy my work at Industrial Economics in Cambridge, Mass., providing litigation support to governmental clients in environmental damage cases. We live in Jamaica Plain and are always excited to see F&ES folks.”

Matthew Jokajtys moved from the ACE Group environmental claims division in August 2012 to Periconi, a boutique environmental law firm in New York City. He enjoys the mix of environmental matters, though misses the occasional veggie dinner and TGIF at Bowers.

Ginamarie Lopez writes: “I completed a successful field season as timber crew leader on the Sierra National Forest North Fork Ranger District. My crew and I marked innumerable trees for harvest
as part of fuel reduction and wildlife projects. The biggest tree I marked was a Jeffrey pine at nearly 70 inches diameter at breast height (dbh). That was part of a hazard tree sale. For all other timber sales we could only mark up to 29.9 inches dbh. I also led the crew in gathering data for ‘common stand exams.’ This data was used, among other purposes, to determine stand growth and harvest potential. In between work I did some camping and hiking, including a three-day trek across the Sierra Nevada, from the lower montane mixed-conifer west side, to the rugged subalpine-forest east side.

**Gabriel Mejias** and Monica moved to D.C. last June. Last summer, he worked for Phase One Consulting with **Elizabeth Earnley**, then for the Verifed Carbon Standard Association. He recently got a consultant position at the International Finance Corporation (IFC). He works as an environmental and social specialist on IFC’s Advisory Services projects. They are both enjoying the big F&ES crowd in D.C., which is twice the one in San Francisco, and recently moved to a new place (with cellphone coverage so Alyssa Go can call anytime). He says he is much stronger than Randy Strobo.

**Weixin Ng** writes: “Moving on after the culmination of National (Military) Service as a quality and safety auditor, I am on a three-month attachment with the National Environment Agency, learning about enforcement and operational aspects of environmental health policies in Singapore. The scope of exposure extends from dengue control to food handlers’ hygiene to public cleanliness. In April, I will join the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources to work on energy and climate policies in urban Singapore.”

**Grady O’Shaugnessy** has been in Charlottesville, Va., since shortly after graduation with Apex Wind Energy (as are Matt Cooperrider ’12 and a few other Yale folks), working to kick coal’s butt by getting wind farms developed around the country. The company recently finished construction of its first 300 MW facility—visiting the construction site was an awesome and humbling experience. Grady spends most of his time working to get the projects financed with some marketing and PR on the side for fun. He’s learning a ton, and recently discovered the joys of road cycling.

**Giancarlo Raschio** is based in Lima entering the implementation stage of the two REDD projects he has been working on since graduation. He’ll be frequently traveling to Brazil to oversee that everything runs smoothly with the projects.

**Lauren Richie** moved back to San Francisco and started working for the California Wolf Center. She loves the West Coast and the great F&ES crew in the Bay Area.

**Randy Strobo** writes: “Baby number two is on the way. I had the pleasure of hosting some people going cross-country and back (Sammi Carter ’10, Jenn Hoyle ’10, Emily Jack-Scott ’10, Max Piana, Blake Troxel ’12 and a few others).”

**Steve Wood** writes: “I’m in New York working on my Ph.D. in ecology at Columbia. I’m studying the effect of intensive agriculture on soil microbial diversity and ecosystem functioning in sub-Saharan Africa.”

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Amit Ashkenazy writes: “For three months I served as press secretary for the joint Jewish-Arab party of Hadash in Israel, among other duties, also writing their environmental agenda and action plan. I also work in a boutique consulting firm called Praxis on regional development, urban management and social activism strategies, among other projects. I live in Tel Aviv, Israel, but am looking to relocate to Europe (where I am job-searching).”

**Andy Barnett** writes: “I’m music director and environmental science teacher at Darrow School in New Lebanon, N.Y. Here’s a shout-out to Peter Otis for helping me find such a great fit.”

**Kevin Barrett** writes: “I moved to Boulder, Colo., in May and am employed as a biological field technician for the National Ecological Observatory Network. I enjoy climbing, fishing, skiing and backpacking in the Rockies.”

**Hannah Bement** writes: “I’ve begun my doctoral work at Mississippi State University investigating the reproductive physiology of salamanders amid the birth of my son, Leif Patrick Bement, in November 2012. He is already a little environmental scientist in the making, and loves observing the natural world around him!”

**Matthew Browning** writes: “Lara and I are doing well. She’s working as a project coordinator in the landscape architecture department at Virginia Tech, and I’m getting my Ph.D. in their forest resource and environmental conservation department. More exciting than that is...we just learned that we’re expecting a baby.”

**Bryant Cannon** writes: “I moved to San Francisco the summer after graduation and began work as a deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice. I’m in the Natural Resources section and primarily defend environmental regulations. My work involves litigation in federal and state court over AB 32 (California’s climate change law), air pollution cases with significant water implications for Southern California, and some natural resource cases (fisheries, gold mining, water) implicating constitu...
tional as well as more mundane issues. I got engaged last summer (in West Papua! while kayaking! after being menaced by a saltwater croc!) to Chelsea DeWitt, my longtime belle."

Agustin Carbó-Lugo writes: “Greetings from Puerto Rico! The new governor of Puerto Rico, Alejandro García Padilla, appointed me as executive director of the Solid Waste Management Authority and Carmen Guerrero ’10 as Secretary of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources. We are both thrilled to be leading the environmental agencies on the island. I have retained my position with EPA and will be on an IPA appointment to work with the state government. I will work on the linkages between solid waste and climate change. The many challenges we are facing can also provide current F&ES students with enriching internship opportunities.”

Simon DeStercke writes: “I have moved to Vienna, Austria, and am working in an Imperial Schloss in the research institute iiasa. My research focuses on historical end-use energy conversion for different countries, sectors and energy carriers.”

Anuj Desai writes: “Joanna and I got married less than 10 days after graduation. Pretty crazy stuff, but it made the honeymoon that followed in St. John that much more relaxing. We have moved into a nice spot with a backyard in East Rock, New Haven, while I participate in a year-long fellowship at GE in Fairfield. It’s nice seeing current F&ESers on occasion, and we wish we saw more alums.”

Chris Dutton writes: “Amanda and I are doing well. She’s got three or four years left on her Ph.D. in the ecology and evolutionary biology program. So I’ve got the same more years as her research assistant. We’re spending half our time in New Haven and half our time in Africa. I’m picking up some small consultancy projects when she is not keeping me busy. I’m also working in Shimi Anisfeld’s lab at Yale while we’re in New Haven.”

Rita Effah writes: “I am a research associate with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) Africa Program headed by Dr. Pachauri in India. I will be in India for about two months and then in Ethiopia, where my work for TERI will be on renewable energy and alternative energy sources.”

Erin Burns Gill has moved to Atlanta to enjoy warmer climates and closer (but not too close!) proximity to family. She’s working at ICF International’s Atlanta office, where she works on Georgia Power’s EarthCents energy efficiency rebate program for the commercial sector.

Lauren Glasscock writes: “I got engaged last September at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. This summer my fiancé, Mike Sparandara, and I are marrying at the Beltane Ranch in Glen Ellen, Calif, with our closest friends and family in attendance. I am working at DNV KEMA Energy & Sustainability as a senior sustainability consultant helping to manage the Sustainable Communities program for some of our utility clients in California as well as managing several LEED projects.”

Ilan Gutherz writes: “I am living in Washington, D.C., and working as an associate attorney at Van Ness Feldman, an energy and environmental law firm.”

(Amy) Kathleen Higgins moved to Boulder, Colo., in September and is enjoying her job in the energy services group of an environmental consulting company there. She and Kevin Barrett, a field technician at the National Ecological Observatory Laboratory, go skiing together pretty much every weekend—and some weekdays.

Sameer Kwatra writes: “I am working on energy efficiency in buildings with the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy in Washington, D.C. My message to fellow F&ESers is to unplug the devices they are not using, switch off the lights when leaving the room and uh... world peace!”

Jing Ma writes: “I have settled down in Beijing and got a job at PricewaterhouseCooper’s sustainability team. I’m working rigorously to help change the grim environmental condition here in China. Cheers to a green business approach.”

Dani Marini writes: “I’m living in a tiny town in southern Patagonia, working on a forest restoration project. It is a 3,000 hectare southern beach forest (Nothofagus sp.) overgrazed by sheep. In an adjacent degraded pampa, we are establishing a silvicultural system using native grasses. The next step is to persuade the landowners to move their cattle into this area. I’m waiting to hear news about my Ph.D. application at University of Colorado, Boulder. I hope to share happy hours with Kathleen Higgins and Kevin Barrett every week!”

Andre Mershon lives in Washington, D.C., and works for the U.S. Agency for International Development as a climate change specialist. This year he’s been to Senegal and Indonesia, where he met up with Jeffrey Chatelier ’09 from F&ES. His nephew Isaac was born in September. This spring, he’s looking forward to a vacation with his wife to Ecuador and Peru.

Paulo Quadri Barba writes: “I am starting a Ph.D. in environmental studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. I’m studying the biogeochemical impacts of land use change and climate change in peri-urban ecosystems, and the institutional dynamics that drive specific types of land-use change causing social and ecological vulnerability enhanced by climate change. My research focuses on Central Mexico, using theoretical models of biogeochemical cycling and land-use change, spatial analysis tools and field work in both the ecological and social areas.”

Danielle Rappaport writes: “I’m a Fox Fellow at the University of São Paulo conducting research in collaboration with the Laboratório de Ecologia da Paisagem e
Conservação. My research focuses on incorporating present and past landscape dynamics in methodologies for prioritizing landscape restoration.”

Aaron Reuben is a conservation coordinator for The Nature Conservancy and the Northeast Sea Grant Consortium on a short-term ocean planning project focused on natural resources in America’s Northeast ocean region. He misses his classmates and plans to move to D.C. next fall, where he will launch a new climate change-themed musical titled “The Phantom of the (Hot) Opera.”

Jonathan Smith is working as a law fellow at Oceana in Washington, D.C. In May, he will move home to Miami to clerk in the Southern District of Florida for a year.

Matthew Straussner writes: “The bluebonnet state is good. I’m still chugging along at NASA. I got a tractor and a chainsaw, and we’re waging war on the invasives.”

Matthew is in Texas, working as a wildlife biologist for NASA.

Pablo Torres writes: “I am excited about 2013! I moved to Washington, D.C., and started working for International Resources Group on low emissions development and energy. I am psyched about running my first marathon this March in my new home city. I am also training for several increasingly longer triathlons. I needed new goals after grad school! Looking forward to strengthening bonds with the F&ES alum in D.C.”

Lily Twining writes: “Bhavya Sridhar and I are sharing an apartment in Ithaca, where we are both enjoying life as first-year Ph.D. students in ecology and evolutionary biology at Cornell!”

Kayanna Warren has recently started a job as a forester in the U.S. Forest Service’s San Bernardino National Forest, San Jacinto Ranger District. She is living in Idyllwild, Calif.

Lily Zeng writes: “I’m at F&ES for a Ph.D., and I’ll be here until at least 2017, so my Yale email is good for quite a while.”

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IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Hamilton Allen M.F.S. ’72, Ph.D. ’77 (1944–2012) was born in Trenton, N.J. When Ruth was two years old, she moved to Tarentum, Pa., and subsequently received her high school diploma from Har-Brack High School in 1962. She attended Douglass College in New Brunswick, N.J., where she met and later married George Allen in 1965. Ruth received her A.B. from Douglass in 1966 and then taught high school biology in Hamden, Ct., while her husband was in graduate studies at Yale University. When George was called to active duty with the Army in 1967; they relocated to Edgewood Arsenal, Md., where their son George was born in July 1968. After the completion of George’s two-year military service, the Allens returned to New Haven, Ct., and she completed graduate studies at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. In 1975 she joined the Institute of Ecology in Washington, D.C., and worked for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on environmental studies. She became a faculty member at Hood College in 1977. In June 1979 Ruth gave birth to twin daughters, Rebecca and Rachel. She then accepted a position as an assistant professor at American University with research interests in environmental sciences and management. She developed an intense interest in the relationship between disease and the environment. She completed postdoctoral training at Johns Hopkins University in cancer epidemiology, biostatistics and prevention research, earning a master’s in public health in 1984. She began her government service in 1986, starting as an expert consultant in the Office of Research and Development of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She held various positions, including special assistant, program manager, section head and program director. She was the program director for the Long Island Breast Cancer Study Project, which sought to correlate exposure to environmental contaminants, such as pesticides, with the higher-than-average incidence of breast cancer on Long Island.

She published extensively on breast cancer and environmental risk, women’s health, geographic patterns of cancer, risk assessment and pesticide biomonitoring. On her last EPA assignment from 2008 to 2010, she was visiting scientist in environmental health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She retired from the EPA in 2010. She was a two-term president of both the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Society of Alumni and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies Alumni Association Board. She served six years on the Johns Hopkins President’s University-wide Alumni Council and three years as an at-large member of the Association of Yale Alumni Board. She was an author, frequent public speaker on health and environmental topics, and a certified integral life coach, which she had attained in 1999 as an alumna of the New Ventures West Coaching Program. As president of the AEH Institute, a woman-owned, life-coaching and global health and environment consulting business founded in 1999, she specialized in international distance education, small business development, strategic planning, and executive, business, and personal-life coaching. She was in the process of writing a book, Global Health and the Environment: An Integral Approach, when she died. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, George Allen of Reston, Va.; son, George of Reston; daughters, Rachel of Reston, and Rebecca Coleman of Manassas, Va.; her mother, Marion Baker of Reston, and her brothers, Charles and Timothy Hamilton of Reston.

Gayley Atkinson M.F. ’42 (1917–2013), a decorated World War II veteran who as a Navy officer helped deliver Allied soldiers to the beach at Normandy, died at 95 years of age on January 9 of heart failure in Gwynedd, Pa. Gayley received the highest decoration given by the French in 2008 when he was knighted in the National Order of the Legion of Honor. The medal recognized his service on D-Day, when he was among those assigned to carry the first wave of foot soldiers to hit Utah Beach from landing craft. In a handwritten account of his life, he told of delivering soldiers, 250 at a time, for 91 days. He was also captain of an LCT, a ship for landing tanks and people on beaches, which was part of the landing forces in North Africa and Sicily, and later captained an LSM, or medium landing ship, in the Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant. The Navy awarded him the American Theater Ribbon, the European Theater Ribbon with three stars, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. Born in Philadelphia, he went to Jenks School and then George School in Newtown, Pa., where he recalled winning tennis matches against his English teacher, James A. Michener. He earned a bachelor’s of science degree in 1941 from the School of Forestry at Pennsylvania State University, before graduating with a master’s from Yale School of Forestry. After a brief stint with Davey Tree Expert, he formed his own business, S. Gayley Atkinson, Consulting Forester, specializing in tree spraying and care, and forestry consultation. The firm was based in Huntingdon Valley, Pa. Among the clients that sought his consultation from 1947 to 2000 were the Hemlock Arboretum in Philadelphia and the Farm Journal. One of his slogans was, “He who plants a tree loves others.” Saplings he planted are now mature trees on the campuses of Drexel and Arcadia Universities.

Gordon Baskerville M.F. ’57, Ph.D. ’64 (1933–2012) was born in Emerson, Manitoba, on February 20. Gordon received his early education in various schools across Canada. He received a B.Sc.F. from the University of New Brunswick (UNB) in 1955, prior
Jack Densmore M.F. ’38 (1913–2012) died just short of 100 years of age at Oakwood Village in Madison, Wis., on October 19. A long time resident of Madison, Jack was born April 2, 1913, in Edgewood, Iowa, to Lee and Leone (Fritz) Densmore. He was raised in a log cabin in northern Minnesota on his parents’ homestead in Dentaybow until his family moved back to Edgewood in 1927. He graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Forestry in 1935 before graduating from the Yale School of Forestry. In 1952, he was granted a full fellowship to the Harvard University School of Government and received a master’s of public administration. He married Betty (Norris) in 1941 in Bangor, Wis. They enjoyed 71 years of marriage. Always a nature boy, his first professional assignment was as forester-biologist on the first watershed project in the United States at Coon Creek, Wis., from 1935–37. In this capacity, he worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps to establish the contour strip cropping that has become emblematic of Wisconsin. From 1938–40, Jack served as the first county-assigned farm forester in Vernon County, Wis., and in 1941 became the area forester for southwest Wisconsin with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He became State Resource Conservationist in the SCS State Office in 1963. In this capacity he was involved in the planning for implementation of the Woodland Management Act, collaborated with the SCS Extension and the Wisconsin Conservation Department on the study of forest growth, and conducted studies of infiltration in grazed and ungrazed woodlands in southwest Wisconsin. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters, a charter member and board member of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, and served as program coordinator for Trees for Tomorrow. He wrote many articles on forestry and land use for journals such as Science, Wisconsin Agriculturalist and Journal of Soil and Water Conservation. He was proud to be recognized as a fellow of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America, to receive an Outstanding Leadership Award from the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, and the Meritorious Award for Outstanding Service to the SCS. After 39 years with SCS, Jack retired in 1974 as regional forester for the Midwest states out of Lincoln, Neb. He and Betty were charter members of Covenant Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder. He was also a dedicated member of the Middleton Kiwanis Club and filled all the offices of that service club. His main goal for Kiwanis was the beautification of the entrance to the Lake View Park in Middleton. He was rewarded for his efforts when he was asked to ride in the Good Neighbor parade in 2003. He purchased an 80-acre woodlot in Monroe County in 1938 and spent many happy hours planting, harvesting and caring for the hardwood forest that he nurtured for 61 years. He was an avid traveler and loved to take his family on camping trips to explore new areas and experience nature. In retirement, he and Betty traveled to nearly every continent, often with Elderhostel. He enjoyed learning about new cultures and especially about the way they manage their natural resources. His intellectual curiosity was one of his defining traits. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Elizabeth (Betty) Densmore; daughters, Ann Densmore and Jean John; son, David Densmore; granddaughter, Jasmine John; and brother, Frank Densmore of Sun City, Ariz.; as well as by the hundreds of trees he planted.

Robert Romancier M.F. ’35 (1935–2012) of Redmond died on November 7 at his home, at the age of 77. Bob was born June 12, 1935, in Springfield, Mass., to John and Mabel Cook Romancier. His early years were spent in Hartford, Conn., and Cushman, Mass., just outside of Amherst, where he graduated from high school. During high school Bob’s interest in music grew and flourished; he helped found a Dixieland jazz band and also a summertime community band. He attended the University of Massachusetts, studying forestry. He was given a full scholarship to Yale School of Forestry, where he received his master’s degree. He then married Mary Lou Armstrong. He was a research forester
for the U.S. Forest Service for 40 years, first doing his own research, then guiding and directing others’. In the early 1960s, his son and daughter were born while he worked on getting his doctorate in forest ecology at Duke University. During this time, Bob also made a six-year commitment to the military. He later relocated to Portland, Ore., where he was an assistant director of the Pacific Northwest Forest Experiment Station. After two years in Portland, he moved to Corvallis to direct the largest field laboratory of the Forest Service. In 1980, Bob was ordered to Pennsylvania as deputy director of the Service. In 1981, he returned to Amherst to complete his studies. He married Mary Ann Goodman and worked in New York as a copywriter at Esquire and Fortune before becoming General Manager at Bergdorf Goodman, the Goodman family business. From there he went on to environmental studies at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, where he earned his doctorate in 1977. According to a former classmate at Yale, his decision to go back to school came in the middle of a lengthy meeting at Bergdorf Goodman when he concluded that he had spent enough of his life discussing the subject of the length of the next season’s hemlines. In 1981, he married Pat Scharlin, with whom he had worked in developing a series of high-level environmental seminars with Tufts University at its international center at Talloires, France. The seminars they designed were attended by major corporations, NGOs and organizations such as the World Bank. He collaborated with Pat on many other important environmental projects, including assignments for their joint business, known as Environmental Group, and the publication for 10 years of a bi-weekly newsletter for senior managers in Fortune 500 companies. In 2004, Yale published their Smart Alliance: How a Global Corporation and Environmental Activists Transformed a Tarnished Brand, the story of Chiquita Brands’ relationship with the Rainforest Alliance and how this changed its environmental profile. Their work led to travels to Europe, Haiti, Africa and other locations around the world. In the last years of his life, he and Pat devoted much effort to an attempt, so far unsuccessful, to commercialize a next-generation solar electric patent. He loved singing in the University Glee Club of NYC. He was singing Amherst and Chi Psi songs and telling and laughing at jokes until the very end. On reflection, he said he had “decided to take some chances and do something original (and, hopefully, important) in the world.” He loved Pat, his family and his friends, and one of the many great blessings he left behind was to make sure all of them knew it. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Patricia; sons, Geoffrey, Joshua and Adam; step-daughters, Wendy Moore, Janet Solomon and Peggy Rambach; sister, Hadley Fisk; and 13 grandchildren.

Ellery Thurston M.F. ’61 (1932–2012) passed away at 80 years of age on December 14 in Stuart, Fla. Ellery was born on March 31, 1932, in Salem, Mass. He received his bachelor’s degree from Bowdoin College in Maine, before continuing his education at Yale Forestry School. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict Era and received the National Defense Service Medal. He retired from S. D. Warren Paper, then a division of Scott Paper, as a procurement manager, and later moved to Hobe Sound in 1993. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sibylle “Billy” Thurston of Hobe Sound; son, Steven Thurston of Ohio; brother, Donald Thurston of Massachusetts; five grandchildren, Somer, Exer, Shelby, Acadia and Colby; and Asra, his cat.
IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Soest McCluskey
(1928–2013)

Dorothy Soest McCluskey M.F.S. ’73 died on February 15, surrounded by her loving family. She was 84.

Dorothy was born the only daughter of Hugo and Dorothy Soest. She grew up in Middletown, Conn., where she attended public schools. Later she attended the Dobbs Ferry School in New York State and went on to Wheaton College in Massachusetts, where she received her B.A. in 1949. In 1953–54, she went to Norway as a Fulbright Scholar—almost unheard of for a woman at the time.

Her interest in environmental planning emerged during the 1960s when she became an active member of the League of Women Voters. She served as a legislative intern to State Representative David Levine, working on wetlands issues. She joined the Conservation Commission of her hometown, North Branford, and grew increasingly concerned about water quality issues in a town where fast-moving development had resulted in the proliferation of substandard septic systems in an area where most homeowners relied on wells. In 1970 she authored the town’s Conservation Plan. To develop these interests further, she entered the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and earned her master’s degree.

Beginning in 1974, she served as a Connecticut legislator and along with her energetic legislative aide, Claire Bennitt, encouraged an enormously complex and controversial process to replace the New Haven Water Company with a regional water authority owned and jointly operated by 17 towns in the New Haven region. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority came into being in 1980. Her major accomplishment as a legislator was to shepherd a law that declared a moratorium on future land sales by private water companies. This legislation laid the groundwork for statewide regulations on land use in watersheds that feed public water supplies. After leaving the state legislature, she worked as director of government relations for the Connecticut Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

During the 1980s she gradually focused more of her energies on Block Island, where she and her husband, Don, built a summer home. She joined the Block Island Planning Board, working on such matters as updating the zoning code, establishing the Block Island sewer district and organizing the downtown sewer district and organizing the downtown sewer district and organizing the downtown sewer district and organizing the downtown sewer district. In 1986, she led a successful effort to establish the Block Island Land Trust. As a result of her and other board members’ work, approximately 45 percent of Block Island has been preserved as open space suitable for recreation and wildlife habitat. In addition to her work on the Planning Board and the Board of the Land Trust, she also served on the boards of the Block Island Conservancy, Scenic Block Island and the Committee for the Great Salt Pond. During the 1990s and 2000s she took a lead role in creating the Block Island Greenways, an extensive system of hiking trails that crisscrosses the island. The work of the local planning agencies was made much easier because of her development of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map of Block Island. From the late 1960s on, she and Don were also generous donors of land to conservation projects. Several of these gifts made up strategic segments of Block Island’s preserved land, including Bonnell Beach. She also collaborated with the hotelier and entertainer Johannes von Trapp—her fellow student at F&ES—to increase the acreage devoted to the von Trapp family’s Nordic Ski resort in Stowe, Vt.

In 2000, the McCluskeys endowed the Dorothy McCluskey Visiting Fellowship in Conservation at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Recipients of McCluskey Fellowships included two eventual Nobel Prize winners, Rajendra K. Pachauri and Wangari Maathai. In 2000, the Block Island Times awarded the Bayberry Wreath Award to Dorothy in recognition of her tireless work on behalf of Block Island’s open spaces. She also shared the Nature Conservancy Award with her husband Don. Dorothy was an avid lover of the outdoors, not only in her native New England, but also in the mountain West, where she spent many family vacations. She was active as a hiker, gardener, and as both a downhill and cross-country skier until late in her life. She is survived by her husband, Donald McCluskey of Block Island, R.I.; her children, Peter McCluskey of San Bruno, Calif., Martha McCluskey of Buffalo, N.Y., and Christine Jensen of Nederland, Colo.; her brother, Hugh Soest of Arizona; and her grandchildren, Mbali McCluskey-Nightingale and Liesl and Trine Jensen.
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Hello, all F&ES alumni!
The Career Development Office remains a resource available for you even after graduation. We are eager to help each of you in your capacities as both job-seeking individuals and as representatives of your employing organization trying to identify talented summer interns and post-graduation employees. We hope you will return to F&ES to speak about and share your post-graduation achievements with the F&ES community.

For job seekers with all levels of experience, we offer:

1. Online environmental job and internship opportunity resources in the Global E-recruiting Outreach (GeO) Program
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3. The Yale Career Network, Yale online Alumni Directory and F&ES LinkedIn Group
   We recommend that all alumni join the Yale Career Network and sign up with AYA to access the entire Yale online alumni directory (including all F&ESers). See //aya.yale.edu. Additionally, join the F&ES Group on LinkedIn for biographies and helpful information to assist your networking.

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      This free site enables employers to target recruiting for F&ES students and alumni.

   2. Access to students’ resumes through GeO and online resume books (published annually)

   3. On-campus presentation and interviewing facilities

   4. Annual Career Fairs:
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Bhutan

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