

YALE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



# ALUMNI REVIEW

Looking Back at 2011

CLASS OF 2011 PROCESSION



# From Dean Peter Crane

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

**A**s I reflect on 2011, I'm delighted to remember meeting and talking to so many of you over the past year. More than 75 F&ES alumni returned to the School—not including the many who attended Reunion Weekend 2011—to interact meaningfully with faculty, students and other alumni as mentors, speakers, seminar participants and advisors. Hundreds more have gathered at regional alumni events around the nation and the globe, and I was privileged to be included in a handful of these gatherings as well.

It is always my honor, in addition, to welcome friends of the School to events and receptions in New Haven and elsewhere, to get to know those of you whose interest in and support of the work and the people of F&ES goes such a distance to making our goals of global excellence and outreach a success. Your enthusiasm and involvement stand as a testimony to the importance of our mission as a world leader in environmental education.

One of the most rewarding high points of our academic year, of course, arrives on graduation day, and it was with joy and a not a small bit of sadness that we celebrated the Class of 2011 and their successful transition from student to graduate of F&ES. You, our graduates, are the greatest contribution this School will make to the future of this fragile planet we call home.

I offer my deepest thanks to each and all of you for your contributions and support. Reading through Class Notes and memorials, I'm reminded that the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies enjoys a very long legacy of excellence that continues up to the present. I look forward with great enthusiasm and optimism to the coming year and the many opportunities to maintain vital connections with each of you.

With all best regards,



Dean Peter Crane



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## **SAVE THESE DATES: REUNION WEEKEND 2012 OCTOBER 19 – 21**

Please join us in New Haven for Reunion Weekend 2012. *All alumni are welcome!* In 2012, we celebrate quinquennial classes: 2007, 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1972, 1967, 1962... Put the dates on your calendar and start planning with your classmates for a weekend of reconnecting, learning, playing and networking at the School!

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# Leadership Council

On April 14–15, 2011, F&ES welcomed its Leadership Council for their annual meeting. This year they focused on environmental education, its mandates and its future—and the School’s role in all three. Prof. (on leave) Dan Esty ’86 Law, now Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, moderated one of the panels—“A Conversation with Michael Shellenberger and Ted Nordhaus,” featuring the authors of *BreakThrough: From the Death of Environmentalism to the Politics of Possibility*—discussing the importance of an informed public and policies that resonate with modern American values.

Another panel, “Ten Years On—Where are they now?” brought together three F&ES alumni who spoke to the Council a decade ago about the careers they were building on the foundation of their education. Leadership Council co-chair, Pam Kohlberg ’75, M.F.S. ’77, moderated the conversation as Maria Ivanova M.A. ’99, M.E.S. ’99, Ph.D. ’06; Mark Wishnie M.F.S. ’01; and Jim Woodworth M.E.M. ’01 elaborated on where their careers have taken them since.

In a special presentation, Yale University provost, Peter Salovey, and Dean Peter Crane recognized Ed Bass ’67, ARCH ’72, M.A.H. ’01 for his exceptional service to the School as a charter member of the Council and its co-chair since inception. His gift was a turned wooden bowl/plate handcrafted by Prof. Scott Strobel, HON ’01 using walnut from a tree felled near Marsh Botanical Garden. The ever-vocal F&ES Loggerrhythms joined the Council and guests for dinner and regaled the company with their unique brand of leafy-green musical entertainment, including a special rendition of a song first sung in 1911 at the inaugural Yale Forestry School Reunion gathering.



Michael Shellenberger, Ted Nordhaus and Dan Esty



Pavan Sukhdev (foreground left) and Roger Cohn ’73



Maria Ivanova, Alexander Gritsinin M.E.M. ’03 and Dean Peter Crane



(foreground from left) Prof. Tom Gradel, Alexander Gritsinin, Jody Bush and Bill Schlesinger, panelist and former Dean of Duke’s Nicholas School



Ed Bass '67, ARCH '72, M.A.H. '01, Dean Peter Crane and Provost Peter Salovey



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The Loggerrhythms



Panelists: Mark Wishnie M.F.S. '01, Maria Ivanova M.A. '99, M.E.S.'99, Jim Woodworth M.E.M. '01; Co-Chair Pam Kohlberg '75, M.F.S. '77



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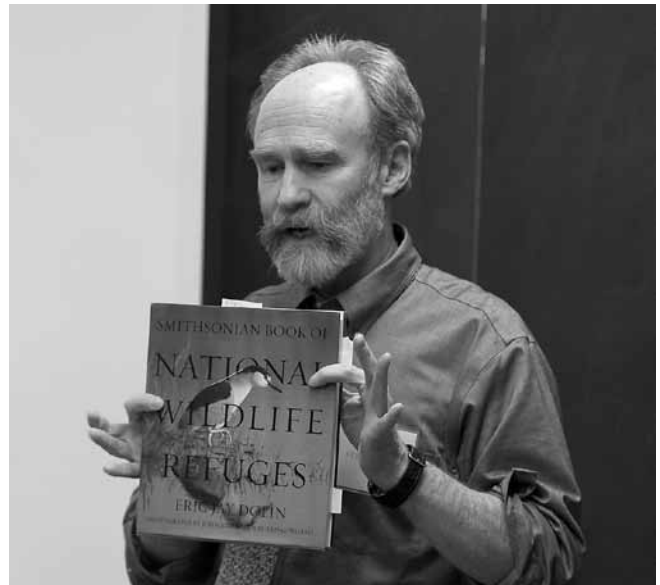
Dinner in Bowers Auditorium

# Reunion

Reunion Weekend 2011 kicked off on Friday, April 15, with a variety of sidebar events, including the Masters Student Research Colloquium; an environmental tour of Yale's West Campus, hosted by Associate Dean Gordon Geballe and Eliza Cleveland M.E.S. '94; a pizza tasting and tour at Yale Farm; and an author's talk and booksigning.

Fred Strebeigh, F&ES Senior Lecturer in Environmental Writing, was on hand to introduce author Eric Jay Dolin M.E.M. '88 and expand on Eric's achievements in the field of environmental writing.

Eric Jay Dolin M.E.M. '88 is the best-selling author of *Leviathan*, the story of the whaling industry. He spoke to alumni about his more recent award-winning *Fur, Fortune and Empire*, which chronicles the history of the American fur trade and its sweeping ramifications for the nation's environment.



Fred Strebeigh



Eric Dolin M.E.M. '88



Eric Dolin, Fred Strebeigh and Seth Zeren M.E.M. '10







## Masters Student Colloquium & TGIF

Reunion Weekend and Leadership Council coalesced for the day-long Masters Student Research Colloquium, where students either deliver a 15-minute oral presentation to faculty, students and guests, or present a research poster to the F&ES community. These open sessions, which occur every April, gave alumni and friends of the School an up-close view of the work a number of F&ES students are pursuing. A dessert reception followed, bringing together participants from all three events for some freestyle conversation. During the festivities, Prof. Jim Saiers (above on chair) recognized four students for exceptional presentations at the Colloquium: Lauren Brooks M.E.Sc. '11, Kyra Busch M.E.Sc. '11, Stephen Wood M.E.Sc. '11 and Eva Zlotnicka M.E.Sc. '11.



Tim Northrop M.E.M. '03, Deputy Director of Development and Alumni Services, welcomes alumni to the Breakfast Symposium with a retrospective look at the School

## Breakfast Symposium: The Social and Environmental Dimensions of Our Favorite Meal

Reunion Weekend Saturday blasted into action with a coffee tasting from local sustainable coffee retailer, Blue State Coffee, conducted by CEO Drew Ruben (Yale senior at the time). A nourishing and yummy vegetarian breakfast courtesy of New Haven's own Claire's Corner Copia fueled alumni for the animated discussion to follow.

F&ES lecturer and research scientist, Amity Doolittle Ph.D. '99, moderated the breakfast panel and introduced the panelists. This group addressed the central question of sustainable food supply from a diverse and mutually enlightening set of perspectives and careers. Amity later commented that this collection of people who not only talk about sustainability, but are up to their elbows in the business of it, provided a strong note of optimism in what can sometimes seem an overwhelming goal.

Alissa Hamilton Ph.D. '06, author, scholar and consumer advocate, led off with a detailed presentation of the facts behind the rise and production processes of the "100% pure" orange juice available as concentrate or reconstituted juice, drawing on the extensive research that culminated in her book *Squeezed: What You Don't Know About Orange Juice*. She cited the average consumer's relative lack of knowledge about the processed foods they eat and made a compelling case for demanding honest and complete food labeling.

Costa Rican coffee farmer, Helga Rodríguez von Platen Ph.D. '01, brought more than 10 years of scholarship and professional work with national and international

coffee growers, and a seat on the Board of Directors for the Instituto del Café de Costa Rica to the table. As a biologist and biotechnologist, she could speak with authority on the sustainable growing and distribution processes that Costa Rica exemplifies and has codified for this critical national crop.

Claire Criscuolo, best known among F&ESers as the friendly face behind the counter at Claire's Corner Copia in New Haven, spoke with feeling about the challenges facing restaurateurs seeking to maintain a sustainable business drawing primarily on local organic produce. Her long-term advocacy for better health through better eating informs her business practices in the face of the high costs associated with organic farming and an urban location. She stressed the concern that these costs could jeopardize the future of many conscientious food service providers trying to maintain the quality of their products.

Melissa Spear M.F.S. '94 is the Executive Director of Common Ground, a high school, urban farm and environmental education center in New Haven. She presented a vibrant picture of this environmentally-themed charter school, which has as its mandate preparing its 160 inner-city students for college. As part of their education, Common Ground students help operate an organic farm on which they grow 8,000 pounds of vegetables to supply the school cafeteria and sell at local farmers markets in support of the school. The school serves as a remarkable model for educating the public about healthy food, sustainable agriculture and the environment. During the festivities, Prof. Jim Saiers (above on chair) recognized four students for exceptional presentations at the Colloquium: Lauren Brooks M.E.Sc. '11, Kyra Busch M.E.Sc. '11, Stephen Wood M.E.Sc. '11 and Eva Zlotnicka M.E.Sc. '11.





Alissa Hamilton Ph.D. '06



Amity Doolittle Ph.D. '99



Helga Rodriguez von Platen Ph.D. '01



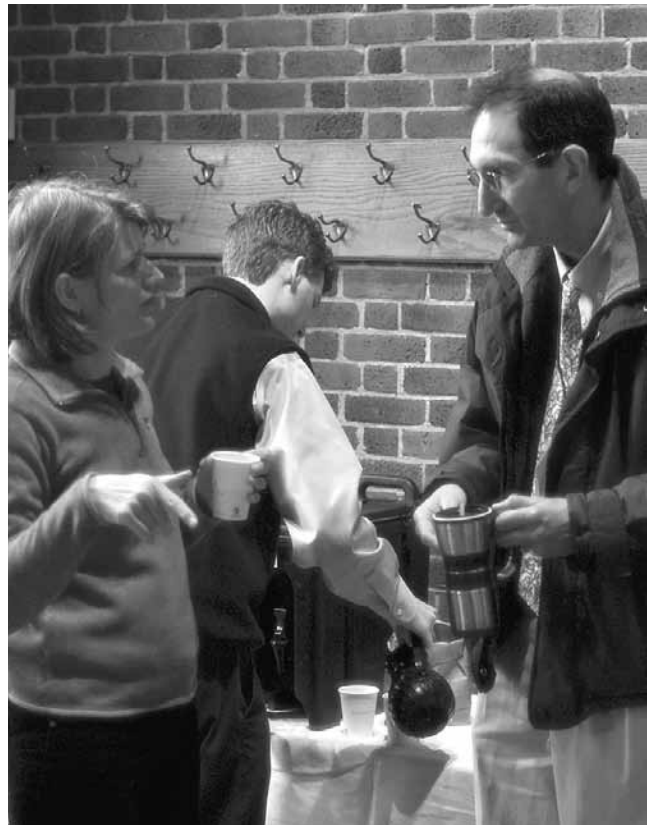
Claire Criscuolo



Melissa Spear M.F.S. '94



Tim Northrop M.E.M. '03



## Speech! Speech!

**D**ean Peter Crane presented an up-to-the-moment overview of F&ES, its challenges and its forward strides. Despite daunting financial challenges dating from the international crisis of 2008, he was happy to report a firm position for the school in the wake of difficult adjustments. With 280 Masters and 75 Ph.D. and D.F.E.S. students, several new faculty and guest lecturers, a growing undergraduate environmental major, and a successfully revamped M.E.M. curriculum, the dean described a robust educational scene at the School that continues to build on its remarkable century-plus legacy of excellence.



Mark Plotkin M.F.S. '81

**M**ark Plotkin M.F.S. '81, President of the Amazon Conservation Team, gave alumni, friends, faculty and students an intriguing and engaging tutorial on the life and adventures of an ethnobotanist in the field. With wry humor and evident passion, he described his own work with the Amazon Conservation Team, detailing in particular their work training indigenous peoples in the technology of mapping that will allow them to claim officially-acknowledged ownership of their lands—not incidentally allowing them as well to maintain sustainable environmental practices. Over his career, he has worked as well to promote the continuation of indigenous shaman traditions that perpetuate local knowledge of medicinal plants and their properties, as documented in his book, *Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice*.

## Distinguished Awards

Always one of the high points of Reunion Weekend, the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies annually honors alumni, faculty and School leaders of excellence with its Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Awards. The awards were created by the F&ES Alumni Association to recognize graduates and leaders for outstanding contributions to the fields of forestry or environmental science, policy or management.

This year, we were delighted to recognize the 2011 recipients as follows:

- Martha Davis M.F.S. 1981, Distinguished Alumna
- Mark Plotkin M.F.S. 1981, Distinguished Alumnus
- Graeme Berlyn, E.H. Harriman professor of Forestry Management & Physiology of Trees, Distinguished Service
- John L. Christie, Honorary Alumnus



(from left) Prof. Mark Ashton M.F. '85, Ph.D. '90, Graeme Berlyn, Alexander Brash M.F.S. '85 and Dean Peter Crane

### Distinguished Service Award

## Graeme P. Berlyn

E. H. Harriman Professor of Forest Management and Physiology of Trees

*Graeme, as a scholar, educator, unofficial F&ES historian and consummate friend of trees and all things green the scope of your interests has led to a career that has touched the lives of many.*

*In the course of your intellectual residence on Prospect Street you have probed the compression and reaction of wood, studied the effects of radiation on plants and tissue culture, authored the bible on botanical micro-technique and cytochemistry, and cultivated a profound understanding of ecophysiology and organic biostimulants.*

*And yet, perhaps your most enduring accolade resides in nurturing the minds of countless students and creating in your wake a gifted and focused following appropriately dubbed "Berlyn groupies."*

*Your time at F&ES has been replete with memorable occurrences.*

*From your Puerto Rico field trip with Tom Siccama to the stage of the heavy metals lab, your exploits have risen to the stuff of legend.*

*Graeme, in reflecting the world on which your entire career is based, you have become, and will remain, a force of nature and a source of light.*

*We proudly recognize your distinguished service to our School.*





(from left) Kathleen Schomaker M.E.M. '96, Alexander Brash M.F.S. '85, Martha Davis M.F.S. '81 and Dean Peter Crane

## Distinguished Alumna Award

### Martha Davis, M.F.S. 1981

*Martha, from the water and wildlife rich estuary  
of the Bay Delta  
to the drought-stricken Inland Empire,  
from the Tufa Towers of Mono Lake to the  
concrete-lined Los Angeles River,  
you have led the charge on statewide  
water issues  
and been at the forefront of water supply  
debates for more than 25 years.*

*As Executive Director of the Mono Lake Committee,  
you battled through 13 years of litigation, negotiation  
and problem-solving,  
culminating in a unanimous landmark  
public trust decision  
to forever protect Mono Lake,  
one of the world's most spectacular lakes  
and habitat for millions of migratory and  
nesting birds.*

*As Executive Manager at the Inland  
Empire Utilities Agency,  
you have helped turn the thirsty gaze of  
Southern California  
from Sierra snowpack to "homeward" water sources.  
Your message of "go-local" is helping to tap new  
approaches to water management:  
water efficiency, recycled water, storm water capture,  
desalted groundwater.  
These are the mainstays of your mantra.*

*For your professional leadership, tireless efforts  
and commitment to water issues in California;  
For your persistent, energetic and effective advocacy  
to protect the environment and public health in California  
that led you to be honored by the Planning and  
Conservation League  
as the 2010 "Environmental Hero of the Year";*

*For your continuing service to the water and  
wildlife needs of California  
and your love of the streams, lakes,  
estuaries and oceans;  
For your inspiration of environmental leaders  
across the nation  
and your extraordinary tenacity and refusal to back down;  
For your courage to take on the biggest bureaucracies  
and your remarkable record of getting it right ...*

*We proudly recognize you as our  
Distinguished Alumna.*



(from left) Alexander Brash M.F.S. '85, Mary Tyrrell M.F.S. '97, Mark Plotkin M.F.S. '81 and Dean Peter Crane

#### Distinguished Alumnus Award

### Mark Plotkin, M.F.S. 1981

*Mark, as a renowned ethnobotanist and social entrepreneur, you have transformed Amazonian research into a profound agent for conservation and the empowerment and enfranchisement of indigenous peoples.*

*Your decades of studying traditional plant use in partnership with Amazonian shamans has engendered a greater understanding of the mechanisms of healing, a deeper appreciation of the curative capacities in nature, and a vital respect for the power and wisdom of native healers.*

*As President and co-founder of the Amazon Conservation Team, you have used your passion for knowledge and its transmission from generation to generation and among vastly diverse cultures, to help draw the children of the Amazon back to the wisdom and knowledge of their elders through the Shaman and Apprentices Program, and to help broaden the perspectives of Western thought through your writing and speaking—a legacy that will serve the present and future alike.*

*For your leadership in the conservation of nature, its gifts and the wise people among the 32 tribes with whom you've worked, which led to Time magazine naming you "Environmental Hero for the Planet" and earned you the San Diego Zoo Gold Medal for Conservation;*

*For your humanitarian dedication to the rights and needs of indigenous peoples, and your unstinting efforts to empower their self-determination and preservation, for which you were honored with the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Lewis and Clark College;*

*For your unfailing vision, generosity, energy and good humor, all in the service of making a difference for good in the world*

*We proudly recognize you as our Distinguished Alumnus.*

# 2011 Reunion Weekend Attendees

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Dina Berlyn (Graeme Berlyn)  
Mary Berlyn (Graeme Berlyn)  
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James Chamberlain M.F.S. '86  
Nicole Chevalier M.E.S. '99  
Jane Coppock M.E.M. '91  
Peter Crane (F&ES Dean)  
Dylan Craven M.F.S. '06  
Claire Criscuolo (guest speaker)  
Martha Davis M.F.S. '81  
Alison Davis (Martha Davis '81)  
Mark Dillenbeck M.F. '86  
Eric Dolin M.E.M. '88  
Amity Doolittle M.E.S. '94, Ph.D. '99  
Obidi Ezezika M.E.M. '06  
Gordon Geballe H '06 (F&ES Associate Dean)  
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Namrita Kapur M.E.M. '97  
Deanna Lizas M.E.M. '06  
Kim Locke M.E.S. '91  
Aaron Mansbach M.F. '81  
Nancy Marek M.F.S. '09  
Philip Marshall M.E.Sc. '02, Ph.D. '11  
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Robin Sears M.F. '96  
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Herb Winer M.F. '49, Ph.D. '56  
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Seth Zeren M.E.M. '10

*Please note: Parenthetical comments  
indicate affiliation to school.*



The F&ES Alumni Association Board is a group of 25 dedicated alumni volunteers committed to keeping the F&ES community and the School (faculty, students and staff) mutually engaged. Their active leadership has yielded a growing number of initiatives that promote internships, mentorships and jobs for students and graduates; a deeper involvement with Yale University and its programs throughout the world; more effective regional associations and networking opportunities among F&ES alumni; and a vibrant and developing attention to alumni

service to local communities. Board members serve a three-year term with the option to serve a second term. Every year a new “class” of Board members is nominated from the F&ES alumni at large to fill seats that will be vacated in the coming September. This year the nomination process has been vigorous, and many alumni have stepped forward with a willingness to serve. Elections by the entire alumni community will take place online at the beginning of May. This is your current board. They welcome your involvement and would love to hear from you!



Front row: Mohamad Chakaki, Sarah Matheson, Brian Goldberg, Xin Zhang, Georgia Silvera Seamans. 2nd row: Alexander Brash, Jen Molnar, Ruth Allen, Evan Griswold, Holly Welles, Mary Tyrell, Julie Jennings (former staff). 3rd row: Robert Perschel, Anne Osborn, Tim Northrop (staff), Gene Peck, Star Childs, Patrick Hook, Henry Kwan (former staff).

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- BOG (Board of Governors-AYA)
- Sand County Liaison (w/Development)
- YAF (Yale Annual Fund)
- Whip (geographic liaison)

**Please welcome these new volunteers, who are generously serving as Class Secretaries:**

R.A. Lautenschlager, Class of 1974  
 Hallie Metzger, Class of 1975  
 John Lundquist, Class of 1976  
 Robert Unsworth, Class of 1986  
 Margaret Arbuthnot, Class of 2011  
 Lucien Bouffard, Class of 2011  
 Elizabeth Friedlander, Class of 2011  
 Randal Strobo, Class of 2011

**We heartily welcome volunteers for the vital role of Secretary. Just send a message to [alumni.fes@yale.edu](mailto:alumni.fes@yale.edu) indicating your interest. Your help can make a difference!**

## 1948

### Class Secretary

Francis Clifton  
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**Francis Clifton** writes: "I'm going on my eighth year at The Cloisters in DeLand, Fla. I traveled around the United States in the last couple years: Tucson, Ariz.; Cleveland, Ohio; St. Augustine, Fla.; and the mountains of northern Georgia."

**Dice Hall** writes: "I'm still in there and kicking at 90. I just made a presentation at one of our field days – "The Axe: The Tool that Built America."

**George Hindmarsh** writes: "I spent two weeks at 'Big Canoe' in the mountains north of Atlanta, Ga., with my daughter Laura and her husband. We did a lot of hiking, bird watching and wildlife watching. If this place ever goes broke, they can start harvesting their timber. The valleys in particular are full of huge white pine, hemlock, yellow poplar, etc. I found out that I have lost my woodsman legs. I had trouble with little things like roots, slopes and limbs. That shouldn't happen when you are close to 90, should it?"

**Steve Pryce** writes: "When you're pushing 94, what's to report? Retirement home living isn't exciting. I still get in one golf game a week. Of course, my game isn't technically golf. Best wishes to class of 1948."

## 1955

**Dick Bury** writes: "Ann and I have settled into a retirement community at Asheville, N.C. I help maintain the three miles of trail, and for 15 years have been teaching environmental subjects at the College for

Seniors, University of North Carolina, Asheville. Also, under the Big Brothers program, I've been teaching a boy about outdoor interests. The forested mountains here are wonderful, as is the climate!"

## 1961

**Harry (Sonny) Wiant, Ph.D. '63**, writes: "I moved from the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair (Joe was a 1947 graduate of Yale) at Penn State University to Mercer Island, Wash., to be near my daughter and family after the loss of my wife in 2008. I am president of the Resident Association at Aljoia, and spend a lot of time spoiling my grandsons and doing folk and country music for a weekly sing-along."

## 1964

**Stephen Hanover** writes: "I would like to hear from some of my classmates, at least through Class Notes. I travel to China every year. My wife is a retired medical doctor from Nanning, Guangxi, China. We have a new condo there for our use and stay in China for at least three months every visit. China is an amazing country, full of exciting places to visit. We hope to visit Zhang Jia Jie, which is the place where some of the scenes in the movie *Avatar* were filmed. This place was China's first national park, like our Yellowstone. We enjoy boating in and around the famous isle of Sanibel in Florida. We enjoy travel also and hope to continue as long as good health continues. There is an association of Chinese people in southwest Florida. Almost all are highly educated, very intelligent and very humble and kind. Many have advanced degrees from U.S. universities."

**Nils Parr** writes: "I'm back to school for a Ph.D. in Forestry Economics (SUNY, Syracuse). I taught college economics for 20 years. Thanks, Dr. Worrell. I've been married for 20 years. Thanks, Sally. Retired. Bored. Became a health inspector (Registered Sanitarian). I loved retail food, as my body shows. Retired. Elected a Township Supervisor – 76 years old, but not bored. Yale F&ES Class of 1964 was the best class EVER, and that's the truth."

**Adolfo Revilla, Ph.D. '78**, writes: "I may never fully recover from my bout with pneumonia in December 2009, but I have returned to my daily routine of playing tennis for more than a year now. Our first

grandson graduated from the university two years ago, while our first granddaughter will graduate in April 2012."

**John Worrall, Ph.D. '69**, teaches at University of British Columbia.

## 1971

### Class Secretary

Harold "Tom" Nygren  
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**Jim Okrazewski** writes: "I am a hospice volunteer, and this summer I was asked to take a 10-year-old boy each week to visit his father at the hospice house in Woodruff, Wis. It was wonderful to witness the love between them during the father's last few months of life, to take them out shopping and watch as the father gave guidance to his son in spite of his illness. Under another program called Retired and Senior Volunteers Program, I provide respite for the caregivers of two men with dementia, which is challenging and fulfilling. It scares me that I get along so well with people who forget who I am every few minutes. Maybe that's why I am successful! I also prepared and managed a timber sale on a neighbor's land according to a management plan I wrote for him. Clare and I now await the birth of our first grandbaby in Boulder, Colo."

**Tom Nygren** writes: "I had a busy summer here on the tree farm, and also in working with the Oregon Woodland Cooperative. I'm the project leader for a Value-Added Program grant – the Cooperative is trying to expand market opportunities for its members (66 members with almost 30,000 acres). The highlight for me, though, was having my 18-year-old grandson work on the tree farm this summer before heading off to college (Oregon State). We got a lot done, and I found out how interesting it is to be around an 18 year old! (Can't believe I was ever that young!)"

**Joe and Mary Standaert** write: "We moved to Montreat, N.C., (17 miles east of Asheville, N.C.) after retiring in 2005. We spent our working careers in the Tampa, Fla., area. Joe was in data processing with GTE/Verizon and Mary worked at the VA Hospital in diabetes research. You would not think that our careers were directly linked to our time at the Forestry School, but both were. Joe took Dr. Furnival's two-week introductory course in Fortran and a summer job programming in Hamden for the Forest Service, and a career was born.



# Class Notes

Mary's first job after leaving Yale was in a steroid biochemistry laboratory. We now spend our time hiking in western North Carolina and camping in the national parks. Joe teaches wildflower courses for Elderhostels, Mary serves on town council, and in 2009 we coauthored a book on the history of Montreat. We have two daughters who live in the Carolinas and two grandsons (2 and 5). We are teaching them to be 'junior foresters.' We have had the grandsons out on our tree farms in South Carolina digging holes, measuring trees and posing for the yearly 'stand beside this loblolly' picture. (Dr. Smith would have been proud.) Mary considers her silviculture class with Dr. Smith as one of the highlights of her study in New Haven. Joe and Mary also enjoy attending local and state forestry meetings organized by her older brother Walt McPhail, who was named 2011 National Forest Landowner of the Year and is on the cover of the July-August 2011 issue of *Forest Landowner* magazine.

**Ron Wilson** writes: "I went to China in the first two weeks of November 2011 with a group of Australian foresters organized through our Institute of Foresters. We visited plantations, native forests, nurseries and timber factories and attended the Asia Pacific Forestry Week conference. We also included some sightseeing of terracotta warriors, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall and more. We have four grandchildren. My son has opened a cycle shop nearby, and I have been helping him get set up and meeting customers."

1972

**40th Reunion Year for 2012**

**Class Secretary**

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**Steve Wells** writes: "I left Washington state government a few years ago and am selling open water racing shells full time from my base in Tacoma. After 14 years of being the bearer of 'inconvenient truth' about growth management to local governments, I now get to simulate Santa in delivering eagerly anticipated boats!"

1973

**Class Secretary**

Roy Deitchman  
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**Bob Cashel** writes: "Hope this finds everybody from the class doing well. I have provided very infrequent reports but thought that now, when I am on my third career, I would send a note. I teach high school biology, after a short stint at the college level (environmental science). Not only is this a lot closer (less CO<sub>2</sub>), but it is great working with young girls who are anxious to learn about science; never a dull moment in the classroom! Also, I am the resident tree expert for the other science teachers. Lots of fun all around."

**Tom Dunn** retired from his Product Development Director job at Printpack in Atlanta last winter (after 30 years) and set up his consultancy, Flexpacknology, for users and producers of flexible packaging materials. Food safety and packaging sustainability are the two major areas of his work. The Global Protocol on Packaging Sustainability provides all parts of the supply chain with a powerful framework for product/packaging life cycle assessments, and Tom welcomes any questions from the F&ES community on sustainable packaging (at no cost to start!).

**Joel Ferry** writes: "I retired two years ago in Monterrey, Mexico. My wife of 43 years and I now spend a good amount of our time helping out a local humane society. We are also quite busy taking care of our 14 rescue dogs – several different breeds and sizes from very small to very large."

**Deborah Hill, Ph.D. '77**, will retire at the end of 2011 from her position as Extension Professor in the Department of Forestry at the University of Kentucky. She worked primarily with non-timber forest products and agroforestry. She will probably work for another year on a post-retirement contract. In her 30-year career at the University of Kentucky, she was instrumental in founding two national professional organizations – the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals and the Association for Temperate Agroforestry (which is actually an international organization). She will be getting married for the first time to a retired professor of plant ecology from Indiana University.

**Lloyd Irland, Ph.D.**, writes: "My Yale appointment ended in mid 2011, and I have since been busy. A trip to China working with Beijing Forestry University was followed by a conference on Ukraine at Penn State University. I've been working on a few consulting projects that are very interesting. Our four grandchildren definitely brighten our lives."

**Mary Reynolds** writes: "As part of the Yale Day of Service on May 14, 2011, I volunteered at the Manchester Food Bank in Manchester, N.H., New Hampshire's largest city (pop. 100,000). I learned that the Manchester Food Bank operates year-round meeting critical needs of families and children, as well as the elderly and others. I have returned to the Food Bank again since our collective Yale Day of Service last May to assist as needed on any given day. Two worlds converge in a city for me – my professional work to plant trees to survive and thrive in the urban landscape ecosystem coupled with critical human, social needs for food for children and families in that ecosystem as well. I believe the Yale Day of Service brought people together to give meaningful service where they live and that participants made a difference in their communities."

**Dick Wildermann** writes: "I retired as an environmental manager from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 2004. My wife and I live part of the year in northern Virginia and several months on Seabrook Island, S.C. I work part time managing National Environmental Policy Act projects for an environmental consulting firm."

1974

**Class Secretary**

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**Chuck Dauchy** writes: "I'm married (happily) to Judy Weinthal. We have two kids: Nathan and wife in Boulder, Colo. (great place to visit, and we can still hike at altitude), and Anne in Watertown, Mass. (at least we get to see her more often, and she and her squeeze like to get out of the city). Two grand-dogs at this point. We're living in the Amherst, Mass., area and see no reason to leave. As to work, I'm a one-man-band – wetland delineation, mitigation and permitting, development design, stormwater management, erosion control. Much of my work is for developers

or homeowners, but I also do reviews or supervision for the regulatory agencies. It's been an interesting mix and my niche with low overhead and multiple capabilities has kept me busy and never bored. I'll stick with it until my retirement account recovers, and until I can't stumble around in the woods and crank on a soil auger—or until my hearing goes (hearing aids for 10 years now, Navy gunfire??) to the point where I'm useless at a public hearing. I occasionally see **Dix Leeson '73, Pete Westover '70, and Matt Kelty '81, Ph.D. '84**, a neighbor who teaches at University of Massachusetts."

**Andrew Ezell** writes: "Since 2009, I have been head of the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University. I have graduate students and research projects, and I will continue to teach a graduate class in silviculture. Between the administrative and teaching/research duties, it does not leave much time for other endeavors, but Kevier and I still find time to get to our place in Tennessee occasionally."

**R. A. Lautenschlager** writes: "After a couple of decades as a forest research scientist, I have ended up as the executive director of a Regional Conservation Data Centre in Eastern Canada. In addition, I continue to write and record music. My latest CD (number 8) titled *Songs for the Earth* consists of 12 'environmental songs.' 'I Love Wild Things' identifies why many of us got involved in environmental science in the first place. This and others are accessible online." [soundcloud.com \(search by 'r a lautenschlager'\)](https://soundcloud.com/search?q=r%20lautenschlager)

**Liz Mikols** and her husband, Joe Schindler, live in Silver City, N.M. Liz retired after 25 years in the cement and construction materials business, working in environmental protection and communications. Her latest foray with cement and concrete was to add an addition onto their concrete-block house. She writes: "We replaced a carport with a new family room and garage, with concrete foundation walls and flooring. We'll heat the room with in-floor solar hot water. The thermal mass of the concrete will help keep the room cool in the summer and warm in the winter. We're also installing photovoltaic panels on the roof, so that the entire house will be energy neutral. In fact, my electrician calculates that the public utility will send us a check each month." Liz is also pursuing her hobby of researching

New Mexico history, volunteering at the Silver City Museum. In early 2011, she became president of the Museum Society, the nonprofit corporation that supports the Silver City Museum through fund-raising and volunteer contributions.

**Norman Noyes** writes: "I am in my 37th year with the U.S. Forest Service, the last 30 years in San Diego, Calif. I am a realty specialist and manage a small team that handles purchase, exchange, donation and sales cases for national forests in the southern half of California. My wife and I have three adult children who are still hovering around the nest, but are all in the processing of embarking on their own careers."

**Katharine Preston** writes: "Never thought I'd end up living on a farm (I wanted to be a forest ranger, for goodness sake!), but here I am in the Champlain Valley of northern New York, with my husband, John Bingham, one dog, 17 heifers belonging to a neighbor, three young Suffolk work horses belonging to our daughter's boyfriend, fields with hay to sell, a 'wild orchard' with intermittent apples and a garden big enough to grow a lot of what we eat. A woodlot supplies our wood stove from logs hauled out by a horse team, and we harvest at least a bit of maple syrup. A solar array and wind generator cut our electrical expenses nicely, although we are not off the grid (yet). It is the joyful energy of community that really keeps us going; sharing and bartering are a way of life and we watch, with great hope, the emerging young farmers who totally understand how to do right by the land in the tradition of Leopold and Berry. I chair a young land trust, Champlain Area Trails, and work to link local food shelves with the abundant (except for this year, thanks to Irene) local fresh farm food. On the side, I guest preach (climate change's moral implications) and perform weddings, usually with an environmental theme. (Some of you may remember I picked up a seminary degree a few years back.) I also try to find time to write about all this." <http://champlainareatrails.com>

**Paul Wilson** writes: "My efforts to save the world include environment work for the Corps of Engineers and local environmental nongovernment organizations; service as a land use lawyer (developers); growing our own fruit and veggies on an urban farmstead for 25 years; working as a

regulatory lawyer then corporate planner for a strip mining company; U.S. Forest Service timber sale appeals (during my stint as Mr. Mom); Opal Creek activism (special legislation); deep ecology training; energy conservation consulting (irrigated agriculture); directing a primo environment and natural resource law program (train environmental lawyers); engaging the voluntary simplicity movement (our family life, curriculum development and small group mentor); mediating complex environmental disputes (Hanford); school volunteering; energy conservation consulting (semiconductor fabrication); buying a small clearcut and moving to a redneck mill town; planting trees and beating on invasives (now have red neck). I love stewardship; love restoration ecology. I'm married to Linda Farris, and have an interesting daughter self-educated after primary school, who is now a Certified Public Accountant."

**Henry Young** reports that business is terrible, and he survived cancer.

## 1975 Class Secretary

Hallie Metzger

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**Alyn (Green) Caulk** writes: "I'm actually enjoying working [family physician for the Navy!] in Virginia Beach." She has time to walk and ride on the bay beach and in the cypress swamp and marshland park; she sees ospreys, night herons, pileated woodpeckers and all sorts of new yard birds. She has also visited the Everest basecamp and Cape Town, South Africa, as well as Chicago, where her son David works for "The Greatest Good." In Virginia Beach, she's trying to turn her back yard into a "wild" field. She writes: "I had to dig up some *Andropogon scoparius* from along the highways on my way back and forth to Philadelphia."

**Ann Corcoran** and her husband **Howard Corcoran '76** live on a 300-acre preserved farm in Maryland where they raised four children. She writes: "Our lives took an unexpected turn when we battled the Conservation Fund and the National Park Service to keep our farm from being incorporated into a national park 20 years ago. With kids almost all gone, I'm now active in the Maryland Tea Party with uncontrolled immigration as one of my greatest concerns."

# Class Notes

**Evan Griswold** writes: "I'm enjoying my new status as grandfather as of last September and January. I'm winding up a very enjoyable 10 years as a member of the F&ES Alumni Association Board and as an F&ES delegate to the Association of Yale Alumni. I would encourage any alums with an interest in the future of the School to volunteer some time under the watchful eye of 'Sage Boy.'"

**Audrey Hoffer** and husband, Ron, visited **Liz Mikols '74** and her husband, Joe Schindler, at their home in Silver City, N.M., in August. They were treated to wonderful hikes in the beautiful southwest, where the air is fragrant and rainbows cross the sky in the early evening hours.

**Hallie Metzger** writes: "My life has come full circle back to the woods: I am managing my family's woodland property in northwest Connecticut. We've deeded a conservation easement of over half to the Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, which means I get to spend time with its ecologist, **Harry White '00**. My goal is to restore American chestnut. Decades ago my father planted irradiated seeds, one of which has actually produced chestnuts! If all goes well, there will be some cloned hybrids in the ground next summer."

**Helen Waldorf** writes: "I'm doing a lot of work with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Committee E50 on Environmental Assessment. Our task group is on the third round of balloting on a consensus Standard Guide for Greener and More Sustainable Site Cleanup. The committee is hoping to begin work on a new guide next year on adaptation to climate change, as well as environmental standards for hydrofracking. Anyone can join ASTM, which is a volunteer standards-making organization with representatives from industry, government and nongovernment organizations!"

## 1976

### Class Secretary

John Lundquist  
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**Byron Luke Felde** writes: "My career path has been triCyCliC (going around in circles?!). In the 1980s I managed the natural resources on 12,500 hectares of land and water owned by Dr. Maximilian Graf von Spee von Angermund in British Columbia and Georgia, calling Castlegar,

B.C., home and primary duty station. I inspected five districts and enjoyed my work and travels. In the 1990s I worked a short spell for the Ohio State University, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Cooperative Extension Service with the Forestry PortFolio at the Piketon Branch. Thereafter, I initiated and volunteered as the coach for the local MathCounts team at our nearby middle school for six years, while playing my 200-year old French cello in the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra. I also became a senior member of the U.S. Air Force / Civil Air Patrol. I became a teacher in the 2000s and completed all coursework for an education master's degree at Muskingum University. After teaching in Ohio for five years, I became the nature director at Woodcraft and was subsequently offered a biology teaching post at Culver Academy. This year I am completing my 10th year as a classroom teacher in maths and sciences, my fifth at Culver."

**Sally Hasted** writes: "I am an environmental scientist, but make my living teaching ever since landscape architects moved into the environmental field about 25 years ago, and started doing their own site evaluations. My love is wetlands. For years I volunteered, started a conservation commission and worked with town wetlands, and applied for wetland officer jobs throughout the commutable towns. I look forward to getting back to wetlands, and possibly even tropics at some far-future time, in a happy retirement and healthy old age. For now, I'm teaching my third batch of extremely needy third-grade children, since leaving the Learning Center at Sacred Heart University about three years ago. Since these students hate to read or write, and the schools are inner city, my greatest success has been through mineral specimens, plant specimens and the Internet on nature and conservation. I work as much appreciation of all that into them as possible. It's the little I can do to promote the Forestry School's mission to raise environmental awareness around the globe."

**Sven Hultman** writes: "My wife and I bought a small (35 beds) countryside hotel in southern Sweden and moved there in June. We are going to run the hotel, plus offer courses in our specialty: training of staff and dogs for working with 'care dogs.' It is an upgraded version of what in the United States is called 'therapy dogs.' While

most U.S. therapy dogs work as volunteers, they are in Sweden employed by hospitals, old people's homes, etc. We now have teams working in some 40 of Sweden's 280 communes, and more demand than we can handle. Great fun!"

## 1977

### 35th Reunion Year for 2012

#### Class Secretary

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**Mark Boyce, Ph.D.**, is Professor of Ecology at the University of Alberta. He holds an endowed chair in fisheries and wildlife and currently supervises nine graduate students. He and his wife Evelyn live in Edmonton. Last year they were on sabbatical leave at the University of Queensland in Brisbane.

**Dave Hall** writes: "For the last 10 years I've been a full-time landscape artist, working mostly in southwest Montana and Yellowstone Park." [www.BlaineCreek.com](http://www.BlaineCreek.com)

**Chuck Hewett, Ph.D. '82**, and **Jackie Hewett '82** are finally empty nesters with all children gainfully employed and two of the three with their own healthcare policies. They celebrated this milestone and their 30th anniversary with a wonderful trip to the Galapagos aboard National Geographic's Island Explorer. They would recommend this trip to anyone. With three college tuitions behind them, they look forward to another five to 10 years of gainful employment to put funds away for retirement.

**Evan Koslow** writes: "I left forestry school and then followed every adventure and dream that I came upon. I became a scientist, inventor, businessman, journalist, father of four boys, and husband of two wives (of course, sequentially). I worked in industry, but then spent three years at Penthouse Publications, where I met my first wife. I started several businesses, and sold the last one in 2005 to a large conglomerate. Recently, I lived in Canada while building a new company that is also based in Connecticut and in Texas. I have something like 75 issued patents and another 60 pending. You probably can't drink filtered water in the United States without using something I invented. I've started a new family with my second wife. Our little boy Arthur is 5 years old. The past few years have been filled with sadness as friends and family have passed away and

are sorely missed. I still take long walks through the forest and marvel at the things David Smith taught me. I own a farm in Vermont that includes two beautiful mountains.”

**Denise Mitten** made a cross-country move to Prescott, Ariz., where she is a faculty member in the Sustainability for Education Ph.D. program and the chair of the master’s program in adventure education at Prescott College. She writes: “I love being immersed in sustainability; it brings me back to my first job after Yale working with Donella and Dennis Meadows at Dartmouth.”

Denise visited with **Tim Hawley** and his family while on the college tour with her daughter, Lauren, who started at Scripps College this fall.

**Howard Neufeld** writes: “I am a consultant member on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee for Ozone, by appointment of the U.S. EPA. This committee is charged with reviewing the literature from 2006–2011 on the impacts of ozone on human health and welfare, and then making recommendations to the EPA administrator on whether any adjustments need to be made to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. In addition, I’ve been appointed Director of the Southern Appalachian Environmental Research and Education Center, here on the Appalachian State University campus. We are charged with supporting research and education about those environmental issues affecting the southern Appalachian Mountains. And finally, I’m helping chair an interdisciplinary research group focused on studying air quality issues at high elevations in the southern Appalachians. Our main topic of research concerns the role of aerosols in moderating climate change in this region. Surprisingly, we are one of only two areas in the world (according to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville) that has not yet experienced significant climate warming, probably because of the high aerosol production by the vegetation, which is reflecting much of the incoming radiation back out into space.” <http://appalair.appstate.edu>

## 1978

### Class Secretaries

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**Jeffrey Cassis** writes: “I’m a very proud grandfather. My daughter, Caitlin delivered a baby girl named Lila Grace this year! I’m focused on developing energy efficiency initiatives, new lighting technologies and products for the global market. I visited the campus last winter – the new Kroon Hall is spectacular and sustainable!” [www.colorkinetics.com](http://www.colorkinetics.com)

**Bruce Larson** writes: “In July, I stepped down as head of the Department of Forest Resources Management at the University of British Columbia. I am now on sabbatical for a year. This summer Julie and I leisurely crossed Canada car camping and ended up in New England to visit family and friends. After Julie flew home (to start work—she is a teacher), I spent time with **Mark Ashton ’85, Ph.D. ’90**, and **Chad Oliver ’70, Ph.D. ’75**, at both the Yale Forest and in New Haven. I then drove back to the West Coast. **Gina Rochefort** and I collaborate on research on San Juan Island in Washington state.”

**Tom Rumpf** writes: “My wife Annee and I had a mini-F&ES reunion in Juneau, Alaska, this summer with **Bill Hanson, Bob Gipe ’78** and **Kate Troll**. We mountain biked and hiked into the foot of the Herbert Glacier in Juneau, and shared numerous adventures: whale watching (orcas and humpbacks); fishing for shrimp and crabs; boating up Tracy Arm, where John Muir visited in the 1800s; and staying in a remote cabin north of Juneau. It was a great time sharing perspectives on recent developments in Alaska and national natural resource issues, and reliving some memorable moments at Yale.”

**Loring** and **Andy Schwarz** celebrated their 32nd anniversary last month. Loring has been consulting on climate change and a sustainable finance plan for protected areas in Belize, and she serves on advisory boards for the New England Wildflower Society, Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition and Island Press. Andy became president of Industrial Economics this year and is preparing for retirement someday by learning Italian. They enjoyed a glorious

New England summer, spiced with visits from **Jim Sempere** and dinners with **Ed Becker** and his wife Sheila in Cambridge.

## 1979

### Class Secretary

John Carey

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**Jim Lyons** writes: “I am at Defenders of Wildlife as Senior Director for Renewable Energy, guiding our efforts to promote clean energy development in ways that avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts on important wildlife and habitats. The rush to develop renewables on public and private lands—particularly on Bureau of Land Management-administered lands in the West—holds the potential to reshape land and resource management and conservation policy. I teach part-time at Yale (my 12th year), during the spring semester. I’m proud to note that I now have former students in House and Senate offices on the Hill, in positions in the Obama administration, and in lead roles in a number of key environmental agencies and nongovernment organizations. I remarried four years ago to the love of my life (second time is the charm), have a daughter graduating from New York University, Tisch, (a filmmaker to be) and one soon entering college (with Yale high on her list).” [JLyons@defenders.org](mailto:JLyons@defenders.org)

**Gary Machlis, Ph.D. ’79**, is co-editor with Thor Hanson, Zdravko Spiric and Jean E. McKendry of *Warfare Ecology: A New Synthesis for Peace and Security*. Based on a NATO Advanced Research Workshop held on the island of Vieques, P.R., the book provides both a theoretical overview of this new field and case studies that range from mercury contamination during World War I in Slovenia to the ecosystem impacts of the Palestinian occupation, and from the bombing of coral reefs of Vieques to biodiversity loss due to violent conflicts in Africa. *Warfare Ecology* also includes reprints of several classical papers that set the stage for the new synthesis described by the authors.

**Stuart Miller, Ph.D. ’79**, writes: “I made a quick trip to New Haven from Sydney, Australia, earlier this year for a friend’s important birthday and visited the school for the first time in many years. The school looks to be in fine shape, and Kroon Hall is a wonderful addition and demonstration. I started my own company, Environmental Geochemistry International, 28 years ago



# Class Notes

consulting to the mining industry and specializing in acid rock drainage and mine waste management, which was the focus of my Ph.D. research at Yale. We work worldwide but are approaching the time to enjoy the journey by sailing rather than at 35,000 feet. I'm planning a return trip to New Haven next year for a special Yale rugby reunion."

**Martha Tableman** writes: "Having taken up downhill skiing again two years ago, after 10 years of only skiing on skinny Nordic skis, I reached my goal of going to the top of Arapahoe Basin (elevation 13,050 ft.), and skied down many times. It was a great snow year with good conditions to mid June. At work, I'm overseeing the development of a 35-mile greenway through Clear Creek County, Colo., which involves land acquisition, grant writing, planning and construction. At home, I am dealing with two teens, which is challenging and enlightening."

## 1980

### Class Secretary

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**Natasha Atkins** writes: "The last couple of years have brought me some interesting writing and editing work. Highlights are working with the Ecological Society of America on the ecological implications of biofuels, and with the Coalition of Natural Resource Societies on challenges of training the next generation of natural resource professionals. I've squeezed in a couple of trips a year to do shorebird banding."

**Star Childs** reports that life in Norfolk is going well. He is enjoying the opportunity to meet and spend time with the incoming F&ES students who continue to wonder about the ever-expanding mythology surrounding the history of the Class of 1980. He had visits from **Trish Johnson** and her Common Ground school kids to the forest in June. Also a visit from **Marcia Sailor '81**, which included a check on our memorial trees and John's oak in particular. Good news! All trees are alive and happy on the mountaintop. He also had a nice catch-up visit with **Linda Reed** after 30-plus years. She looks happy and healthy!

**Bob Comer** joined Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis, where he has been made a partner. Prior to joining the firm, he was an associate solicitor (minerals, energy,

land and water resources) for the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., and Rocky Mountain Regional Solicitor in Denver.

**Bob Currie** writes: "Polly and I spent July in Paris celebrating our 35th year of marriage, with side trips to Brussels, Belgium and Ayr, Scotland (40-minute swim in the Firth of Clyde!). The kids are grown, three of them married, and grandkid number five arrived in mid-October. We are at the very front edge of developing a company that will help learners all over the world improve their English; coaches here will connect with learners there, via a Skype-like Internet learning environment. ECCO NOW will direct profits to charitable initiatives for sustainable development and the benefit of poor children (reaching out here for wisdom and counsel in the start-up area as well as learner referrals)."

**Ellie Lathrop** grows trees and manages commercial thinning for Weyerhaeuser on the St. Helens Tree Farm in Washington state. She and her husband, Al Deichsel, moved their daughter, Emily, to Los Angeles as she is starting a master's program in Public Health at UCLA. In October they met up with their son, Johnny, in Peru as he finishes up his second summer in Bolivia volunteering with Engineers Without Borders. Ellie started teaching a weekly yoga class last year to expand her circle and learn something new. Most of the time outside of work, you will find Ellie on a golf course.

**Tom McHenry** packed his youngest son, Jack, off to Yale as a new undergraduate this fall. For all of his successful F&ES annual fund efforts, Tom was given the Chairman's Award by the Yale Alumni Fund in New York City in September 2011.

**Patti Kolb Millet** lives in Nova Scotia, "struggling to make my gift shop in Mabou, N.S., profitable" but enjoying the warm ocean and nightly fiddle music. Husband, Jack, is holding on in California until real estate climate improves there. Kids, Emma and Jack, are doing well, and with help, replaced the foundation on her Cape Breton house this summer. Nathan is second generation Forest Service, a hydrologist in Nevada managing the lack of water.

**Al Sample, D.F. '89**, represented Yale and F&ES at the Global Alumni Leadership Exchange with 50 other universities in Beijing in July. Al gave presentations on

the F&ES Alumni Association at separate meetings at Tsing Hua University (Beijing), Fudan University (Shanghai) and CUHK-New Asia College (Hong Kong). He serves on the AYA Board of Governors, which this year held their annual board retreat in Beijing.

**Sara Schreiner Kendall** is head of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability at Weyerhaeuser and is participating on the Yale University Council Committee on the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. She spends time daydreaming about what to do with all her time once the last chick has flown the coop a year from now.

**Susan Shen** and her husband Bill visited **Suey Braatz** in Rome last April. They were able to persuade Suey to take a break from her work leading the forest climate change agenda for FAO to show them her newly renovated farmhouse in Orvieto. In exchange, Suey put them to work, including watering 50 newly planted olive trees with a single hose. Susan S. is with the World Bank, leading the development of a new lending instrument that is expected to transform how the World Bank works with its client countries. Susan and Bill's lives revolve around chauffeuring kids to soccer games, play dates, sleepovers and other events. Daughter Samantha is an athlete and has a full schedule of soccer practices and games in the fall and spring, skiing in the winter and sailing regattas in the summer. Susan and Bill spent the summer taking turns being at the Eastern Shore where Samantha attends junior sailing and a number of sailing regattas.

**Marty Steele** is working for Boston Private Bank in Seattle and recently got a new position as president & CEO of the bank's Pacific Northwest region. He plays in an amateur rock band with **Phil Bednarski '82**.

**Steven Strauss** is a distinguished professor of forest biotechnology at Oregon State University (OSU). This year he received the Barrington-Moore Memorial Award from the Society of American Foresters. Steven has been a pioneer and international leader in the genetics and applied biotechnology of forest trees, and has done extensive research to improve tree characteristics while reducing undesired gene flow from transgenic populations. He founded OSU's Program for Outreach in Resource Biotechnology to help the public, agencies and decision makers better understand biotechnology

issues. Steven has published more than 160 professional papers, received more than \$17 million in federal research support, and been an advocate for scientifically sound regulations for the use of genetically modified forest trees and other plants. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has been on the OSU faculty since 1985.

**Carol Zimmerman** is transitioning to part-time work at Battelle this fall. Besides catching up on her reading list and getting more exercise, she is also figuring out what she wants to do during the next phase of her life.

## 1981

### Class Secretaries

Fred Hadley

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**Ann Clarke, D.F.E.S. '92**, writes: "I was in Alaska in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge near the Yukon and the Beaufort Sea for a week to observe the effects of climate warming. We then went south to Wrangell and visited the Anan Bear Observatory, where we had a close call when we came across a mother grizzly and two cubs asleep on a bend in the trail at Anan. The guides did all the right things and the bears moved away and down toward the water, though the mother turned and did a start at us – very effective at allowing me to forget all about work!"

**Thea Hayes** writes: "I'm working away (toward retirement) here in Portland, Ore., with what amounts to three teaching-related jobs. I'm a middle school teacher (in a K-8) and teach science and health to 7th and 8th graders. My husband Angel is a mechanical engineer, older daughter Hanna is working office jobs, and younger daughter Rachel is a sophomore at David Douglas High School. We have many animals (dog, parrots, snake, lizard, fish) as most would expect, although not as many as I've had. I'm working on a gardening program for food security at my school, invasive species curriculum development with Oregon State University for the West Coast, and spend my 'spare time' lifting weights."

**Brenda Lind** writes: "Greetings from nursing school! After 20-plus years in land conservation, which were wonderful, I considered the next 20 and saw a need to move to something new. I am now finishing up a 'direct entry' master's degree in nursing at University of New Hampshire. I'm glad

to be working in a more science-based framework and less consumed with real estate and negotiation details. I miss the outdoors focus dreadfully, but the new focus and the second pass at grad school is great!"

**Gail Reynolds** writes: "I received a call from **Lillian Beerman**, who wanted to know how we fared during Hurricane Irene's romp through New England. Lilly's home in Galveston was damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Ike several years ago. Lilly now lives just outside of Austin, Texas. Fortunately, Dan and I in Connecticut fared much better during Irene. We lost a few trees and power for a day and a half and gained lots of firewood."

## 1982

### 30th Reunion Year for 2012

#### Class Secretaries

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**Javed Mir** writes: "My journey since F&ES took me back to forest service in Kashmir, India, then to Cornell for a Ph.D. program, and then a stint with World Wildlife Fund International. Since 1999, I've been with the Asian Development Bank in Manila, Philippines – first as a forestry specialist, then natural resources management specialist, and now supervising a unit dealing with environment, natural resources and agriculture projects. I focus primarily on Southeast Asia and China, working on how best to design, develop and implement programs and projects that deal with the intersection of the food-water-energy nexus, environmental sustainability, climate change and poverty reduction. Challenging but enjoyable tasks. My wife, Donna (Yale economics grad), and our twin boys (just graduated from Stanford University) have been great partners in this journey."

**Ross Povenmire** writes: "I work in Boxford, Mass., as the Town Conservation Director, Planning Agent and Community Preservation Agent. My typical work day is full of small emergencies like failed septic systems and wetland permit applications rather than the high-falutin' international natural resource policy I found so fascinating in graduate school, but I like to think that I am making a contribution along the lines of 'think globally, act locally.'"

## 1983

### Class Secretary

Stephen Broker

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**Haven (Barbara) Cook** works as a planner and wilderness specialist for the U.S. Forest Service in Florida. Haven is a Ph.D. candidate at Florida State University and hopes to finish her dissertation next year before she retires from 30 years of federal service.

## 1986

### Class Secretary

Robert Unsworth

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**Chris Elliott** writes: "I have spent most of the time since F&ES working for World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in a range of different roles, starting as China Program Coordinator and ending up as Executive Director of Conservation at WWF International in Switzerland. Over the years, I had the opportunity to interact with many alumni, and through my Ph.D. research (completed at L'École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne in 1999), got to know Ben Cashore, who is doing such great work at the School now. **Rich Carroll, D.For. '97**, and I got to spend some time in the Congo Basin together, and I bump into **Ken Andrasko** at World Bank meetings from time to time. For the last year I have been based in San Francisco as executive director of the Climate and Land Use Alliance, a collaborative initiative of Climatenetworks, Ford Foundation, Packard Foundation and the Moore Foundation. We recently selected **Michael Wells** as our external evaluator and **Guillermo Castilleja '83, Ph.D. '91**, is on our Board. So although I have only been back to New Haven once since I graduated, I still feel quite close the School."

**Daniel Hellerstein, Ph.D. '89**, writes: "After F&ES, I moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Economic Research Service of the USDA, as an environmental economist. I married Susan Schappert in spring 1990 (who soon thereafter moved to D.C. to work at the National Center for Health Statistics). We both have been working for the same agencies since then. I spend too much time on computers (though instead of Fortran programming these days, I work a lot with php/mysql/javascript). As I get older and stupider, I tend to do more prosaic policy analysis – mostly on the Conservation Reserve Program. These days I am working on auction mechanisms to get more bang for

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the \$\$ (something that USDA is always somewhat reluctant to do, what with the culture of being the farmer's friend). We had twin boys, who are now sophomores (University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Earlham College). I kayak, bike and hike around, but less every year. Boston professional sports teams remain a passion. Sci-fi is my main reading, and I've attended the 24 sci-fi-athon in Seville, Fla., for over 30 years running."

1987

25th Reunion Year for 2012

## Class Secretaries

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**Andrew Brower** was promoted to full professor in the Department of Biology at Middle Tennessee State University, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

**Chris DeForest** is executive director of Inland Northwest Land Trust in Spokane, Wash., and has been at the helm since 1997. "Sadly, as years go on," he writes, "I'm using more knowledge from SOM than F&ES."

His wife, **Caroline Woodwell '86**, is raising funds for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. They have two sons, John and Robert.

**Jim Pissot** writes: "Valerie and I logged 11,801 km, taking in Alaska, the Yukon and northern British Columbia – great hiking, lots of critters (except NO mosquitoes), spectacular *aurora borealis*, fine folks and landscapes to challenge the imagination. We got a glimpse into the (near?) future, filling the tank at Eagle Plains, Yukon (a caribou step from the Arctic Circle) at \$6.76 per gallon! Conservation efforts continue here, working to keep Banff National Park from becoming an amusement and commercial adventure center. And, following my years of prodding, the Canadian Pacific Railway and Parks Canada held a 'Railway-Bear Conflict Mitigation Symposium' in September in Banff. Fingers crossed for some real progress." <http://www.banffragandcanyon.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?archive=true&e=3252805>

**Chris Pratt** writes: "I am working on climate change one window at a time. I am in my second year of a start-up business doing energy retrofits on old windows. The enterprise rests on a new process of adding glass to old windows. As far as I know, I

am the only one who has this method of insulating old windows that is affordable, effective and sustainable. I live in East Montpelier, Vt. Check out my website for more information." [Opensash.com](http://Opensash.com)

**Yoel Seton** writes: "Greetings to all. For my 50th birthday, I took up mountain biking. There's lots of challenging riding in the Judean mountains surrounding Jerusalem (not to mention the crazy traffic on my daily commute to work in the Old City). All was going well until a car hit me several months ago (my fault) – thankfully, I am healed and fine. My work as director of Shoresh Study Tours (offering Biblical tours of Israel) is going well. Laura is hard at work recording a CD of her English folk songs."

1988

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**Eric Jay Dolin** has received the following awards for his most recent book, *Fur, Fortune, and Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America* (W. W. Norton, 2010): 2010 James P. Hanlan Book Award, given by the New England Historical Association; 1st place in the Outdoor Writers Association of America, Excellence in Craft Contest, book division; and bronze medal in history in the 2011 Independent Publisher Book Awards. Eric's book was also chosen as one of the best books of 2010 by *The Seattle Times*, one of the top ten books of 2010 by the Rocky Mountain Land Library, and it was a finalist in the Reading the West Book Award, sponsored by the Mountains & Plains Independent Booksellers Association. Eric has just completed the manuscript for his next book, this one on the trade between the United States and China (e.g., tea, silk, sea otters, sandalwood, bêche-de-mer and opium), from the American Revolution through the Civil War. The book will be published by Liveright, an imprint of W. W. Norton, in September 2012.

**Stephen Gorman** won the 2011 Benjamin Franklin Award for his book, *Arctic Visions: Encounters at the Top of the World*. The award recognizes excellence in independent

publishing. The trophy was presented to Stephen at a gala ceremony on the eve of Book Expo America in New York City at the Jacob Javits Center on May 23, 2011. Stephen has spent the last several years traveling throughout the Arctic, often under extreme conditions, and most often with Inuit companions. He has worked on assignment for major magazines and book publishers for two decades. His other books include *The American Wilderness* and *Northeastern Wilds*, which was a finalist for the Benjamin Franklin Award in 2003.

**Carol Pease** writes: "After Yale, I went on to University of Pennsylvania for a doctorate in anthropology, studied spider monkeys in Costa Rica, and turned around and realized I was in my late 30s and hadn't had any children yet. So I got pregnant, and had to abandon my fieldwork for a while. My husband and I renovated an old family house from my side, which took several years and lots of work, but is now a lovely place to live in Connecticut. I recently had twin boys, who have kept me extremely busy, along with my firstborn son. Now that the little ones are 4 years old, and can attend full-time pre-kindergarten, I've started back teaching. **Jennifer Mattei '84** hired me, and I am now an adjunct biology professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn."

**Diane Stark** writes: "I live, work and play in the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition to my career in transportation, I have a daughter who is a senior in high school and a daughter who is teaching art in Olympia. I have been acting in independent films and am also producing and directing my first documentary. If anyone has tips about making documentaries (besides saying, "What were you thinking?"), let me know."

**Tom Strumolo** writes: "My babies born while at I was at F&ES are Andrew (1987), a recent environmental studies graduate of Middlebury College working in D.C. who is hoping one of you will hire him; and Lizzie (1988), just out of Vassar and hoping one of you has a friend in publishing who will hire her. I've helped create a Nebraska green company doing efficiency retrofits of up to 20,000 houses and marching in all four directions to a neighborhood near you. Ann and I recently celebrated 40 years since we met at a party in New York and 36 years of marriage."

**Holly Welles** writes: "I work at Princeton

Environmental Institute, and the pace picked up quickly as the fall semester took off. We had 111 undergraduates doing some cool environmental internships all over the world this summer. Makes me want to go back to school. My twins are in kindergarten and more precocious than ever.”

## 1989

### Class Secretary

Jane Freeman  
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**Jane Freeman** is the Special Legislation Program Manager for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Reno, Nev. She has enjoyed working with **Linda Lind '90**, who manages BLM-funded resources and projects for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, U.S. Forest Service. Jane had been working closely with **Nora Devoe '84, D.For. '90**, who was the BLM's Western Regional Science Coordinator, to develop a more rigorous review process for inter-agency science projects. Nora is now the Director of Research and Innovation for the Northwest Territory Government and lives in Alice Springs, Australia.

**Laura Simon** is “firmly planted” outside of New Haven, where she works for the Humane Society of the United States, in the Urban Wildlife Program. Laura writes: “I try to brainwash my son, Jack, about the need to go to Yale. He is a wonderful magician and illusionist at the tender age of 8 years old, but following in mom's vegetarian footsteps too!”

## 1991

**Margo Burnham** lives in San Francisco with husband Kenneth and son Phineas (2). She works at The Nature Conservancy on conservation finance and projects in Latin America and the United States.

**Suzu Hodgson** writes: “I launched an on-line farmers market for fresh local food in summer 2010. The website supports any town or food hub wanting to start on-line sales with a wide range of farmers. It would be great to work with any F&ES alumni interested in farming and local foods.”  
[yourfarmstand.com](http://yourfarmstand.com)

**Annette Huddle** is Director of Youth Education at the San Francisco Botanical Garden, while her partner, Gina Solomon (Yale Medical School '91), is a senior scientist in the public health program at the National Resources Defense Council. Twenty years ago, Annette led

the graduation procession as a novice bagpiper – more recently she was honored to lead a procession commemorating 9/11 for the San Francisco Giants!

## 1994

### Class Secretaries

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**Alexis Harte** writes: “A busy year! I saw 33% growth in family with the addition of a baby boy named Leo Michael Harte. I also released a new CD, and started a company called Pollen Music Group. We've written music for Showtime's “Nurse Jackie” and several others, and have scored several independent films. We were recently contacted by San Francisco urban forester **Carla Short '03** to compose music for a series of neighborhood greening videos, so I still stay involved in urban forestry!”

**Steve Harrington** writes: “I bought a house in Vermont. I'm creating programs that access forests as healing environments for people recovering from mental illness and addiction, and teaching again this year at Green Mountain College.”

**Sherry Login** writes: “In August, I moved into a new position at Con Edison that I am very excited about. I work in the Electric Vehicles Program. The kids are getting big – daughter Paz (2), and sons Ziv (7) and Gal (5). It looks like we will be moving out of Katonah, N.Y., to a beach community on Long Island at the end of the year, close to my family.”

**Joaquin Leguia** writes: “I made a trip this year to Canada and Japan. In Six Nations and Mt. Fuji, they are creating children's lands, the program we promote with Asociación para la Niñez y su Ambiente, the nongovernment organization I founded in Peru after graduating from Yale. It is not about making a better world for children... it is about making a better world **with** children! Big hug to all!”

## 1995

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**Greg Dicum** is the cofounder and president

of MondoWindow, a new Internet-based in-flight application that helps airline passengers engage with the landscape below their plane. The company, which builds on Greg's “Window Seat” books, launched its new site in September. He hopes you'll visit [MondoWindow.com](http://MondoWindow.com) the next time you're flying. Greg and **Nina Luttinger** live in San Francisco with their wee little fellow Xeno Madrone.

**Austin Troy** is a seasoned expert in urban environmental management who has recently published *The Very Hungry City: Urban Energy Efficiency and the Economic Fate of Cities*. Austin looks at dozens of cities and suburbs in Europe and the United States – from Los Angeles to Copenhagen, Denver to the Swedish urban redevelopment project Hammarby Sjostad – to understand the diverse factors that affect their energy use: behavior, climate, water supply, building quality, transportation and others. He then assesses some of the most imaginative solutions that cities have proposed, and addresses planning and policy approaches that can bring about change and transform the best ideas into real solutions.

## 1996

### Class Secretaries

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**Matt Auer, Ph.D.**, reports that his article, “Communication and Competition in Environmental Studies,” *Policy Sciences* 43(4): 365-390, won the Harold D. Lasswell Prize for the best article appearing in *Policy Sciences* in 2010.

## 1997

### 15th Reunion Year for 2012

#### Class Secretary:

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**Alex Finkral, Ph.D. '05**, lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., and is the Forestland Group's senior forester. He has joined a team of scientists sponsored by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to create a “knowledge warehouse” for data, products, approaches, methods, algorithms, models and maps pertaining to global croplands and their water use. The Global Croplands Working Group is supported by the USGS Powell Center in Fort Collins, Colo. Created in 2010, the Powell Center serves as a catalyst



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for innovative thinking in earth system science research, initiated as one means of implementing the USGS Science Strategy, to support scientist-driven interdisciplinary analysis and synthesis of complex natural science problems.

**Kristen Jordan** writes: “The last several years I have been busy with kids and with Sea Cider, our orchard and cider house in British Columbia, where we make hard apple cider.” [www.seacider.ca](http://www.seacider.ca)

**Jon Kohl** writes: “Living in Costa Rica, I have been working on a book about the future of protected area planning that considers how we have arrived at a state where so many plans end up on shelves, unused, and the new paradigms that are emerging to take the place of those that have left us in this condition. I use Integral Theory to understand planning and implementation. The book proposal is currently under consideration at a publisher. On other fronts, I work as a long-term consultant with the World Heritage Center of UNESCO, helping World Heritage sites develop capacities to plan and implement their own plans. I have begun a project with cultural sites in Portugal and sites of Portuguese origin around the world. Back at home I am studying organic agriculture and writing a Facebook blog on international heritage interpretation as a tool to get resources, examples and ideas to developing country heritage interpreters.” <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jon-Kohls-HeritagePatrimonio-Interpretation-International/133256493413817?sk=wall> or [www.jonkohl.com](http://www.jonkohl.com)

**Martin Medina, Ph.D.**, is currently Senior International Relations Specialist at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, working on the development of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). GEOSS compiles environmental data and products from various sources and disseminates them to users throughout the Americas. Martin recently completed a paper commissioned by the United Nations Development Program on poverty and sustainable materials management. The United Nations University also published three papers written by him on waste management issues in developing countries.

**Shalini Ramanathan** is Vice President of Development South Central for Renewable Energy Systems Americas,

a leading developer and constructor of renewable energy projects. She leads a team developing solar and wind projects across the south central and southwestern United States. She previously worked for the British company CAMCO in Nairobi, Kenya, and before that, for the National Renewable Energy Lab in Washington, D.C. She lives in Austin, Texas.

**Debra (Weiner) Shepherd** and **Dan Shepherd '99** have not vanished from the face of the earth, as had been assumed. After a few years of living and working in the Washington, D.C., area – Deb at the EPA (among other organizations) and Dan at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) – along came their two lovely and boisterous girls, Haley and Lucy. In January 2007, they had the opportunity to move to Quito, Ecuador, where Dan continued working with the IDB’s Multilateral Investment Fund and Deb found a great gig in marketing for a socially responsible organic chocolate company called Pacari. A year ago, Dan moved to a position in Sustainable Energy Finance at the International Finance Corporation/World Bank Group, and they all moved to Lima, Peru. [dlshepherd@hotmail.com](mailto:dlshepherd@hotmail.com)

**José Juan Terrasa-Soler** is enjoying his baby daughter, Sara Lauren Terrasa-Olmo. José Juan is an assistant professor of landscape architecture at Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, in San Juan.

**Mary Tyrrell** writes: “Hey, Class of '97, it's our *fifteenth* reunion next year. I know – how did that happen? I'd love to see you *all* back in New Haven, and I know we'd all love to catch up. So let's make this a super turnout and a really fun time. There's lots going on at F&ES, and many changes since we graduated, but one thing stays the same – it's a vibrant place with fantastic students. Come to New Haven next fall, enjoy a stimulating program, meet the next generation of F&ESers and party with the Class of '97. P.S. I'm still here at F&ES, now the Executive Director of the Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, and working on private lands conservation and forest health. I love living in New Haven, and being at F&ES is great – there's so much going on.”

## 1998

### Class Secretaries

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**George Berghorn** has been appointed dean of Lansing Community College (LCC)'s Technical Careers Division. A Ph.D. candidate in Construction Management at Michigan State University, he had been chairperson of LCC's Environmental, Design & Buildings Technologies Department from June of 2009 through April 2011. In his new role as dean, George will oversee the Technical Careers Division, a broad cross-section of academic programs from manufacturing engineering technology to heating, ventilation and air conditioning technology and from computer information technology programming to automotive technology. Additionally, LCC's criminal justice and fire science programs, the Mid-Michigan fire and police academies and the paralegal program all fall under the division's banner. George moved to Michigan in 2003 after working as a project manager in environmental engineering and construction in the eastern United States. He came to LCC as an adjunct professor of biology (2003–05) and then spent four years as Director of Forest Policy for the Michigan Forest Products Council before returning to LCC in 2009. He has served as a reviewer of grant proposals for the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Program and is a LEED® Accredited Professional. George and his wife live in Lansing with their infant daughter.

## 2000

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**Kristin (Sipes) Riha** writes: “In May 2010, we welcomed another daughter into the world, Molly Madeleine. She's now a happy, spunky 16-month old, who likes to get into trouble with her big sister, Lily (3). We also recently moved our family to North Carolina, where I'm now working at the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards

(OAQPS). At OAQPS, I develop national policies tied to the implementation of air quality standards, and I'm serving as the lead for tribal ozone designations."

**Zikun Yu** writes: "I changed my company's name to AYU Global Resources to reflect our expanding business into two new fields of recycling equipment and FDA certification consulting."

## 2001

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**Pia Kohler** writes: "After five great years in Fairbanks, Alaska, where I was teaching international relations, I have started a new position as assistant professor of environmental studies at Williams College in northwestern Massachusetts. I'm happy to be back in New England, and I'm looking forward to focusing my teaching on environmental issues while continuing my research on science/policy interactions, notably in the context of U.N. negotiations on hazardous chemicals."

**Jen (Osha) Buysse** is proud to share news about the healthy birth of her second son, Rowan Osha Buysse, who got to meet Yale alumni at the Yale Club of Pittsburgh. Her elder son, Elijah Storm, is already an outspoken and enthusiastic advocate for the mountains. Jen is working part time as the project director at Coal River Mountain Watch and is the president of Aurora Lights. She is also very grateful to announce that she has finished her doctorate at West Virginia University, focused on the impacts of mountaintop removal coal mining in the Coal River Valley of southern West Virginia. Her work brings continued attention to the social and environmental impacts of mountaintop removal on local communities.

## 2002

### 10th Reunion Year for 2012

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**Kim Awbrey** writes: "I am in Namibia, working as program coordinator for Children in the Wilderness Namibia. We

are a nonprofit partner to Wilderness Safaris, offering camps for orphans and vulnerable children of Namibia, with a focus on the environment and health issues." [www.childreninthewilderness.com](http://www.childreninthewilderness.com)

**Elizabeth Ban** writes: "I'm living in Silver Spring, Md. (where I finally broke down and bought a house), living with my boyfriend Bill, our two dogs and two cats. After a two-year stint with the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, I'm back at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration working for the Sea Grant Program and loving it. I'm doing social media, outreach and communications (follow us on Twitter and FB!), working with the National Sea Grant Advisory Board and am the program officer for North Carolina and South Carolina Sea Grant programs. I've been traveling a fair bit – Put-in-Bay, Ohio; Rhode Island; Portland, Ore. I have company three nights a week from **Clayt Lauter**, who is teleworking in Charlottesville two days a week and at his new office at the Department of Treasury three days a week. We're looking forward to mid-November when **Liam Carr** will be here for his Knauss Fellowship, and we're thinking about having another Gatsby party – no Long Island Sound for midnight dips, but we do have a doggie pool."

**Catherine Bottrell** writes: "I am completing my doctorate from the University of Surrey, investigating the response of the music industry to climate change. I am cofounder of Pilio, a spinout of Oxford University focused on providing people the tools and guidance to have a big effect. We have developed sMeasure (for businesses) and iMeasure (for homes) to monitor and reduce their energy use."

**Cassie Hays** writes: "I finished my Ph.D. in environmental sociology at Yale in 2009 and began a postdoctoral fellowship at the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies at the University of Virginia (UVA) that August. After two postdoctoral years at UVA, I just joined the sociology faculty at Gettysburg College, a small liberal arts college in Pennsylvania. I'm looking forward to developing new courses with Africana Studies and Environmental Studies, and to finding student researchers to help with my ongoing research in Tanzania. Speaking of East Africa, I'll be back there in the summer of 2012!"

**John Homan** was recently appointed to a new role at U.S. Trust as a credit specialist in a wealth management group. He was

also elected in September to a three-year term on the Yale Alumni Fund Board of Directors. Expect to hear from John about opportunities to boost F&ES's participation in the Funds' goals in the coming years!

**Ramsay Ravenel** got married in September 2010 and is in Boston, doing investing and grant making for the Grantham Foundation for the Protection of the Environment. Tough job, this saving the world!

**Colleen Ryan** writes: "I am in New York City and telecommuting to Montana, doing contract work for two federal interagency programs related to wildfire and fuels planning. I'm looking forward to seeing the whole F&ES gang in October when **Vic Edgerton '03** and **Rachel Fertik** tie the knot. I'd love to hear from other F&ESers in NYC. Also, did anyone mention that **Becky Tavani** had a baby, Elsa, born in July in Rome? She is already decked out with tree-hugger onesies."

**Elizabeth Rowels** has moved back to London with her family.

**Marc Stern, Ph.D. '06**, and **Kim Thurlow** are living in Blacksburg, Va., with their kids, Aidan (5) and Sage (3). Marc is a tenured associate professor at Virginia Tech. **Kim Thurlow** writes: "I started working in May for the New River Valley Planning District Commission as Project Coordinator for the Livability Initiative – a three-year comprehensive planning project. My husband **Marc Stern, Ph.D. '06**, finished building a 'green' home in a great little neighborhood here in Blacksburg, Va., and our oldest son Aidan just started kindergarten. So lots of great changes for us that are keeping us busy."

**Dave Vexler** had a baby boy this summer.

## 2003

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**Marni Carroll** writes: "We welcomed Eli Yale Carroll (ha, just kidding! Eli Thomas) into the world on March 31. Lucy (2), is a great big sister and is starting to learn her birds and trees in preparation for F&ES."

**Alexandra Dimizas** writes: "I gave birth to our second daughter, Penelope Danae Maurides, on Mother's Day, May 8, this year. She is a happy and healthy baby. My older daughter, Myrto (3), started preschool in September. We are living in Greece – it never ceases to be an adventure. I was

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in California in January for my brother's wedding and had a wonderful time visiting with **Libby Jones '02, Ph.D. '08**, and her husband Kevin in Ojai."

**Lydia Dixon** writes: "I've started at the University of Colorado, Boulder, as a Ph.D. student in environmental studies. I am planning on working on human-carnivore conflict."

**Olivia Glenn**, Alumni Association board member, joined Dean Crane and the admissions, alumni services and development staff members during a trip to Pittsburgh. Dean Crane led a wonderful event with turnout from prospective students, F&ES alumni, Yale alumni from various schools, alumni parents and green leaders in the region. The event included a prospective student information session; alumni reception in collaboration with the Yale Club of Pittsburgh; an alumni panel facilitated by Dean Crane; and dinner to wrap up the evening. Olivia writes: "How wonderful to have alums come from as far as West Virginia! It is truly a reminder that our school makes quite an impression on each of our lives. The dean is making wonderful efforts to streamline resources while still hosting noteworthy events, and I will say that the synergy between the tiered interests and cross-section of invitees was quite effective and inspirational. The dean is sure to visit a town near you soon! If you haven't met him yet, please take the time to do so. You may also be invited to participate in a panel. What a wonderful venue to showcase your work and invite others to the school. The mission of F&ES is all the more vital each day. Thank you for the work that each of you do to protect our planet."

**Brian Goldberg** writes: "I recently relocated to the Washington, D.C., area and am finding a thriving forest of F&ES folks. Also, as an Alumni Board member growing the Branches Initiative, I'm looking for any fellow F&ES alumni eager to volunteer time connecting with students via research opportunities, career mentorship or even a visit to a class sharing your perspectives from the field."

**Kat Hall** writes: "I'm coordinating the urban ecology program and running a new environmental education project at The Lands Council. I also just bought a house with my partner on a lake in northern Idaho and am playing bass and flute in a rock band!"

**Kate Hammond** writes: "Husband Geoff,

daughter Avery (4), son Miles (5 months) and I—and yes, Che, hard to believe he's 10 years old—are in Montana, where I am superintendent of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument."

**Betony Jones** writes: "This year I got married on the north shore of Lake Superior. F&ES friends made a good showing, including Alison and **Kabir Peay**, who arrived late one night. Upon their arrival, half the sky came alive in pulsating streaks of light in a fantastic display of *aurora borealis*. I had a baby boy in May and continue to be busy with my consulting business, Fourth Sector Strategies, helping nonprofits add entrepreneurial activities to their project portfolios."

**Andres Luque** writes: "I am mid-way through my Ph.D. on urban transitions to sustainability at Durham University (U.K.). I am now a 'geographer,' and very happy learning a more 'spatial' way of looking at the world. I am at the moment doing research on how cities in Brazil are transitioning their energy systems and embracing notions of 'solar,' having just returned from India where I spent four months working on the same topic."

**Abdalla Shah** writes: "This has been a rather quiet year for me. With Florence Millers's prompting, though, we received a visit from the executive director of the Institute for Sustainable Development, a think tank that has its offices in Vermont. We spent some of our time discussing the opportunity for engagement. On a depressing note, we had the worst marine accident that Zanzibar had ever witnessed, in which 200 people perished."

**Ninian Stein** writes: "Over the summer I moved across country and started my first tenure track job at San Jose State University in California. I am teaching at the intersection of archaeology/anthropology and environmental studies/science. Adrift in this new bioregion after years of researching and teaching about New England, I would love to catch up with Bay Area F&ES folks for comradeship and local plant identification guidance."

## 2004

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**Nikhil Anand** recently finished his Ph.D. in anthropology at Stanford and has accepted a position as an assistant professor at Haverford College, where he will be teaching courses in environmental studies and anthropology. He lives in Philadelphia and looks forward to F&ES visitors who are looking for a rest stop between D.C. and New York.

**Jennifer (Vogel) Bass** and her husband welcomed their second son, Charlie, this summer. She is the senior manager for global Web strategy at the Rainforest Alliance. She lives in Maplewood, N.J., with her family.

**Jonathan Cook** writes: "I married **Caroline Simmonds '06** on June 5 at the beautiful Mohonk Preserve near New Paltz, N.Y. Many F&ES friends were there to celebrate with us. We honeymooned in the Cook Islands (naturally!) and continue to live and work in Washington, D.C."

**Valerie Craig** and **Marco Buttazzoni** welcomed their second son, Kiran, in February. Valerie works at National Geographic as manager for the Ocean Initiative, and Marco enjoys being his own boss as a consultant.

**Tasha Eichenseher** took a sabbatical this year from National Geographic Digital Media in D.C. to participate in the Ted Scripps Environmental Journalism Fellowship program at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is taking a close look at the source, quality and fate of drinking water supplies around the world.

**Christian Palmer**, wife Damaris, and children, Enzo and Maria, are living in Itacare, Bahia, Brazil. Christian is doing research for his doctoral dissertation in cultural anthropology at University of California, Santa Cruz. His research examines the natural history of the area as it transitions from fishing to eco-tourism, with a focus on the influence of surf culture on this process.

**Christopher Riely** manages Providence Water's Scituate Reservoir watershed lands and is looking forward to finishing his evening MBA program. During the last year, he enjoyed maintaining ties with F&ES by meeting with the student SAF chapter and working with a master's

student who developed habitat restoration plans for the rare New England cottontail rabbit.

**Nalin Sahni** writes: “I live in Toronto, where I just switched jobs from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to a private law firm. I will continue to work on environment and energy issues.”

**Alison Van Gorp** lives in Seattle, working as the Urban Policy Director at Cascade Land Conservancy. Alison and her husband, Tam Ly, welcomed a daughter, Marlot Maxine Van Ly, in June.

**Laura Wooley** started working for Urban Arborists in Brooklyn in October of last year and continues to deepen her understanding of trees, people, running a small business, and New York City. She lives in Brooklyn within three blocks of the sublime Prospect Park.

## 2005

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**Lauren Baker** lives in Iquitos, Peru, carrying out her doctoral research on indigenous politics having to do with oil concessions in the Peruvian Amazon. She has been in Peru since late February and will be in Peru through May 2012. She is in the fourth year of her Ph.D. at F&ES and enjoying her studies and fieldwork.

**Cristina Balboa, Ph.D. '09**, writes: “I live in Brooklyn, N.Y., with my husband Jake and our gaggle of girls: Matilda (3) and twins Fern and Carly (4 months). I’m an assistant professor of public affairs at Baruch College, CUNY, hopefully offering more environment-focused courses but also working in their Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management. Pretty darn happy with all of the above, but also hoping to pick up my guitar again as part of my upcoming midlife crisis.”

**Dora Cudjoe** writes: “I am enjoying my work as an environmental specialist with the World Bank South Asia region (Environment, Water and Climate Change Unit). I spent a month in New Delhi, Orissa and Assam, India, working on road infrastructure projects and inclusive growth agenda. My little ones Jo-Jo (3) and Nissi

(1) are quite keen to see pictures from my trip. To compensate for the lost summer days, I have bought them a set of hand crafted Assamese bamboo and cane baby chairs. I look forward to going back to Washington by the end of this month.”

**Joseph MacDougald** writes: “It’s been an exciting year. I took a position as Professor in Residence at the University of Connecticut School of Law. I’m the new executive director for the Center for Energy & Environmental Law. I’ll be teaching my regular climate law courses, working on energy policy and advising students. We have a Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner coming, a conference on coastal climate adaptation and lots of other projects starting to keep me busy. With my daughter in college and both boys in high school, this will sure cure the empty nester feeling. In other news, I am a selectman in Madison, Ct., and got a first-hand view of the fragility of our coastal areas thanks to Hurricane Irene. The destruction was amazing! I’ve heard from many F&ESers and faculty in recent months.”

**Sarah Matheson** writes: “I live in D.C. near Capitol Hill. I recently switched companies (but not jobs). My company, ClearCarbon, was acquired by Deloitte Consulting, so I am figuring out the culture of the new firm. It is a big jump in coworkers from 19 to more than 50,000! I was recently in New Haven to attend my first meeting as a member of the F&ES Alumni Association Board. This is a great group of alums, with class years ranging more than 40 years (I believe **Chad Oliver '70, Ph.D. '75** is one of the earliest graduates in the group), who are working to enhance the experience for current students as well as connect alums. If you have ideas or want to participate, let me know!”  
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[Ed. Note: Honorary lifetime member **Herbert Winer '49, Ph.D. '56** is the earliest grad on the Board.]

**Alice (Bond) Miller** writes: “I am enjoying my new job as a land planner for renewable energy projects at Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the main public utility in northern California. **Garrett Miller '04** and I are expecting our first little one at the end of December. Our lives are sure going to be very different in 2012 – it’s an exciting time for us! Until then, we are having fun spending time with friends from F&ES in San Francisco and doing little house projects in anticipation of our impending arrival.”

**Azalea Mitch** writes: “I’m working away as an environmental engineer on a part-time basis since our Sam came. We celebrated the little rascal’s first birthday this summer. We’re in Connecticut, home brewing and enjoying the outdoors.”

**Alvaro Redondo, Ph.D. '10**, writes:

“I am working as a consultant for the InterAmerican Development Bank in the Costa Rica office. I work with the Global Environment Fund projects that are executed by the bank in Costa Rica, Panama and soon in Nicaragua.”

**Dan Stonington** writes: “I’ve taken a job as the executive director of the Northwest Natural Resource Group. We’re a non-profit working in Washington state and Oregon to foster a sustainable forest economy through Forest Stewardship Council certification and education, and assistance to private forestland owners.”

**Megan Sutton** writes: “I work for The Nature Conservancy in western North Carolina, and luckily get to see and interact with **Rob Lamb**, his wife Mary Alice and their young ones fairly frequently. Andy and I had the joy of welcoming our son, Jasper Beasley Tait, into the world on April 28, 2011.”

**Trisha (Eyler) Victor** writes: “I married my wonderful husband, Mike, last June 26, 2010, and on July 20 of this year we welcomed our first child, Madyson Rose, to the world. We are moving into our new house in Leesburg, Va., that we had built with the help of my family’s construction business. I work part-time for URS as an environmental consultant and try to help my clients comply with the many air quality regulations.”

## 2006

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**Tehmina Aktar** writes: “I wrote this from Accra, Ghana, where I participated in a regional workshop. I’m married to my wonderful husband, Reza Mohammadinia, a civil engineer who works on public transportation projects. We met for the first time a couple of weeks before my graduation from F&ES, when I was still



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desperately trying to finish my thesis, and a year and a half later we decided to tie the knot. We now have a son, Rayan (18 months), who is a really active and curious toddler and keeps us on our toes. After graduating, I rejoined the United Nations Development Program's environment and energy team and have been based in New York City. Since the start of 2011, I am working for the Global Environment Fund Small Grants Program, which delivers grant funding to community-based organizations and environmental NGOs for small-scale projects in over 120 countries. Between work and home, life is a balancing act, exciting and challenging and fun at the same time. I miss all my F&ES friends and love hearing your news via Class Notes and Facebook."

**Jessica Albietz** writes: "Since the last update, I've had the joy of staying with **Anil Pokhrel** and Manisha Subedi in Kathmandu with their two smart children, volunteering with **Chimi Wangmo's** nongovernment organization in Bhutan, visiting **Saima Baig** before she left Sri Lanka, and being hosted by the amazing family of **Alark Saxena '07** in Bhopal. After a special year visiting friends, I am back to work in the San Francisco Bay Area, working on river restoration and watershed monitoring/management. I look forward to reconnecting with more F&ES classmates in the Bay Area."

**Aravinda Ananda** was proud to follow in Gus Speth's footsteps by being arrested in front of the White House on August 31 as part of a civil disobedience action against the Keystone XL Pipeline.

**Imelda "Dada" Bacudo**, after three years in Uganda, East Africa, working as a technical advisor for the Uganda Wildlife Authority and dealing with conservation finance in protected areas, is now relocated in Bali, Indonesia, working for Starling Resources on Southeast and Pacific protected areas financing.

**Ying "Flora" Chi** writes: "Around Chinese New Year, I had a small reunion with **Han Shi, Ph.D. '10**, and **Fengyuan Wang '09**, now both working in Hong Kong. In February, **David Manor '07** passed through Hong Kong for an interview. David, Chris (my husband) and I had dinner together. This fall, a project brought me to Mongolia and I caught up with **Gala Davaa '07** and Thomas James (current Ph.D. student at

F&ES). This year saw me traveling almost every other week. I visited Switzerland, France and Singapore, where Chris gave speeches on Chinese philosophy. I also visited many Chinese cities to perform risk assessment for an Australian investment bank."

**Gonzalo Griebenow** writes: "It has been a great year, traveling and visiting friends on both sides of the Atlantic. I also changed jobs and moved to the InterAmerican Development Bank, just a few blocks away from my previous office at the World Bank. I am now the coordinator of a regional project on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation+ and indigenous people working in five Amazon countries, the perfect excuse to visit Peru for 'work' and toast with a pisco sour!"

**Ann Grodnik** writes: "Our daughter Sylvan Grodnik Nagle was born on November 10, 2010, and she has rocked our world. In June, we left our beloved Seattle to move to Madison, Wis., for Kyle to pursue a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. I'm now happy to be working for the Center on Wisconsin Strategy at University of Wisconsin on financing issues relating to energy efficiency, renewable energy and transportation."

**Yukiko "Kiko" Ichishima** writes: "I reconnected with **Kim Wilkinson** from Vancouver at the wonderful wedding of **Perrine Punwani** in Cleveland in August. Jeanne Braha's bookclub in Washington D.C. is still ongoing with members including **Kate Hamilton**, **Deanna (Lekas) Lizas** and **Jen McKnight**."

**Tiffany Potter** writes: "My company EcoAnalytics just won a significant Conservation Innovation Greenhouse Gas Grant to better explore monetizing forest carbon on tribal lands. The grant is in collaboration with The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Van Ness Feldman, and Finite Carbon. Coincidentally, **Kaitlin Gregg** was part of Van Ness Feldman's team on our proposal. The award is matched by Finite Carbon, to make it the second highest amount awarded out of nine awardees and 42 proposals submitted. I think this is a great story about sustainable forestry, generating revenue from diverse business activities, the role of education, and inclusion of groups that have significant barriers to entry. My Yale degree is so interdisciplinary and it really

helped me think creatively in this grant process. I was in the one-year mid-career program and I cannot tell you how much I got out of it."

**Perrine Punwani** writes: "I got married in August in Cleveland and honeymooned in Tahiti with my husband, Justin. **Kim Wilkinson** and **Yukiko Ichishima** were able to make it to the celebration. I am in my second year of teaching English at Hardy Middle School in Washington, D.C., and am infusing my knowledge from F&ES and my international work experiences into every lesson. The Smithsonian's EdLab has chosen me to be one of 10 teachers in the greater D.C. area to participate in a technology-infused, mission-based program with my students. My students will create a persuasive multimedia campaign directed at local policy makers to make key changes in their neighborhoods toward building a more sustainable future."

**Jill Savery** writes: "I've recently taken on the role of Head of Sustainability for the America's Cup Event Authority, and am based in San Francisco. I'm also happy to report that my new book (co-edited with Dr. Keith Gilbert) is finally published! *Sustainability and Sport* is a collection of essays from practitioners and academics working in this rapidly growing field."

## 2007

### 5th Reunion Year for 2012

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**Erin Barnes** writes: "I'm busy with ioby, the environmental crowd-resourcing nonprofit I cofounded with **Cassie Flynn** and **Brandon Whitney**. As of August, all three of us live in Brooklyn. Eric Ng B.A. '97 joined **Brandi Colander** and **Emily Enderle** and we three cofounders as the sixth Yalie on our Board. ioby has long been heralded as a tool for citizen-led, citizen-funded and citizen-implemented environmental action, but now, in strategic partnership with the NYC mayor's office, ioby is taking shape as a tool for participatory city planning. A few notable indicators: On October 13, we will be presented with a 2011 Livable City Award from the Municipal Arts Society. For Urban Design Week, Brandon gave a talk alongside Meetup CEO Scott Heiferman on

civic engagement through digital platforms. And a Cornell Ph.D. student just published an article for the Berkeley Planning Journal on modeling open source cities and used ioby as a case study. It's a pretty exciting time for us." <http://www.thepolisblog.org/2011/09/model-for-open-source-cities.html>

**Brandon Berkeley** writes: "After four years at Albright Stonebridge Group in D.C., I have moved west to start an M.B.A. program at Stanford's Graduate School of Business. I am living on a horse farm with my fiancé, Mark Middaugh, and dog Annie. I'm looking forward to seeing other Bay Area F&ES grads!"

**Matthew Brewer** writes: "I'm climbing mountains, running rivers, building bike trails and festivalizing in the Greater Yellowstone. Next moves – Northern California and Medellín, Colombia."

**Joanna Carey** writes: "Jules and I moved to Providence, R.I., this fall and I'm working on my Ph.D. at Boston University. Therefore, I'm now one of those people who rides a folding bike."

**Sue Ely** writes: "I'm enjoying my final year of law school in Vermont. I am starting the post-grad environmental law and policy job search and am excited to see where my next adventure will be!"

**Jenna (Bourne) Evans** writes: "I am living and working in Manchester, N.H., as the Sustainability Innovation Project Coordinator at Stonyfield Farm. I was married in May and am waiting for my husband to finish up his law degree at Vermont Law School next year. Tunari, my husky, is doing very well (besides the occasional trip to the ER for a torn ACL or chocolate binge!) and loves the New Hampshire winters. I recently completed my 19th triathlon and am hoping to start training for a century ride for 2012. I'll be spending the New Year in Paris if anyone lives in France."

**Qian (Cathy) Fang** writes: "I am currently a second year M.B.A. student at Duke's Fuqua School of Business. This summer I did my internship with General Electric (GE) and worked on building a financial model to predict savings from applying a distributed power generation system in data centers. I was also working on a digital marketing project and reported to GE CMO Beth Comstock. In July, I attended GE's global conference in Connecticut and came back to Yale to revisit. It reminded me of many good memories at F&ES! I miss you all!"

**Beth Feingold** writes: "I finished my Ph.D. at Hopkins School of Public Health this summer! I started a postdoc, in which I'm working on land use change, migration and health (namely malaria, but other stuff too) in Amazonian Peru. I moved to Durham, N.C., for the postdoc and love it here!"

**Oscar Franco** writes: "Professionally, this has been a very exciting year for me because I have returned to the conservation world. I am involved in several initiatives, but the most concrete is AvistarPerú 2011, the first national bird-watching fair in the country. Besides that, I'm doing well, not much news, but miss you guys and the time I spent at F&ES!"

**Ellen Hawes** writes: "Dave and I just bought a house in Norwich, Vt., making it the town with the highest per capita concentration of F&ESers outside of Washington, D.C. I do work for Environment Northeast on carbon sequestration and biomass energy. We don't have any farm animals, but I spend my time herding our neurotic dog and crazed toddler, and chasing deer away from our apple trees."

**Charlotte Kaiser** writes: "I live in Brooklyn and work from home for The Nature Conservancy developing private capital investment instruments for financing conservation. Nick and I had a son Linus in July 2009 and he rocks our world. We just bought a co-op in Prospect Heights with a guest room, so come visit!"

**Rosi Kerr** writes: "I am loving my new job as the Director of Sustainability at Dartmouth College. I just bought a house in Norwich, Vt., where my eight chickens, Gus the Dog, and I rode out Hurricane Irene safely. I hope my chickens take after the chickens of **Caley Johnson '06**, Poach and Scramble, and start laying! I did an efficiency audit on her house and I am now happily plugging holes and doing experiments with cellulose."

**Chris "Fox" Kral** writes: "I'm months into a new gig as a senior consultant for Det Norske Veritas, a Norwegian company focusing on risk management. I'm working with international clients on issues of sustainability and innovation and most recently traveled to Brussels to understand how to address supply-chain issues around the sourcing of 'conflict minerals' from the Democratic Republic of Congo. I live in San Francisco with my lovely partner, Ruthy, and get out every weekend to run, cycle or

backpack. Gordo and I get to eat burritos in the Mission on a regular basis, and I've most recently been in touch with **Zach Christie '08**, **Christopher Clement '08**, **Audrey Davenport '09**, **Emily Enderle**, **Rachelle Gould**, **John Nixon '08** and **Sarah Percy**."

**Charlie Liu** writes: "I'm the director of international business development for an industrial biotech company based in China. They were working on renewable chemicals before it was fashionable (since 1997), and we're working on commercializing cellulosic biomass as feedstock for butanol, a next generation biofuel. Would definitely love to hear from any renewable energy/cleantech F&ES alums in the area."

**Arthur Middleton** writes: "I am in the final year of my Ph.D. at the University of Wyoming, where I've been studying the ecology of elk migration and elk-wolf interactions in the Greater Yellowstone area. After three and a half years of fieldwork, I'm now working on analysis and writing full-time, and spending a few months in New York City to reconnect with old friends and take in some culture. I see **Reilly Dibner '06** frequently, since she's a fellow Ph.D. student at Wyoming, and the two of us just hosted Dave Skelly as a visiting speaker in our grad program. I'm also starting some new research in Argentina, and am looking forward to a field stint down there later this year."

**Hannah Murray** writes: "Nelson and I moved to eastern California almost two years ago, trading in our Washington, D.C., jobs (and health insurance) for small-town mountain living and closer access to the outdoors. We definitely came out ahead on that one. We live in a valley surrounded by 14,000-foot mountains (Sierra Nevada to the west, White Mountains to the east) and with Yosemite, Death Valley and Kings Canyon/Sequoia in our backyard. After a couple years of consulting with local and national environmental groups, I am working for the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources to coordinate the local Master Gardener program. In my free time, we have been having fun selling homemade vegan treats at the local farmers' market. Life is delicious!"

**Stephanie Ogburn** writes: "I'm entering year two as the online editor for High Country News. I'm writing a bunch about science, agriculture and the environment,

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and loving my work and the beautiful place I live in western Colorado. At harvest, I canned up a storm—produce from my garden and the farms around. I made a couple canyon trips before winter could slam in—first a Grand Canyon three-nighter, followed by Utah's Paria Canyon in mid-fall." [hcn.org](http://hcn.org)

**Krishna Roka** writes: "I am about to finish my Ph.D. and currently looking for jobs. I am good at the social aspect of natural resources issues and the environment. My research skills include both qualitative and quantitative methods. My dissertation is on evaluation of NGO work in Nepal."

**Nadav Tanners** writes: "My wife Leah gave birth to Elias Benjamin Zallman on August 15. He arrived weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces, and he's been growing like crazy ever since."

## 2008

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**Georgia Basso** works as a wildlife biologist and liaison to the Long Island Sound Study for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. She is based in Stamford, Ct., and had a great summer spending time with other east coast F&ESers, including **Tara Moberg '09** & **Tom James '09**. She looks forward to catching up with the 2008 Doris Duke crew this December when they have their first reunion and networking weekend. Most exciting recent news—adopting an adorable Rhodesian Ridgeback. Puppy training is keeping her busy.

**Annette Bellafiore** writes: "I am engaged to Sean Kelly and we will be getting married next summer. I am working as a communications and marketing manager for ThinkEco, an energy efficiency start-up company, based in New York City."

**Jessica Boehland** writes: "I live near Detroit and have a blast exploring all that is Michigan. As a grant-maker at The Kresge Foundation, I'm focused on fighting climate change by supporting organizations that are reducing the energy use of buildings."

**Patrick Holmes** writes: "The exciting news on my end is that I've received an offer to work as a special assistant to Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment Harris Sherman. I'm thrilled

with the opportunity and started in D.C. in early November."

**Mira Manickam** writes: "I recently took a job as the Youth Programs Coordinator at the Headlands Institute outside of San Francisco, where I run a cool internship program for high school students around the Bay Area interested in environmental education."

**Matthew Oden** writes: "I got married a few months ago and I'm working as an energy and sustainability professional with the software firm Hara.com in Silicon Valley."

**Sara Bushey Ohrel** works at the Environmental Protection Agency on climate economics and lives happily with her husband, Ron, in Maryland. Over the summer she was lucky enough to travel to Italy (for work) and Ireland (for fun), as well as California to see family. Sara gets to make trouble with **Adrian Deveny '09** now and again, and hopes that other F&ESers will drop a line when in D.C. or Maryland!

**Paula Randler** is living in Alexandria, Va., with her kitty, Roscoe, and working at the U.S. Forest Service in D.C.

**Ashley Roberts** writes: "I am living in my hometown of Sheridan, Wyo., with my boyfriend Matt and our pet kitten. I teach science at the local community college and have had a large and massively productive garden this summer for the first time. We are trying to produce/kill most everything we eat, which is actually quite an adventure and keeps us far busier than I would like to admit!"

**Teresa Sarroca** lives in Uruguay and does small consultancies relating to community forestry issues in different parts of the world, although she is looking to find a more permanent position that will allow her to be based in Uruguay and work on applied field projects. She has been enjoying being near her family and her new life in Montevideo.

**Yuliya Shmidt** writes: "I work as a policy analyst at the California Public Utilities Commission on renewable electricity. I live in San Francisco and recently moved to my fourth zip code in three years."

**Kelsey (Kidd) Wharton** writes: "I work as an environmental planner for Logan Simpson Design in Tempe, Ariz. Most recently I've been conducting visual recourse inventories for the Bureau of Land Management in Utah and Colorado. Over

Labor Day I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of **Terry Unger** and celebrating with fellow F&ESers."

**Carolina Zambrano-Barragán** is Environmental Policy and Climate Change Director at the Municipality of Quito, Ecuador. She enjoys life in her country and is getting married to Jose Luis, an Ecuadorian cowboy, in December.

**Yong Zhao** writes: "I'm in my fourth year of my Ph.D. studies at F&ES. I married **Wanting Zhang '11** and had the ceremony in Lighthouse Point Park on October 10."

## 2009

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**Neda Arabshahi** lives in a New Haven-like town in Denmark and works on the Competitive Intelligence team of Vestas, a Danish wind turbine manufacturer.

**Sean Dixon** writes: "I've been appointed the co-chair of the American Bar Association Annual Conference of Environmental Law held each spring in Salt Lake City, and had an article published this fall on coastal Liquefied Natural Gas import/export facilities and shifts in the U.S. natural gas marketplace."

**Bjorn Frederickson** writes: "I am frequenting the wilds and otherwise enjoying San Diego County as the Recreation, Lands and Wilderness program manager on the Cleveland National Forest's Palomar Ranger District."

**Kate Harrison** writes: "**Barry Muchnick '01, Ph.D. '10**, and I live in New Haven. I run the company I started while at Yale—the Green Bride Guide—and he teaches at Quinnipiac University. Our son Sterling (7 months in October) is working on his first tooth." [www.greenbrideguide.com](http://www.greenbrideguide.com)

**Molly Howard** is the founding kindergarten teacher at a new public charter school focused on sustainability and bi-literacy in Washington, D.C.

**Andre Mershon** works for USAID's Global Climate Change Team in Washington,

D.C., where he works with **Jenny Frankel-Reed '06** and **Zephyr Taylor**. They all recently delivered a climate change training for USAID staff in Bangkok, which included **Janet Lawson**, who works for USAID in Cambodia.

**Anna Milkowski** writes: "After a festive summer of visiting friends and bicycling in inspiring places, I returned to Andover to teach biology and environmental science. I read an *e360* piece on ocean acidification with my ninth graders as we explore acids and base, and I am always looking for new developments, energetic guest speakers, and interesting collaborations for courses on freshwater resources, food and agriculture, and climate change. Let me know!"

**Joseph Orefice** writes: "I finished a successful season running a CSA (community supported agriculture) on my farm in the Adirondacks, North Branch Farm. This fall I began a Ph.D. program at the University of New Hampshire. My research focus is on silvipasture systems for the northeastern United States. I am concurrently an assistant professor at Paul Smith's College."

**Hiro Sugano** is based in the Japanese Embassy in Berlin and involved in international climate negotiations as a Japanese delegate.

**Robert White** writes: "I am working towards my J.D. at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor."

## 2010

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**Daniella Aburto** writes: "What is a Mexican doing in Schenectady, N.Y.?"

Selling General Electric wind turbines into Latin America and recruiting F&ESers to move into the area."

**Abigail Adams** lives in San Francisco and works for the Peninsula Open Space Trust in Palo Alto, Calif., as a conservation project manager. She manages the land trust's conservation easement program and its volunteer program. In her free time, she's been exploring the California coastline via some surfing adventures, backpacking in the

Sierras, and skiing in Tahoe in the winter.

**Jen Baldwin** writes: "I moved to Washington, D.C., for a fellowship with the Inter-American Development Bank, working on projects to promote private sector investments related to clean energy and climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean."

**Gillian (Paul) Bloomfield** writes: "I have been working at the Environmental Leadership and Training Initiative (ELTI) developing educational tools about native species reforestation directed toward environmental practitioners in tropical Asia and the neotropics. Based at Yale, I've had a wonderful experience interacting with F&ES students and discovering new places in New Haven with my husband, Aaron."

**Jesse Burkhardt** writes: "I spent last year as a resident advisor in the Yale economics department, and last summer climbing in Colorado, Tajikistan and Oregon. I am now a Ph.D. student at F&ES working with Matt Kotchen."

**Pete Caligiuri** writes: "I was recently hired to a new position as Central Oregon Forest Ecologist with the Oregon chapter of The Nature Conservancy. The title is a bit much, and I have to admit that I lose a bit of sleep with the angst about living up to it! I am cost-shared between The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service, Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests. It's an exciting blend of forest ecology, forest economics and finance, and social science dealing with a spectrum of forest management conservation issues (e.g. two municipal drinking water supply watersheds, restoring forest and watershed health in fire-adapted ecosystems, intensive winter and summer recreation, community wildfire protection plans, biomass and small diameter utilization industry, etc.) in a community-driven collaborative setting. I can't ask for more than that."

**Caye Casado** is living in Havana, Cuba, working for the Environment and Energy Department in the United Nations Development Program, and hoping that the United States will end its embargo on Cuba once and for all so that his F&ES friends can pay him a visit.

**Ian Cummins** works for Forest Carbon. He has researched and worked on projects concerning environmental conservation, forestry and household energy use in Nepal and Latin America. He has extensive experience managing and analyzing GIS

and remote sensing data with an emphasis on analyzing carbon stocks and promoting sustainable forest management, and has worked with nongovernment organizations and Yale University to sustainably manage forests both domestically and abroad.

He utilizes a multidisciplinary approach combining environmental studies, social research and quantitative methods.

**Mary Fischer** writes: "Living in southern New Hampshire for the past year, I've realized three things: Jersey cows want to be our friends, organic farmers are smarter than me, and vending machines should take pennies." (Mary is Carbon Master at Stonyfield Farm.)

**Kate Freund** writes: "I'm a Presidential Management Fellow at the Fish and Wildlife Service, enjoying my work on climate change adaptation. I am sharing time between Washington, D.C. (work), and New York (husband)."

**Nathan Karres** writes: "I'm currently unemployed, and I have a baby. Woohoo!"

**Jonathan Labozzetta** and **Debbie Wang**, who met at F&ES, are getting married in May 2012 at the New York Botanical Gardens. They live in New York City, where they both grew up. Debbie is working for the March of Dimes as a coordinator for Mission Projects in the office of the medical director, working to ensure more healthy babies. Jonathan is senior manager of government and multilateral resource development at the Rainforest Alliance, focusing on international community forestry projects. They both send their love.

**Sarah Lowery** joined ECODIT LLC as a Senior Associate in July 2010. She led the Yale Global Social Enterprise course in Thailand and completed market and financial analyses, designed and analyzed marketing surveys, and researched ecological impacts of forestry regimes for clients in Colombia, Spain, Kenya and Montana. She also did development fieldwork as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Belize, during which she developed small businesses and worked with the Belize Audubon Society on community conservation efforts.

**Marissa Matsler** writes: "September 2011 marked the beginning of my Ph.D. program in urban studies at Portland State University. I am in integrative graduate education and research, focused on ecosystem services in urban regions, specifically decentralized stormwater



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systems. I'm otherwise enjoying Oregon with my new hubby (just celebrated our 1st anniversary in July)."

**Huijia Phua** and her husband **Wilson Chan '11** were selected to be Yale Entrepreneurial Summer Fellows for 2011, and have been working hard on their online social venture, UNICq, in the higher education field ever since. They'll be launching the final version soon and would appreciate any love, support and feedback in the meantime. <http://unicq.net/universe>

**Erin Savage** spent the last year doing various things, including packing hammocks for Eagle Nest Outfitters and kayaking in Nepal. She lives in a cabin behind a sawmill outside Boone, N.C., helping to enforce the Clean Water Act in mountaintop removal coal mining with Appalachian Voices, looking after rivers with the Upper Watauga Riverkeeper, and reviewing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydropower relicensing with American Whitewater.

**Jessica Siegal** is living in Sonoma County and working as a program director for a small nonprofit called Ag Innovations Network. Her fiancé, Paul Winberry, is the sous chef at two-Michelin-star Cyrus Restaurant. They will be married in Healdsburg, Calif., in May of 2012.

**Tien Shiao** writes: "I live in Washington, D.C., and work at the World Resources Institute (WRI) in the Markets and Enterprise division. I am responsible for the design of an exciting new project called Aqueduct, which is WRI's new database that measures and maps water risk for companies. I traveled to China's Yellow River basin recently and hope to travel more as we expand the database to other river basins around the world."

**Seth Zeren** is living in Somerville, Mass., striving to understand how to live the urban land ethic while working for Newton, Mass., as their chief zoning code official.

## 2011

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**Natalie Allan** writes: "After enjoying a relaxing summer of books and farmers' markets, I am living in New York City working for PricewaterhouseCooper's Sustainable Business Solutions Practice. My office is right next to Grand Central – an easy visit from New Haven!"

**Margaret Arbuthnot** writes: "I spent August touring Alaska and road tripping back to Washington, D.C., where I am looking for a job in wildlife conservation or ecosystem restoration."

**Rachel Hsu** writes: "I've been enjoying the California weather by doing a lot of hiking, biking and running...it's good to be back on the West Coast! In October I started consulting for an architecture and planning firm based in San Francisco."

**Lucien Bouffard** writes: "I have started Holoterra, an environmental firm performing biological assessments and permitting, and am always open to discussions and collaborative efforts. I spend my free time with my graduation present – Honey B., a yellow Labrador Retriever puppy."

**James Collins** writes: "I've settled into my first year in the MIT-Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) joint program and will be splitting my time between Cambridge and Woods Hole over the next year or so. I spent lots of time on the beach this summer and slightly less time in my new lab at WHOI. Hopefully, all of this will at some point lead to a Ph.D. in oceanography."

**Adriane Cromer** writes: "Having finished a season as a field instructor in Costa Rica, I am in the Chiriquí Highlands of Panama. As the Panama program coordinator for Ecology Project International, this year I will be preparing and then piloting a new multi-day inquiry-based field science and environmental education program for

local Panamanian high school students. In my free time, I plan to start an organic community garden and hike in the adjacent cloud forest."

**Yasemin Erboy** writes: "After a summer of moving endeavors and visiting my family in Turkey, I am now settled in Washington, D.C. I'm doing a short internship with CropLife America where I'm learning about the industry perspective on pesticide regulations and analyzing current legislation, while staying true to my F&ES roots. I'm already looking for another position, ideally in a nongovernment organization based in D.C., dealing more closely with my interests: climate change and/or water resource management."

**Elizabeth Friedlander** moved to Ann Arbor, where she has started a degree in architecture at the University of Michigan.

**Rebecca Funk** writes: "In August I took a position at the International Food Policy Research Institute as a senior research assistant in the Development Strategy and Governance Division. I am jointly based in Washington, D.C., and Accra, Ghana, and conduct policy-relevant empirical research. I also joined the George Washington University Tae Kwon Do team and am three belts from black!"

**David Henry III** writes: "I've joined a crew of other F&ES grads at Industrial Economics in Cambridge, Mass. I'm enjoying quantifying damages to help make the polluters pay the public!"

**Melissa Ivins** writes: "I am working as an analyst for EA Engineering, Science and Technology near Baltimore, Md. I look forward to exploring the trails, parks and city, and also connecting with F&ES alums nearby."

**Salima Jones-Daley** writes: "My family and I have relocated to the Washington, D.C., metro-area town of Lorton, Va. I traveled to New Haven in September to plant fruit trees in Edgewood Park. I am independently consulting as a continuation of my food hubs project and enjoying the Virginia outdoors between major weather events."

**Eliza Little** writes: "I'm spending a year in Bangalore, India, on a Fulbright Research Grant. The research I am doing is investigating the drivers of vector-borne disease. Here in Bangalore, I collaborate with people who study urban ecology, urbanization, access to water, epidemiology

and entomology. I am very happy doing interdisciplinary research and am planning to apply for Ph.D. programs next fall to continue the work. Otherwise, I am enjoying lots of yoga, good food, and getting out and exploring South India.”

**Ginamarie Lopez** writes: “I have been working as a forestry technician for the U.S. Forest Service in the Inyo National Forest. I got crosscut saw certification and have been trained to pack mules and ride horses. In my free time, I like to hike and fish.”

**Manuel Mavila** writes: “Since May, I’ve been the coordinator of a Sustainable Forest Management Program in the Andean Region, an Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture initiative funded by Finland. The fund promotes pilot innovation projects related to forestry in Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia. I’m happily based in Lima, my home city, but travel often. So, I’m eating well in the company of friends, family and new colleagues.”

**Brian McCurdy** writes: “Dalton, Lola and I settled in San Francisco this summer, and I began working at SunEdison. It’s been an interesting few months in the U.S. solar industry, and I’m thankful to be in a position to see it all unfold.” [Ed. Note: Daughter number two was due to arrive in October.]

**Gabriel Mejias** writes: “I am in New Haven, working as a researcher for the Yale Climate and Energy Institute, looking at the environmental impacts of shale gas development in eastern United States. Once my project is done, I will be looking for positions related to energy, environment and development.”

**David Mitchell** writes: “After getting married on July 30 this summer, and honeymooning in Kauai, I started as general manager of Raton Public Service Company (RPS). RPS is a municipally-owned utility based in northern New Mexico, serving approximately 7,000 customers. It’s just across the border from our home in Trinidad, Colo. If anyone works for renewable developers, energy efficiency companies, other utilities, or natural gas companies, please get in touch!” mitchell.drm@gmail.com.

**Charles Munford** writes: “I started a free-range livestock farm in Mississippi selling lamb and beef to New Orleans restaurants.

**Jamie Collins** developed the Web site. We have orders from [major chefs] Susan

Spicer and John Besh! I have about 250 sheep now and some cattle. My girlfriend, Olivia, from Yale School of Public Health, is working at Ochsners Hospital in New Orleans. I’m working very hard trying to get the farm going, and it is so gratifying. I am proud of my degree from F&ES. I love you guys.” www.tworunfarm.com

**Jesse Oppenheimer II** writes: “I spent the summer working with landowners on a collaborative project to control an invasive aquatic plant (*Arundo donax*) and restore riparian function on 60 miles of the Nueces and Sabinal Rivers in South Texas. On the horizon, my little brother and I will be taking a road trip, heading west to Big Bend National Park, then north to elk country, prior to diving back in to the job search.”

**Grady O’Shaughnessy** writes: “After an action-packed summer visiting friends and family around the Northeast and camping through the West with **Alyssa Go** and **Danielle Miley** (and attending the wedding of **Dave Mitchell ’05** – yeah, Dave!), I landed a job with Apex Wind Energy, a wind farm developer based in Charlottesville, Va. Enjoying it all so far.”

**Mario Peixoto Netto** writes: “I spent the first half of last summer at Yale Myers Forest. I also spent a good time traveling. I visited my cousin in California, went to Long Island, New York City and Boston. I moved to Boston to join Midori Renewables, a 2G (second generation) biofuels company. I am doing business development, focusing on Brazil agribusiness potential.”

**Jamie Pool** completed a summer policy internship at Ceres, a Boston-based environmental nongovernment organization, and he has returned to his IT position at Apple to work his way into the company’s corporate environmental sustainability division.

**Giancarlo Raschio** writes: “I’ve been in San Francisco. At the end of November I return to Peru until the end of summer down there. I’m working with Ecosystem Services in the development and certification of the United Nations Reducing Emissions and Forest Degradation in Developing Nations Plus (REDD+) projects in Brazil and Peru under a telework or ‘virtual office’ modality. This means I can do most of my analysis work remotely through the Internet, but I have to travel now and then to the project areas.”

**Pablo Reed** hung out in New Orleans and Ecuador for most of last summer, and since August, has worked for a Norwegian foundation named Det Norske Veritas as a climate change / forestry / international development assistant consultant in their office in San Francisco, Calif.

**Lauren Richie** spent last summer in San Francisco and was scheduled to move back to the East Coast to take a job with Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C.

**Mariana Sarmiento** writes: “I live in Bogota, Colombia, working at BSD Consulting as a senior consultant. The consulting firm focuses on corporate social responsibility for companies in sectors such as oil, gas, mining, energy and communications. We are also involved in development projects and have recently begun to work with public sector companies. I’m personally involved in projects in the mining and energy sectors.”

**Jaime Severino** writes: “Luz and I are very happy with Ignacio, our son. He is gorgeous and amazing (check some pictures in FB). And also have a new professional job at the United Nations Environment Program regional office for Latin America in Panama. We three are adjusting to our new life in the tropics.”

**Randal Strobo** writes: “We had a baby in October and I am lawyering.”

**Dania Trespalacios** writes: “Until January 2012, I will be a temporary research analyst in the Environmental Defense Fund’s Oceans Program, supporting efforts to promote sustainable fisheries in the European Union’s Common Fisheries Policy, in San Francisco. Starting in February 2012, I will be a Knauss Fellow in Washington, D.C.”

**Stephen Wood** writes: “I’m a Ph.D. student in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology at Columbia. I study the role biodiversity plays in driving ecosystem patterns and providing ecosystem services in agricultural landscapes in Africa.”

**Yang Wu** writes: “I am doing research at F&ES. I had a wonderful time traveling around China for three months.”

**Connie Xu** writes: “I’m working as a research coordinator at the Yale Center for Industrial Ecology, and my major task is to provide technical and administrative support in industrial-ecology related research projects and activities at the

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center.”

**Evangelos Biblis '60, D.For. '65** (1929–2011) died peacefully in his sleep at home on November 4 at the age of 82. He was born in Thessaloniki, Greece, to Elenii and Johannes Biblis and graduated from the University of Thessaloniki. He served in the Greek Navy prior to immigrating to the United States to complete his education in 1956 and became a U.S. citizen in 1961. After graduating from Yale with a master's and a Ph.D., he moved to Auburn, Ala., in 1965 with his wife Maren-Otte to teach at Auburn University. He had an accomplished career at Auburn University for 33 years, where he dedicated himself to his passion for research and teaching in the forestry department. He was widely respected for his expertise in wood technology and published over 80 peer-reviewed papers in journals throughout the United States and Europe. Upon retirement in 1998, he was named Emeritus Professor, and he continued to conduct research and publish until 2007. He is survived by his wife, Maren-Otte; sons, John of Auburn, and Chris of Charlotte, N.C.; grandchildren, Noah, Mara Beth and Stella; sister, Popi Biblis; and nephews, Michales and Johannes Moklas.

**John Chaffin '63** (1929–2011) died on October 10 in Green Valley, Ariz. John was born on January 23, 1929, in Nowala, Okla., to Wesley and Vada Chaffin, and grew up in Okmulgee and Stillwater, Okla. He joined the U.S. Army and served two years during the Korean War, later graduating in forestry from Oklahoma A&M, and earning a master's from the Yale School of Forestry. During his career with the U.S. Forest Service, he worked throughout the United States in various positions, including District Ranger, Forest Supervisor and several Fire Staff posts. He retired as a Deputy Regional Forester in California. He was a member of the National Forest Service Retirees Association, Society of American Foresters, Sigma Chi Fraternity, and was active in various La Posada activities and served as a guide and instructor at the Titan II Missile Museum in Green Valley for many years. He is survived by Sue, his wife of 59 years; two nieces, Sherry Walters of Asheville, N.C., and Vicki Walters of Pontiac, Mich.; and two nephews, Fred Bloch of Lebanon,

Mo., and Paul Bloch of California, Mo. **James Craig '54** (1930–2011), important hybridizer, and past Median Iris Society president, died from heart disease at age 80 on January 13. Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., on October 5, 1930, Jim graduated from Yale College in 1952, then continued for a master's in silviculture at the Yale School of Forestry. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent two years serving in the Medical Corps in Ulm, Germany. After the military, he joined the U.S. Forest Service. He married Vicki in 1960, and transferred from Forks, Wash., to Entiat as District Ranger. It was here that he was introduced to irises growing in the local rural gardens. In 1967, he and Vicki purchased irises, and he embarked on his lifelong work with *tetraploid aphyllias*. His goal was to miniaturize the tall bearded iris, and 18 years later, he succeeded with the plant he named, “Payoff.” The plant won him an Award of Merit in 1995. While working on hybridization, he continued with the U.S. Forest Service in Klamath Falls, Ore.; Holbrook, Ariz.; Reno, Nev.; Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Vernal, Utah; and his last home in Portland, Ore. He introduced 83 irises in his career, and when major health problems began in 2006, Vicki continued the work. The Median Iris Society (MIS) awarded a Special Certificate of Recognition to them in 2009. They were awarded the American Iris Society Hybridizers Medal in 2010 and Jim served MIS as its 17<sup>th</sup> president in 2000–2003. Jim is survived by his wife, Vicki; three sons, Stuart, Victor and John; and granddaughters, Heather and Desiree. He will be respectfully remembered for his hybridizing efforts.

**Ralph Demont '40** (1914–2011) died peacefully in his sleep at age 96 in East Orleans, Mass., on March 22. Ralph was the husband of the late Kathleen (Reese) Demont of Cheshire, Conn., and subsequently of the late Betty (Baxter) Demont of East Orleans. He was born in 1914, the son of Lewis and Sophia (Ericson) Demont of Old Town, Maine. After attending the schools in Old Town, he received degrees in chemical engineering and forestry from the University of Maine and a master's degree in forestry from the Yale School of Forestry. Ralph had his own landscaping business in Connecticut, and

then became the grounds supervisor at the Southbury Training School, a 1,600-acre facility in Southbury, Conn. He went on to work there for more than 25 years, becoming supervisor of plant and maintenance. Ralph met Betty (Baxter) Fitzpatrick in Orleans and they married in the late 1960s, living in East Orleans after he retired in 1975. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking, and football. He is survived by his sister Geraldine Sprague of Biddeford, Maine, and many nieces and nephews in Maine; his stepson, John Kibbe of Scituate, Mass.; and his stepdaughter, Cathy Baldwin of East Orleans.

**William Green '88** (1946–2011) died at age 64 on June 25, after a brief illness. William was born on September 3, 1946 in Cottonwood, Mo., to Alphus and Tommie Louise Green and grew up on the family farm in the boot heel of Missouri on the Mississippi River. After graduating from Farmington High School in 1964, he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a propeller mechanic during the Vietnam War until 1969. He met and married Tamzon in Lexington, Mass., while on leave. They married on March 17, 1968, and Tam joined him in the Philippines until they returned to the United States and Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where their oldest daughter, Laurie, was born. He worked as a yard foreman at Messina Lumber and was a parking attendant at Fisherman's Wharf. After working in carpentry and plumbing on Nantucket in 1971 and 1972, he attended the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute and graduated with a degree in applied marine science with a concentration in marine biology and oceanography. In 1972, he, Tam and Laurie moved to Florida, where he earned a biology degree at the University of South Florida. Daughter, Cally, was born in Florida and the Green family lived there until in 1976. They moved to Guilford, Conn., where he began his career as an aquaculture consultant. He designed hatchery systems for lobsters, hard clams and scallops, and he and Tam were proprietors of Brown's Boatyard (1978-1982) and Bayberry Creek Marina (1982-1995), both located on the West River in Guilford. He also taught elementary school science at Saint Thomas Day School in New Haven, from 1980 to 1985,

then graduated from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in 1988 with a master's degree in environmental management. He worked for the town of Guilford as its environmental analyst from 1989 until 2000, where as an estuarine scientist, he administered the town's Water Pollution Control Program. He established a small community vegetable garden at the town hall for town employees, neighbors and those in need. His capstone project as a town environmental leader was fundraising for, designing and building a fish ladder to encourage runs of alewife, blueback herring and sea-run brown trout. After almost 30 years in Guilford, he and Tam moved to Portland, Maine, where they restored a post and beam barn on their property and opened a custom picture framing business. In 2005, they moved to the Boothbay region. He is survived by his wife Tamzon; daughters, Laurie and Cally; and granddaughter, Clare.

**Kenneth Knoerr '55, Ph.D. '61**, (1927–2011) died of congestive heart failure at home on April 11. Ken was 83. Born on September 2, 1927, to Bertha (Schambaugh) Knoerr and Rudolf Knoerr of Milwaukee, Wis., he worked summers as a teenager for the U.S. Forest Service at Priest Lake, Idaho. He attended the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1952 with a B.S.F. in Forest Management. His studies were interrupted by military service in both WWII and the Korean War. He then earned a master's and his doctorate at the Yale School of Forestry in the young field of forest meteorology, with focus on the depletion of soil moisture in the high Sierra Nevadas, an important issue for water managers in western states. He joined the faculty of the School of Forestry at Duke University in 1961 as an assistant professor of forest climatology, added an appointment as associate professor of biometeorology in the Botany Department in 1968, and achieved the rank of Professor of Environmental Meteorology and Hydrology in 1972. He became professor emeritus upon his retirement in 2002, but continued serving as Director of Graduate Studies for Environmental Sciences and Policy (1995–2007). An expert on mountain meteorology, microclimatology, forest fire behavior and watershed hydrology, he was the author of more than 50 peer-reviewed studies, and

was widely cited for his research on issues related to the management of forest lands. Together with his graduate students and collaborators, he focused on processes by which forests interact with the atmosphere, pioneering the development of physical models for plant-environment interaction and validating those models through extensive micrometeorological experiments. More recently he was engaged in a retrospective study of more than 100 forest fires in which unexpected fire behavior trapped fire fighters, often with loss of lives. His research aimed at identifying common causes of these events so that forest managers and firefighters could improve safety. Throughout his career at Duke he was a strong advocate for Duke Forest and for interdisciplinary environmental science. He played an important and enduring role in the evolution of the School of Forestry into the School of Forestry & Environmental Sciences, and in the founding of Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment. He was a member of the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Sigma Xi. He is survived by Aspasia, his wife of 58 years; his brother, Don, of Smithers, British Columbia; three sons, Alan Knoerr of Pasadena, Calif., Eric Knoerr of Panama City, Republic of Panama, and David Michael Knoerr of Lincoln, Mass.; four grandchildren: Ashley Knoerr, Julia Knoerr, Mathew Fenner and Mallory Fenner; and 12 nieces and nephews.

**Robert Krohn '54** (1928–2011) died on March 27, surrounded by the love and presence of his family. Bob was born in Bisbee, Ariz., on August 12, 1928, to Franklin Otto Krohn and Charlotte Isabel Clemens Krohn. He had one sister, Edith Merle Chapman of Lindsay. He graduated from Woodlake High School in 1946, and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at the end of World War II. He was a student at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, transferring to the University of California at Berkeley, where he received an undergraduate degree in Forestry. He received a master's degree at the Yale School of Forestry. He was married to Leone Blackwood on March 24, 1957, in Vallejo, Calif. They settled in the central valley in 1973 when he took a position with Sequoia Forest Industries in Dinuba. After his

retirement from forestry, he began a second career in real estate with Newton and Sons working in Reedley and Squaw Valley. He and Leone moved to Fresno in 2004 and were members of Campus Baptist Church in Fresno. He is survived by Leone, his wife of 54 years; their daughter Sandi of Reedley and son Jeff of Fresno; three grandsons; and five granddaughters.

**Harold "Sande" McNabb, '54** (1927–2011) died on May 12 in Ames, Iowa. Sande was born on November 20, 1927, in Lincoln, Neb. In high school, he worked summers for the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho, starting on a fire tower as a lookout, and advancing in future summers to fire chaser and then the youngest district dispatcher in the Service. He received his bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska, and married Margo the day after graduation, June 7, 1949. Their honeymoon summer was spent in northern Idaho while he worked with the U.S. Forest Service in forest district administration and fire control activities. After earning his master's in forestry at the Yale School of Forestry, he became Assistant Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology, and Forestry at Iowa State University in Ames. Their daughter, Genene, was born there on May 12, 1954. He became an emeritus professor at the end of January 2000, after 47 years of teaching and research focused on oak wilt, Dutch elm disease and, most recently, poplar trees. He mentored high school interns in the Agriculture Minority Internship Program, was a Scoutmaster for 25 years, served as sponsor for the Junior High Fellowship in the 1960s and early 70s at the Collegiate Presbyterian Church, and was an elected member of the School Board of the Ames Community School District from 1963 to 1972. He was faculty adviser to the undergraduate Botany Club at ISU for five years, helped initiate the annual Botany Club lectures and increased student interest in the Botany Club's VEISHEA exhibit. He was a regular evaluator for the North Central Association for high school biology programs. While at Iowa State and following his retirement, he was deeply involved in promoting the State of Iowa High School Science Fair. He served as a judge, meeting many students he would later mentor at Iowa State. When the Faculty Senate was organized in the late 1980s, he was elected to be the Department of Plant Pathology representative. During



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his six years on the Senate he served on the Academic Affairs Council. He was secretary the first year and chair for the next three. From 1993 to 1994 he was President of the Faculty Senate. He won numerous awards and honors, both professional and political, including the George Washington Carver Distinguished Services Award, which he received in 2006. He is survived by wife, Marguerite 'Margo' McNabb; sister, Margery McNabb, of Lincoln; son, Peter McNabb, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Genene McNabb of St. Paul, Minn.

**Darwin Palmer '48** (1918–2011) of Wilmington, Del., died on July 30, at age 92. Darwin was born on August 26, 1918, the son of Edwin B. Palmer and Lucia Milano. He served four years and four months in the U.S. Army from October 1941 to February 1946 and was discharged as a Major. He graduated from Penn State University and earned his master's degree from the Yale School of Forestry. In 2007 he received a Distinguished Fellow Award from Penn State, Mont Alto, for outstanding achievement, professional accomplishment and community service. He worked for over 30 years as an estimator-engineer at J.T. Ward & Son, a local contractor. He was subsequently a volunteer guide at Delaware Nature Society, receiving their Lifetime Achievement Award. As a plant and tree expert, he enjoyed birding trips, including hawk migration watch at Hawk Mt., Pa., and Cape May, N.J. He excelled at wood carvings of birds, turtles, decoys and puzzles, and was an Eagle Scout and Scout Master of Troop 6 for many years. He served as a deacon and elder of Hanover Presbyterian Church, where he was a member for over 60 years. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Nancy Yerger; son, Darwin Jr.; daughter, Winifred Dubin; four grandchildren, Deanne Kwon, Scott Palmer, Larry Dubin and Roxanne Dubin; and two great-grandchildren, Alexa Kwon and Violet Dubin.

**Alfred Pleasonton '52** (1926–2011) died at age 85 on March 22 in Elizabethtown, Ky., where he and his wife, Alli Pleasonton, relocated after Hurricane Katrina. After treatment for cancer, Al's health steadily declined, and he had an acute stroke from which he never recovered. Born January 27, 1926, in New York City, he lived with

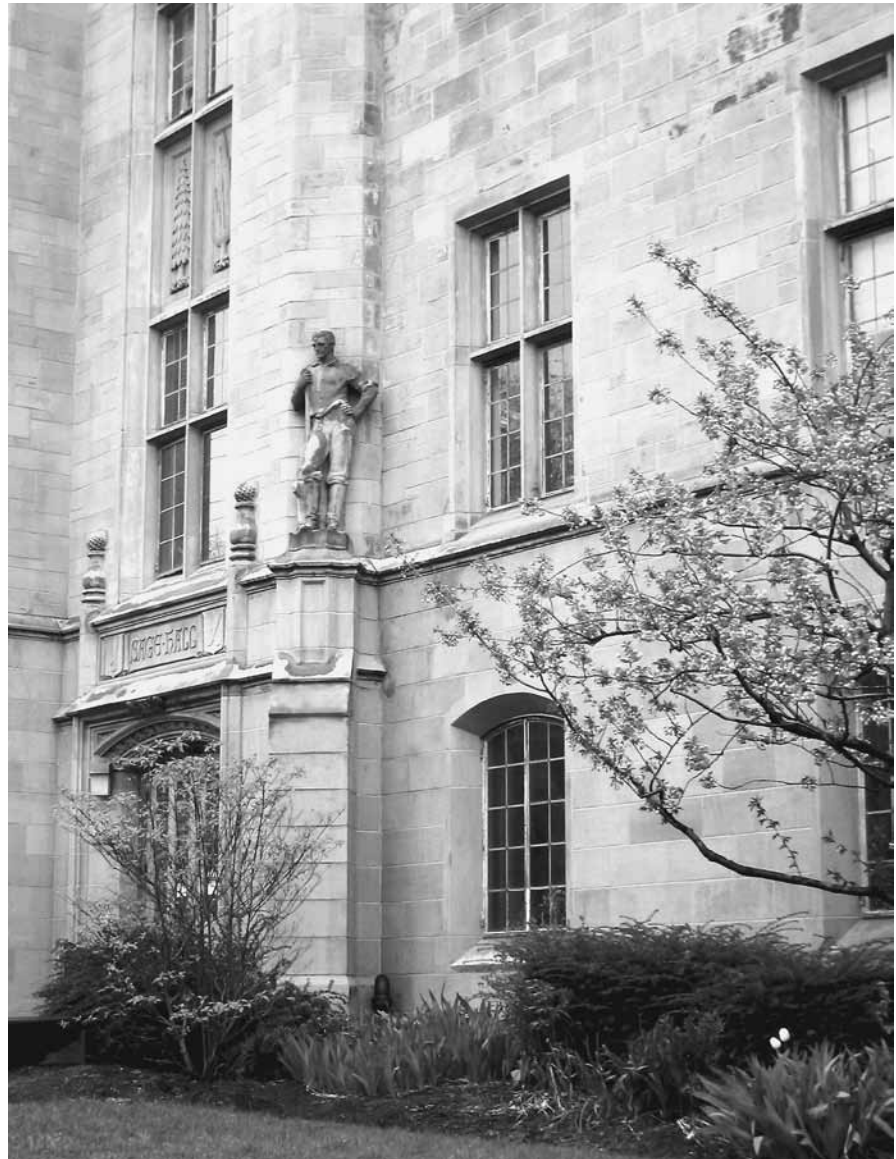
his parents for a decade in Ossining, N.Y., before moving to Washington, D.C., where his father accepted a position on the War Production Board in 1942. He completed his freshman year at Harvard at 17 and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Trained as a medical corpsman at Ft. Hood, Texas, he was a member of the 124<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital in Europe for four years. He served his last 10 years in the Army Reserves in Massachusetts and Louisiana. In 1947 postwar Germany, he married Alberte Colley, a Belgian with whom he had 3 children. As a returning veteran, he graduated with his Harvard class, earned a Yale School of Forestry master's degree, then returned to Harvard for his master's in public administration in 1954. He worked as an economist at the So. Forest Experiment Station, NOLA. In 1964, he earned his Ph.D. in forestry economics from Michigan State University. He had a GRI realtor's license, and licenses in insurance and financial services. He spoke and continued to study numerous languages, often serving as a translator. He was a member of both New Orleans Unitarian Churches, a member of Mensa and an activist for many worthy causes. Most of all, he loved New Orleans, its people, its culture, its atmosphere and Jazz Fest. He mingled with its artists, musicians, actors, politicians and academicians. At New Orleans Museum of Art, he broke the sex barrier for male docents and was a percussionist with "Casa Samba." His fellow runners called him "tiger," his service buddies "G.I." He is survived by his wife, Allie; his daughter Kathy Sebastian; Allie's daughters Sharon Dobard, Kathy Optowsky and Allison Juge; and Allie's sons, Richard Seither, John Seither and Thomas Seither.

**Kenneth Rockett '60** (1937–2011) was born August 12, 1937, and passed away on November 6, 2011. Ken was a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and Yale School of Forestry. After graduating from Yale, he went to work for Georgia-Pacific (GP) in Crossett, Ark. Later he became the Forestry and Procurement Manager in Gloster, Miss., and in 1974 was promoted to Eastern Region Forestry and Procurement Manager with all the Mississippi operation reporting to him. He became Timber Procurement Manager for the Mid-Continent Division of GP in 1977, in which position he served

until he left the company to become a forestry consultant and Licensed Real Estate Appraiser. He served a lengthy career, as well, with the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is survived by daughters, Shannon Rockett of Ft. Worth, Texas, Erin Rockett of Ruston, La., Carla Ortigo of Baton Rouge, La., and Tina Whittington of Centerville, Miss.; son Daryn Spillman of Wetherford, Okla.; grandchildren, Kari Kleinpeter, Segen Ortigo, Chase Whittington, Paige Wittington and Chelsie Spillman; brother, Jerry Rockett; and nephew, Jeff Rockett.

**Edward Sowinski '49** (1925–2011) formerly of Woodbridge, Conn., died at age 85 in Marathon, Fla., in the home of loving friends, who were by his bedside. Born September 29, 1925, Ed was the son of Veronica and Anastazy Sowinski, who had emigrated from Poland. He fulfilled his parents' dream by attending Yale College, followed by earning a graduate degree from the Yale School of Forestry. During WWII he served as a navigator of B-24's and B-25's in the Army Air Corps, enlisting at the age of 17. After meeting and subsequently marrying "the best looking girl" he'd ever seen in New York City, he moved to Woodbridge. There he built dozens of homes, including a passive solar home in the mid-1950s, long before the country became energy conscious. He later worked at Yale as the manager of the physical plant, where he instituted numerous energy conservation initiatives. Further nurturing this passion for conservation—which he instilled in his children—he went on to become a successful energy consultant to major institutions at Energy Resource Management, a company he cofounded in New Haven. He enjoyed sailing his entire life, from boyhood boats to keeping a wood-hulled sloop at City Point. His love of sailing brought him to Annapolis, where he built his dream boat, *Quo Vadis* (Latin for "Where are you going now?"). After a stint in St. Thomas, he sailed to the Florida Keys, where he built an eco-friendly home on deep water. In Marathon he enjoyed tropical gardening, riding his bicycles and kayaking year-round with his dogs. He is survived by his son, Michael Hoffman; two daughters, Tory Fletcher and Sheila Levine; and eight grandchildren.

**William Sylvester '38** (1915–2011) of Stevens Point, Wis., died at age 96 on August 18 at Ministry Saint Michael's Hospital. William was born on July 5, 1915, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Arthur and Ada (Sizer) Sylvester. He married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Dale, on December 25, 1940, in Milwaukee. He graduated from Washington High School in Milwaukee in 1933, the University of Michigan with a degree in forestry in 1937, and a graduate degree in forestry from Yale School of Forestry. He was a member of a Wisconsin pioneer family and was an Eagle Scout in his youth, enjoying camping and outdoor activities. His career path followed that of his paternal ancestors, who were Royal Foresters in Pomerania, and his grandfather, who was a city gardener for Wauwatosa. After his graduate work, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and is credited with the perfection of the wood that was used on the gliders in the Normandy invasion. He also mapped Jackson County, Wis., in his early career with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He was instrumental in planting 23 million trees in Wisconsin. From 1946 to 1970, he was chief forester for Trees for Tomorrow. In his second career, he was an associate professor at the College of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. He brokered the donation of land from the Vallier family to provide for the current day Treehaven Environmental Center in Tomahawk, where a lecture hall was named after him. In retirement, he received the Golden Membership Award from the Society of American Foresters and was inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. He is survived by his daughters, Carol Lyon of Las Cruces, N.M., Jean Schaefer of Tomahawk, and Louise Thompson of Stevens Point; grandchildren, Margot Lyon, Peter Lyon, Michael Schaefer, Bethany and Aaron; and great-grandchildren, Elijah Bolton, Arden Bolton, Julia Schaefer, Amanda Schaefer and Nora Lyon.



# Graduation 2011



No experience in the academic year equals the excitement accompanying graduation. Family and friends gather, graduates adorn their mortarboards with signature F&ES embellishments, and the symbolic march downtown and back marks their successful transition from students to alumni status. The Class of 2011 carried on the School's traditions with their own unique blend of contributions.





# Pomp and Circumstance 2011

The Class of 2011 was pleased to honor the staff and faculty members who have faithfully supported them in their degree program. Among those singled out were Shimi Anisfeld (not pictured, but awarded for his excellence as a Sr. Lecturer and Research Scientist), Susan Clark, Joanne DeBernardo and Roseanne Stoddard.



Peter Crane, the Carl W. Knobloch Jr. Dean of F&ES, addresses the Class of 2011, faculty, staff, fellow students, family and friends.

Joanne DeBernardo, Director of Student Services (right), receiving a staff award.

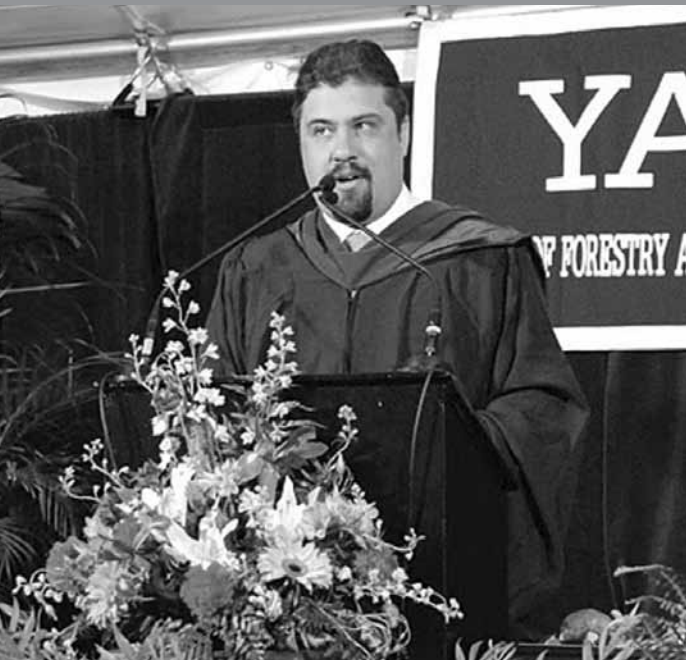


Susan Clark, the Joseph F. Cullman III Adj. Prof. of Wildlife Ecology and Policy, honored for excellence as a student mentor.

Roseanne Stoddard, Registrar (left), recognized for her staff role by the Class of 2011







## A Celebration

*By Pablo Reed M.E.M.*

**D**ean Crane, distinguished faculty, administrative staff, friends, family, illustrious F&ES graduates.

I stand before you today feeling extremely privileged, but most of all humbled, by the selection of my fellow classmates to allow Eliza and me to share a few words with you all on this, such a joyous and tremendous occasion.

I'm sure there is no doubt in anyone's mind as to what the enormity and transcendence of today's ceremony means and symbolizes. It brings to a close a journey that for most of us started just two short years ago, but which will unquestionably mold not only the rest of our professional careers, but the rest of our lives.

I think it's only natural for some of us to feel a little emotional and sad this afternoon, as this event marks a poignant moment in all our lives, when we must now say goodbye to a wonderful community of friends and colleagues who have inspired us and have made us grow in ways that no words could properly describe.

But there will be more than enough time to let some of that melancholy settle in later. Although today we witness the passing of such an amazing period of our lives, let's make this a celebratory passing; let's make this a New Orleans funeral of sorts, where rather than feel somber or disheartened, we are overcome with joy in commemorating the recent past, and let us look fearlessly, cheerfully and hopefully toward the future.

In short, let's throw a party.

If you'd be so kind as to indulge me for a moment, I'd love to serve as your host for this event. Let me lead you on this trip.

For starters, and to add a personal emblem to the festivity, I'd like to transport you all to a sleepy little town nestled

high up in the Ecuadorian mountains. Aptly christened as the balcony of the Andes, a naturally formed amphitheater that overlooks a grandiose sea of clouds and hilltops would form the backdrop to our gathering.

To either side of such a view, we'd find endless tables showcasing a culinary spread worthy of the exotic and diverse fabric that has made up our F&ES community. Pam and Sumaya would supply endless bowls of koshari from Egypt. Gabo, Monica, Mariana and Juan Pablo would bring along both Venezuelan and Colombian arepas. Luz, Jaime and Anita would provide pozoles and other delights from Jalisco; and why not, even Mitchell will waltz in with a healthy fixin' of good ole fish 'n' chips.

My band would then ring in the musical feast. A healthy blast of cumbia, salsa and merengue would then be followed by the piercing sounds of rondadores and charangos, playing huayños and then the marinera that so marks the sounds of Manolo, Raul and Giancarlo's beautiful Peru. Hugh's Ghanaian highlife and Geoffrey's Tanzanian hip hop would make us dance into the evening, where perhaps Dania would teach us all how to dance flamenco, Selin and Yasmine would have us all spinning endlessly in whirling dervishes, and Lauren would delight us all with her bagpipe.

Then would come the toasts. Lifting our glasses filled with caipirinhas apportioned by Gil and Mario and all kinds of delicious Kentucky bourbon from Randy, we would all take turns in honoring and giving praise to those who have made this journey so wonderful.

To all the F&ES administrative staff whose dedication and endless work makes this place run so smoothly, thank you.

To our professors, thank you. Thank you for being our mentors, our leaders and our friends. Perhaps catching a



glimpse of your younger selves in our eyes, many of you often seem more excited about what the future prospects of our work and our careers might bring than we do; or at least at the moment, it would seem that you comprehend it a bit more. The advice, direction and inspiration you all have offered us will remain with us forever. We hope to become those agents of positive change in this world you all have envisioned and prepared us to be.

And finally, a toast to all of you, my classmates.

Before coming to grad school a friend of mine, helping me decide what my next step in my career should be, told me that I should choose very carefully when and where to attend grad school for, as she simply put it, it'll lead to what I do for the rest of my life.

Plato knew this as well when he said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future." I think attending F&ES has done exactly that for all of us. Whether we were busy these past two years designing new environmental curricula for local schools, searching for ways to make potable water more accessible for poor communities in Nigeria, or searching for ways to make refrigerators more efficient or new forms of renewable energy more affordable, I think we have all, in one way or another, found our life calling. And to have gone through that journey in your company, being able to share both our triumphs and our setbacks together, and to have been able to support one another, has been nothing short of incredible.

Another toast shall be made to the incredible journey that lies ahead. Whether we'd like to think so or not, we are now the experts in our fields, and the world will now turn to us in search of strategies to confront some of the most monumental and complicated problems mankind has

ever seen. Although words and concepts like sustainability, participatory, environmentally friendly, or green have now become part of our daily language, we cannot forget that most of the world still doesn't think this way, and that we must become those agents of change so that our kids and future generations can grow up in a dignified and decent world.

What is more, we must also realize that our roles as environmentalists have also dramatically shifted in recent years. While many of us will still be searching for that difficult-to-detect pollutant or trying to salvage and bring back the few remnants of an endangered species, there is no denying that confronting colossal challenges like that of climate change will also convert us into primordial ambassadors and champions of human rights and dignity. I can't think of a better group of candidates for such a role.

Toward the end of our celebration, all of you shall also be fortunate enough to witness an occurrence more rare than that of a sighting of a dodo or a passenger pigeon; that of an inebriated Pablo—drunk with happiness—apologizing at the end of a party. My apologetic words will be for not being able to mention each and every one of you by name in this speech, like you all deserve; for the fact that five minutes is simply nowhere long enough to convey all the appreciation and love I have for all of you. Thank you so much for being a part of my life these past two years, and I look forward with confidence to the years ahead as I know any challenge I face will be overcome, especially because I will have all of you by my side.

I love you guys dearly, and please, please, please, won't you come to my party.



## Our Reason for Hope

By *Eliza Cava M.E.Sc.*

It's been a pleasure and an honor knowing each and every one of you, and a pleasure and an honor that you, our classmates, have asked us to speak today. Thank you.

I have to admit, drafting this speech was a serious challenge. You are so wise—you are experts, masters, doctors. What could I possibly say to contribute? So many of you have advised and taught me so much, from how to structure my research to how to use a Biltmore stick to how to play squash to how to dance to Lady Gaga.

We have really had some fabulous times together. But I don't want to talk about the present right now. Dave, Mario and Charlie spoke so eloquently about our time together at Mods 2.0 that I have nothing more to add, and Pablo just invited us to such a wonderful F&ES party. No, instead I decided instead that I want to talk about the past and the future.

First, the past: each of us made the choice to come here, to join the intentional community of F&ES, for a reason. Love and passion for the Earth and its people drove us to become professional environmentalists. We are passionate outdoors-people, planet-savers, urban planners, learners, scientists, managers.

But why are we this way? Is it because we have lived our lives in the light of Earth Day, 40 years old last month? Is it because of a transcendent moment in nature, the agony of watching a loved one suffer from asthma, or a BBC nature documentary? Perhaps our parents and families led the way, or a great teacher, or a good friend.

But still, why this love and passion to fix, to change, to

save—in the face of overwhelming odds and the inevitable weight of climate change, extinction, overpopulation and human denial? We have every reason to just give up and walk away, exploit the commons to our own gain and horde our resources like survivalists in Idaho preparing for the apocalypse (which, pleasantly enough, did not interfere with our being here today).

But we don't withdraw, we don't run away. Pulled by love and passion and more than a bit irrationally, we came to F&ES. That shows we have hope. Why?

I can't speak for all of you, but I'd like to share my reason for hope, my inspiration. It's a poem I've carried close to my heart for the past ten years, by Mary Oliver. Some of you may know it:

*When death comes  
like the hungry bear in autumn  
when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse  
to buy me, and snaps his purse shut;  
when death comes  
like the measles-pox;  
when death comes  
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,  
I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering;  
what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?  
And therefore I look upon everything  
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,  
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,  
and I consider eternity as another possibility,  
and I think of each life as a flower, as common  
as a field daisy, and as singular,*



*and each name a comfortable music in the mouth  
tending as all music does, toward silence,  
and each body a lion of courage, and something  
precious to the earth.*

*When it's over, I want to say: all my life  
I was a bride married to amazement.*

*I was a bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.*

*When it's over, I don't want to wonder  
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.*

*I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened  
or full of argument.*

*I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.*

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world. That was my inspiration, my past. What was yours? Whatever it was, never forget it, and take it with you into the future.

Now for our future: Let's not just visit this world. Let's take the time to bring this chapter of our lives to a close, but remember that the wonderful party of F&ES goes on. Our community of world-changers young and old spreads over the earth, and will support us when the climate negotiations again break down, or the timber harvest is lost to beetles, or we lose our jobs. They will also exult with us when we rise up and celebrate our hope and our optimism. They will help us, and they will love us, for they share our passion and we, in our turn, will help them.

After Tom Hanks' speech yesterday at Yale Commencement, I meditated on the meaning of fear. Fear holds us back. It is the opposite of inspiration. It leads to hanging-on, to clinging to the life raft when the waters are shallow enough to stand. Let's not bring fear with us into the future. Let's not talk about

apocalypse—not the grim climate change scenarios we're all capable of spinning, not any other kind of apocalypse. Instead, talk about what inspires you. This afternoon and for years to come, starting now, share with others your reason for hope, the thing that drives you forward. Tell your family and friends what you're passionate about, what you love. Work for that and talk about that and let's joyfully face the future together. Thanks.

*Eliza Cava was the 2011 winner of the Strachan Donnelley '64 Award, a \$500 award given to honor the memory of a long-time friend, benefactor and advisor of the School. The award is given to the graduating Masters student, who through a combination of coursework and research best achieves Strachan Donnelley's ideal to blend the social sciences with ecology to develop relationships between humans and nature that promote long-term health and sustainability.*



# F&ES Salutes Our Doctors of Philosophy



**Xuemei Han**

*The Forest Stand Structures in Northeastern China; Their Potential Effects on the Suitability of Forests for Animals, Plants, and Other Values; and Their Possible Relationships to Amur Tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) Conservation*

Advisor: Professor Chadwick Oliver



**Philip Marshall**

*The Historical and Physiological Ecology of Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus* L.) in Northeast Connecticut, 1700–2000*

Advisor: Professor Graeme Berlyn



**Diana Louise Karwan**

*In-Stream Transport of Suspended Particles in a Mountain Stream*

Advisor: Professor James Saiers



**Barry Ross Harrison Muchnick**

Joint Ph.D. degree with the Yale History Department

*Nature's Republic: Fresh Air Reform and The Moral Ecology of Citizenship in Turn of the Century America*

Advisors: Professors Michael Dove and John Mack Faragher



**Kyounghee Kim**

*Laboratory and Field Investigations of Stable Water Isotopes in Ecosystems*

Advisor: Professor Xuhui Lee



**Daniel Piotto**

*Spatial Dynamics of Forest Recovery after Swidden Cultivation in the Atlantic Forest of Southern Bahia, Brazil*

Advisors: Professors Florencia Montagnini and Mark Ashton

# We Salute Our 2011 Master's Graduates

## **Master of Environmental Management**

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Margaret Wilde Arbuthnot  
Naina Arora  
Temperance Louise Carter  
Charlotta Mary Wilhelmina Chan  
Thomas Robert Chase  
Xiaojiao Chen  
Esther Sekyoung Choi  
Kevin Thomas Currey  
Selin Devranoglu  
Elyzabeth Adrienne Earnley  
Yasemin Erboy  
Elizabeth Banning Hoffman Friedlander  
John Patrick Good  
Melissa Nicole Ivins  
Salima Monik Jones-Daley  
Christopher Liam Kieran  
Jessica Lynn Koski  
Keith Chun Leem Lee  
Mary Caroline McGrath  
Gabriel Andres Mejias Arismendi  
Danielle Suzanne Miley  
David Robert Mitchell  
Geoffrey Robson Mwanjela  
Weixin Ng  
Jesse Daniel Oppenheimer  
Angela Lynn Orthmeyer  
Grady Whitman O'Shaughnessy  
Stefania Panousi  
David Caldwell Parsons  
Kristin Janine Pene  
Ana Karla Perea Blázquez  
Max Robert Piana  
Mark Edward Picton  
Pragyajan Yalamber Rai  
Giancarlo Raschio  
Pablo Eduardo Reed  
Lauren Joanna Richie  
Mariana Sarmiento  
Claire Elizabeth Schlemme  
Gina Marie Schrader  
Jaime Severino Romo  
Randal Alan Strobo  
Dania Maria Trespalacios  
Juan Pablo Vallejo Arroyave  
Dylan Walsh  
Tian Wang  
Mary Lynn Wykstra-Ross  
Cong Xu  
Mona ManYu Yang

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Bidisha Banerjee  
Lauren Elisabeth Brooks  
Kyra Rachelle Busch  
Eliza Frances Cava  
James Robert Collins  
Christopher Platt Cooke  
Guilherme Medeiros DePaula  
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Aitong Li  
Bandana K. Malik  
Manuel Francisco Mavila Loli  
Nedal Talal Nassar  
Mario Martins Peixoto Netto  
Rich Press  
Jessica Rochelle Price  
Kartikeya Singh  
Rebecca McKay Steinberg  
Emily Elizabeth Stevenson  
Stephen Andrew Wood  
Yang Wu  
Wanting Zhang

## **Master of Forest Science**

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Erin Diane Clark  
Torjia Sahr Karimu  
Charles Sims Munford  
Christopher Grant Tolley

## **Master of Forestry**

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Brea Kroeker  
Ben Larson  
Jason Denny Lawhon  
Ginamarie Jane Lopez  
Campbell Moore  
Tina Schneider  
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Bertrand Ngankam Tessa

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### **Master of Environmental Management/**

### **Master of Architecture**

Stephanie Caius Carlisle  
Rachel Ching-Mei Hsu

### **Master of Environmental Management/**

### **Master of Arts – International Development & Economics**

Diana Connett

Rebecca Lee Funk  
Kevin Kromash

### **Master of Environmental Management/ Master of Arts–International Relations**

Kyle Alexander Waddell Poorman

### **Master of Environmental Management/ Master of Business Administration**

Katie Julane Schindall  
Brian S. McCurdy

### **Master of Environmental Management/ Master of Divinity**

Troy R. Savage

### **Master of Environmental Science/ Master of Divinity**

Michelle Estelle Lewis

### **Master of Environmental Management/ Master of Public Health**

Elyssa Rachel Gelmann

### **Master of Environmental Science/ Master of Public Health**

Eliza A. Little

### **Master of Environmental Management/ Juris Doctor**

George Collins

### **Master of Forestry/Juris Doctor**

Benjamin Fryer

## **PACE LAW SCHOOL**

### **JOINT DEGREE GRADUATES**

### **Master of Environmental Management/ Juris Doctor**

Matthew Robert Jokajts  
Kate Harrison Muchnick  
Jamie Ryan Pool

### **Master of Environmental Science/ Juris Doctor**

Erin M. Derrington

## **VERMONT LAW SCHOOL**

### **JOINT DEGREE GRADUATES**

### **Master of Environmental Management/ Juris Doctor**

Kari Lynn Twaite  
Reade Elliott Wilson



# Class of 2011—Memories



Yale Myers



Great Mountain



Yale Myers



Modz 2.0



Christmas Tree Harvest



Sage 32



Energy Systems Analysis



Yale Myers



Arizona Field Trip



Southwestern Field Trip



Southern Forestry Field Trip 2011



Environmental Film Festival at Yale—team



COP 15



COP 16



DC Leadership Seminar



Southern Forestry Field Trip 2010



# Class of 2011—Memories Continued



Hardwoods Basketball Team



Hardwoods Baseball Team



Mustache Contest



Mustache Contest



Winter blast



Heave ho!



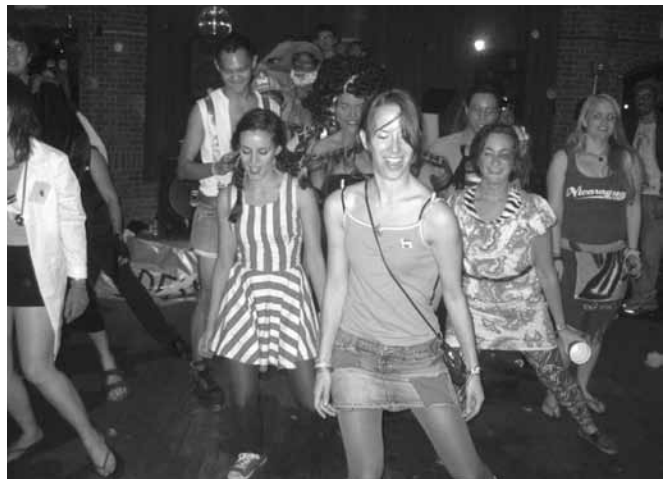
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Summer sun



Costumes



Dancing



End of Year



Holiday



Tacky on purpose



Crooning



Unexpected guests



Togetherness

# Class of 2010: Career Update

**F&ES Master's graduates have taken their degrees to the far corners of the world. As of six months after graduation, here's a brief look at their career paths:**

## **Not-for-Profit/Non Governmental**

Ag Innovations Network – Program Director, Stewardship Index for Specialty Crops, Sebastopol, CA  
Amazon Environmental Research Institute - IPAM – Pará, BRAZIL  
Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources – Communication Associate, Kathmandu, NEPAL  
Boreal Songbird Initiative: Pew Charitable Trusts – Program Officer, Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement, Seattle, WA  
BSR – Associate, Hong Kong, CHINA  
Ceres – Senior Associate, Water Program, Boston, MA  
Concurrent Technologies Corporation – Associate Industrial Ecologist  
Ecotrust– Rangeland Program Associate, Portland, OR  
Fauna and Flora International – Intern, Washington, D.C.  
Fundación Runa – Executive Director, Quito, ECUADOR  
MACED – Research & Policy Associate, Berea, KY  
Merck Forest and Farmland – Forest Resource Specialist, Rupert, VT  
Natural Resources Defense Council – Program Assistant Advocate, Sustainable Communities, Washington, D.C.  
Peninsula Open Space Trust – Land Assistant, Palo Alto, CA  
The Nature Conservancy – Conservation Project Director Associate, Real Estate, San Francisco, CA  
The Nature Conservancy – Program Assistant, Bend, OR  
The Nature Conservancy – International Marine Policy Representative, International Government Relations & Global Marine Team, Arlington, VA  
Stockholm Environment Institute – Staff Scientist, Climate and Energy Program, Seattle, WA  
Wildlife Conservation Society – Associate Conservation Scientist, Livelihoods Programme & North America, Bozeman, MT  
World Bank – Consultant, Climate Investment Funds, Washington, D.C.  
World Resources Institute – Associate, Markets and Enterprise, Washington, D.C.  
WWF-US – Program Associate, Conservation Science Program, Washington, D.C.

## **Private (Business/Consulting/Law)**

Cardno ENTRIX, Inc. – Environmental Response Technician, Brookline, MA  
Climate Focus – REDD+ Associate/ Intern, Washington, D.C.  
Curtis Packaging – Director of Sustainability, Sandy Hook, CT  
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP – Associate, Corporate, New York, NY  
ECODIT – Senior Associate, Arlington, VA  
Embassy of Japan – Climate Change Specialist, GERMANY  
Emerging Energy and Environment – Associate, Stamford, CT  
Encendia Biochar – CEO, New Haven, CT  
Encendia Biochar – Chief Marketing Officer, New Haven, CT  
Environmental Science Technology Consultants Corporation – Engineer, Taipei, TAIWAN

Forest Carbon – GIS and Remote Sensing Director, Jakarta, INDONESIA  
Forestry Consultant, San Jose, COSTA RICA  
GE Energy – Commercial Manager, Power and Water, Schenectady, NY  
Industrial Economics, Inc – Associate, Cambridge, MA  
Hiscock & Barclay LLP – Junior Associate, Syracuse, NY  
Inter-Fluve, Inc. – Geomorphologist/Ecologist, Hood River, OR  
Kallari Chocolate – Co-Founder and Spokesperson, ECUADOR & U.S.A  
Marmol Radziner + Associates – Junior Architect, New York, NY  
Milone & MacBroom, Inc. – Water Resource Engineer, Water Resources, Cheshire, CT  
Net Balance – Sustainability Consultant, Victoria, AUSTRALIA  
OPOWER – Engagement Associate, Consumer Marketing and Analytics, San Francisco, CA  
Recreational Equipment, Incorporated (REI) – Product Sustainability Analyst, Gear & Apparel, Kent, WA  
Round River Design, LLC – Owner, VT  
Scientific Certification Systems – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Auditor, Davis, CA  
Spring Garden Advisors – Vice President, Boston, MA  
Stonyfield Farm – Carbon Master, Londonderry, NH  
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin – Program Officer, Energy and Sustainability, Boston, MA  
Vestas Wind – Graduate Programme, Market Intelligence; Government Relations and Competitor Intelligence, Portland, OR  
Xola Consulting – Consultant, San Francisco, CA

## **Government/Public Sector**

Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development – Deputy Programme Manager, AFGHANISTAN  
Bureau of Land Management – Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area, Grand Junction, CO  
City of Newton, MA – Principle Planner, Chief Zoning Code Official, Planning and Development, Newton, MA  
Connecticut Innovations – Investment Associate, Rocky Hill, CT  
Florida International University: GLOWS Program – Project Coordinator, KENYA/TANZANIA  
Office of Senator Chris Coons – Legislative Assistant, Washington, D.C.  
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) – Senior Research Assistant, Markets, Trade, and Institutions Division, Washington, D.C.  
Ministerio de Minería de Chile – Director of International Affairs and Foreign policy, International Affairs and Foreign policy, Santiago, CHILE  
National Marine Fisheries Service – Knauss Foreign Affairs Policy Fellow, Washington, D.C.  
National Museums of Kenya, Institute of Primate Research – Research Scientist, Ecology and Conservation, Nairobi, KENYA  
National Park Service (Student Conservation Association) – Hydrology and Geomorphology Intern, NM/ TX

NOAA Fisheries Service – Marine Mammal Specialist,  
Northeast Regional Office Protected Resources Division,  
Gloucester, MA

NOAA/ National Ocean Service – Coastal and Estuarine Land  
Conservation Program (CELCP), Sea Grant Knauss Fellow,  
Washington, D.C.

Peace Corps – Volunteer, Agroforestry, Yaounde, CAMEROON

Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program – NOAA  
Coastal Management Fellow, Carolina, PUERTO RICO

SCA, Fish & Wildlife Service – Forestry intern, McBee, SC

SCA/National Park Service – Wilderness Fellow, El Malpais  
National Monument, Grants, NM

State of CT, Department of Energy and Environmental  
Protection – Seasonal Forester, Division of Forestry, CT

Tanzanian Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism –  
Wildlife Division, Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –  
Management Analyst/PMF, Environmental Review Division,  
Washington D.C.

US Environmental Protection Agency – Presidential  
Management Fellow, New York, NY

USDA Forest Service – Natural Resource Specialist, Inyo  
National Forest White Mountain Ranger District, Bishop, CA

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Assistant to the Climate  
Change Policy Advisor, Office of the Science Advisor,  
Arlington, VA

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Fish and Wildlife Biologist,  
Ecological Services, Denver, CO

U.S. Forest Service – Partnership Coordinator/Program  
Analyst, National Forest System, National Partnership  
Office, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Fulbright – U.S. Fulbright Student Fellow, Cape Town,  
SOUTH AFRICA

United Nations Development Program – Programme Officer,  
Energy and Environment, New York City, N.Y.

#### **Academic (K-Higher Education)**

Achievement First – Science Instructional Coach,  
New Haven, CT

Brown University – Advisor to International Programs, Office  
of Continuing Education, Providence, RI

Louisiana State University – Assistant Professor, Architecture  
Department, Baton Rouge, LA

Oregon State University – Lab Assistant, Lytle Lab,  
Corvallis, OR

Pace Law School – Researcher, Center for Environmental  
Legal Studies, White Plains, NY

Pace Law School – Graduate Fellow, Land Use Law Center,  
White Plains, NY

The Earth Institute, Columbia University – Special Assistant  
to Jeffrey Sachs, New York City, NY

University of Washington – Instructor, Program on  
Environment, Seattle, WA

Woolman Semester – Environmental Science Teacher, Nevada  
City, CA

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies – Assistant  
Researcher, New Haven, CT

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies – Assistant  
to the Dean, New Haven, CT

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies – Research  
Assistant, Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative,  
New Haven, CT

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies – Research  
Assistant, New Haven, CT

Yale University, Coordinator – Yale Community Carbon Fund,  
Office of Sustainability, New Haven, CT

Yale University – Editorial Assistant, Journal of Industrial  
Ecology, New Haven, CT

Yale University – Postgraduate Associate, Chemical &  
Environmental Engineering, New Haven, CT

Yale University: Forests Dialogue – Program Manager,  
New Haven, CT

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies –  
Consultant, Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative,  
New Haven, CT

Yale University - Research Assistant, Geology & Geophysics  
Department, New Haven, CT

Yale University – Research Assistant, New Haven, CT

Yale University – Researcher, F&ES and SOM, New Haven, CT

#### **Further Study**

ETH Zurich – PhD, Doctor of Science, Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Stanford University – Masters in Design, Palo Alto, CA

Stanford University – PhD, Interdisciplinary Program in  
Environment and Resources, Palo Alto, CA

Stanford University – PhD, School of Education, Palo Alto, CA

Yale University – PhD, School of Forestry & Environmental  
Studies, New Haven, CT

Yale University – PhD, School of Forestry & Environmental  
Studies, New Haven, CT

Yale University – PhD, School of Forestry & Environmental  
Studies, New Haven, CT

University of Calgary – PhD, Dept of Biological Sciences,  
Calgary, CANADA

University of California, Berkeley – PhD, Environmental  
Science, Policy, and Management, Berkeley, CA

University of California, Santa Barbara – PhD, Bren School of  
Environmental Science and Management, Santa Barbara, CA

University of Virginia – Master's in Architecture,  
Architecture, Charlottesville, VA

#### **F&ES Doctoral Graduates Six Months after Graduation**

City University of Hong Kong – Assistant Professor,  
Department of Public and Social Administration, Hong  
Kong, CHINA

Conservation International, Consultant

Inter-American Development Bank / GEF – Consultant, Costa  
Rican Office, San Jose, COSTA RICA

Katoomba Policy Rapid Response Initiative – Coordinator of  
the West Africa Katoomba Incubator, GHANA

National Cancer Institute - Postdoctoral Fellow, Occupational  
and Environmental Epidemiology, Bethesda, MD

State of Maine – Utility Analyst, Augusta, ME

University of Wisconsin-Madison – Postdoc, Zoology,  
Madison, WI

Yale University – Assistant Director, Climate & Energy  
Institute, New Haven, CT



## Spread the Word!

### From Admissions

Do you know someone who would make a great F&ES student, an individual passionate about environmental issues and intent on advancing their career? Please promote Yale F&ES!

You can help shape our future – attend an upcoming Admissions event, encourage friends, colleagues or students to apply, or meet with prospective students in your local area. There are many ways for alumni to stay active and connected to F&ES. Please keep in touch. If you would be interested in having an active role in Admissions work, please contact Danielle Curtis of our Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at [danielle.curtis@yale.edu](mailto:danielle.curtis@yale.edu).

The full calendar of upcoming events can be found at [https://apply.environment.yale.edu/register/?country=\\*](https://apply.environment.yale.edu/register/?country=*).

**Many thanks for your participation!**

### From the Career Development Office

**CONGRATULATIONS, MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2011... 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 URGE YOU TO USE THESE SERVICES:**

**1. ONLINE ENVIRONMENTAL JOB AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY RESOURCES IN THE GLOBAL ERECRUITING OUTREACH (GEO) PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ASSIST YOU IN SEARCHING AND LOCATING JOBS**

As F&ES alumni, you will always have access to GeO with all of the same functions that you had as a student. To access: <http://environment.yale.edu/alumni/careers/>

**2. A COMPREHENSIVE WEB SITE ([ENVIRONMENT.YALE.EDU/CAREERS](http://environment.yale.edu/careers))**

Resources available to you, include job search skills resources and sample documents, environmental job sites and employment profiles and salary data.

**3. THE YALE CAREER NETWORK, YALE ON-LINE 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 <http://aya.yale.edu>. Additionally, join the F&ES Group on LinkedIn for biographies and helpful information to assist your networking.

**4. JOB SEARCH STRATEGY APPOINTMENTS WITH CDO STAFF**

Contact us anytime to arrange telephone or in person appointments.

**For Employer Representatives We Offer:**  
(FOR MORE DETAILS SEE [HTTP://ENVIRONMENT.YALE.EDU/EMPLOYERS/](http://environment.yale.edu/employers/)):

**1. ACCESS TO OUR ONLINE GLOBAL E-RECRUITING OUTREACH (GEO) PROGRAM TO POST INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS.**

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

**2. ACCESS TO STUDENTS' RESUMES THROUGH GEO AND ON-LINE RESUME BOOKS (PUBLISHED ANNUALLY).**

**3. ON-CAMPUS PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWING FACILITIES.**

**4. ANNUAL CAREER FAIRS:**

- Duke-Yale Environmental Recruiting Fair, February, Washington, DC
- All Ivy Environmental and Sustainable Development Career Fair, February, NYC

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# From the Office of Development and Alumni Services

**T**he Development and Alumni Services team works to keep the connections strong among F&ES alumni, friends and the School. We sponsor annual Reunion Weekends, regional events and receptions, and onsite opportunities for continuing education, student mentoring, and social and career networking. To this end, you'll find here a number of convenient avenues to connect and communicate with the F&ES extended community:

<http://linkedin.com/groups?home+gid+147435>

<http://twitter.com/YaleFES>

<http://www.facebook.com/YaleFES>

## **BRANCHES 2012 is open for submissions**

BRANCHES is an F&ES initiative to connect alumni with current students around summer internship, project and employment opportunities. If you want to connect with current students to begin a conversation about engaging them in your research or project work, or as an intern or employee, then go to <http://environment.yale.edu/special/branches> to get the dialogue started!

## **Your Updates are Needed!**

Our contact information for you is only as good as the information you provide.

If:

- 1) you don't receive the quarterly Alumni E-Newsletter,
  - 2) you've recently relocated,
  - 3) you've changed jobs or
  - 4) changed your e-mail address,
- please send us a quick e-note with your current contact data at [alumni.fes@yale.edu](mailto:alumni.fes@yale.edu).

## **Attention Class of 2011 & Friends... Class of 2011 Yearbook is Available!**

Thanks to the fine editorial and design work of Erin Clarke M.F.S. '11 and Mary Wykstra-Ross M.E.M. '11, and the relentless photography of many class members, the memories of the Class of 2011 live on in the paperless Class of 2011 Yearbook, available for only the cost of a click at <http://www.yale.edu/fesalum/Yearbook2011.pdf>. Grab this comprehensive, full-color collection of photos online and save it for browsing at will. A must-have!



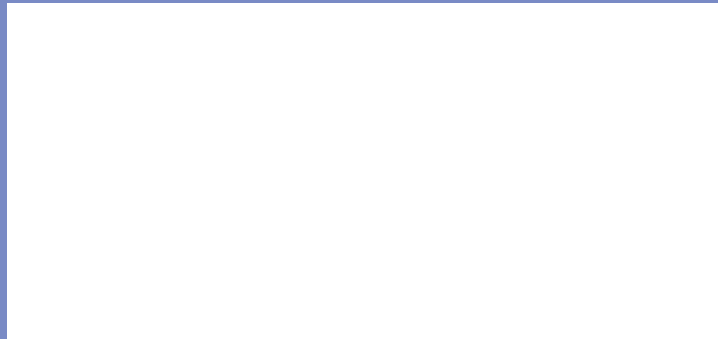
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