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This page: Evening light over New London Hall. Photo by Graham Koval '18

Harold Shapiro

From the President

Early in January, I participated in the annual Presidents Institute organized by the Council of Independent Colleges, where I was also appointed Chair of the Board. The institute offered a welcome opportunity for 350 college presidents to discuss the ways their institutions are cultivating the higher order skills students need to win in the war for talent.

At the conference, I had the chance to show off the talent of one of our very own, by doing a live on-stage interview with Jonathan McBride '92 at a keynote session titled, "Preparing Graduates for Diverse, Purpose-Driven Work." Jonathan's rich career represents the embodiment of Conn's purpose-driven mission of educating students to "put the liberal arts into action." After graduation, he worked in the office of former U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, earned an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and had a stint at Goldman Sachs. He co-founded Jungle Media Group, an award-winning media company. He was chief strategy officer for Universum, a global employer branding company. He served as head of White House personnel under President Barack Obama. And just recently, he finished an impressive five-year term as global head of inclusion and diversity at BlackRock—the world's largest asset management firm.

Discussing the long-term career outcomes of the liberal arts, McBride told the audience that a surprising number of people who served at the most senior levels at BlackRock came from liberal arts colleges. Why? Because graduates from institutions like ours, he said, "are not only better communicators, they also know how to connect and adapt a broader range of knowledge than graduates with technical education. They learn how to ask better questions. They learn curiosity. They learn how to listen. And they learn how to learn." In fact, he went on, "the ability to learn is going to become the most sought-after skill for the new global economy."

This issue of CC Magazine profiles a number of alumni who, like McBride, are demonstrating the adaptive, communicative, and entrepreneurial skills they honed at Conn. These include Fletcher Previn '00, the CIO of IBM, who, after a recent visit to the College, talked to CC Magazine to discuss the future of quantum computing; and Andrew Stein '99, a wildlife biologist using technology and "traditional methods" to safeguard the world's most extraordinary predators, the big cats of Africa. Our cover story, "This Hard Land," explores the steps the Eastern Pequots are taking to reclaim their tribal territory, and some of the ways our faculty and alumni are aiding the Pequots in this struggle. All these stories demonstrate the far-reaching effects of the unique educational philosophy that defines our mission and our higher purpose.

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Emma Benington '20 and Elizabeth Magnan '20 (front), Kaya Blumenthal-Rothchild '20, and Noah Garrison '21 (musician) perform "Unearthing the Symbiotic Relationship between Humans and Agriculture" in the Sprout Garden.

Dance in the Garden

The entire campus community participated in the inaugural All-College Symposium, which recognized the scholarship of our exceptional seniors and the results of their research and integrative projects, on Nov. 7, 2019. The milestone event highlighted students' integrative learning in Connections, the College's reinvention of the liberal arts.

During the day-long Symposium, 165 seniors, who participated in the College's integrative pathways and centers for interdisciplinary scholarship, showcased how their coursework and experiences informed their studies and learning over four years. Through 10-minute talks, poster sessions, performances, screenings and exhibitions, students shared their intellectual curiosity and passions with their peers and the entire campus community.

Sophia McLaughlin '20 choreographed an interpretive dance in Conn's Sprout Garden for the poster/performance session titled "Unearthing the Symbiotic Relationship between Humans and Agriculture," as part of her social justice and sustainability Pathway.

"Throughout the pathway I had been learning about the many ways we are disconnected from our food system and so I wanted to address this topic through dance. It was a way to get people into Sprout Garden to think about food," McLaughlin said.

For complete coverage of the All-College Symposium, www.conncoll.edu/connections/all-college-symposium

Emigrant Empire and the Lady of the Forest

Associate Professor of History Eileen Kane and Professor of Religious Studies Sufia Uddin have each been awarded a $60,000 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Kane will use the grant to research and write a book on Jewish and Muslim emigration from Russia to the Middle East from the 1840s to the 1940s, while Uddin will create a website about Hindu and Muslim traditions and ceremonies venerating the saint Bonbibi in the Sundarban island region of Bangladesh and India.

Kane, who serves as the director of Connecticut College's Global Islamic Studies Program, is a historian of modern Europe interested in connections between Russia and the Middle East. In 2017, she received a $237,000 New Directions Fellowship from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to train in Middle East studies at Brown University, in order to investigate how large-scale migrations of both Muslims and Jews from Russia and the Soviet Union contributed to the formation of the modern Middle East.

"Between the 1840s and 1940s, more than a million Russian (and later Soviet) subjects migrated to the Middle East. These migrants transformed the places where they settled, but this history is under-researched and its implications for the present are poorly understood," Kane said.

"I'm working to recover a history that has often been distorted for ideological and national agendas, by exploring how competing state and philanthropic institutions sought to limit, channel and instrumentalize these human migrations for their own purposes."

Kane's book, tentatively titled Emigrant Empire, will integrate the histories of Jewish and Muslim emigration from Russia to the Middle East, and expand the boundaries of standard histories of European migrants and refugees to include Muslim migrants and the Middle East.

Uddin specializes in constructions of the Bengali-Muslim religious community from the colonial to the contemporary period. Her work examines the many Bengali expressions of Islam and covers shared sacred space and religious elements common to both Bengali Hindus and Muslims, including the marginalized communities of Muslims and Hindus in the Sundarbans who share recognition and veneration of Bonbibi (The Lady of the Forest), whom they believe protects them from tigers. A central element of Bonbibi worship for both Muslims and Hindus is the recitation of "Jaharnama," a 19th-century poem belonging to a Bengali Muslim genre known as puthi, which Uddin has translated.

With this grant, Uddin will create a website featuring audio and video recordings of "Jaharnama" recitations, video of a Bonbibi play, photographs of shrines, interviews with villagers, interactive maps and recorded forest sounds to give visitors the opportunity to enter the conceptual world of the people who created these practices.

"In the study of Indigenous religion, we know that the relationship of people to their natural world is central to understanding culture, and my study and translation of 'Jaharnama' illuminates the ways in which the Muslims and Hindus in the Sundarbans relate to the delicate natural environment in which they live," Uddin said.

"This born-digital, web-based project will be accessible to those who are the subject of this study, students, scholars and anyone interested in environmental degradation and other issues. As they are in the Sundarbans, the forest, work, ritual and place will all be connected on the site."

Kane and Uddin are two of only 99 scholars nationwide to receive NEH fellowships.

Scholarship to China

Hillary Tun '21 has been awarded a Fund for Education Abroad scholarship to spend the spring semester studying in an intensive language program in Harbin, China.

Tun is one of just 41 FEA scholarship winners selected from a pool of more than 1,800 applicants from 470 colleges and universities across the country. The FEA provides scholarships and ongoing support to students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population.

A Posse scholar, Tun is a history major, Chinese minor and scholar in the College's Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts. She was born in Myanmar and currently lives in Chicago, Illinois.

Tun, whose goal is to pass the TOEFL test for Chinese with a score in the high intermediate range, said she is looking forward to immersing herself in the language and contextualizing her learning.

"My language journey at Conn is a highlight of my college experience," she said. "I have made lifelong friends from around the world and meaningful connections through Chinese language study."

Tun credits her Chinese, history, CISLA and study away advisers with helping her shape her research questions and preparing her to study abroad. She said she is proud to be part of a 2021 Chicago Posse cohort that has achieved significant academic and personal growth at Conn.

"Next semester, we will be studying away in seven different countries," Tun said of her Posse peers. "As nervous as we are, we are more excited for what awaits. I look forward to seeing them in our senior year and sharing our adventures."

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The 1619 Project

Conn is participating in The 1619 Project, a New York Times initiative observing the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery.

According to the Times, The 1619 Project "aims to reframe the country's history, understanding 1619 as our true founding, and placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are."

Conn hosted a community reception commemorating the anniversary in December. Cherise Harris, chair of the sociology department and associate director of Conn's Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity, told The Day newspaper that the aim of the event was to not let the moment go by unrecognized, and to honor The 1619 Project's effort to bring 1619 to the present.

"This is not just black history; this is American history," she said.

The event, co-hosted by CCSRE and the Office of the Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, featured poetry readings and a reading of a narrative of an enslaved woman. It was the first in a series of events at the College that will continue throughout the spring semester.

AGGIE at Sundance

Philanthropist, art collector and social justice advocate Agnes Gund '60 is the subject of a feature documentary—directed by her own Emmy-nominated daughter—that premiered at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival.

Catherine Gund's *AGGIE* focuses on Gund's extraordinary life, exploring the power of art to transform consciousness and inspire social change. The film opens with Gund selling Roy Lichtenstein's "Masterpiece" for $165 million and using the proceeds from one of the highest grossing artworks ever sold to start the Art for Justice Fund and fuel a monumental effort to reform the American criminal justice system and end mass incarceration.

Following its Jan. 24 premiere in Park City, *AGGIE* was screened in New York at the Museum of Modern Art's prestigious Doc Fortnight. Gund is the president emerita of MoMA, chair of its International Council and chair of MoMA PS1. She is also the founder of Studio in a School, a nonprofit organization that engages professional artists as art instructors in public schools and community organizations.

In October, Gund designated a gift of $1 million to endow The Agnes Gund '60 Dialogue Project at Connecticut College to build a generation of leaders capable of respecting and expressing a broad range of divergent ideas and opinions. Through workshops, interactive classes, cultural immersion experiences, community service projects and events on and off campus, students will build the capacity to engage in courageous conversations that speak across political, social, racial and socioeconomic differences.

"It is wonderful to see Connecticut College taking the lead in educating students for a more just society," Gund said when the gift was announced.

"I look forward to the flourishing of this project and to witnessing the changes brought by the capable young leaders who will emerge from it."

Music 201: Volume 2

Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones summed it up when he said, "songwriting's a weird game" that can be tricky to make sense of.

But last fall, 14 students dove deep into the creative wizardry and technical processes that collide to form unique songs.

The seminar, Music 201, "On Songs and Songwriting," was taught by President Katherine Bergeron and her husband, Butch Rovan, and examined different genres of song from critical and analytical perspectives.

Students were asked to study songwriting through a blend of listening, reading, writing original songs and performing them before recording an album in collaboration with both Bergeron and Rovan.

Author of the book *Voice Lessons*, Bergeron is also a classically trained soprano and music historian, while Rovan is a multi-instrumentalist, composer and professor of music at Brown University. His broad range of musical skills and experience were an asset in such a multilayered seminar. The fall 2019 semester marked only the second time Music 201 had been offered, and the new batch of songs were performed for the College at a concert in December; the album will be available later this spring.

"This course is a joy to teach," Bergeron said. "It's incredible to observe the students' growth in both confidence and sophistication over the space of just one semester. The songs on this year's album display a wide range of styles, from hip-hop to alt-country to heavy metal to everything in between."

For Ryan D'Alelio '22, Bergeron and Rovan's approach to teaching songwriting took a welcome venture outside the fundamental conventions of music theory in ways that opened up the creative floodgates.

"We were able to explore the inner workings of how a song is constructed, and I was able to expand my abilities as both a listener and a songwriter," D'Alelio said.

Even for a veteran musician like Rovan, the students in the seminar brought an exciting energy to the songwriting process.

"The collaborative spirit of the class was infectious," Rovan recalled. "The students inspired us and each other, working together to realize their songs both in a live performance and in the studio. And they inspired a large audience of fans who filled Fortune Recital Hall for our final class concert."

The students all came from different musical backgrounds, each with their own individual styles, tastes and talents, from vocalists to guitarists and piano players. And, of course, several students dabbled in a bit of everything, such as Adam Khan '22, who sang and played the ukulele and a bit of guitar and piano as well.

"President Bergeron and Butch's deep passion for music made classes so enjoyable, and created a really fun and engaging environment," Khan said. "I also thoroughly enjoyed the final performance, because it definitely bolstered my confidence in songwriting and singing."

At the end of the day, the most valuable piece of the experience may well have been the relationship-building and collaborative skills the students learned writing, performing and recording together.

"Song is the oldest form of musical expression," Bergeron and Rovan explained. "It's a medium that builds community and builds trust."

Polar Art

For hundreds of years, explorers searched in vain for a navigable passage through the frozen Arctic. Now, the great myth of a sailable Arctic is becoming a reality.

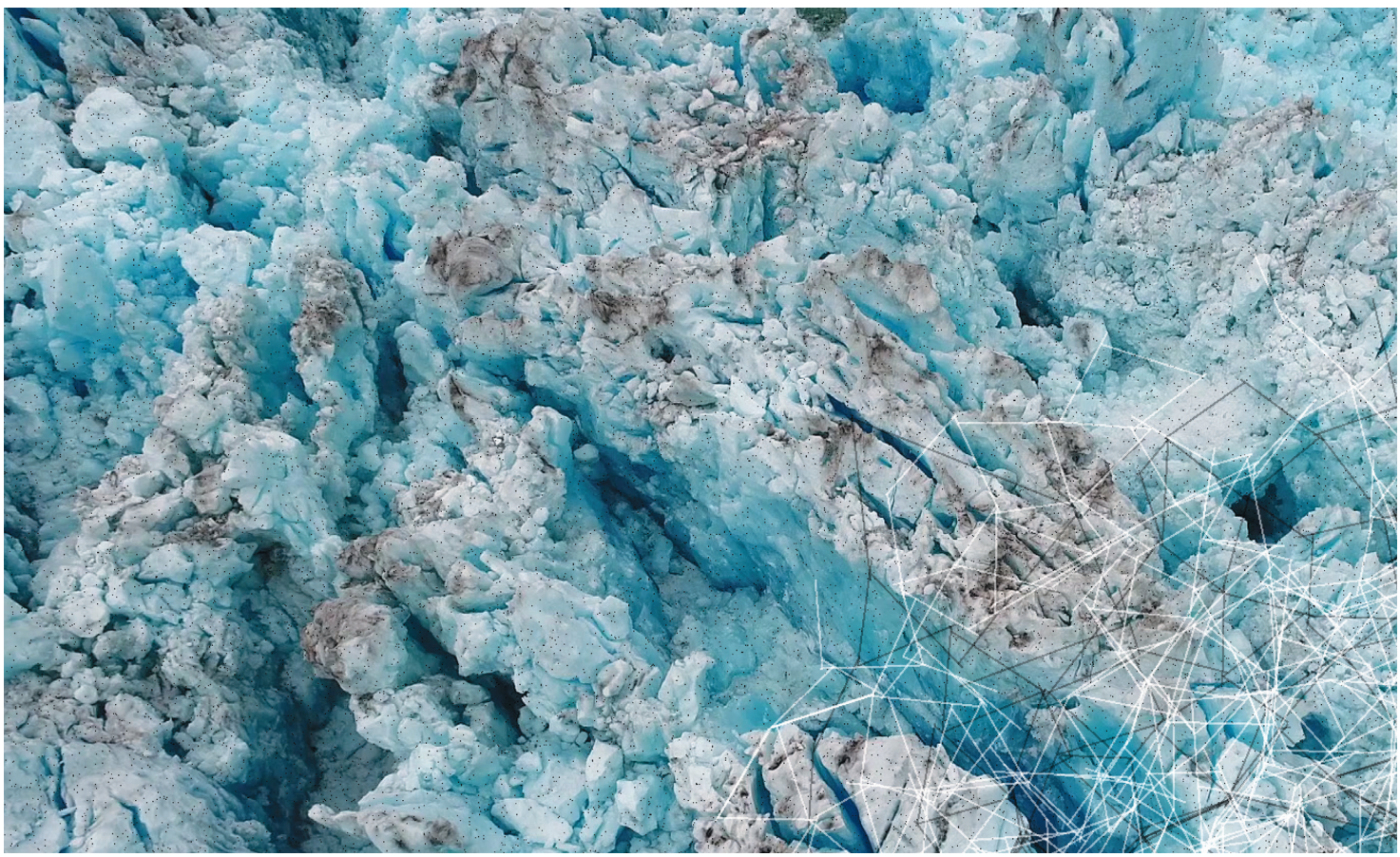
Visual artist Andrea Wollensak, professor of art and director of Conn's Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology, and computer scientist Bridget Baird, professor emerita in computer science and mathematics at Conn, along with poet Judith Goldman and composer/sound artist Brett Terry, examine the melting of the polar ice caps and other troubling effects of environmental and geopolitical change on the world's oceans and waterways in *Open Waters*. It is a multimedia, interactive art installation on display at the Burchfield Penney Art Center at SUNY Buffalo State College through March 29.

Several pieces in the exhibit consider the global circulation of microplastics and the extent of plastic pollution in the Arctic and the Great Lakes, including large-format photographs of plastic pollution in New York-area waterways and an animated video projection that incorporates research poetry on plastic pollution in the Great Lakes system and the politics of plastic recycling.

Other major pieces in *Open Waters* include a hybrid print-digital interactive book of poems based on multidisciplinary archival research on the history of arctic exploration and contemporary Arctic environmental degradation, a floor piece of 17 raised panels of etched glass that depict a historical map of the route from Buffalo to the Northwest Passage, and an interactive wall that combines video and audio works based on ice breaking and shipping in the far North and uses a Kinect motion sensor that responds to viewer activity in real time to evoke the effects of human disruption on the Arctic environment.

"The range of works and media ecology in the exhibition is a metaphor for today's Arctic environment and gives the viewer a sense of what is happening in the Arctic—melting ice caps, ice and permafrost thaw, growing interest in resources, expansion of international waters—as well as the impact of microplastic pollution in our oceans and waterways," said Wollensak.

Open Waters is the latest work in a four-year collaboration between Wollensak, Baird, and their co-collaborators Goldman and Terry. The project is funded by a Global Warming Art Project grant administered by the Arts Services Initiative of Western New York.



Drone footage courtesy of David Sutherland, University of Oregon. Image courtesy of the artist collaborators.

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Maruyama Ōkyo, *Peacock and Peonies*, Japanese, Edo period, 1768. Hanging scroll; ink, color, and gold on silk.

Painting Edo

The Feinberg Collection of Japanese Art lands at Harvard for special exhibition.

WHEN BETSY FEINBERG '66 and her husband, Robert, bought a $2 poster of 16th-century Japanese art in the early 1970s, they had no idea it would spark a lifelong passion.

But over the following four decades, the Feinbergs meticulously built the finest and most comprehensive collection of early modern Japanese art from the Edo period (1615-1868) to be found anywhere in the United States.

Now, more than 120 carefully selected pieces from their collection of over 300 works will be exhibited at the Harvard Art Museums from Feb. 14 to July 26, marking Harvard University's largest exhibition ever.

The Edo period ushered in the birth of modern Japanese art and also represented a transformational era in the country's history. Japan had endured centuries of conflict and warfare before transitioning into a time of peace, which provided space for the dramatic expansion of artistic expression as well as cultural and economic progress.

When the Feinbergs first began collecting Edo period art, it was wildly undervalued and underappreciated throughout the West and within Japan. This provided opportunities for the Feinbergs to procure extremely high-quality works that otherwise would have been snapped up by larger institutions or collectors. Eventually, the Feinbergs had built a collection both personally intimate yet composed of a broad selection of works that illustrated the diverse nature of Edo art.

The Feinberg Collection is comprised of works in a variety of mediums, including hanging scroll paintings, folding screens, woodblock-printed books and fan paintings. Many of the pieces have been exhibited throughout Japan and in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art—the same museum in which the Feinbergs fatefully purchased that first $2 print so many years ago.

The exhibition, titled *Painting Edo: Japanese Art from the Feinberg Collection*, will be on display for students, scholars and the public to enjoy and study. Two illustrated books will serve as companions to the exhibition. The first, which shares the name of the exhibition and will include illustrations of the selections in *Painting Edo*, will be available in March, and the second, *The Catalogue of the Feinberg Collection of Japanese Art*, will showcase the Feinberg Collection in its entirety, and will be released this summer.

The collection was announced as a promised gift to the Harvard Art Museums in 2013, and *Painting Edo* serves as the first major exhibition of the works.

In celebration of the opening, a free, public event was held by the Harvard Art Museums on Feb. 13, which included a lecture presented by Timon Screech, professor of the history of art at SOAS University of London, titled *Into the Kaleidoscope: Painting in Edo Japan*. Introductions to the show and the collection were made by Associate Curator of Asian Art Rachel Saunders, and Harvard professor Yukio Lippit, who specializes in Japanese art.

"The Feinberg Collection consists of many remarkable paintings that embody surprising and unusual perspectives on the cultural history of Japan's early modern era," Lippit said. "The collection will enable new course offerings at every level of the curriculum and help train future scholars and curators in the field of Japanese art. We feel incredibly fortunate."

To learn more about the collection and this exhibition, visit: harvardartmuseums.org/paintingedo.

Shopping While Black

Professor Michelle Dunlap exposes the insidious side of one of America's favorite pastimes.

IN HER UPCOMING BOOK, tentatively titled *Shopping While Black: Minority Experiences in Consumer Marketplaces*, Professor of Human Development Michelle Dunlap details highly personal stories from 20 consumers of various backgrounds about the risks and realities for people of color engaging in the American marketplace.

CC Magazine: You have called this book a "project of passion." Why?

Michelle Dunlap: It grew out of an experience I had at the mall over 20 years ago. I witnessed a minority child, who looked no older than a first- or second-grader, surrounded by police and security guards, being arrested over a pack of baseball cards. It broke my heart, and it has always stuck with me.

CC: How common is it for people of color to have negative experiences while shopping?

MD: I grew up having a lot of anxiety shopping. I didn't yet know that not everybody experiences it. Pretty much every minority person who hears about my book wants to tell me their story or stories, and even many white people have a story to share about a person of color they know. I don't want to overdraw assumptions, but it seems clear that something is going on that makes the marketplace more complicated for the least privileged people in our society, and especially people of color.

CC: What do you mean by "more complicated"?

MD: Through my research, I have discovered there are three major issues with which minorities struggle: being overly monitored, receiving inequitable treatment and experiencing traumatic incidents.

CC: What do being monitored and inequitable treatment look like?

MD: Being overly monitored is about being watched and followed and scrutinized, almost like there's an expectation that people of color are disproportionately more likely to steal or do dishonest things than white people. Inequitable treatment comes in many forms. It could be that a white person is able to return something outrageous like a rug at a grocery store without a receipt, for example, whereas a person of color without a receipt can't return something that's actually a grocery item. But there are many different ways that people are consumers, and these inequities extend to the structural operation of housing, insurance, automobiles and travel consumerism as well.

CC: Some recent traumatic incidents have been highly publicized in the news and on social media, such as the two black men arrested at Starbucks after asking to use the restroom. Is the prevalence of cell phone cameras helping to highlight these issues?

"Speaking up about it is one way to fight back. It makes you an ally."

MD: It does make it more difficult to deny when something has happened. But I'm not sure everyone is taking it seriously yet. Despite how frequently these stories are in the news, some people seem to think they are still isolated incidents.

CC: What impact do these experiences have on individual consumers?

MD: I talk in the book about vicarious trauma. When someone goes into the store to buy a bag of Skittles and an Arizona tea, and they never make it back home because of some neighborhood vigilante—as was the case with Trayvon Martin—it traumatizes other vulnerable people. They realize, "It could be me; it could be my child; it could be my grandchild, my niece, my nephew, my neighbor, my student. It could be any of the people I care about." There's vicarious stress, vicarious trauma and I believe a vicarious health impact.

CC: Does this affect the way people of color consume goods and services?

MD: There's a lot of documentation about all the instructions that black and other minority parents and caregivers give their children when they are going to the store or to the mall on how they're supposed to walk, supposed to talk, supposed to wear their clothes, where their hands should be, how many other youths they can walk with.

Research shows that black consumers and other minorities use online shopping at a greater rate than white consumers, and I think it very well could be related to the tensions that surround the shopping experience.

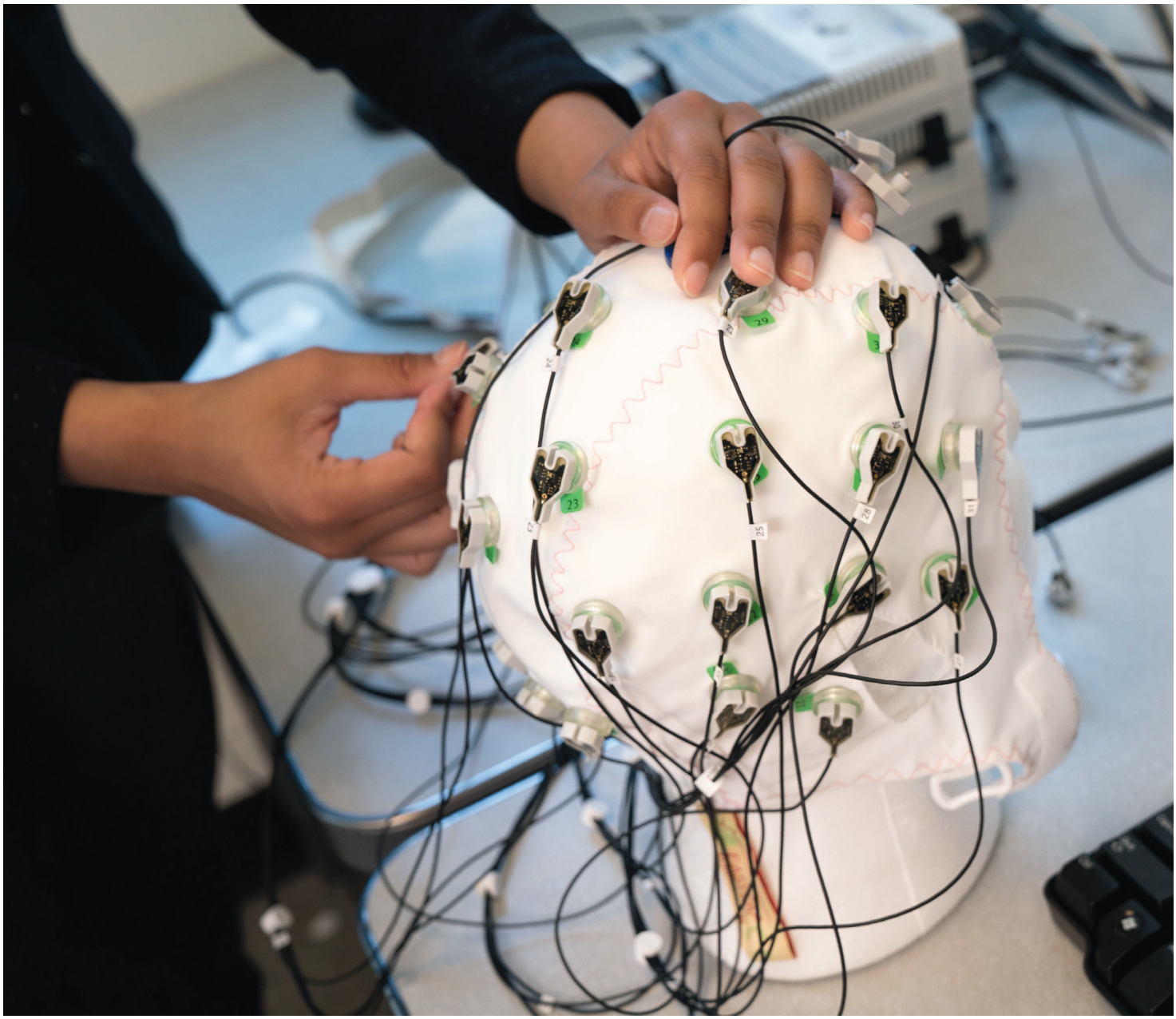
CC: A few of the stories are told by white people who didn't experience marketplace inequity themselves, but witnessed it. Why did you decide to include those?

MD: Minorities are so used to hearing white people deny black life experiences that sometimes we're surprised when we hear white people honestly acknowledge that they have been able to see these things with their own eyes; that it's not in our imaginations. And speaking up about it is one way to fight back. It makes you an ally.

CC: What do you hope readers take away from your book?

MD: Ultimately, I hope these true stories give people insight into what could be, what shouldn't be, and what their roles are to make things more comfortable and more equitable so that everyone can enjoy public spaces without anxiety and vicarious trauma.

Shopping While Black *will be available in July from Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. Portions of the proceeds from the book will benefit the Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program to support the doctoral studies of underrepresented students.*



Miles Ladin '90

Student researchers in Assistant Professor of Psychology Jeff Moher's lab are using electroencephalography (EEG) to develop an alert system capable of monitoring neurons in the brain to detect when the mind begins to wander.

Forget Me Not

Distractions are all in your head, says Psychology Professor Jeff Moher.

IF OUR BRAINS HAD an unlimited capacity to process information, "Where's Waldo" would be no fun. We'd simply open the oversized children's book and our brains would zero in on the little guy in the red and white stripes.

"We just can't look at something and immediately know everything that is going on," said Assistant Professor of Psychology Jeff Moher.

Instead, we move our attention through the image and sort through the distractions to find exactly what we are looking for.

Moher uses both behavioral and neurophysiological methods to study when distractions are likely to occur to find out how distractions might be avoided. He has spent much of his career studying how the brain separates relevant information from irrelevant information and what impact salient distractors—objects that stand out because they contrast with their environment—have on attention, particularly when a subject is searching for something visually.

Now, he and colleagues from Brown University are studying a different type of distraction entirely: the kind that's all in your head.

With a $357,061 grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the National Institutes of Health, Moher and his colleagues will examine the link between sustained attention and motor output in an attempt to answer what happens to physical movements when your mind wanders.

Moher and his team, including his students, will test whether people completing physical tasks that require them to maintain focus for a long period of time are more likely to have slower response times or make mistakes when their minds begin to wander. They will also be looking at whether or not subtle changes in pupil size can indicate someone is losing focus, and use functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to look at whether changes in the brain networks involved in drifts of sustained attention are linked to changes in hand movements.

"The ability to diagnose when a person is losing focus by measurements of simple motor movements or pupil size would be highly valuable," Moher said. "Just by looking at a physical part of the body, we could say, 'This person is not quite as focused as they want to be and they're probably going to make an error.'"

That hypothesis isn't entirely new—some later model cars will automatically alert you if your steering wheel movements become less consistent and you begin to drift out of your lane, for example. But Moher's research could have implications for the diagnosis and treatment of brain disorders known to involve deficits in attention and/or action, including ADHD, schizophrenia and stroke.

"One of the big risks after a stroke is falling, because of the lack of motor coordination," Moher said. "If we can better understand how the motor system is linked up with difficulties with sustained attention, that might be helpful in figuring out the best way to rehabilitate."

History That Does Not Exist

A research team is exploring the impact of redevelopment on Conn's host city.

NEW LONDON'S STORIED history begins in the precolonial era, peaks at the height of the whaling industry, and then trails off almost completely. Even the history section of the city's Wikipedia page ends after the 19th century, save for a few footnotes about the presence of the U.S. military.

"The 20th century is just glossed over," said Assistant Professor of Art History and Architectural Studies Anna Vallye.

But New London offers a fascinating case study on the impact of urban renewal efforts on U.S. cities between the 1940s and 1970s. The Whaling City took full advantage of the federal programs designed to revitalize metropolitan areas, eventually demolishing nearly 700 homes and dramatically reshaping the urban landscape.

To investigate the impact of highway construction and urban renewal on New London, and particularly the Hodges Square and Winthrop Cove areas, Vallye, Linda Lear Special Collections Librarian Rose Oliveira and Director of Community Partnerships Kim Sanchez are working alongside students and in partnership with New London Landmarks on a year-long research project. The urban renewal research project is funded by the Council of Independent Colleges Humanities Research for the Public Good initiative, supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

"It's a fantastic challenge from an educational standpoint: writing a history that hasn't yet been written," Vallye said.

Students spent the fall semester poring over institutional records, newspapers, maps, plans, private papers and other primary source materials to reconstruct the complicated timeline of events.

Matt Baronas '21, an environmental studies major and architectural studies minor, has been studying the relationship between urban renewal and highway construction, and in particular the construction of I-95, which cut off parts of the city—including the Connecticut College campus and Hodges Square—from the downtown area.

"I'm looking at what roads were built in New London, why they were built, how they connected to the interstate system and what impact they had on New London citizens at the time," he said.

"By comparing aerial photographs, one can see what a massive undertaking the highway construction project was. There is a truly striking contrast in the layout of the city before and after the construction."

The research group also hosted a community dinner for New London residents who lived through the city's transformation, and a public panel discussion featuring New London's former city development administrator, who oversaw the later phases of the

Ted Hendrickson, *View. Winthrop Cove*, New London, CT, 1979. Gelatin silver print, selenium toned.

"Learning from our past, we can better understand the present landscape and make more informed decisions about the future."

city's urban renewal, as well as the executive director of the Southeastern Council of Governments and Lizabeth Cohen, a Harvard professor and author of *Saving America's Cities: Ed Logue and the Struggle to Renew Urban America in the Suburban Age.*

"We are starting a conversation about what this moment was and how what was happening in New London fits into the broader context of urban renewal in America. There is a deep-seated community memory, and it's been gratifying to see how much interest there is on all sides," Vallye said.

"The students are realizing how little they know about the city they live in, and part of that is itself a product of urban renewal—the physical divide that exists between the campus and much of the city because of the highway, and disinvestment in public transportation, which exacerbated the divide. One person recalled skiing down the hill from the Lyman Allyn Art Museum all the way downtown, right through the area that is now a highway. These are human stories, and they really resonate."

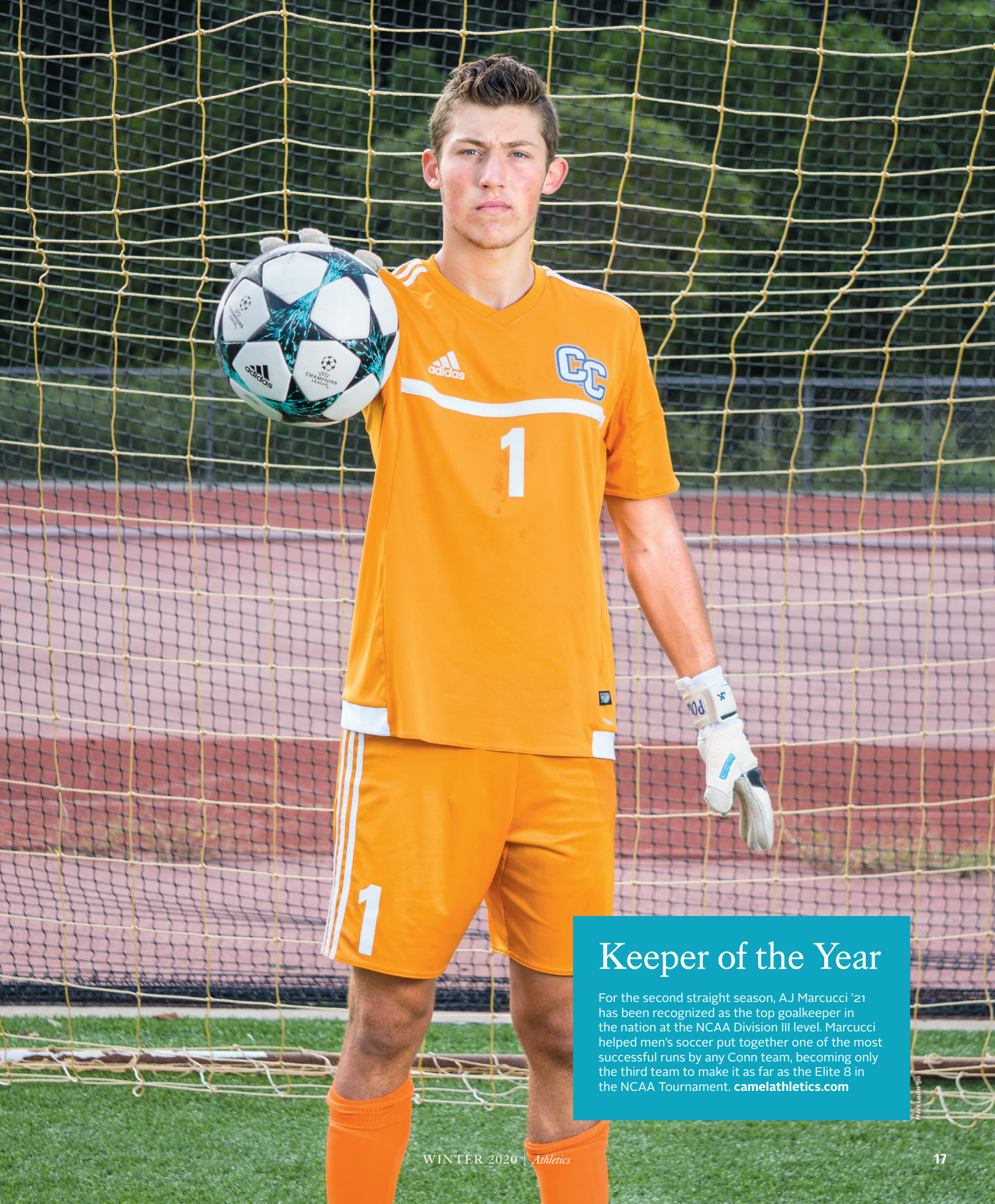
This spring, students in Vallye's "Mapping Urban Renewal" course as well as student research assistants, including Baronas, will work with Beverly Chomiak, a senior lecturer in geology, to create Geographic Information System (GIS) maps of the geographical changes to the city, and with Professor Andrea Wollensak, director of the Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology, on data visualization.

The team is building a public website to showcase their work and planning a series of public events, including a launch event for the completed website.

Jennifer Wilson '20, an architectural studies and art history double major, spent the fall semester researching which buildings were demolished and why, as well as which ones were deemed worthy of preservation during that period.

"Researching the good, the bad, the hopes and the failures of urban renewal in New London, I've found the city represents the realities of much of the nation at the time, a shift in distinct urban identities," she said. "If we want to uncover the whole truth about urban renewal, we need to study cities like New London. Learning from our past, we can better understand the present landscape and make more informed decisions about the future."

To learn more about this ongoing project, visit bit.ly/ccurbanrenewal, subscribe to the Mapping Urban Renewal YouTube channel and follow CCUrbanRenewal on Instagram.



Keeper of the Year

For the second straight season, AJ Marcucci '21 has been recognized as the top goalkeeper in the nation at the NCAA Division III level. Marcucci helped men's soccer put together one of the most successful runs by any Conn team, becoming only the third team to make it as far as the Elite 8 in the NCAA Tournament. **camelathletics.com**

Miles Ladin '90

HONG KON

BY DOUG DANIELS

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Aim Sinpeng '05 shares her expertise on political uprisings and sheds light on Hong Kong's unrest.

Flaming arrows and Molotov cocktails rained down on riot police from one of Hong Kong's most prominent universities. And with that, the five-month-old resistance movement, raging since June, had finally taken the violent turn it had mostly resisted throughout the summer.

For months, the widespread protests, predominantly led by students, had been largely defined by nonviolence. But by November, a movement initially sparked by the Hong Kong government's controversial extradition bill and frustrations over police brutality had transformed into a far broader call for expanded freedoms and democratic reforms in the semi-autonomous city that has lived in the shadow of mainland China for nearly a quarter century.

Critics of the extradition bill, which would have allowed the government to extradite so-called criminals to governments outside Hong Kong, insisted it empowered Chinese officials to arrest political dissenters in Hong Kong, encroaching on the civil liberties of Hong Kong's citizens and casting them into the murky waters of mainland China's severe judicial system.

Aim Sinpeng '05, who studied international relations and was a CISLA scholar at Conn before moving on to pursue her doctorate in political science, sorts out the complexities of the fast-moving developments in Hong Kong. Sinpeng serves as an assistant professor of government and international relations at the University of Sydney, specializing in democracy and social change in Asia and the role digital media plays in political protests and participation.

Doug Daniels: Hong Kong has experienced two other notable instances of mass protests over the past decade and a half, but this one seems more transformational. What are the overarching motives of the protesters as you see them today?

Aim Sinpeng: As with most large-scale protests, there are multiple issues at play and not just one explanation. There are political and nationalistic elements unique to Hong Kong and its complicated relationship with mainland China. But there are also issues surrounding economic insecurity that young people in Europe and the United States are experiencing. They feel they don't have the resources and opportunities for social and economic mobility. This has created resentment and anxiety about the future.

DD: How stark is the generational divide within Hong Kong? Are older residents more tolerant of mainland China's control?

AS: Older people in Hong Kong remember what it was like living under colonial rule, and they recognize that they enjoy more freedom than people in mainland China do, so I think there's partly a reluctance to antagonize Beijing and risk losing what freedoms they currently have. For the younger generation, they are angry over not having their own identity as Hong Kongers recognized. They don't identify as Chinese, and ever since the Chinese takeover in 1997, that Hong Kong identity has constantly been challenged and eroded by Chinese superiority.

DD: After several months of protests, the extradition bill that initially sparked them was pulled by Hong Kong's government, but by then the movement had taken on a life of its own and sought much broader democratic reforms. Looking back, do you think the moment the bill was pulled might have been a missed opportunity for the protesters to try and achieve some sort of compromise with the government if they'd had a clear leader?

AS: I think that decision to pull the bill simply came too late and didn't address the bigger issue of police violence, not to mention the movement's other concerns. I have studied protests in the past and found that there are always moments when some kind of compromise probably could have happened, but it's fallen through because of a lack of leadership, bad timing or something else. When you're an outsider, it's easier to second-guess the decisions and strategies of different movements, but on the ground in real time, the situations are very complex.

DD: What do you think the conditions of a compromise or resolution will look like? Are you optimistic that issues such as police brutality will be addressed in substantive ways?

AS: It's going to take a lot, because the trust deficit when it comes to the police is massive. The people and even many Hong Kong courts don't trust the police anymore. So in that environment, where there is such a profound lack of trust and feelings of insecurity and injustice and suppression and violence, it's going to take some time for trust to be rebuilt before proper negotiations can take place, and I think things will get worse before they get better. But the elections [which were held on Nov. 24] are an important step.

DD: What role is social media playing in Hong Kong and how has the way political protest movements use it changed over the past few years?

AS: Since the last major protests in Hong Kong five years ago, I think one major shift in how digital and social media are used relates to the structure of the networks and how decentralized the online efforts are. Whereas a few years ago protesters may have just used Twitter to mobilize, as governments have become more sophisticated in monitoring social media activity, the protesters have had to operate with far more anonymity and use different encrypted apps to communicate and organize. This has really changed the nature of social media mobilization in ways that have actually brought new people into the fold who previously may not have had any interest in social media or online activism but are now using these tools solely to participate in the protest movement. The layers of encryption help protect people from being arrested or persecuted.

DD: You grew up in Bangkok and witnessed firsthand political unrest that ranged from major protests to military coups. How does that personal experience influence your perspective and the lens through which you look at other similar movements around the globe?

AS: It defines me. I lived through three military coups and decades of mass protests, and I grew up largely under authoritarian rule. I think that shapes how I ask questions such as "What does it mean to lose freedom? What does it mean to live under a dictatorship? What does it mean to join a protest when it's actually illegal?" All those rights, I think, when you live in liberal democracies like the United States, you might take for granted. And that experience of living through political turmoil and suppression genuinely raises the stakes and significance of politics and political participation. It affects every facet of your life, regardless of whether you support a protest or don't support a protest, or support a dictatorship or don't support a dictatorship. Everything matters. Politics is something you just live and breathe. It affects your daily life.

THE WALL

David Patton, professor of government and international relations, writes about living in Berlin during the fall of the Wall.

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ROGER
Hubertus von der Goltz
Projekt: "BALANCE"
Weg durch Deutschland

I often think of the good luck I had in moving to West Berlin in September 1989. The dramatic events of the months ahead were to leave memories that greatly enriched my personal and professional lives. At this time of upheaval, I recognized that even the most widely held assumption, such as the durability of Communist dictatorship, may be wildly off the mark. The events of 1989-1990 further revealed the power of an idea: Dismissed as the "lifelong lie" (*Lebenslüge*) of West Germany, the prospect of unification had at first helped provide legitimacy to the early Bonn Republic. Later it conditioned how Easterners and Westerners viewed each other after November 9, 1989.

After a year in Göttingen in 1988-1989, I started a doctoral fellowship with the Berlin Program for German and European Studies at the Free University of Berlin. I had been closely following the exodus from East Germany and was excited for the opportunity to take day trips to East Berlin. On these trips, I saw restaurants and businesses closed, with signs blaming personnel shortages, and I remember asking myself: Were the cooks sick or had they fled to the West via Hungary? In mid-October, some friends and I visited the Eastern district of Prenzlauer Berg where we chatted in a restaurant with two young East Germans who desperately hoped to leave their country, seeing no future for themselves in the worker and farmer state.

On November 9, I watched on television the live press conference of Günter Schabowski, an SED Politburo member. I was stunned when the party man announced what sounded like the opening of the Berlin Wall. I couldn't believe it. I called my parents in the U.S. to tell them the news, but the connection was soon lost. My attempts to call them back proved futile; the phone lines were overwhelmed by the sheer volume of calls as the news spread out to the world.

The next morning, I went to the Brandenburg Gate and joined throngs scaling the Wall to find a perch on top. Strangers pulled me up. It was a beautiful fall day and the mood was joyous. Many had traveled spontaneously to Berlin to be part of history and the city was in a celebratory spirit. That weekend West Berlin pulsated with East Germans, many of whom had come in smoky Trabants (old East German automobiles), and armed with 100 DM of "welcome money" that the Federal Republic was distributing. I saw visitors from the East carrying makeshift city maps that had been inserted into West Berlin newspapers since the GDR maps showed West Berlin as blank and unchartered. The newcomers were readily identifiable by their clothing and unfamiliarity with the area. In the gourmet food section of the upscale department store KaDeW, I saw East Germans looking with amazement at the sumptuous victuals and watching with interest as affluent, well-dressed West German customers supped in leisure. It may be one nation, but not one class, I thought at the time.

In retrospect, the path from the Wall falling on November 9, 1989, to unification on October 3, 1990, seems straightforward enough. As barriers opened, however, there were few calling for unification. East Germans had taken to the streets demanding liberty and democratic reform, not one Germany. The

transformation from "we are the people" to "we are one people" would come later. Friends of mine attended the November 10 public ceremony in the Schöneberg district of West Berlin when Chancellor Helmut Kohl's address was drowned out by a determined concerto of whistling. In West Berlin, most had long grown accustomed to the Wall. In fact, I remember at an unsuccessful interview for a spot in a shared apartment for students one of the residents expressing annoyance at my naïve questions about what life was like in a walled city. After the Wall fell, a joke soon circulated among Western post-materialists disappointed by the lack of revolutionary zeal among their GDR compatriots: "The people have risen up [...] and run to Aldi [a discount German supermarket chain]."

This kind of condescending attitude complicated Ossi-Wessi (East-West) relations in the years to come and contributed to what would become known as "the wall in the heads." On November 9, though, there was little indication of the coming tensions. I heard reports of unscrupulous merchants hawking bananas at extravagant prices to unsuspecting Easterners and of Trabant tires being slashed, but saw none of this. What I do recall was the joy and unbridled enthusiasm for new freedoms in the East. Soon after November 9, friends and I headed back to the Wall with some hammers and chipped off a few small pieces of the Berlin Wall that I now show my students. I didn't know the dust from the Wall that flew in my face contained asbestos.

The coming months in Berlin were among the most interesting of my life. As East Germans stormed secret police headquarters and swelled pro-unification demonstrations in winter 1990, voted in numerous elections in spring and summer, and cheered the Deutschmark on July 1, the two German states moved toward national unity. On October 3, I was at the Reichstag for the unification ceremony at which Kohl, the former GDR prime minister Lothar de Maiziére and the former chancellor Willy Brandt gathered. It was a stirring occasion without the protests that had marked Kohl's appearance on November 10. However, the mood in the East had already begun to turn as the economic challenges of unification grew apparent.

I was aware of being present at a historical juncture. I was partly right, as Communism soon collapsed in East Germany and throughout the Eastern Bloc, but the track toward unification that later seemed unstoppable was not yet apparent to me, or most other observers. Thirty years later, few if any want a second German state back and no one misses the Berlin Wall. After it fell, Brandt famously remarked on circumstances in which "again grows together, what belongs together." Although initially many questioned the second half of his statement and, for a while at least after unification, the East and West appeared to grow further apart than closer together, the past 30 years have shown how prescient Brandt had been. CC

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This Hard Land

The Eastern Pequots struggle to reclaim tribal territory.

BY AMY MARTIN PHOTOS BY MISHA FRIEDMAN

The fourth-largest casino in the world rises out of the eastern Connecticut woods like something from *The Wizard of Oz.* The two-lane road that winds through rural Ledyard and North Stonington morphs into a highway directing traffic to Foxwoods Resort Casino's various towers, hotels, restaurants and shops. Elaborate signs welcome guests to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation.

I drive past the familiar teal-and-white buildings where I've seen John Oliver perform standup, sampled Guy Fieri's trash can nachos and once won $60 on a slot machine. Four miles down the road, I'm searching for the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation. And I'm lost.

I'm meeting Mitchel Ray, a member of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Council, at one of the oldest—if not the oldest—continuously inhabited native reservations in the country. But there is no highway out here, no road signs, nothing to tell me whether I'm in the right place. My GPS takes me to a Chelsea Groton Bank. Down the street, I stop at a farm stand to ask directions. The woman working the cash register has never heard of the Eastern Pequots. She assumes I'm looking for the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation.

I call Ray, who directs me through a residential neighborhood, past a Texas-style steer farm, and onto a long gravel road that eventually opens into a clearing with a sandwich-board-sized sign: Eastern Pequot Indian Reservation Since 1683.

Four hundred years ago, as many as 8,000 Pequots occupied the coastal area of Long Island Sound from the Niantic River to western Rhode Island—including the 750 acres that make up the Connecticut College campus. But in the mid-1630s, the newly arrived European colonists declared war on the Pequots. Thousands were killed or enslaved; in one attack on a Pequot village in Mystic, hundreds of Pequot men, women, children and elders are believed to have been killed in a single day. Two small bands of Pequots survived the genocide—one group was placed under the rule of the neighboring Mohegan tribe to the west, while the other retreated to the east.

The western group eventually became known as the Mashantucket Pequots, who received federal recognition through a Connecticut delegation-backed U.S. congressional act signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1983. The Mohegans were recognized in 1994.

The eastern group became known as the Eastern Pequots; they began working toward federal recognition in 1978. More than 40 years into the highly politicized battle, they are still fighting.

I PARK MY SUBARU next to Ray's. He's driven up—as he does at least twice a week for tribal meetings—from his home in Fairfield County. Like all the Eastern Pequot tribal leaders, Ray is a volunteer.

The reservation is quiet on this unseasonably warm fall Saturday. There are a few modest homes in view, along with several campsites along the edge of the clearing. Ray tells me there are approximately 1,200 members of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation, but only about 16 families living on the mostly wooded 225-acre reservation.

"Reservations out West are huge," he says as we begin to walk down an unpaved road to the right of the clearing.

"This would be like a parking lot for somebody."

The cleared, grassy area is where the tribe holds its annual ceremonial powwow, a daylong celebration attended by hundreds of tribal members and friends. Ray shows me the community gardens, which the tribe is hoping to expand, and he points out a sacred burial ground before we see a newly constructed pavilion, built over the summer with a $10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant secured by Lan-Huong "Pansy" Nguyen '19.

Across from the pavilion, tribal member Leon C. Boykin is working on his truck in his front yard. Fifty feet away, Ray shows me the wooded dig site archaeologists and students from the University of Massachusetts Boston have been excavating.

"It's believed to be an old one-room schoolhouse," Ray says. "There's always something to find because a lot of the land is untouched. And while it's forest now, it's all new forest."

Just beyond the dig is the start of a new nature trail that winds through the Eastern Pequots' woods, also funded through the Davis grant. Associate professor of botany and environmental studies Chad Jones and his systematic botany students worked with tribal members to map the trail and identify plants that have traditionally been used by Native Americans. Last summer, students researched indigenous plant names, and now the plan is to install signs along the trail, create a map and brochure, and launch a website that corresponds to QR codes with additional information on what's growing along this trail.

Ray hopes the pavilion will serve as a launching point for the nature walk—a type of outdoor museum drawing anyone interested in learning about the Eastern Pequots and indigenous cultures, but also drawing members of the tribe. Over the summer, the tribe hosted a race through the reservation. This fall, visiting professor of botany Eric Vukicevich led a mushroom foray for tribal members and Conn students.

"Even for recognized tribes, participation is an issue. We are hoping through things such as the archaeological digs, the botany walk and the race effort that we can get everyone together, get everyone involved," Ray says.

Deeper into the woods, Ray envisions a loop road with new houses—a neighborhood that could draw more members back to their historic lands. He knows it's a lofty aspiration.

"It's hard getting people back here when there's no place to work," he says. "We are living life like anybody, just trying to make ends meet."

Mitchel Ray on the reservation

ON THE EASTERN PEQUOTS' website, Valerie Gambrell doesn't mince words: "My life goal is to help regain our federal recognition for the tribe."

A military veteran who spent more than two decades as a social worker with the state's Department of Children and Families, Gambrell has been a member of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Council for "more years than [she] can count." She has served as comptroller and treasurer; her two adult children have also served on the Tribal Council.

"I'm not looking at federal recognition to tell me who I am. I already know I'm Eastern Pequot. I don't need the white man to tell me," Gambrell says. "We want to take care of our own people and we can't do that—education, health care, our kids aren't able to go to college because they don't have the finances."

The Eastern Pequots' state recognition is older than the state itself, dating back 93 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, when the king of England and the colony of Connecticut deeded the tribe its reservation land. But only federally recognized tribes are granted certain inherent rights of self-governance—tribal sovereignty—and are entitled to receive certain federal benefits, services and protections, including aid for economic development, education, health care and housing.

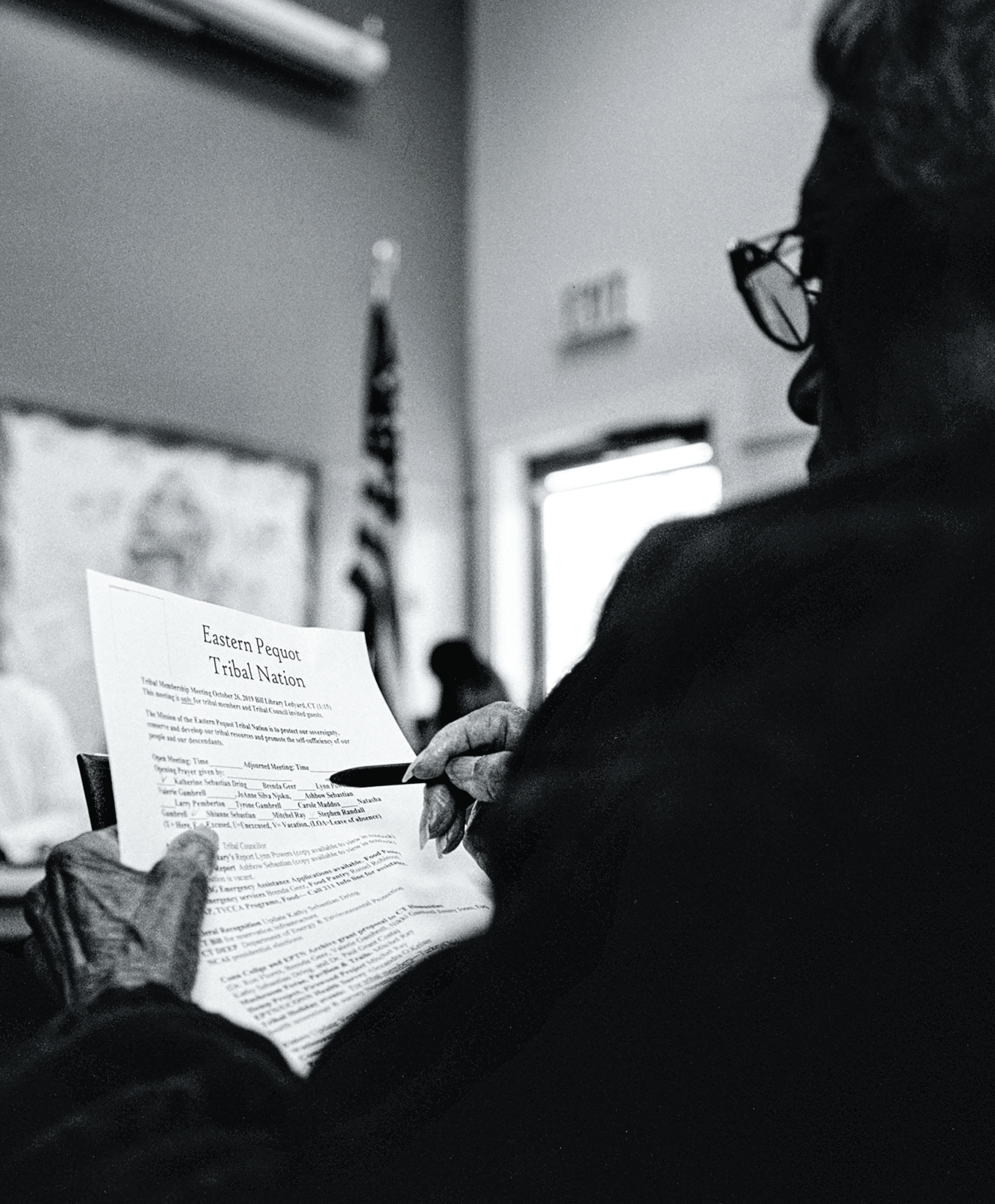
In 2002, the Eastern Pequots were federally recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, after the BIA agreed to consider together two separate petitions filed by two different groups of Eastern Pequots. But concerns about the impact of a possible third casino in the region—Foxwoods and the Mohegan Tribe's Mohegan Sun had both opened in the 1990s—prompted the state and the towns of North Stonington, Ledyard and Preston to appeal the decision.

In response to the appeal, the BIA officially revoked federal recognition for the Eastern Pequots in 2005, marking the first time federal recognition had been rescinded for any tribe since the 1970s. The Eastern Pequots sued in 2012 to have the recognition reinstated. In 2015, state officials successfully lobbied for new rules that prohibit previously denied tribes from re-petitioning for recognition.

"We started this process in the 1970s, way before casinos," Gambrell says. "We just want a fair process."

INSIDE THE COLLEGE'S Winthrop Annex, sociology professor Ron Flores has covered one entire wall of his colorful, cozy office space with framed photos of baseball players, an homage to both his love of the game and his ongoing research into the sport's rich ethnic history. A wall also features relics of his professional life, and Flores points to photos of Sonya Rao '13 and Nguyen as he details the origin of the College's budding partnership with the Eastern Pequots.

Flores, who joined Connecticut College in 2009, remembers telling Rao, now a teaching assistant and doctoral candidate in the anthropology department at UCLA, about the partnership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Tribal Nation
Tribal Membership Meeting October 26, 2019 Bill Library Ledyard, CT (1:15)
This meeting is only for tribal members and Tribal Council invited guests.
The Mission of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation is to protect our sovereignty,
conserve and develop our tribal resources and promote the self-sufficiency of our
people and our descendants.
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Valerie Gambrell _____, JoAnne Silva Njaku, ___ Ashbow Sebastian
___ Larry Pemberton ___ Tyrone Gambrell ___ Carole Maddox ___ Natasha
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he built between the Mohawk tribe and St. Lawrence University while he was a professor there.

"She said, 'Let's do it here!' I told her if she wanted to do the work to apply for a grant to create a new participatory action research course, I would do it," Flores says.

The course, Native American: Genocide and Resistance, has no syllabus, and when it launched in the fall of 2012, it had no tribal partner, either.

"I knew there were several tribes in the region, but being new to the area, I wasn't familiar with them," Flores says. "I learned about the Eastern Pequots and I thought, 'This is one group that has a story to tell.' And boy, did they ever."

Flores says his course isn't about "helping;" it's about building community. He and his students meet with members of the tribe; learn about their history, needs and concerns; and work together on projects of mutual interest. Those have included a photo voice project on Eastern Pequot identity, which students and members of the tribe presented at the 2015 TEDxConnecticutCollege event, as well as the community garden initiative.

The partnership is now expanding to include other departments and independent student initiatives, such as Nguyen's Davis Project for Peace work. Since the Eastern Pequots don't have any community buildings on their reservation, the Tribal Council meets once a week on campus. This fall, the College celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day with a panel discussion that included representatives from the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation, as well as from several other nearby tribal nations.

On the day we meet in his office, Flores has just submitted a grant proposal to bring 197 boxes of the Eastern Pequots' historical documents—the tribe's entire written historical record—to Conn. Currently, the tribe is paying for them to be stored with a private records management company.

Flores hopes the collection will be a catalyst for a robust native studies program at Conn, but at the very least, housing the historical documents in the College's archives will make them accessible to members of the tribe, as well as students, researchers and historians whose scholarship could aid in the tribe's quest for recognition.

"There has been considerable scrutiny of the Eastern Pequots' case—their acceptance, the appeals; it has all been presented to the public by politicians, the media, everyone but the Eastern Pequots," says Flores. "They would finally have a voice, a means to tell their story."

It's a story Gambrell wants told.

"I want people to know our history. I want people to study us. We have people fighting us who don't know who we are. We want people to know what we went through, how sacred the land is to us," Gambrell says.

"Ask us who we are. We will shout it from the rooftops."

Left: Member of the Eastern Pequots Glendoris Barrett

IBM Q

THE Q INITIATIVE

IBM's Fletcher Previn '00 talks quantum computing, rebuffing international hackers and human beings becoming subordinate bootloaders to a master digital race.

BY DOUG DANIELS

To those of us who refer to our computer simply as "The Machine," terms such as "artificial intelligence" and "quantum computing" can generate confusion, puzzled glares and can even conjure images of a dystopian future where humankind trembles in subservience to robot overlords. According to Fletcher Previn '00, such fears are unfounded. Mostly.

Previn serves as chief information officer at IBM, a position that oversees a vast IT department with 12,000 employees and an annual budget of nearly $3 billion. That large team under Previn's leadership is responsible for supporting 400,000 people throughout 170 countries around the world.

IBM operates the world's largest privately owned network outside the U.S. government and is responsible for maintaining high-consequence mainframes for critical infrastructure related to clean water, the Department of Defense and the country's health care systems, among other agencies. All this makes IBM and its clients prime targets for rogue hackers and global adversaries alike. A large portion of Previn's time is devoted to securing those assets against hacking that originates in countries such as Russia, China, Iran and North Korea, especially with emerging technologies such as quantum computing—which dramatically increases processing power and has the potential to crack, in just seconds, encryption codes that would ordinarily take centuries to crack with traditional computers.

"There's an alarming trend in technology where the bad guys seem to have the advantage," Previn said, upon returning to campus in October to speak with students about his career and the challenges tech companies such as IBM are facing today and beyond the horizon.

While at Conn, Previn addressed the promise and the pitfalls of living in a world where so much digital data is produced and consumed every second of the day; he also discussed quantum computing and advanced artificial intelligence, areas that are increasingly intertwined and where IBM has been at the forefront.

"The challenge for me is to combat [the advantage of bad actors] by understanding IBM's global footprint and networks and the systems that underlie those networks better than the people who are trying to break into them. At the end of the day, well-run networks really do make the life of our adversaries a lot more difficult," he said, noting that IBM currently has a large quantum computer called the "Q System One" housed in its facility in Yorktown Heights, New York.

While there were early indications that Previn was interested in tech (for his 10th birthday he asked for a cake shaped like a computer), there was an assumption that he would follow in the footsteps of his parents—actress Mia Farrow and Academy Award-winning film composer André Previn—and pursue a career in entertainment.

"I spent a fair amount of time growing up around entertainment and on movie sets, and thought I would go into that line of work for a while," Previn said. "While I was a student at Conn, I even worked as a writing intern at *The David Letterman Show* and *The Conan O'Brien Show*, but ultimately it became clear to me that I wanted to go into tech," he said, explaining that he met his wife, Gillian Desjardins '99, while working at the IT help desk in Conn's Shain Library.

THE Q INITIATIVE

IBM has a storied history of innovation, from its intimate involvement with the Apollo moon missions to its pioneering developments in artificial intelligence dating back to the 1950s, when the company invented a program that could play checkers against a human opponent. The company's contributions to medicine alone are too numerous to list, one of the most notable being the invention of LASIK eye surgery.

But today, the major trends shaping science, medicine and technology center on quantum computing and general AI. The IBM Q initiative experiments with using these advanced quantum systems in a multitude of fascinating contexts that will dramatically speed up disease diagnosis, detect fraud in real time and introduce ways to make energy use far more efficient. The applications for the massive jump forward in speed and processing power that are afforded by quantum computers also have the potential to revolutionize other spaces as well, ranging from the financial services industry to self-driving cars to pharmaceutical development and chemistry.

But as quantum computing becomes more accessible over the next decade (currently, operating the hardware requires a tremendous amount of physical space and energy, insulation from vibrations, and an ice-cold cooling chamber), hackers and nation-states with malign intent will also have more opportunities to meddle with financial markets, steal sensitive information and potentially wreak havoc on key infrastructure such as power plants. Organizations such as IBM are already anticipating these challenges several years out and are working to develop security systems. But with the enormous explosion of data swirling around, no human workforce can realistically keep up. That's where artificial intelligence will play a key role.

Most people are familiar with basic examples of AI, such as voice commands for our mobile phones or Amazon's Alexa, which can handle tasks such as playing music or reciting the weather forecast. That technology is fun and useful, but not at the level of the tech in which IBM is investing heavily, according to Previn.

In its infancy, IBM's AI may have played checkers before graduating to chess, but the sophisticated versions that Previn sees as essential to how technology will operate in the years ahead will ultimately need to reflect not only the mental

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capacity of humans, but also the emotional intelligence that separates humanity from the machines.

"To truly be effective as we move toward the future of AI, one thing we'll have to teach machines is empathy," Previn said. "Without it, a worst-case scenario would be a machine concluding that there are just too many people on Earth and the planet's not set up to sustain human beings. We don't want some kind of runaway optimization where we're a subordinate bootloader to a master digital race," he added half-jokingly.

After pausing briefly to allow that terrifying prospect to resonate, Previn went on to explain the complexities of designing AI systems so they won't include fundamental human biases inherited from unwitting programmers. The solution, he said, is to hold broad ethical discussions with input from a diverse spectrum of people from different cultures, races, genders and socioeconomic backgrounds—something the relatively homogenous tech world has had a tendency to struggle with.

"If we're designing an AI system, there are choices that we have to make around ethics and morals and social norms," Previn said. "A self-driving car has to make decisions around whether it should save the driver or avoid hitting a pedestrian."

Other instances of bias that are far more nuanced could impact, for example, how banks decide to approve loans for people based on unfair risk assessments. "The data shows that somebody with a family member who has been incarcerated is five times more likely to default on a loan. From a bank's perspective, it would be logical to build an AI system that can pull that information from a data set and deny a loan automatically. But is that ethical?" he asked.

Previn said he expects quantum computers to be commercially available within 10 years and believes they'll mark a historic shift in technology. New drugs and financial models discovered in seconds, security challenges large and small, and robots that can learn and think the same way humans do are only part of the equation.

Quantum computing may well set off a new international, tech-based arms race of sorts among competing governments and economies.

"There's certainly a lot of interest from the United States government in doing what's necessary to win the quantum race," he said. "And there's really no time to waste, because unlike traditional computing—where one person's got the fastest supercomputer but it doesn't really matter because the second fastest is still pretty close—being only slightly better at quantum offers a huge advantage and is a big problem for the adversaries, because competing with and defending against that power is impossible." CC

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The Carnivore Conflict

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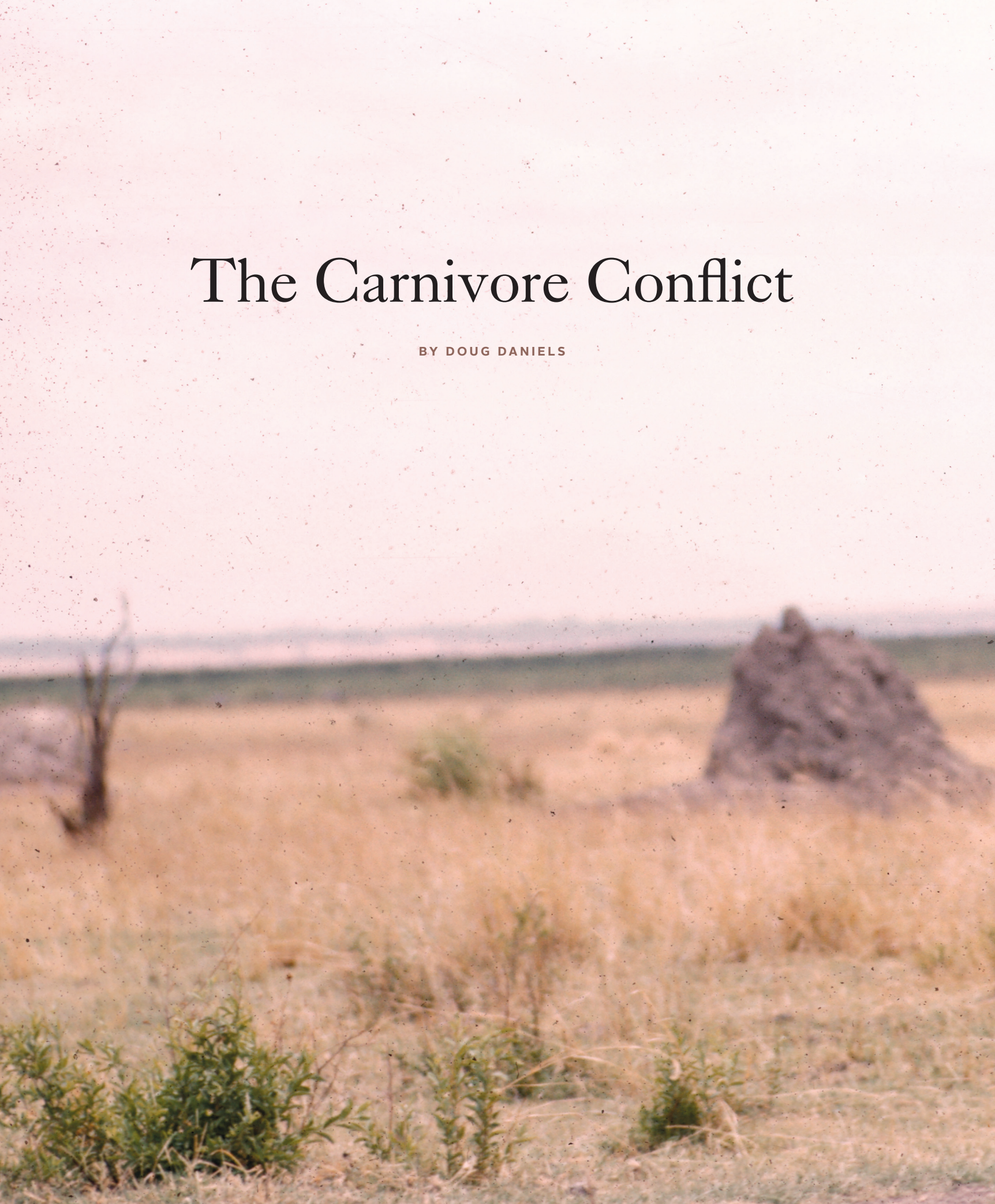

Wildlife biologist Andrew Stein ’99 is combining modern technology and ancient methods to save the world’s most extraordinary predators.

The magnificent leopard. A stealthy and secretive creature of elegance, slinking about beneath the murky veil of night's shadow.

Known for their unrivaled adaptability, leopards inhabit the most diverse range of environments of any wild cat on Earth, from Sub-Saharan Africa to the Himalayan Mountains, the Russian far-east to the steamy rainforests of Southeast Asia, and even the desert environs of the Middle East.

Until recently, global leopard populations were believed to be healthy and largely unthreatened. And despite some data over the years painting a fairly optimistic portrait of leopard populations, their wide distribution and skillful avoidance of humans have always posed major challenges for researchers and conservationists, and an aura of mystery about these large cats has persisted.

So in 2014, when the International Union for Conservation of Nature was assembling a team to reassess the population status of leopards with the use of modern technology like GPS tracking, Andrew Stein '99 was the perfect choice to lead it.

Stein, an assistant professor of natural science at Landmark College in Vermont, founded the organization Communities Living Among Wildlife Sustainably (CLAWS) in 2014, which works to address conflict between humans (typically ranchers and farmers) and large predators, including lions, wolves, hyenas, and Stein's personal favorite, leopards.

"I had always loved animals, particularly big cats, and as a zoology major at Conn, I was fascinated by lions," Stein recalls. "But it wasn't until I went to Kenya during my junior year study away and I saw my first leopard in Samburu National Reserve that I just said, 'This is my animal,' and I quickly realized, unlike lions and tigers, there had been hardly any work done on them."

Sadly, Stein and his team discovered that leopards are in much worse shape globally than anybody thought, having lost three-quarters of their natural habitat, mostly to deforestation. The previous status report simply hadn't had the advanced technology that Stein used, and the vastly more accurate data revealed some alarming trends and elevated the status of leopards to "vulnerable," one level below "endangered."

"I think leopards are victims of their own success in some ways, because they're so secretive they've managed to fly under the radar while we've been unaware of the problems they're facing," Stein says.

As specific geographic examples, Stein points to large portions of Asia and Africa that have experienced dramatic declines in leopard populations.

Two-thirds of China was believed to be full of leopards, but Stein's team found only a few small patches around protected areas. And in West Africa—one region scientists and conservationists thought was a leopard haven—now only a few remnant populations are scattered throughout a handful of different countries. In Central Africa, deforestation is occurring at such a rapid pace that the habitat for leopards is quickly vanishing.

The seed for CLAWS was planted while Stein was finishing up his Ph.D. in wildlife fisheries and conservation in Namibia and he had an epiphany one night talking to local farmers.

"At the first farmer's meeting I went to in Namibia, I told everybody I was there to study leopards and asked if there was anything I could do to help," Stein says.

"This one guy raised his hand and said, 'We hate predators, but we hate predator researchers even more because you guys tag and track these animals and know where they are but don't tell us, so I don't have a chance to protect my livestock.'"

This marked a major turning point, because Stein realized that farmers might be willing to take preventive measures to protect their livestock if they are simply provided information about the predators' habits and locations, which would result in fewer retaliatory killings.

After finishing his Ph.D., Stein did a postdoctoral project in Botswana in the Okavango Delta for three years as the research coordinator for a large predator camp that studied lions, leopards, cheetahs, spotted hyenas and African wild dogs.

When Stein later returned to the U.S. to teach, he got word of a bloody and ongoing conflict between lions and local ranchers back in Botswana that was wiping out the large cats. Stein decided to act by creating CLAWS.

The results of the reprisal killings of lions for eating livestock in Botswana were devastating. In 2013, just before CLAWS was created, 50% of the local lions were killed in that one year alone. And one of the most popular methods for killing the lions—by poisoning a carcass the lion was likely to later to feed on—also had the unintended consequence of killing off large populations of other scavengers that were vital components of the ecosystem. But Stein's efforts quickly began to reverse the damage.

"Since we started this program in 2014, the lion population has steadily been recovering, with eight new cubs born in 2019, and a significant drop in killings," he says.

Achieving those results in such a relatively short period of time has required a creative blend of science, technology, cultural education and relationship-building.

First, Stein decided to compose his field staff entirely of local citizens of Botswana, which helped develop trust among the organization and the villagers.

Second, Stein had a novel idea: He asked the local ranchers and villagers to name in their native language each of the lions CLAWS had tagged with tracking collars. The hope was that this would show people that, like domesticated animals, lions have different personalities and different habits, so they shouldn't all be treated with disdain and violence just because one lion happens to be a troublemaker.

Some names represented nobility and adulation, such as "Mayenga," meaning "decorated by the gods." Other names sent slightly less inviting messages, like "Kufadukuze," which translates to "if you are searching for cattle, you will get caught."

Ominous warnings to Kufadukuze notwithstanding, the strategy proved more successful than Stein could have imagined.

He was amazed to see that after the lions had been named and his team had regularly shared information about their movements and various adventures, many of the villagers who previously feared and loathed the cats began to develop a hint of affection for them. Some would even express concern if they hadn't heard a recent update on a particular lion and would ask Stein how she was doing and if her cubs were healthy.

Another innovative idea he had was to set up a mobile alert system—the first of its kind—so if a lion comes within a few kilometers of a village, the satellite collar pings an automated system that sends a text message to the cellphones of anybody nearby so that precautions can be taken to protect livestock. The lion may be disappointed that his favorite buffet is closed when he gets to the village, but he'll pad back off into the brush to live another day. So far, the data shows that people who actually heed the mobile alerts have cut their wildlife conflicts by half.

Stein has also resurrected herding practices in one community in Botswana that served the people well for centuries but have faded in recent generations as the pastoral

lifestyle has given way to a village system. Where the young boys of a village once worked as herders, they are now busy going to school. Stein knew he needed to develop a new system.

"In this first village where we've implemented our herding program, 80% of the livestock are now part of this big, communal cattle herd of about 800," Stein says. "We've hired herders, trained them in these traditional techniques and pay them a very good salary. This offers major benefits for the land and for the ranchers because our herders walk with the livestock and ensure rotational grazing, which combats erosion and desertification, but it also helps protect livestock against predators."

At night, the cattle are kept within a thin fabric enclosure—another ancient technique—that lions and other predators won't enter because they're unable to see through it.

"A lion could literally just slice a hole in it with one claw and walk right in for a feast, but they won't enter a space that they can't assess visually, even if they can smell and hear the livestock inside," Stein explains.

CLAWS is funded primarily through grants from organizations like National Geographic, which has given Stein five grants over the years through its Big Cats Initiative, as well as support from the Lion Recovery Fund. Other smaller partnerships from around the world also help fund the ever-expanding efforts of the organization, and individuals can support CLAWS programs by sponsoring symbolic adoptions of the collared lions in Botswana.

Stein says in the coming year CLAWS hopes to launch new initiatives involving grizzly bears in Montana and tigers in Bangladesh. And another program in Montana using scent markers to keep wolves from stealing livestock has the potential to be revolutionary.

Wolves are profoundly territorial animals that use their exquisite sense of smell to avoid trespassing on another pack's territory. Stein is confident that if he can trick wolves into believing ranches are already spoken for by other wolves, they'll stay away from livestock and won't be subjected to reprisal killings by ranchers.

"The trick is collecting urine from wolves that we can use to establish these scent markers," Stein says. "For wolves, communicating through territorial urine marking is as complex as a language, and we're still trying to determine the nuances of that language so we're sure we're sending the right messages with our fake markers."

CLAWS will continue to expand and establish new partnerships around the world to make sure predators and people can coexist. And despite the fact that Stein has to balance those responsibilities with his day job as a professor, there's no indication he intends to take on a smaller role with the organization anytime soon. The passion for his work that was ignited while he was at Conn is woven through every program and project he works on.

"I always dreamed of going to Africa, but before my junior year study away at Conn I'm not sure I believed I'd ever really get there," he says. "But having that study abroad experience opened the door. And by the end of my time [there], after meeting several wildlife biologists and people in various cultural groups in different parts of Kenya, I knew conservation biology was what I wanted to do. It is me at my core." CC

To learn more about CLAWS or support its programs, visit clawsconservancy.org and follow them on the Communities Living Among Wildlife Sustainably facebook page.

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Correspondent: Ann LeLievre Hermann, (239) 410 - 0668, annlhermann26@gmail.com This is the last column before our 75th Class of 45 Reunion. May 29-31, 2020. Specific details will be mailed to our home addresses. **Ann LeLievre Hermann** Greetings classmates. and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Yes, as I write, the "holidays" are approaching. I am totally grateful for many blessings, and one that stands out in particular this morning. It is the fact that I have enough classmates' messages here that I can come up with a respectable class column for the first 2020 edition of our college magazine. **Florence Murphy Gorman** wrote, Hi, Ann. You are very noble and persevering. No news from me. At 95 life is quiet, mostly serene. I moved from Independent Living to Assisted Living in my retirement place. Four grands were married last year. I try to stay out of trouble, so far all is well. Hope it is that way for you, too. Cannot even dream of going to Reunion. My best to all who are still hanging on. Next, **Shirley Armstrong Meneice** wrote, "Thank you for all you do. And congrats on having kept all of the 1945ers informed for all of these years. As much as I would like to come to next year's reunion, traveling on multiple airplanes to get there has become so much of an ordeal that I think I will stay home instead. My latest update: while California has been devastated by wildfires again this year, so far the fires have not been close to where either my daughter or I live. Please keep your fingers crossed that the winter rains come soon to end the destruction. I am happy to report that I have completely recovered from my fall last year and am back to enjoying life. I attend local Garden Club meetings monthly, go out to lunch with friends and play dominoes with a group every week. I am also an avid reader. The Boys in The Boat, Nine Americans and Their Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown is one that I read recently that I would highly recommend." **Ruth Veevers Mathieu** sent an e-mail ... "Life is pretty routine here. I am expecting my eleventh great grandchild before too long and that will be enough excitement for me. I continue to play in my bridge groups and visit with various family members often. Fortunately, I am able to drive almost anywhere. I would consider attending our next college reunion, but only if I know that someone else from our class will be there. Please let me know. My best wishes to everyone." **Toni Fenton Tuttle** and I (**Ann Hermann**) live only 40 miles from each other here in Southwest Florida. We used to get together reasonably often, but lately it seems that our old age malaises make it difficult. Tony just wrote, "I had lived in one of the oldest houses in Naples for 32 years. It was flooded some nine years ago, and I was able to restore it. Irma left me flooded again and the cost and inconvenience was more than I could tolerate, so it was sold. Sadly, a monstrous house is now under construction there. In all probability I had mold in the house as a result of the first flooding, and of course flood number two simply added to it. In any event I have a substantial amount of mold in my system and assorted doctors are trying to figure out how to get rid of it. That's it until someone figures how."

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Correspondent: Betty Beck Barrett, 23 Gables Dr., Yarmouth, ME 044096, (207) 846-9142, betbechar@yahoo.com I received a nice note from **Naomi Salit Birnbach**, NYC. In addition to her eight grandchildren, Naomi is now a great-grandmother to a grandson, born to daughter, Lisa Birnbach, author of the famous book, "Preppy Handbook." Naomi is doing well and says her only plan is "to live long." **Phyllis Hoffman Driscoll** enjoyed a surprise 90th birthday party in March. Phyllis knew nothing, but her friends and neighbors at Hilton Head knew and kept the secret. **Mona Gustafson Affinito** is busy as ever. Her travels with her son, Doug, include cruising Japan in April, a cruise from western South America to the Panama Canal in October, Thanksgiving in a cottage on Lake Superior, and a plan to spend Christmas in Williamsburg, Va., with daughter, Lisa. Mona's move last summer to a senior living complex in Excelsior, Minn., has been "like being on a perpetual cruise without all the rocking and rolling." Recently, I had a great phone visit with **Jo Pelkey Shepard**, of Ct. Like most of us, Jo's children live far and wide. Her elder son and family live both in NYC and Portland, Ore. Son #2 and family live both in Reno and Cape Cod [too complicated to explain]. Jo's daughter and family live in Davis, Ca. Six grandchildren and two step-grands make up the next generation. Jo claims all her children are wonderful, and she is truly a very proud Mom. Also, a personal trainer is keeping her going strong. **Norma Kochenour Kniseley,** of York, Pa., passed away in May. She is survived by her husband, Burton, two daughters and one son-in-law. Norma was an amazing volunteer, serving on numerous philanthropic boards, as well as serving as a docent at the York County Historical Society. In September, **Nan Vail Wilson** passed away at her home in Falmouth, MA. She was preceded by her husband, Leonard M. Wilson, Jr., and survived by four children, five grandchildren, and a step-great-grandson. Our classmate, **Frances Wilson**, of Pittsburgh, Pa., called me to tell of the death of fellow Pittsburgh area resident, **Sara Buck Thompson** in October. Bucky, a widow, is survived by four children and five grandchildren. **Mary Ann Best Murphy** of Lake Ridge, Va., passed away in October. She was preceded by her husband, Edward M. Murphy, and survived by three daughters, their husbands, a sister, and two grandsons.

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Correspondent: Joanne Williams Hartley '69 Chesterton Road Wellesley MA 02481, jodihartley69@icloud.com (781) 235-4038 cell: (617) 620-9385 1950-2020. A blink of an eye. Our long presiding Class President, **Sally Ashkins Churchill** sends greetings from snowy Cape Cod in remembrance of that special time 70 years ago when we entered CC: "That day in September was a momentous day, at least for me. I even remember what I was wearing (straight skirt, heels and a belted plaid jacket): it was the beginning of our adult life, of an academic journey and most importantly the beginning of lifelong friendships. They are our treasure after all these years, and one of the things for which I am most grateful. Best wishes for a healthy and peaceful 2020." Thank you, Sally. I remember wearing a navy-blue suit. Do others of you remember what you wore on that eventful day? Our hats off to **Marcia Bernstein Siegel**, whose book "Howling Near Heaven" regarding Twyla Tharpe should be on the 2020 list of U of Florida Press this spring. **Catherine Pappas McNamara** was sorry to miss reunion; she says there is no simple and easy way to get from Houston to New London, but she loves reading about classmates. She and Bill are still in their lovely Houston condo, and enjoying the cultural activities of their city that they have loved for all it offers to residents. I reached **Lois Keating Learned**, our cheerful devoted correspondent for many years, at her Connecticut home. Loie lives in an assisted living facility that has about 100 residents and cannot expand, with the result that she knows most of the residents and finds pals to go to the theater with, etc. She takes advantage of the many exercise and cultural activities available to her, and she sounds great. In deciding to go there, she took into account that her mother lived just about 100 years, and she had better stay healthy, and that she has. **Joan Silverherz Brundage** and Lyle are enjoying the home they recently bought with their daughter and son-in-law in Palm Beach. Joan recently visited **Marianne Fisher Hess** and Marshall who have moved to luxurious surroundings in an independent living facility in Palm Beach Gardens. Joan is happy to report that her daughter, novelist Elizabeth Brundage, has just sold her latest novel, The "Vanishing Point," to Little Brown for publication in 2021. Her last novel, "All Things Cease to Appear," was adapted by the writer/directors Shari Springier Berman and Robert Pulicini for Netflix called *Things Heard and Seen*, starring Amanda Seyfried and James Norton. The film will be released in the fall of 2020. Joan also heard that **Nancy Blau Lasser** and John Lasser celebrated last spring his 90th birthday and their 65th anniversary. The Class of 1954 sends deepest condolences to the families of cherished classmates **Ann Olstein Berson,** who died in March 2019; **Ellen Moore**, who died in April 2019; and **Suzanne Gaffney Munroe,** who died in October 2019.

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Correspondent: Janet Ahlborn Roberts, (508) 255-6281 Jar.jrr@comcast.net Correction: Erroneously noted in the report about her birthday dinner, **Joyce Bagley Rheingold** is a mere 85, like most of the rest of

us. Deepest apologies, Joyce. Our condolences to the family of **Marilyn Dunn Mapes**, who died in April 2019. Marilyn's' *Koiné* quote: "The world was made for fun and frolic." That paired with "If we could only run this college." *was* Mare. She was ever mirthful and perceptive, moving into social work early on and, finally, working with teens 14 years and older to prepare them for independent living. She saw several through college. A fervent resident of Old Saybrook, CT., she dispensed humor from there to visiting friends and to her three children. And we are saddened to report the death of **Nancy Stewart Roberts**, whose husband died earlier this spring, distinguished herself both as an exceptional academic scholar and through her warm personality. A class president early on, she amazed all of us by marrying Brad Roberts between sophomore and Junior years. She went on with a major in Spanish and earned a master's degree in Hispanic Studies from the College, thence to teach Spanish in several schools and to tour parts of Spain and Mexico with her students during summers. All that while raising four children, who often toured, too.

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Class Notes *Correspondent: Elaine Diamond Berman, 100 Riverside Blvd., Apt. 20C, New York, NY, 10069, elainedberman@comcaast.net* Had a lovely phone conversation with **Bev Vahlteich DeLaney** in late November, just after she had visited **Judy Hartt Acker** in Niantic. Bev and her husband Bill had been living in Cleveland for many years, where she had worked for Stouffer's and then at Nestle for 25 years and where she brought up her two sons. They moved to Crane's Mills, a retirement community in West Caldwell, NJ almost 10 years ago to be near their kids and grandchildren, who are in New York and New Jersey. Sadly, Bill passed away several years ago. Bev was president of the Residents' Association at Crane's Mills for the past two years. She is now active on the health care and financial committees and runs a large greeting card business for the Crane's Mills residents. Bev, ever the optimist, said, "I've had a great life. I am very lucky." When I asked how she got to Connecticut College, she said it was a family tradition. Her mother, an aunt and a cousin were all graduates of CC. **Sarah Greene Burger** wrote, "Ed and I vote in Vermont and spent four months there last summer, mostly on a tractor keeping the fields mowed. We always see **Anne Henry Crow** and Harte for meals and walks when there." A year ago, Sarah and Ed went to England where Ed was inducted into the Royal College of Physicians for his work with physicians in Russia. "When we went, the College was celebrating its 500th year. King Henry VIII signed the documents." Sarah says she spends a lot of time with her local Dupont Circle Village, where she helps with health and wellness matters. Spoke with **Mimi Prosswimmer Longyear.** She and Russ traveled last year to visit granddaughter Emily, a student at Denison U who was studying in Aix en Provence. They, their daughter Marcy, son-in-law Roger Martin and Emily then traveled to Paris and elsewhere in France. Mimi was delighted with a painting made by **Toni Titus Frary** of her daughter's dog, which she gave the family as a Christmas gift. Sadly, my dear roommate, **Susan Adam Myers** passed away in October after a long battle with Parkinson's disease, which her twin sister, Hinda, also died from several years ago. Susan had a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut and was Case Manager and Social Work Department Head at Franklin Medical Center, Greenfield, MA for many years. Condolences to **Anne Detarando Hartman** who lost her husband, Allan, who was 90, in August 2019. "He lived a good life but had prostate cancer. We had moved to a senior living community, Maplewood at Weston, Ma, two years ago. I am located just over the line from Newton, MA where we had lived for more than 40 years. Consequently, I've been able to keep my old friends. I am so grateful that we moved before Allan's diagnosis."

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Class Notes *Correspondent: Millie Price Nygren, 1048 Bedford St. Fremont CA, 94539, (408) 464-2907, m.nygren@att.net* In Memorium: **Mary Kurtz Baynum** September 9, 2019 The 60th Reunion May 29,30,31, 2020 Come back and Reconnect and Remember. From **Cynthia Enloe:** Mary Kurtz Baynum had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier in the summer. She had started chemo but was having an awful reaction to it. Then Jack was visiting her one morning in September during what was expected to be a short hospital stay, when suddenly Polly told him she felt a chest pain. Within several hours Polly had died. Polly and I go way back. She moved to Manhasset (Long Island) when we were in junior high. We became fast friends. We went back and forth between our parents' homes after school most afternoons. And then we both chose Conn. Polly was so smart; really, she got me through Miss Evans' Latin class. As you probably remember, Polly had a true gift for the silly. She always lit up a room with her sense of self-deprecating fun and her generous friendliness. From **Edee Chase Fenimore:** It was indeed a wonderful celebration of a bright, witty, fun filled life. One of Polly and Jack's granddaughters wore Polly's Conn College ring. There were flowers from Cynnie and I did the opening prayer. Bob also did some reminiscing about college days, so Conn was well represented**. Ellen Oppenheimer Oasis** and husband Don celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October with all our children and spouses and five of nine grandchildren. We feel so blessed to have had such a wonderful married life and all our family living near us in MA. One grandson, Dewey Komishane, is a junior at Conn. College, on the varsity tennis team. Two granddaughters are spending their junior year in college in Spain, one in Madrid and one in Barcelona. We plan to visit both in the spring, if we stay healthy. **Renee Cappellini Slater** turned 80. I've spent a lot of this past year campaigning on climate change, even sitting in Trafalgar Square with Extinction Rebellion. I reckon this is THE challenge in all our lives and while our leaders seem to be in delusional denial the real response is coming from the grass roots everywhere. It's been a joy and a privilege to walk with my granddaughter on the school strikes. As I write this the wildfires are again engulfing California. And it fills me with grief. Now if ever I hope that classmates with influence and connections are rising up too. If not us, who? **Bev Hill Windatt** and husband Dick still live in Essex. I still have multiple myeloma, am still holding on and actually enjoying life thanks to canasta, mah-jongg and bridge. Friends are wonderful. **Gary Griffiths** writes of her semi-retirement-After 26 years as Music Director at the Schenectady NY Unitarian Society, Gary retired after the 2018 Christmas Eve service. Now she is involved with a long-running chamber music series that brings grad students from Mannes School of Music in NYC to the Capital Region for free concerts. At the Schenectady library there is a weekly winter concert series during the winter months of January -March and she is helping schedule and run that series as well. She has joined a Music Study Club and is back to doing what she loves—playing chamber music. Still tending to her other passions —gardening— and paddling on the Mohawk River which is minutes from her house. "I am busier than when I worked, and I get to stay home on Sunday mornings now." **Joanie Webster**: Following the destruction of our Napa Valley home by the California wildfires, I was "a nomad," starting out with a long-awaited 9 1/2-week-old Toy Poodle puppy, "Elle." I am grateful for the overwhelming support from my family and friends who kept me happy and motivated in my lengthy transition to this new permanent home: 1401 Fountaingrove Parkway, Apt. 320, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. I extend thanks already to our Class President, **Millie Price Nygren**, and class volunteers who are on a committee, working with the CC Staff, on planning for a colorful and festive reunion.

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Correspondent: Bonnie Campbell Billings-Wauters, P.O. Box 58, Stowe VT 05672; Winter address: 1315 Winding Oaks Circle, East Unit #903, Vero Beach, FL 32963, (802) 734-1876, bsq22@aol.com With her contribution to this month's notes, **Jay Cannon Ruffle** sent her "sympathies" to me: "Your job is most likely...worse (she got that right.) than the old herding cats analogy." Everyone please note and help me out with your own updates. After Jay retired from teaching public school in 2004, she taught ESL at Green Mountain Coffee for several years. Now, fully retired, she enjoys hiking, X-C skiing and works with the Vermont refugee program, tutoring and mentoring families as they arrive. She and her husband travel to keep abreast of their 7 grandchildren, ages 14 and under, in India, California and in Vermont. Jay keeps in touch with Wally Coates, **Gail Martin Reed** and **Diana Sherman Peacock**. Jay and I will "do lunch" in the spring. A sad note, and touching remembrances (condensed here), from **Judith Long** about her CC roommate **Susan Kane Breitman**, who died of lung cancer in July 2019. They arrived on campus from completely opposite backgrounds: Susan (Sooz), Manhattan city girl, Jewish, an elite private school, placed out of freshman English, but couldn't type, drive or boil an egg; Judy (Jood) - WASP, public high, country

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girl, strait-laced to Sooz's bawdiness. Both shared "killer senses of humor," majoring in English lit and art history, took lots of French, and loved Broadway musicals, and both had lost parents already. Susan made a special mark on our class with her Sexy Rex lyrics for our Junior Show. Judy reported that family "eulogies captured her beautifully." **Elaine Cohen** wrote that she received her MD in 1969, followed by pediatric internship and residency, then several years of pediatric cardiology fellowships. She married in 1972 and opened a pediatrics office in Chula Vista CA with her husband. By 1987, they had two practices which they consolidated in their own building. They continue to practice together there, occasionally drawing on the services of their daughter who is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner at a nearby practice. Daughter Pamela was born in 1976. Elaine noted that "becoming a mother definitely made me a better pediatrician," though she's not sure the reverse was true. **Roberta Slone Smith** and I were happy to get back in touch with Ann Neville Howell around plans for our 60th Winchester High reunion. We are hoping for a fall get together, probably in Lebanon/Hanover N.H. Anyone else interested? While visiting family in Jackson Hole in August, I enjoyed a good visit with **Nancy Holbrook Ayers**. She and Doug love JH with all of its recreational and intellectual opportunities. **Lanny Brown Anderson** and Bill are visiting State Department son Spencer and family in Dubai. **Susan Kellogg Grigg** and husband Charlie recently purchased a unit in the Sea Oaks community in Vero Beach—a short walking distance from ours. It was great fun to get together with them in November. They returned to the Middlebury VT area for the holidays but will return in January. And speaking of Vero Beach, **Nancy Feuerstein Milsten** recently wrote that she and husband Dick retired in 2000 to the nearby (to Sea Oaks) community of Orchid Island in Vero. They raised three children in Moorestown NJ while Dick practiced urology and Nancy, after teaching biology and environmental science, went to law school and became an environmental lawyer. Before retiring, she ran a mediation program at the NJ EPA. They have six grandchildren. Nancy will be hosting a little '63 mini-reunion in December, to include Vero "locals"—**Aggie Cochran Underwood** and me. Sue will be in VT. Another Vero resident, **Marcia Mueller Foresman,** will be in Jamaica, following her passion for duplicate bridge but is looking forward to getting together with other CC Alums in January. Late in January, she and husband Chilly will be heading for the Bermuda Regional tournament.

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Katie Colson Durso bravely took up the study of medicine at age 36, and practiced internal medicine in Glendale and then Beverly Hills, California. She also spent 10 years as an advocate and educator for medical marijuana. Currently she is moving to Asheville, NC, where she has friends, and looks forward to another adventure. **Lesley Cohen Cymrot** writes that she got her second hole in one in golf recently. She's thrilled. Her husband, Gary, had a plaque made for her. Aside from enjoying Colorado mountain life with its fire mitigation necessities (and right now with a temp below zero. and well over 16" snow), **Patricia Olson** spends a lot of time studying current politics. She is disappointed that so little mention is made of climate change. She regularly sees **Calista (Sally) Morrill,** who lives nearby. Patti has walked many miles in Colorado, Pakistan, Patagonia and Alaska. She lives in Colorado with her partner, Russ, and her two children, who are navigating their fifties. She loves reading about Conn's continued dance activity. Fred Taylor (class of '63 Wesleyan) and **Carole Lebert Taylor,** just celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary and welcomed their 9th grandchild in April. They traverse between Boston, LA and Rye, NY, visiting and taking care of various grandkids. When they are not at home in Purchase, NY, they reside during the late fall and winter months in Vero Beach, Florida. Fred still works part time and they enjoy yearly travels abroad as well as golfing, bridge and volunteer work in Florida. She is also back to doing oil paintings which is a great creative outlet. She keeps in touch with old Blackstone friends from Freshman year: **Betsy Norris, Patti Olson, Lenox McClendon Reed and Merry Usher Rothbard**. **Frances Sienkowski Della Penna** has 6 grandchildren, ages 3-7, along the US East Coast and Manchester, England. She took a long overdue "Roots" trip during September to Poland. An unbelievably excellent adventure in every possible way, and she is looking forward to a return trip in two years. **Betsy Leitner Kovacs** says it's hard to believe 55 years are almost past and that her oldest grandson is going to college next year. She is married to college Coastie boyfriend Jack Estes and they love their life in Heath, a hill town in Northwestern, Massachusetts, where she is busy with her garden, pottery lessons, and as the chairman of the Board of Health. In NYC they see their 2 grandsons who live nearby. Her daughter Kati teaches law at Rutgers. She remains friends with **Karin Kunstler Goldman** and her family and she sees **Nancy Martin Peavy** when she visits NYC for the theater. **Joan Havens** writes that they are now living full time (with the exception of some winter getaway time) in Falmouth, Maine. She continues her involvement in various volunteer activities, her favorite as a docent at the Winslow Homer Studio in Prouts Neck. **Pam Choate Carle** and her husband Rick moved from

Pam Wetherill '65 and husband Dave with Princeton friends, the Kusers

Donna Altieri '66 dressed for the Bauhaus exhibit at the Kirkland Museum in Denver, featuring accessories that she made for a fundraiser.

Anne Backus '66 dressed as a Harvey Gal.

Massachusetts to Chicago this year. And now they are closer to two of Rick's kids and two grandkids. She's still keeping an eye on issues of animal welfare. **Sonya Paranko Fry** had an incredible summer of travel. She visited the Keukenhof Gardens outside Amsterdam to see the tulips–truly magnificent and worth a trip. She and her son traveled to Normandy, France, for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. It was a spur-of-the-moment idea when they both learned about the parachute drops from C-47 Dakota planes. They stayed on the beach at Grandcamp and had a private tour of Chateau Vouilly, which became press headquarters during the landings. She traveled to Rome with her church on a pilgrimage to seven early churches that were outside the walls of Rome and chased Caravaggios all over the city. It was an exhausting tour in the heat but an extraordinary opportunity. **Pam Byecroft Wetherill** with husband, Dave went on a Road Scholar trip that circumnavigated Iceland in September 2019 and had a fabulous time. Children and grands are doing well and as busy as ever. The "55th Reunion Committee" is excited about the weekend and will keep you posted on the details as we approach the time.... May 29-31, 2020. Put the date on your calendar today.

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Correspondents: Carol Chaykin & Patt Dale; ccnotes66@gmail.com **Anne Backus** lives in Santa Fe, N.M., and would love to have classmates visit, to show them around. Her latest endeavor is to help save Amtrak trains and small train stations by meeting Chicago and LA trains at the tiny Lamy (N.M.) station dressed as a Harvey Gal. (Harvey Gals helped make travel in the Wild West of the 1880s more enjoyable by serving tasty meals in pleasant surroundings.) Bob and **Louise Fay Despres** are moving permanently to Williamsburg, VA. They want to be near more family, particularly Louise's sister, and also be in a home rather than in an apartment. (They had been living in an apartment in Hyde Park, Chicago.) **Marcia Geyer** has been working on expanding participation in the local climate change movement in Charlottesville, Va. For the past two years she has been guiding Cville100, a coalition of nonprofit organizations in the Charlottesville area with a mission to reduce carbon emissions. Remembering lessons learned from the civil rights movement during the 1960s, she and her colleagues are working on building mass participation to empower the big changes needed to reverse the damage done to our only habitat and the future of humanity. **Betsy Greenberg Feinberg** periodically sees **Andrea Ansell Bien**, **Wilma Cohen Probst**, and **Toni Graglia Gordon**, who live nearby in the Washington, D.C. area. Other news from Betsy: The Harvard Art Museums are sponsoring a public exhibition, from February to July 2020, featuring Edo paintings from the Feinberg Collection of Japanese Art. This exhibition will be different from The Metropolitan Museum's exhibition in NYC several years ago. It will include some different paintings and a very educational look at Edo Period art. **Jackie Smith** cycled in the Everglades in February 2019 and reports "I am fine; life is good." We extend sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Rita Peer Williams**, who passed away in July 2019, in Guysville, Ohio; to the family and friends of **Jeannette Harbert Kullgren**, of Burlington, Conn, who passed away in August 2019; and to the family and friends of **Anita Shapiro Wilson**, of Newington, Conn., who passed away in November 2019. Please continue sending your news and photos. We love hearing from you!

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Correspondents: Deborah Greenstein, debbyg837@verizon.net; Marcia Hunter Matthews, marciamatthews3@gmail.com **Ashley Hibbard** has retired to Arizona and travels most summers. She says she is beginning to feel something of a jinx. "Everywhere I travel, riots and unrest seem to occur soon after I get home. It happened in Turkey, after my Aegean cruise a few years ago, in Zimbabwe after my visit to Southern Africa, and this year in Bolivia after a lovely tour of the Inca highlands of Peru and Bolivia." She continues to work with various clubs she belongs to and, until recently, volunteering each week at a community food bank. **Susie Terrell Saunders** wrote to tell us how happy she was to hear from so many of our class with condolences after the death of husband Stuart and offers her thanks. She is still working in the arts and enjoys working with her clients, both corporate and private. She recently returned from a fascinating trip to St. Petersburg and Moscow, traveling with **Lynn Allison Foster '65**. They had guides in both cities and found Moscow especially interesting. **Marti Kidd Cyr**'s annual trip from Florida to Maine included a detour to Little Compton, RI to spend time with **Sue Melinette Haerle**. They had a great visit, despite the less than perfect weather. **Georgeann Nelson Cusic** writes that she and her husband are now both fully retired, and they downsized into a condo in Madison, WI. They live close to both daughters, so they often see them and their families. Georgeann is also much closer to their family farm, which she and her husband oversee. She recently spent a weekend there with both daughters and their families and with her son from Minneapolis. She sends her greetings to all. **Janice Robinson Alfieri** moved from the city to lovely Scarsdale in April, celebrated

Carol Friedman Dressler '67, Hugh and Debby Murray Sloan '67 on a Stanford trip to Iceland

Wally Lindbergh Nicita '67 went to her son Jesse's surprise 40th birthday party in Hollywood.

Marti Kidd Cyr '67 and Sue Melinette Haerle '67 in Little Compton, RI

Gary and Sharon Smith Broughton '69 (who live in OR) joined Judi Bamberg Mariggio '69 and Giovanni (who live in FL) for an aperitivo in Montà d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy.

'69 classmates helped celebrate Tom and Marilyn Weast Rorick's 50th wedding anniversary in September. L-R: Sallie Williams Neubauer, Liz Tobin Mueller, Ruth Kunstadt Culp, Marilyn Weast Rorick, Hannah Leavitt, Carol Hunter Thomas and Linda Platts

For over 13 years, Barbara Keshen '70 has been working with a group of people to repeal New Hampshire's death penalty. Here, she addresses a crowd of supporters at the State House immediately following the legislative vote that made New Hampshire the 21st state to repeal its death penalty.

her daughter's wedding in June, underwent a lumpectomy in July, and welcomed the arrival of her second grandson in September. She felt very fortunate on all fronts. If I had not requested the ultrasound I'd be skipping along totally unaware. Best to all, stay healthy and be your own health advocate." **Wendy Allen** shares that "retirement is really on the horizon for me now." Last September she and her husband and their two adult children traveled to France for two weeks: first to Grenoble and the alps for a wedding, and then to Brittany where they had had a summer place for 15 years. She is "ready to be able to travel more, sleep in if I want, spend more time with grandchildren." **Judith Maguire Schnell** continues to work in book publishing. The Stackpole company was acquired by Rowman and Littlefield in 2016, so Judith now commutes once a month to Guilford, CT. from their home in Pennsylvania. She loves being near Connecticut College. She and Jerry have been married 52 years and spend time when they're not working restoring their Pennsylvania farmhouse and barns, and with their three adult children and their families. They have recently bought kayaks and spend time on the nearby creek. They vacation each year in Maine and have discovered Monhegan Island, a real treasure for hiking and relaxing. They also spend time on the Outer Banks in Sanderling and visiting family in Denver and Atlanta. They are "thankful for good health, work they enjoy and the good (old) life." **Mari (Marian) Coates** is excited to announce that my long-in-process novel will be coming out in April 2020. It's called "The Pelton Papers" and is based on the life of American modernist Agnes Pelton, who is right now enjoying a renaissance with a touring show in Santa Fe, coming to the Whitney NYC in March, and Palm Springs next September. If you're an art lover, this might be of interest. The book spans the long life of a painter who had early success—the 1913 Armory Show—but through the bad luck of history (two world wars) and her own contemplative temperament, seemed to disappear from the art world.

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Correspondent: Mary Clarkeson Phillips, 36 The Crossway, Delmar, NY 12054 mphill2@nycap.rr.com **Allyson Cook Gall** writes that life is good at their retirement home with view of over, marsh and ocean south of Boston. Really feeling lucky. Spending time with four grandkids, playing piano after a 60-year hiatus, kayaking, concerts, and lots of volunteer work on social justice issues. **Margaret Magid Elder** writes that she was in Israel for 20 days of holidaying. She and David celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year, and now have the delights of their first adorable grandchild, who lives with her parents, in Brooklyn. David continues his work at The University of PA, (Prof. of Medicine—Dept. of Anatomical Pathology) and they travel quite a bit through his conferences, and specialty in melanoma. They traveled to China in December, for an amazing 14-day visit based around his recently translated Lever, plus a newly published WHO book also, of course, on the subject of melanoma and related conditions. They were guests at several venues within China, even spending three days in the forest region. They spent Xmas this year celebrating with their Chinese hosts, in Shanghai. They hope to be in Tel Aviv in January; she hopes that **Patty Chock Chainon**, Venetia Bell '69, and **Esther Carliner** are reading this entry and can tell her if they would be available to meet. Remember to get in touch with her if/when anyone comes to Philadelphia. **Nancy Finn Kukura** writes they are enjoying old age by traveling to old places: most recently to China on a Road Scholar tour. It was fascinating, physically demanding and enormously enriching. Earlier in the summer, they went on an unusual cruise that took them from Rotterdam to Boston (their home port) by way of the Shetland Islands, Iceland, Greenland and Canada. The scenery was amazing. They also love to visit five-year-old grandson Jacob, in Philadelphia, where he lives with his two moms. Nancy just attended the 55th Reunion of the Girls' Latin School Class of '64. **Terry Reimers Byrnes** writes that she and Jim now live full time in Vero Beach, Florida. Summer was a bit warm but looking forward to a warm winter. No more shoveling snow. They're happy to report that they have a new granddaughter. Nola was born in January and big sister, Hailey, who is 3, is happy to have little sister. The grandkids are looking forward to their first visit as a family to Vero. **Joan Pekoc Pagano** writes she is collaborating with a new start-up called Vitality Society, an online platform offering a lifestyle framework based on the latest research on longevity. They are preparing to launch in Jan 2020 with a "New Year, New You" campaign. She'll be doing the interactive movement piece focusing on: Add Years to Your Life with Cardio, Build Quality of Life with Strength Training, Stay Supple with Stretching and Flex Your Mental Muscle with Exercise.

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Correspondent: Judi Bamberg Mariggiò, 1070 Sugar Sands Bl. #384, Riviera Beach, FL 33404 jgmariggio@bellsouth.net John and **Zoi Aponte Diamond** enjoy their new summer home in Portsmouth, NH. We had a delightful dinner with Bill and **Ann Barber Smith** and **Hannah Leavitt**. Ann and I managed to rendezvous again and look forward to more fun times next summer. Hope also to see other classmates who may be nearby. We continue to winter in North Palm Beach, FL where I'm enjoying my third year on a tennis team made up of wonderful women. **Alice K. Boatwright** launched the new edition of her award-winning 2012 book, "Collateral Damage," at a well-attended event at Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park, WA. The new edition was released in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, whose impact is the subject of the three linked novellas. A surprise attendee was **Kathleen MacInnis Kichline**, who now lives in AR but happened to be in Seattle giving a workshop. Alice was also recently appointed the convener for the UK Crime Writers Association's new North American chapter. Henry and **Dagny Hultgreen Griswold** have another granddaughter, Marlowe, born to daughter Becky in October. "That is grandchild 11 for Harry, and 2 for me, though I am grandma to all of them. Our visit to Heidi in VT to see Henrik (2), included a hay wagon ride and carving pumpkins. In October we looked after four grandchildren in Darien while the parents were in Japan. We kept busy cooking and chauffeuring. Thanksgiving brought Craig & family here from San Francisco so his 6-year old and 2-year old twins could meet Henrik and Marlowe." **Stephanie Phillips** "had great visits with **Tina Scott Brogadir** and **Rene Kolanko Shedlosky** in October while en route from Philadelphia to Maine. And I enjoyed a glorious fall day at Longwood Gardens with **Jane Holloway Stillabower** in early November." **Diana Robinson Nelson** spent a month in Nepal and India with friends in March and crossed the Taj Mahal off her bucket list. This fall she and husband, Michael took a month-long trip along the Lewis and Clark trial in their RV, visiting Theodore Roosevelt, Glacier, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Along the way she

1971 Virginia-Maryland pre-50th reunion gathering, May 19, 2019. L-R: Charlotte Parker Vincent, Peggy Hiller Stevens, Lucy Eastman Tuck, Patti Cannon Olson, Joan Hedgecock; Seated: Ellen Goodman Sibre

Class of 1971 CGA '69 Reunion in October: Kathy Swift Gravino, Janet Newcomb Brown, Susie Chadwick Pokress, Sally Lively Illman, Anne Sigmond Curtis, Jane Gilbert Snyder, Chris Kancavicus Hale

Class of 1971 in Port Isaac: Susie Chadwick Pokress, Ian McNeice, Kathy Swift Gravino, Bob Pokress, Jessica Ransome and Bob Gravino

added park t-shirts, magnets and a National Park Geek sticker to her collection. **Pam Schofield** and husband Walter Wilson, who live outside Boston and are both political junkies, have made some trips to nearby NH to see some of the Democratic candidates. Gary and **Sharon Smith Broughton** continue to enjoy retirement. "This year we biked in OR, including the rim road of Crater Lake, and have experienced more of the beauty of the Northwest. We also traveled to northern Italy, beginning with a few days on the Italian Riviera. Before we started our VBT bike tour of Piemonte, we visited with Giovanni and **Judi Bamberg Mariggio** in the picturesque town of Montà d'Alba. It was a treat to spend time with friends who could provide local color and introduce us to this beautiful region. We also took short trips to CO and Kauai, HI as well as several trips back to NY and New England to spend time with family and friends and enjoy college reunions. We are still active volunteers in the Tax-Aide program. We are blessed to still enjoy many activities in WA, including skiing and biking with grandchildren." **Maria Varela Berchesi** returned to the US in November, spending a wonderful long week in Alameda, CA with her eldest son and family, visiting the Bay Area and enjoying her grandson, before joining her daughter in Boston. She returned to spend summer with the rest of the family in Uruguay. "I am also retiring as principal from St. George's School so I have to decide how I will be spending all my free time." We send heartfelt condolences to **Nancy Horovitz Bachrach** for the loss of her husband Orin Wechsberg to leukemia on April 22.

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Correspondent: Myrna Chandler Goldstein, mgoldst@massmed.org **Martha Sloan Felch** and **Mary-Jane Atwater**: Plans for our spectacular 50th Reunion, May 28–31, are being finalized, with registration beginning in March. With the theme of "The Views from Here," we'll dance to Marvin Gaye's *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, revisit the impact of our college years through our video, pour over photos and essays in our Koiné Gold publication, and remember our classmates and friends who aren't with us. Our class artists and authors will display their creations and publications at Cummings, and we'll learn about the exciting new Connections curriculum and how the student educational experience is being transformed. Most important, we will reunite with one another and celebrate this important milestone. Do plan to join us We can't wait to be with you. **Pam Brooks Perraud** reported that she is working with the U.S. Women's Caucus of the United Nations. In the fall, she attended the Beijing + 25 Regional Review and Civil Society Forum at the United Nations in Geneva, "where women from all over the world met to discuss progress, or lack thereof, made toward women's rights since the Women's conference in Beijing in 1995." In 2018, Pam welcomed another granddaughter to the family, and she was honored for her international volunteer work as a "Woman of Excellence" by the Federation of Houston Professional Women. **Pamela Knapp** wrote that she has had two careers. For more than 30 years, she has been a realtor with the Howard Hanna Lake Group, specializing in residential homes and commercial properties. For 36 years, she has owned and managed Browsers, a gift shop in Hammondsport, New York, in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region. "The psych courses at Conn Coll have really paid off in both careers." She and her fiancé, to whom she has been engaged for 16 years, sold their condo and purchased a home in the Stuart Florida area. Since retiring in early 2018, **Maddie Hunter** reports that she is "busier than ever." She loves leading a volunteer myeloma support network in Philadelphia, learning Spanish to augment her political advocacy, and "finding my way as a grandmother" to three children between the ages of 3 and 8. "A July wedding in London is in the offing for my son, Will, whose fingers are crossed that he can arrange a transfer to his company's UK office. Life is good. It has been fun getting reconnected with our classmates as our 50th Reunion Committee gets started. Hope to see a good turnout." For over 13 years **Barbara Keshen** has been working with a group of indomitable souls to repeal New Hampshire's death penalty. The legislative session we finally succeeded as New Hampshire became the 21st state to repeal its death penalty. As for the **Goldsteins**, our most recent book, *Dietary Supplements: Fact versus Fiction* should be published in the spring by Greenwood, a division of ABC-CLIO. It presents a vast array of scientific research on scores of different dietary supplements.

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Correspondents: Lisa McDonnell, 134 W Maple Street, Granville, OH 43023, mcdonnell@denison.edu, Lois Olcott Price, 933A Alto Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501, loprice@yahoo.com. Class President **An-Ming Sze Truxes** says it's not too late to respond or send 50th reunion updates, so please take a look at the September mailing and accompanying list, even if to confirm your own information. You can also email **Lois Olcott Price** any updated contact information at loprice@yahoo.com. **Anne Kennison** retired in November after working for almost 19 years as a tech writer for TriZetto, later Cognizant Technologies. Since 2009, she managed a team of writers that documents software used by health insurance companies. A week after she retired, Anne moved out of her apartment in Summit, NJ, her home for 30 years, and flew to London, where she has a flat for six months. She knows no one there and sees this as a challenge to meet people as well as revisit certain sights and see new ones. She's not sure what she'll do when she returns to the States, or where she'll live. But she does plan to be at our 50th in 2021. **Beth Wooding** just experienced an (expected) layoff from the company where she worked for 29 years as a systems analyst, due to a change of HR and payroll software; she supported the old system. Beth lives in CT. and is not sure yet where she wants to settle. In the meantime, friends from Oregon have invited her to spend time with them in Maui, one of her bucket-list places. Otherwise, she is fixing up her house with a view to selling and downsizing. She volunteers at the local cat shelter, where she writes the weekly newsletter and coordinates the weekday volunteer activity. **Jane Difley** lives in rural Webster, NH, where she can walk her dog every day in the woods behind her house. On October 1 she retired from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, where she was President/Forester for 23 years. In October, she received the Kingsbury Browne Award for Conservation Leadership from the Land Trust Alliance at its national conference in Raleigh, N.C. Jane started taking tap-dancing lessons. She says she has not-so-great balance and two left feet, but it's really fun. **Susie Chadwick Pokress** and husband Bob have been traveling more since they have not been tied to offices. Last spring, they traveled to the south of England for three weeks with **Kathy Swift Gravino** and husband Bob, starting in Cornwall and ending in Rye in East Sussex. While in Cornwall, they stayed in Port Isaac, the fictional Portwenn of *Doc Martin* fame, and were able to watch the filming of some of this season's shows. They even shared an afternoon tea with Ian McNeice (Bert Large) and Jessica Ransom (Morwenna). Their travels next took them to the island of Guernsey, where

both Susie and Kathy have family connections. They had a wonderful dinner with 12 of Susie's second cousins. They also explored the island to find the church where Kathy's fifth-great-grandfather was vicar in the mid-1700s and found his name inscribed on a plaque in the church. **Lisa McDonnell** also enjoyed tea with a TV/movie personality, actress Jennifer Garner, who returned to her alma mater to receive an honorary doctorate for her work in acting and children's causes, especially Save the Children. Jennifer was Lisa's student in three English classes at Denison University and is as smart and lovely as ever. **Susie Chadwick Pokress** enjoyed a '71 mini-reunion in October at Bob's CGA 50th Reunion with **Anne Sigmond Curtis**, **Jane Gilbert Snyder**, **Chris Kancavicus Hale**, **Sally Lively Illman**, **Janet Newcomb Brown**, and **Kathy Swift Gravino**. Susie writes, "Those guys in '69 recognized what an outstanding group of women made up the class of '71 and were able to convince us that we should join them in the adventures of a shared life." The Class of '71 sends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Martha Davis Kelly**, who passed away on September 19, 2016 in Durham, NC. She is sadly missed.

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Correspondent: Dr. Peggy Muschell Jackson (415) 609-5341 peg@pegjackson.com **Bev Alfano Ahrensdorf** is thrilled to announce that their daughter, **Leigh '08** and Paul Fitzgerald were married in Naples, FL on November 9, 2019. Two fellow camels were bridesmaids, **Diana Coyne DiFiore '08** and **Amy Crespi '08.** Also, in attendance from her class were Peter Yannielli and Colleen Cowperthwait. Bev also had the thrill of connecting with roommate **JoAnn Giordano Everson** last April when she visited. **Lucy Boswell Siegel** finished the renovations on her 1850 house in Provincetown and has settled into being a year-round resident. She is doing some freelance marketing consulting and writing. She now sits on a town committee and is planning on doing whatever she can to help turn the Senate and White House blue next year. Lucy has done some traveling to Europe to visit friends and to the west coast to see her kids. **Margo Reynolds Steiner**, in addition to teaching her memoir class at Marblehead's Council of Aging—which has been going strong for over a year now— joined the faculty at Endicott College in September as a professional writing tutor. She

Meg Gemson Ashman '72

only works 10 hours a week, which is just enough, but it's wonderful to be working with college students again; keeps one young. Margo has also completed taxidermy classes. Retirement is great so far for **Lynne Miller Moshe**. Lynne enjoyed 37 years of teaching English at Tel Hai College in northern Israel but now her new 'job' is with her grandchildren. Lynne's husband, Avshalom, recently retired, and they moved to a cozy little house in the same community where two of their daughters and six of their grandchildren live. She is busy with Pilates, yoga and learning spoken Arabic. She sees Carol Neitlich Bridges '72 once a year when Carol comes to visit her daughter Jamie who lives 15 minutes away. **Meg Gemson Ashman**, **Maria Spencer Freedberg**, and their husbands (Paul Freedberg and Jay Ashman) celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary together on a barge on the Canal du Midi in southern France this fall. **Peg Muschell Jackson** and Paul are spending more time at their home in Honolulu. Paul is an executive with a naval engineering firm based out of Washington DC. Peg works remotely as a Compliance Officer at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She is also enjoying membership in the Rotary, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce and the Honolulu Junior League. **Linda Johnson Wessling** is living in San Diego and loving it. Went to Tucson this month to attend the perfect wedding of **Beth Alpert Nakhai**'s daughter, Mandana. Beth is the professor of Judaic studies at the University of Arizona. The very next week, she was in San Diego to deliver a paper at an academic conference. We had supper and reviewed every terrific moment of the wedding. As for me, I spend a lot of time mentoring emancipated foster youth as they make the transition from the foster program. Love doing it.

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Correspondent: Barbara Herbst Tatum Barbara.tatum52@gmail.com **Ellen Feldman Thorp** was disappointed to miss Reunion due to health challenges that are now, happily, resolved. She reports that she is now in the recreational portion of her life, and pickle ball has become a big focus. With practice five days a week, Ellen has progressed to competition at the Nationals and Huntsman World Senior games where she and her doubles partner won Silver. Ellen and her husband purchased a second home in St. George, UT, one of the pickle ball capitals of the U.S. Ellen and her husband traveled most recently to Argentina, which included an eight-day horse trip through Patagonia. Ellen continues her community involvement by serving on two boards for Intermountain Healthcare, and is VP for the nonprofit "GreenTree Yoga," which provides services to vets, refugees and children who have suffered trauma. **Amy Cohen** celebrates a mini reunion every year or so with Conn College friends. They have gathered in Chicago, Boston, Boulder and Seattle. In October, Amy joined classmates **Marion Miller Vokey, Didi Coyle, and Melissa Fleishman Pruitt,** on Nantucket**. Scott Jezek** has reduced his work schedule after 41 years of practicing law in East Haddam, CT. He and his wife, Shea, hope to spend more time with their two sons (both Williams School grads) and three grandchildren, and at their Vermont retreat. **Janet Lawler** is busy writing children's books, and her 25th will be published in 2020. Janet takes time off to travel and enjoy beautiful days. She and Jeff still play platform tennis, a sport Janet learned at CC from dear friend Kim Kinney '75 (deceased). Janet keeps in touch with **Holly Rodgers Wescott** (co-author of *iCAN. A Young Woman's Guide to Taking the Lead).* Janet just missed Caroline Bruch '75 at Book Expo in 2017. She reconnected with Camilla (Cory) Streeter '75 last year, when Camilla bought one of her books, and will see **Janet Lawler** in January in Madison CT when Janet's latest book *Winter Cats*, is featured at story time at RJ Julia Booksellers, right across the street from Susie's fine art gallery. We are grateful to **Caroline Louise Cole** for taking on the position of president of our class. She is enjoying city life as a resident of Cambridge, MA and now works as a Medicare education project, a great job for us aging boomers. **Katie Paine** has for the last 20-plus years been a serial entrepreneur in the world of public relations

L-R: Marion Miller Vokey '74, Amy Cohen '74, Didi Coyle '74, Melissa Fleishman Pruitt '74

Scott Jezek '74 and his wife Shea on Block Island

Janet Lawler '74

Michael Ridgway '75 caught up with Dan Tucker '75 at the Pompano Beach Club in Southampton, Bermuda.

Ken Kabel '76 P'12 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he and wife Carol are spending a year as volunteers

Ken Abel '76 in the Negev in September

and communications research. Now running my third start-up, Paine Publishing, a consultancy that also publishes eBooks and newsletters about communications measurement. I am actually being given a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for my work in PR research by the Institute or PR, funny considering the only statistics and research I ever took was Professor Rhymes Psych 101 class which I barely passed. Still living on the family farm in Durham, New Hampshire, where many a Conn College student partied in our youth." **James Berrien** writes "Life for me and my family now revolves around a grandson and another on the way (gender TBA). Mary Jane and I approach our 40th wedding anniversary more grateful than ever for the life we share. Unlike many of my classmates, I am still working as co-owner of Ahl, Berrien & Partners Executive Search Consulting. It is a great business. I am still in touch with a few of my classmates and friends, including **Mark Vokey**, Kevin Wade and **David Greenwald**." **Paula Marcus-Platz** is still happily living in Maine with her architect/businessman husband of 37 years, enjoying a life of nature, community engagement, travel, work, pottery and of course, our children. "...Lots of time and energy spent working with the immigrant community, helping to foster leadership development among the youth. Our kids are thriving and happy in their lives. Our oldest is a thoracic surgeon and a dad of two young children; our next son lives in Maine and is engaged in a variety of business ventures; and our daughter (CC '11) loves living in Austin, TX while working as a program director for Univ of TX/State of TX joint non-profit organization. Still able to do just about everything that I care about, which is pretty great. Basically, feeling really grateful." **Mark L Gero** is proud of the 2019 Camels. Still in Zagreb, still working every day promoting GEA@275 (www.gea275.com) to reverse climate change, still proud father of three daughters. Chiara Nicole '18 from LA and Maggie May (working model) from NYC will be home for Christmas to join mom and dad and Stella Rose, sophomore in high school. We look forward to a few weeks all together again. Still miss my close, (very) longtime friends from Connecticut College, class of 1974.

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Correspondents: Nancy Gruver, nancyg@newmoon.com and Miriam Josephson Whitehouse, casablanca1@gwi.net **Miriam Josephson Whitehouse** would like to thank her classmates for the outstanding response to her request for news. Next June is our 45th reunion. **Darius Mojollali** retired from active ministry in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Albany (most recently as rector of St. John's, Delhi, and St. Peter's, Hobart, for eight years). "I am grateful for 40 years of participation in the recovery movement and plan to be an active part of that movement in Albany (and in my Episcopal diocese), where I have many friends. My wife, Stephanie, and I purchased a home (my first) in Bethlehem, Stephanie's hometown and home of the parish I served from 1988-2008, St. Stephen's. Some of you will recall that we have "mine, yours, and ours," my adult son and daughter and Stephanie's adult daughter and among them we have four grandchildren, and our son Matthias, who is 16. My retirement plan is to play a lot of music (**Mark Milloff**, I am going to take a page out of your blues playbook), enjoy family and serve part-time and supply in churches as needed. I also serve the youth ministry of our diocese, in which Matthias is an active participant. That's my plan. I hope God isn't laughing too hard. Stephanie and I have shared almost 20 years of really joyful marriage and are immeasurably grateful for that gift. **Margie Rosenbaum Bassman** was a music major at Conn and still plays a viola. I'm principal viola in the local community college orchestra (NVCC-Annandale), and assistant principal in the American Festival Pops Orchestra (we perform in gorgeous concert halls on two campuses of George Mason University). I give private viola and violin lessons at the local JCC and from my home. I narrate children's shows sponsored by Fairfax Symphony. I'm a clown for the Percussion show, and I've been a puppeteer, a magician and a tour guide for the Woodwind show. It's wonderful to make children laugh and teach them about music. In 2000, I started teaching Kindermusik classes... music and movement for little ones. The group of teachers I work with are independent now ,and we teach our own set of lessons. Being "Miss Margie" to these kids is a highlight of my week. **Estella Johnson**: Sekazi and I are still traveling the world, mostly for his work, but I get to go, too. Headed to Budapest and South Africa in the next few months. Our younger daughter, Sharifa, is going with us this time. Love being in these amazing cities but 18-hour flights, (at times) are getting a little hard as we age. Trying to stay in shape to make the travel easier. Enjoying being a grandparent (Baba and Mzee) to two of the world's cutest grandkids. **Michael Ridgway** caught up with **Dan Tucker** at the Pompano Beach Club in Southampton, Bermuda.

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Correspondents: Ken Abel, kenn616@aol.com & Susan Hazlehurst Milbrath, shmilbrath@gmail.com **Ken Kabel**

Ruth Bailey Langh '77 and Tracey Stephan Koff '77 traveled through Botswana, Zambia and South Africa in March 2019 on a two week safari.

The Peter and Julie Gale '78 family

Amanda Marshall '79, husband Chris Zingg '77, Vicki Chesler '79 and her husband Matt Kovner on the island of Cuttyhunk, MA

wrote from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he and wife Carol are spending a year as volunteers. Ken is working with an American physician who has lived in Ethiopia for nearly 30 years and treats mostly young people with spine diseases, which occur due to birth defects and untreated tuberculosis. Ken is helping with strategic planning, budgeting, website development, blogging and fundraising. Ken and Carol made a trip to Dubai for a shopping expedition. Ken took the opportunity to have his photo taken with whatever camels he could find. **Bob Axelrod** mourns the sudden passing of **Rev. John Blossom** while on a mission to Korea. I reconnected with John only in the last year, and I will always value our monthly lunches. I extend my condolences to his wife **June-Ann Greeley** and their son Christopher.

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Correspondent: Stuart Sadick, stuart.sadick@gmail.com **Lois McTague Bacon** had two personal milestones: August 1st was her 40th work anniversary and August 30th was my retirement date. I still feel like I'm on vacation. I think I'll fully realize I've retired when I don't have to drive to work on the first day it snows. Retirement travel has already started. My husband, Bill, and I spent a week visiting the Civil Rights sites in Alabama which were thought provoking and moving. We just returned from a cruise along the New England coast to Saint John, New Brunswick. We've already planned trips to the Caribbean, Berlin, Norway, and Australia with more to come. **Dan Cohen**, long known for his distorted view of ordinary reality (see his final exam for Art History 101), Dan Cohen recently acquired an uncanny ability to communicate with the dead. As a psychologist, he uses this talent to solve serious personal problems in a session or two. It turns out the Chinese and African traditions were right along about ignoring ancestors. Charging $150 bucks an hour, he plans to stave off retirement until well into his 80s. **Emily Odza**: "Since graduating in 2009 with an MLIS I have been working for three library systems. Obviously, I am not retiring anytime soon, because I finally got a permanent job in my own hometown library system. I am trading a permanent PT job at Hayward Public Library, where they have just erected a fabulous new net zero energy building, for a permanent PT job at Oakland Public Library which HOPES to have a new central library someday. Looking forward to figuring out creative ways to attract the un-library users to our local branch. Please share your fun-nest ideas for the Library of Things. I share the wonderful experience of outdoor summer musicals in the WPA-era Woodminster Amphitheater with Elizabeth Seaton '87 and go to lots of small but stellar theaters around here. Nothing traumatic in the way of wildfires in my own city but the same high winds that whipped up the awful Kincaid fire in Sonoma blew down a 30 foot tree in my yard and I am trying to clean up the mess as I write. Get in touch. (eodza@comcast.net)

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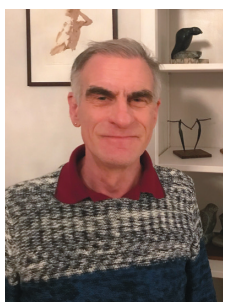
Correspondents: Susan Greenberg Gold, sgold51@yahoo.com & Laurie Heiss, laurieheiss@gmail.com **Karen Haas** was featured in the Fall 2019 edition of CC Magazine in her role as Lane Curator of Photographs at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, which focused on her sensational exhibit, "Gordon Parks: Back to Fort Scott," as well as her recent Ansel Adams exhibit. If you missed it by jumping to our class notes, please go back and read it. **Peter Rustin** shares that life is treating him well in Los Angeles, where he is practicing law and learning to play the guitar. He and his longtime girlfriend, Leslie White, recently took an overdue trip to Italy and explored Rome, Tuscany, and Cinque Terre. He also reported that he recently enjoyed dinner with his first cousin Michael Tulin '77, and Michael's wife Cheryl. **Jim Diskant** continues to enjoy expatriate status in Berlin, Germany, where he relocated two years ago. He loves the ease of traveling within Europe and likes living outside the U.S. **Julie Kalt Gale** and **Peter Gale** celebrated their 40th anniversary in September and sent a great photo of themselves surrounded by their beautiful children Elizabeth, Toby, Zach, and Adam. **Jane Kappell Manheimer** has been volunteering as a facilitator of cancer support groups, helps at an animal shelter, plays pickle ball and travels from Maine to Maryland often to help her ailing sister. **Laura Brown Narvaiz** reports being very happily retired after a long career in Washington, D.C. including over a decade as VP of communications and media relations at the National Association of Manufacturers. She's been busy working on her tennis, barre, friendships, and relaxation skills, and she and her husband recently became empty nesters. **Elizabeth Ashforth Bacon** is the Community Coordinator at The Clemente Course in the Humanities in Worcester, Mass. The Clemente Course is an award-winning college level seminar for highly motivated low-income adults seeking to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. In a ceremony this past May, new graduates of the program were minted. Way to make the world better, Elizabeth. **Sue Greenberg Gold** returned to CC in October during a spa trip to the Norwich Inn for a friend's birthday. The campus looks wonderful and it's great to see new facilities cropping up. Seems impossible to imagine how many decades it has been since we were those kids studying in the library and criss-crossing south campus, but there you go.



Jim Diskant '78 in Germany

Peter Rustin '78 and girlfriend in Italy

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Correspondent: Vicki Chesler, vachesler@gmail.com **Eric Ostroff** reports: My son Andrew and I enjoyed a week in and around London last June. We went for the Sox/Yankees series, which was the first time MLB played in London. We also visited Bath, Stonehenge, Oxford and saw the Lehman Trilogy. A highlight of the trip was meeting up with **Christine Fairchild.** Clearly, time does not diminish the many friendships—what an amazing class we are. I also had a great time at our 40th Reunion connecting with so many classmates—it was like we never left." **Christine Fairchild** is having a ball living and working in the UK. My job, vp alumni giving at Oxford, continues to provide amazing opportunities to travel and meet with Oxford alumni around the world (recent trips included Slovenia, Ireland, NYC, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore) and I've been able to connect with a few Conn College friends along the way, which is always a joy. Highlights included officiating at the wedding of **Dodo (Laura) Ellis'** daughter (my goddaughter), rendezvousing with **Chris Martire** in Washington, D.C., and giving **Eric Ostroff** and his son a whistle-stop tour of Oxford. Here's to more of these encounters with old friends in the future. Being Class Correspondent has been a great way to keep in touch with fellow classmates, says **Vicki Chesler**, who has also been in touch with Christine Fairchild, and has stopped by her house on Cuttyhunk several times while

Andrew Ostroff, Christine Fairchild '79 and Eric Ostroff '79 in Oxford, England

David Stern '79 and Professor Emeritus of Economics Don Peppard did some hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains last fall.

Peter Stokes '79 and his wife Patti Stokes with Tom Usdin '79

sailing with husband Matt Kovner in New England. Still hoping that one of these days Christine will actually be there when we sail in. Matt and I met up with **Amanda Marshall Zinng** and her husband Chris Zingg '77 at the Newport Folk Festival last summer, where we saw a lot of great bands and also did some swimming in Narragansett Bay off our 38' Beneteau, Easy Wind. At another port of call Matt and I got to see **Mark McLaughlin**, who recently bought a lovely house in Osterville, where he and wife Daphne are spending as much free time as possible while anticipating a beachside retirement. I also saw **Martha Rago Bernstein** in New York City recently where she regaled me with stories of her amazing trip to Morocco. **Jamie Marshall Wicander** reports: my husband Greg Wicander, and I are enjoying spending time at our weekend place in Dutchess County, N.Y., where we occasionally get to see our good friends Vicki and Matt. I still do freelance writing and had a successful summer show season with my horse Front and Center WF (aka "Lester"). **Peter Stokes**, who also enjoyed the 40th Reunion, recently visited Conn College roommate **Tommy Usdin** in New Orleans for Halloween on Bourbon Street. **Colin Ewing** is the proud grandfather of his first grandson, Michael, born May 11, 2019. He is being watched closely by his three sisters, Ella, Kyla and Ava. Wow, how time flies. From **Lynda Plavin Fitzgerald**: I am enjoying my first sabbatical in over 30 years of teaching. My husband is on sabbatical, too. I've been taking classes, learning new things, and traveling a little as well. My husband and I took a trip to Alaska this past summer, we went to Huntsville, AL, for a wedding at the beginning of October. I taught a series of master classes at the University of South Florida, and I just returned from the NDEO national conference, in Miami, where I presented a workshop, "Finding Humor in Dance." **Barry Norman** sold his movie theater in Brunswick, ME, in July and has relocated to Gloucester, MA. Since that time, he has written his first play in complete Shakespearean language—"Screwjob"—about the famous pro wrestling Montreal Screwjob incident. He is currently writing the biography of pro wrestling icon Sid Vicious and is in preproduction of a film starring Eddie Deezen (Eugene in "Grease.") From **David Stern**: The recent Getty fire was roughly a half mile from our home; we were advised to prepare for evacuation but ultimately were not compelled to do so and we took in a family that were evacuated. A few weeks earlier Prof. Don Peppard visited for the weekend and we hiked in the Santa Monica mountains which were subsequently scorched.

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Correspondent: Brooke Perry Pardue, bppardue@gmail.com **Beth Radcliffe** and her husband, **Terry Greene**, celebrated their 40th anniversary this year in the company of many friends, including Carol Marton '80.

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Correspondent: Liza Helman Kraft, liza.kraft@gmail.com **Fritz Folts (DeFred Folts III)** is the Chair of the Conn Board of Trustees and encourages us all to re-engage with Conn by visiting campus, or at least the website, as it's a vibrant and impressive community. Fritz lives in Concord, MA, where he has met up with **Jim Robinson** and **John McCarthy**. He's itching to organize a Concord Chapter of Conn Alum so if you're in the are. **Stewart Saltonstall** has moved to St. Augustine Beach and is associate broker in real estate firm Olde Florida Realty Group. He continues to own/broker St. Marys Realty. With wife Laurie, he traveled to South America, Portugal and across Canada in 2019, with trips to Bali/Thailand, Croatia, and Norway in 2020. Anyone coming to the oldest city in the U.S. give a call. **Susan Jacobson**'s company, Jacobson Strategic Communications, has won the INC 5000 for the 3rd year in a row and is one of the fastest growing companies in the U.S. **Richard Vancil** and wife, **Patty Green Vancil** reside in beautiful Madison, CT. Rich has become more involved in Conn, auditing a debate/discussion course on China's globalization, as well as volunteering in the career center, giving a workshop on "effective networking." **Ben Robinson** has performed in 73 cities/towns across North America since April 2017. In four years he's released five books, and a sixth issued by Scribner's John Mulholland's Story of Magic (originally published 1935) has Ben's Foreword. In 2019 he performed in Bar Harbor, ME; Pierceton IN (at Dangerfest), and in Palm Springs, CA with pianist Bill Marx (Harpo's son). He lives in New York with his wife of 25 years, An, and their 27-year-old parrot, Stubby. **Liz Lawson Jones** and her husband are proud owners of Sigginstown Castle, a small, "ruined" castle in Ireland, and are currently bringing it back to a "habitable condition." "We welcome people to get involved in our project." **Andrew Chait** lives in NYC with wife Hedy and son, Jeremy. Jeremy is a freshman at Winston Prep. Andy and his brother are keeping the Ralph M. Chait Galleries (established 1910) going. Recently the family traveled to Minnesota, Nantucket and Cape Cod. August 2018, Andy, Hedy and Jeremy took a quick day trip down to Pennsylvania to visit with Charlie Luce (former Athletic Director) who is doing great at 90. They also cheered on the Women's Basketball team last season and made it to the Men's game at Hunter College, where he saw Fran Shields and former Camel star Scott Sawyer '88. Best Camel Fan ever. **Tatiana Lopukhin** is now the Elementary Principal of the American International School of Guangzhou in Southern China. She enjoys exploring this part of the world while dealing with empty nest syndrome, as her daughter has started college. **Craig Lissner** still lives near Geneva, Switzerland, and works at the World Health Organization. He works for a joint United Nations program that brings together policymakers, scientists, health care providers, consumers and community representatives to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights globally, with a focus on the needs of low-income countries. He has thoroughly enjoyed his long career in the United Nations. **Caroline Crosson Gilpin** is the proud mother of Megan Crosson Gilpin '17; Katherine Gilpin, Wesleyan '15; and

Barry Feinstein '82 surrounded by classmates David Carliner '82, Laurie Colton Ladr '82, Paul Brock '82, Amy Mazur '82 and Scott Brown '82 at their "annual" Conn reunion, in June 2019

Lisa Johnson '82 and Julie van Roden '82, in July 2018 on a coastal walk in Georgetown, ME. Julie visited Lisa's house in Maine, where they caught up and relaxed before the new school year, which saw them both return to teaching—Julie in Greenwich, CT, and Lisa in Modena, Italy.

Weddings

Cynthia Biddle Whitman '06 married Derrick John Baard at Roodezand Farm in Tulbagh, South Africa.

First row sitting L-R: Greg Birkofer '14, Charlotte McAuley '14, Izzy Marx '14. Second row (starting at the banner) L-R: groom Andy Rentschler '14, bride Dee Ezzio '12, Lowell Abbott '14, Caitlin Cataldo '14. Back row L-R: Grace Megaffin '12, Olivia Farrell '14, Ben Todd '14, Max Lemper-Tabasky '16, Ethan Underhill '15, Ashleigh Kowtoniuk '12, Haley Dumke '14, Bri Miller '13, Katelyn Driscoll '12

Christina Koerte Christ '06 married Jon Christ on Sept. 8, 2019, in New Hope, PA.

Audrey Schlette '14 and Tyler Stilwell '11 were married on June 1, 2019, at The Santa Fe Opera. L-R: Luke Clinton '11, Cameron Thorpe '11, Craig Chapman '76, Irene Bucken '14, Ted Schlette '75 P'14, Tyler Stilwell '11, Audrey Schlette '14, John Sluder '14, Lauren Schumacher '14, Jacqueline Fulgham '14, Emily Goldstein '14, Nick Bright '11, Lizzie Venuti '14

L-R: Theodore Nadler '08, Carolyn Peterson Nadler '08, Brian Ford '08, Courtney Mayer '08, Chas McLaughlin '06, Randall Morrison '08, Courtney Smith '08, Peter Flint '79, groom Bradley Chen, bride Catherine Flint '08, Elizabeth Bennett '08, Caroline Coolidge '08 and Dr. Ross Coolidge '08, Kyle Bartro '08 and Colby Tallman Bartro '08, Melissa Shear '08, Emma Stratton '08 and Sally Pendergast McCance '08

Christina Schlege '08, Elinor Mason '08, Gwennie Wittlinger '08 and Zuzana Ozanova '07 joined Jen Cohen '08 (center) at her November 2019 wedding.

Bev Alfano Ahrensdorf '72 at the wedding of daughter Leigh '08 and Paul Fitzgerald in Naples, Fla., on Nov. 9, 2019.

Michael Boswell '10 and Amanda Ramos Boswell were married on Sept. 14, 2019, in Exeter, N.H. Camels in attendance included Nate Goldman '11, Kevin Hartnett '10, Alex Domeniconi '11, Matt Smith '11, Sharon Bernstein '10, Emily Pisarski '08 and Jon Pisarski '07.

Births

Ted and Carolyn Nadler '08's son Jack, who will be three in January, welcomed baby sister Lucy on Nov. 7, 2019.

Elise LaPointe Kohan '06 and husband Noah Kohan with son Zev Henry, born Feb. 26, 2018

Keith Stocks '07 and his wife Erica welcome their first child, daughter Franceszka (Frankie), on March 16, 2019

Jessica Schwartz Cowitt '06 and her husband Jeff with their daughter Charlotte (Charlie) Isabelle

John Gilpin, Union ’20. After years working as a newspaper reporter and education editor, Carrie got a degree at Columbia University Teachers College, to teach secondary school English, and then spent two years writing daily online lessons for The New York Times Learning Network. Now she teaches English at Dwight School in NYC and lives in Hartsdale, NY. She still spends summers in Charlestown, RI and invites classmates to reach out if they are in the area. **Elizabeth George James** is still working in her own accounting practice in Brisbane. She has two boys, David, 16 and Peter, 10. She is currently building a new house on the bay overlooking some islands. **Cara Esparo Schirmeister** and husband Charles had a Conn reunion in NYC with **Ted T-bone Hansen**, Ellen & **David Wallack**, **John Hambone Ambler**, Carol & **Frank Laufer**, **Kathryn Bonn**, and **Tracy Fitch Nista**, as well as younger alums William Schirrmeister ’84, Andy Hoffman ’83 and Anick Pleven ’83. “We did miss **Laura Killam DesMoine** and **Nancy Rosoff Morrow**. Also missing was **Nancy Schubert Riffe** who is down in Texas.” So while the Class of ’82 may not have many submissions to the CC Magazine rest assured the old friendships are still going strong. **Tom Barry** was inducted into the Barrington High School Athletic Hall of Fame this past year. At the ceremony were Rob Levinson ’84 and Michael O’Hare ’84. Tom has spent his career in the commercial real estate business (35 years). About two years ago, he began speaking and mentoring through the Conn career development office on campus, giving students career advice, as a sounding board and resource for questions on the real estate industry. He is very impressed with the Conn students as well as the career office in helping students get the information they need to make informed career decisions. **Gay Sweet Bitter** retired from The Nature Conservancy in 2017. She currently

Five Camels work at Noelle Ifshin ’89’s offices at DLC Management Corporation in NY. L-R: Basil Donnelly ’86, Noelle Ifshin ’89, Ben Sachs ’18, Blay Bradley ’18 and Aidan Kelso ’17

lives in Princeton, NJ (with husband, Ken) and enjoys taking piano lessons, drawing, painting, writing poetry, and quilting. One of her art quilts will be in the upcoming book, “Inspired by Endangered Species, Animals and Plants in Fabric Perspectives,” which came out in January. She enjoyed a lunch reunion with **Liza Helman Kraft** and Kim Jaeckel Bernson ’83. **Nick Odams** - Left Augusta GA after 8 years and moved back north to New England. He left ADP after 31 years and is now the Implementation Director for a small tech company based in Waltham MA. **Tom Sargent** and **Allison Ijams** celebrated 35 years of marriage, have three children (1 married) and a dog. Tom started a small investment bank specializing in structured real estate finance and lease securitization in Boston’s Back Bay, Waterway Capital. His avocation is heading up Fishers Island Conservancy, fishersislandconservancy.org, an organization whose mission is to protect the island’s delicate ecosystem. **Alfred Leach** and family moved to Chapel Hill in 2013 but kept our Wilton, CT, home. I do crisis management and I am blessed with a good career. Our daughter is 23 and son 13, so we are not empty nesters yet.

Class of 1989 Guys Weekend: Jonathan Schwarz, Greg Porto, Jamie Forbes, Mike Hartman and Frank Suher

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Correspondent: Jenifer Kahn Bakkala, 51 Wesson Terrrace, Northborough, MA 01532, JKBBlue@gmail.com **Helen Murdoch** has left the classroom and is now a social studies coach, working with teachers in her school district. She enjoys connecting with **Lisa Prezioso Ultan**, who has a similar job. Helen is also the negotiations chair for her union. **Marc Martin** is a partner at the Washington, D.C. office of Perkins Coie, where he chairs the law firm’s communications practice and represents technology, media and telecom companies. He and his wife Nicole have been married nearly 27 years and spend their summers in East Hampton, where Marc often tries to squint in the direction of New London across the Sound. Marc and Nicole are empty nesters: son Jack is about to graduate from Georgetown and daughter Maddy recently graduated from Boston University. After graduating from CC**, Jennifer Stewart Risher** spent two years in Tokyo teaching English at a steel company. She then moved to Seattle and worked in advertising, then took a position at Microsoft. She now lives in San Francisco with her husband David and their two daughters. She is the author of *We Need to Talk: A Memoir About Wealth*, which is scheduled to be published by Red Hen Press in May 2020. The book examines the hidden impact of wealth on identity, relationships and sense of place in the world.

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Correspondent: Tamsen Bales Sharpless, camel89news@gmail.com Please continue to share mini-reunions, life events or anything else to strengthen our connection to each other and the college. If you are interested in connecting on FaceBook, please send me a note at camel89news@gmail.com or request via Facebook to join the private group Connecticut College Class of 1989. At the time of this submission, many of us were planning to attend the Conn holiday parties. Please submit your stories and photos from those events for the next issue. In other Camel News, in early November, **Jonathan Schwarz, Greg Porto, Jamie Forbes, Mike Hartman** and **Frank Suher** gathered in Chatham for their annual “Guys Weekend.” Despite some suboptimal weather, a great time was had by all and plans were already being made for next year’s gathering. As Mike stated, “this weekend never disappoints.”

Anne Traer '90 celebrated turning 50 with an impressive one-day bike ride. "How better to celebrate turning 50 than getting some friends—including Camels, Paul MacMullin '16 and Zoe Davis '16—to cycle from Boston to Portland, ME, 142 miles, three states, one day!"

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Correspondent: Toria Brett, Class Correspondent, 30 Washington Ave., Northampton, Mass. victoriabrett@comcast.net Plan ahead classmates: Reunion is May 29-31 and hope to see you all there. Reunion and class info can be found on the Connecticut College Class of 1990 Facebook page. I've deleted FB, but **Kristin Lofblad Sullivan** and others will keep you in the know. Until then, thanks to those classmates who sent in their news. See you in May. **Nicole Breck** is living in New York City and reports, "All good here in NYC. Full time psychotherapy practice. Ashtanga practice. Lovely man to love. Time to read and study. Grateful for education and occasions of clarity. Love seeing Nick Brown." Also in New York is **Christin Shanahan Brecher** whose debut novel, *Murder's No Votice Confidence*, is on Suspense Magazine's "Best of 2019" list. Book No. 2 of her Nantucket Candle Maker Mysteries, *Murder Makes Scents*, is out in February. Congratulations, Christin. **Anne Traer** celebrated turning 50 with an impressive one-day bike ride. "How better to celebrate turning 50 than getting some friends—including Camels, Paul MacMullin '16 and Zoe Davis '16—to cycle from Boston to Portland, ME, 142 miles, three states, one day." **Greer Kessel Hendricks** is the No. 1 New York Times bestselling co-author of *An Anonymous Girl* and *The Wife Between Us*. *The Wife Between Us* has been optioned for film by Amblin Entertainment, with Greer and her co-author, Sarah Pekkanen, hired to write the screenplay. *An Anonymous Girl* has been optioned for television, with Greer and Sarah tapped to executive produce. Her third collaboration, *You Are Not Alone*, will be published in March 2020. She lives in Manhattan with her husband and two children.

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Correspondent: Diane Stratton, 30 Apple Tree Lane, Barrington, RI 02806, (401) 258-6917, dstratton5@cox.net **Cary Dyer** writes, "My older son Cameron Dyer-Hawes '19 graduated from Conn in May and I was able to go on stage to hand him his diploma. My younger son Quinn is in his second year at the UMass honors college studying physics and German. I am celebrating my 10th year of owning my own veterinary hospital. This year I took up pottery and started teaching yoga, empty nest activities for sure." **Scott Murphy** writes, "Our son Andrew just graduated from Bentley University in May and is working in Boston at a management consulting company. Abby '22 is a sophomore at Conn, majoring in neuroscience, and Jessica, a high school senior, just signed a National Letter of Intent to dive at Providence College next year. And, I was just re-elected for a third term as a Selectman in Madison, CT, in November, winning in a contested race." **Anne Connolly Fischer** and **John Fischer** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary as a "Conn Couple" this summer. The class of '91 is turning 50. Camels have gotten together all over the world to celebrate. **Nancy Mather Twyman**, **Stephanie Kim**, **Karen Christofano DiGravio** and **Amy Lebowitz Rosman** met up in November for a quick weekend to celebrate over three decades of friendship (and Karen's 50th). In Chatham, MA, **Jen Schumacher Harper**, **Linda Smith Munyan**, **Eva Cahalan Shea** and **Robert Shea** were reunited over summer vacation. **Erin McLaughlin Chase**, **Beth Munger Leavitt**, **Kristin Nani Dohoney**, **Andrew McCuskey**, **Paul Simpson** and **Mark Waldeck** spent the day pub hopping to celebrate turning 50. **Eva Cahalan Shea**, **Jen Kimiatek Hunnewell**, **Lynn Elliot**, **Marty Davis** and **Sarah Casey Forbes** celebrated 50th birthdays together, and **Chris Koehler** and **Tom Seery** and family met up in Mexico. In San Francisco, **Kristen Martin**, **Carolyn Tan Deane**, **Deb Garrett Lawlor**, **Mary O'Dea** and **Kirsten Cather** reunited. In February, **Laura Williams Freed**, **Winnie Loeffler Lerner**, **Alexandra Ladd**, **Lorraine White Doran**, **Katie Drucker Thompson**, **Lenora Gim**, **Alice Coleman** and **Kristen O'Sullivan** celebrated their 50th birthdays with a Camel cake courtesy of **Brad Freer**.

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Congratulations to **Russell Yankwitt**, founding partner of White Plains, New York-based law firm Yankwitt LLP, who was recently named to the *2020 Best Lawyers in America* in the area of commercial litigation. He was also named to the Top 25 Westchester Super Lawyers and the Top 100 New York Super Lawyers' lists.

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Correspondent: Daniella Defilippo Garran, dkgarran@gmail.com It was fantastic to see everyone at our 25th reunion. No one looked a day over 22. **Joel Kress,** who lived in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan for 21 of the past 25 years since graduation, finally succumbed to suburbia. He and his wife Kathleen, daughter Zoe and son Aidan abandoned apartment living in July and now have a real backyard in (and commute from) Pleasantville, NY. **Lynne Saliba Moronski** writes, "Hi. I'm in my first semester as a Ph.D. student at Rutgers Graduate School in Newark. My Conn Coll 1993 GRE scores were too old to be acceptable so I retook the test. Ironically, I scored about the same per Kaplan, who showed me the score conversions. Nice to know that age has not diminished brain power. I hope to complete my degree, turn 50, and have my youngest graduate from high school in 2022. I'm optimistic and beginning with the end in mind. We shall see." **Charles Stackhouse** writes, "Not a whole lot of new to report. I'm still with Wafra Capital Partners. Gavin and Charlie, now respectively 6 and 3, are enjoying their schools in Maplewood, N.J. I'm in daily contact with **Andrew Bogle**, **Dan Levine** and **Dana Rousmaniere**. A few weeks ago I caught up with **Liana Slater** and **Michele Mavissakalian**. All are well."

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Correspondent: Nora Mirick Guerrera, noramguerrera@gmail.com **Jill Peters MacVicar** and husband Scott welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Anna Pierce MacVicar, born Jan. 5. Anna joins her two big sisters, Kate and Bess. They live in Rye, NY. **Annie Tselikis** married Andrew Lively on June 29. The wedding was held on Peaks Island, just off the coast of Portland, ME, where they live. Camels Jason Allababidi, Seth Tinkham, Hannah Doherty, Matt Preston and Jeff Mandell attended.

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Class Correspondent: Julia Jacobson, julia.jacobson@gmail.com On Feb. 26, 2018, **Elise LaPointe Kohan** and husband Noah Kohan welcomed baby boy Zev Henry into the world. The Kohan family lives in Washington, D.C. **Greg Kubie**, **Sarah Ceglarski** and **Charlie Widdoes** reunited for brunch in Los Angeles recently. Charlie got the turkey sandwich, Sarah had "the boat" and Greg went with the salmon bowl, with an order of French toast for the table. **Cynthia B. Whitman** married Derrick John Baard at Roodezand Farm in Tulbagh, South Africa on Aug. 24, 2019. **Anne Littman** and **Michael Shreve** were in attendance to represent the Camels during the wedding weekend in the Cape winelands. **Christina Koerte** married Jon Christ on Sept. 8, 2019, in New Hope, Pa. The couple lives in the Philadelphia area. Many camels were in attendance, including: Danielle Birx-Raybuck '05, Justin Miller '05, **Jessica Schwartz Cowitt, Katey Nelson**, Charles Cording '05, **Jennie Bargman, Lee Roberts**, Alex Rotolo '07, Michael Demarco '05, Preston Joseph '07 and Jon Knights '05. **Jessica Schwartz Cowitt** and her husband Jeff are excited to announce the birth of their daughter Charlotte (Charlie) Isabelle Cowitt, born May 3, 2019, weighing 6lbs, 4oz. **Dave Goldblatt**'s startup, Wavecut, has been featured prominently in two separate places by Apple in the iOS App Store. **Will Harper** and **Katie Egan Rotio**, after pretty much losing touch for 13 years, recently connected through Facebook and are going to produce Vagina Monologues together in February. I don't know if you remember, but Will produced the show when we were in school with **Molly Kawachi**, who is Eve Ensler (the playwright)'s goddaughter. So he hasn't done the show since then but decided now is a great time, being the 20th anniversary of the show's premiere in NYC, to resurrect it. We've been having a blast working on it together. It'll be Feb. 28-29, 2020, at the Studio Playhouse in Montclair, NJ. www.vdaymontclair.com.

07 **Allie Smith** married Jeff Gilbert on July 13, 2019, in Rye, NH. Three generations of Conn College Camels were at the wedding. **Keith Stocks** and his wife Erica welcome their first child on March 16, 2019, a daughter named Franceszka (Frankie).

08 *Correspondent: Areti Sakellaris, asakellaris@gmail.com* **Sally Pendergast McCance** was recently hired as the director of programs for Tall Tales Ranch, an integrated social community for young adults with disabilities in metro Denver. She and her husband are still living in Castle Rock, CO; their sons will turn 2 and 4 in January. Ted and **Carolyn Peterson Nadler** welcomed their daughter Lucy on Nov. 7, 2019. Lucy joins big brother Jack, who turns three in January. The family recently moved from Brooklyn, NY, to Stamford, CT. **Catalina "Katie" Betancourt** married Thomas Kindred on New Years' Eve 2018 and welcomed daughter Willa Kindred on Nov. 7, 2019. **Christina Schlegel, Elinor Mason, Gwennie Wittlinger** and Zuzana Ozanova '09 joined **Jen Cohen** at her November 2019 wedding to Will Young at the Arizona Biltmore. **Catherine Flint** married Bradley Chen on Sept. 21, 2019, in St. Michaels, MD. She was joined by Theodore Nadler and **Carolyn Peterson Nadler**, **Brian Ford**, **Courtney Mayer**, Chas McLaughlin '06, **Randall Morrison**, **Courtney Smith**, Peter Flint '79, **Elizabeth Bennett, Caroline Coolidge**, **Dr. Ross Coolidge, Kyle Bartro, Colby Tallman Bartro, Melissa Shear, Emma Stratton** and **Sally Pendergast McCance.**

10 *Correspondent: Grace Astrove, gca1223@gmail.com* In Summer 2019, **Kylee Yam** studied desert and marine landscapes through ecological and social field methods in Baja. Kylee, a science teacher at Merrimack Valley High School, lives in Rumney, N.H., and is a graduate student at Miami University's Global Field Program. **Michael Boswell** and Amanda Ramos Boswell were married on Sept. 14, 2019, in Exeter, N.H. Fellow Camels in attendance included: Nate Goldman '11, **Kevin Hartnett**, Alex Domeniconi '11, Matt Smith '11, Emily Pisarski '08 and Jon Pisarski '07.

14 **Audrey Schlette** and Tyler Stilwell '11 were married on June 1, 2019, at The Santa Fe Opera. Camels in attendance included Luke Clinton '11, Cameron Thorpe '11, Craig Chapman '76, **Irene Bucken**, Ted Schlette '75 P'14, **John Sluder**, **Lauren Schumacher**, **Jacqueline Fulgham**, **Emily Goldstein**, Nick Bright '11 and **Lizzie Venuti.**

19 *Correspondent: Victoria Slater, victoriaslater28@gmail.com* At the Camel Athletics Reception in October in NYC, there was a big crowd. **Victoria Slater**, **John Pearson**, **Quinlan Low** and **Jamie Navoni** were joined by their former coaches and teammates from other classes. **Gaby Araya** and **Nikita Terry** are the Holleran Center's AmeriCorps VISTA's this year, and they coordinate the Enrich Mentor Program at Conn. A collaboration between Conn students and Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School students, Gaby and Nikita have placed an emphasis on active mentorship this year. **Charlie Losciewicz** and Jonathan Goodnow '18 recently filmed a horror film in Little Compton, RI. Earlier in the fall, **Alison Joyce**, **Olivia Haskell**, **Nicki Abraham** and **Catherine Rodgers** visited **Hannah Pozen** for a whirlwind weekend in Washington, D.C., before Hannah moved to San Francisco. Alison, Olivia and Nicki now call NYC home, and Catherine is at graduate school at Towson University, in Maryland. **Caroline Pangallo** moved to Raleigh, N.C., and recently ran a marathon. **Megan Webber** has been traveling throughout New England and Colorado, hiking and spending time in nature. **Charlie Williams** has been coaching tennis back home in Seattle, Wash., and rock climbing in his free time. **Noelle Gauthier** recently started a marketing position at REI. in Seattle as well. **Olivia Domowitz** loves learning about a new culture and country during her Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, where she also helps Ivorian students apply to American colleges through the country's embassy. **Sarah Carter** started veterinary school at the University College Dublin in Ireland. **David Labossiere** plays basketball on two teams in Newcastle, England.

William P. Barrack '81 P'18

Emeritus trustee William P. Barrack '81 P'18 died Dec. 24 at the age of 60 at his home in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

Barrack earned a bachelor's degree in government at Conn, where he served as a housefellow, was active with the sailing club, and was a member of the varsity lacrosse and ice hockey teams. In 1979, he won the "Most Improved Ice Hockey Player" award. He also served as a member of the United States Merchant Marine in 1979-1980.

He took real estate courses at Harvard and enjoyed a successful career in commercial real estate. A beloved employee of the firm Jones Lang LaSalle, formerly Spaulding and Slye, Barrack served as managing director and earned numerous accolades.

Barrack joined the Connecticut College Board of Trustees in 2005 and served as vice chair from 2009 to 2013. He served as chair of the facilities and infrastructure committee during the renovation and construction of the Science Center at New London Hall and was a champion of Conn's career development and internship programs and Camel athletics. When asked to share what he believed were the highlights of his service, Barrack wrote, "experiencing all the improvements the board authorized and the joy of the students using them to learn."

Barrack is survived by his wife of 31 years, Katherine Winn Flemer Barrack P'18; his three children, Wilkie Barrack, John Barrack and Jenny Barrack '18; his mother Evelyn Irene Barrack '54 P'81 '85 GP'18; and his sister Elizabeth Howells '85 P'18; as well as brother-in-law Henry Coggeshall Howells IV P'18 and niece Alexandra Howells '18.

In Memoriam

1930s

Ruth Hale Buchanan '39, died November 18, 2019

1940s

Neva Tobias Williams '42, died August 24, 2019
Lois Wyand Edwards '42, died July 27, 2019
Thyrza Magnus Van Voris '42, died June 5, 2019
Lydia Phippen Ogilby '42, died November 1, 2019
Majorie Ladd Corby '43, died October 21, 2019
Lila Sullivan Murphy '44, died September 21, 2019
Suzanne Porter Wilkins '45, died August 6, 2019
Margaret Piper Hanrahan '45, died August 22, 2019
Harriet Sayre Noyes '45, died October 3, 2019
Annette Carter '46, died July 25, 2019
Mary Gates '46, died September 7, 2019
Mary Bolz King '46, died October 26, 2019
Janice Somach Schwalm '47, died September 22, 2019
Nancy Richards Manson '48, died September 19, 2019
Gale Holman Marks '49, died July 31, 2019
Ruth Fanjoy King '49, died September 24, 2019
Carol Jaffa Feinberg '49, died October 11, 2019
Muriel Phipps Smith '49, died November 19, 2019

Caroline Grape, 1999-2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Caroline Grape '22 of Weston, Massachusetts, who passed away on the evening of December 10 following an extended illness.

A distance runner, Grape quickly emerged to become one of Conn's top five runners in the fall of 2018, which included being the fourth Camel to cross the finish line at the NESCAC Championships and the fifth at the New England Division III Championships. She also competed as a member of the indoor track & field team, making her debut in the mile at a meet at Wesleyan in December 2018 before needing to take a leave of absence upon being diagnosed with a rare, aggressive type of sarcoma, one that has been present in a total of 30 cases globally.

As a student, Grape earned Dean's High Honors in her first semester, and in her second, received an invitation to become a Presidential Scholar while studying English and psychology. She continued to take courses online while undergoing treatment for her illness. At the time of her passing, she had been working on an independent study through the Department of Psychology about the personality of the late actress Mary Tyler Moore.

1950s

Margaret Miller Newport '50, died October 19, 2019
Nancy Vail Wilson '51, died September 14, 2019
Sara Buck Thompson '51, died October 1, 2019
Mary Ann Best Murphy '51, died October 20, 2019
Constance Kelley Mellen '51, died November 5, 2019
Barbara Ackroyd Elder '52, died September 24, 2019
Helen Fricke Mathieson '52, died November 5, 2019
Gladys Frink Proctor '53, died September 6, 2019
Joan Benson Williams '53, died October 19, 2019
Phyllis Coffin Kingsbury '53, died October 1, 2019
Joan Robertson Jones '55, died March 3, 2019
Michelle Sinsheimer Feins '56, died August 11, 2019
Janice Simone Ladley '56, died August 17, 2019
Judith Gregory Bowes '56, died August 30, 2019
Susan Adam Myers '57, died October 23, 2019

1960s

Mary Kurtz Baynum '60, died September 16, 2019
Mary Hargreaves Graham '61, died September 11, 2019
Miriam Moulton '61, died October 5, 2019
Barbara Burris van Voorst '62, died October 9, 2019
Charlene Odgen Lantry '64, died August 27, 2019
Jeannette Harbert Kullgren '66, died August 5, 2019
Rita Peer Williams '66, died July 15, 2019

1970s

Andrea Shechter '74, died July 15, 2019
John Blossom '76, died September 15, 2019
Roy Eaton '78, died October 15, 2019

1980s

Majorie Jeffries '84, died August 30, 2019
Ann Smith Campbell '88, died August 15, 2019

2000s

Felipe Estrela '07, died October 20, 2019
Christiana Donnel '07, died November 15, 2019

Athletics is a driver of the student experience. At Conn, 50 percent of students participate in varsity athletics and club sports. One of those sports is women's lacrosse, coached by Lisa Vogeley. And way before Rob Hale '88 P '20 and his wife Karen Hale P'20 generously gifted Conn a new turf field, women's lacrosse took place on what is now Tempel Green. Here, women practice in 1956. Photo from the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives. www.camelathletics.com

REUNION

MAY 29 – 31, 2020

Registration will open mid-March. Watch your email or go to reunion.conncoll.edu for more information. Looking forward to seeing you back on campus!

Weekend highlights include:

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- Sykes Luncheon
- Faculty and Alumni Presentations
- New England Clambake
- Food Truck Festival
- All-Campus Welcome party

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- Alumni Parade
- Convocation and Alumni Awards
- All Class Picnic and Kids Carnival
- Class Receptions and Dinners

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- Farewell Breakfast

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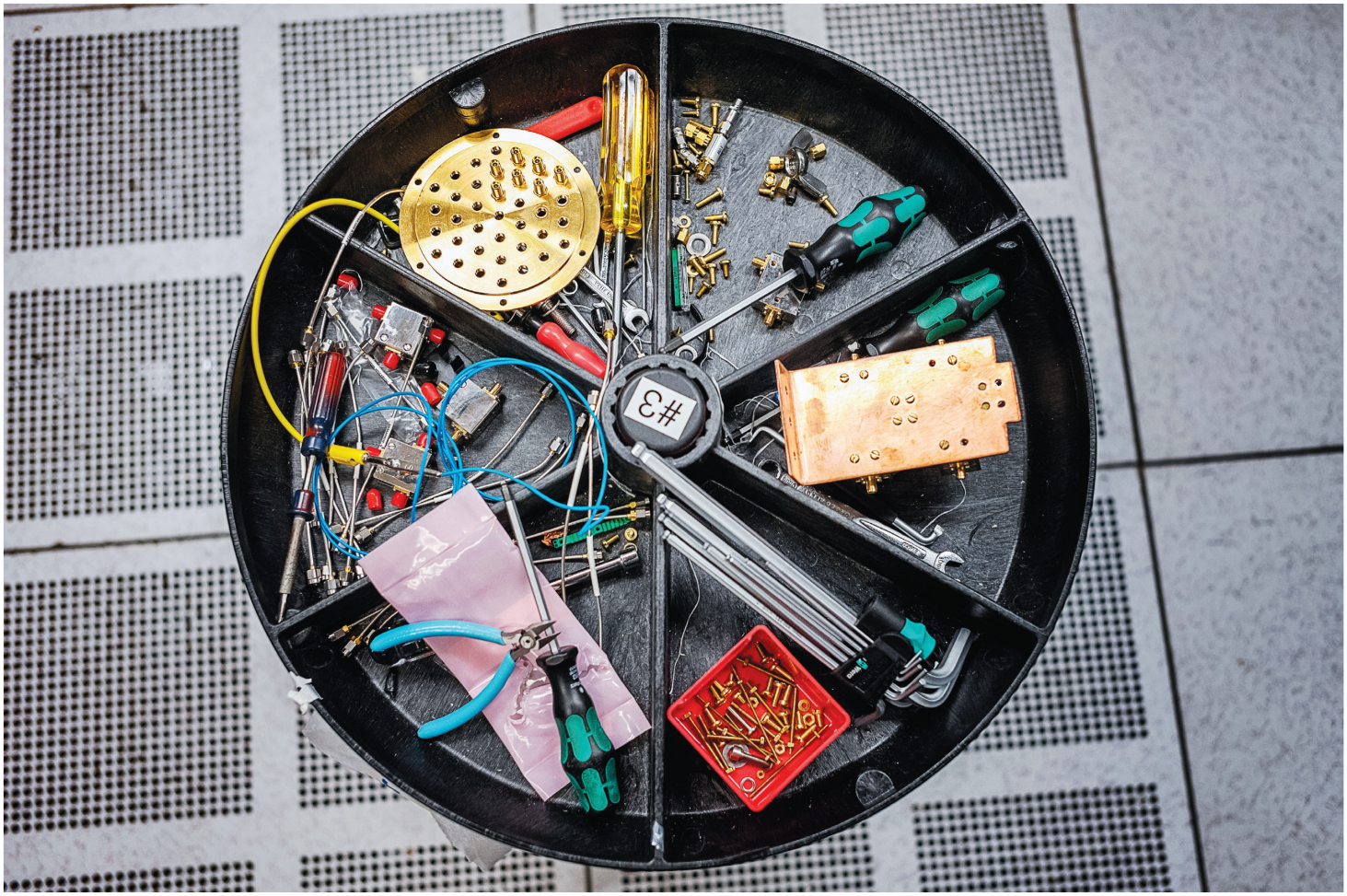

Misha Friedman

The nuts and bolts of Quantum Computing with IBM's Fletcher Previn '00 (Pg. 36-41).