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ADIRONDACKS  
TO THE AMAZON

Shay Kolodney '21, left, and Zoe Pagliaro '20 conducted soil research on the farm of former Vice President Al Gore for an ongoing project that aims to incentivize sustainable agriculture.

For more on this developing story, go to [www.skidmore.edu/carbonfarming](http://www.skidmore.edu/carbonfarming)



ANGELA VALDEN

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## From the editor

**This issue explores storytelling and the ways the Skidmore College community has crafted stories that matter.** For this issue, I enjoyed the special opportunity to sit down with President Philip A. Glotzbach and Marie Glotzbach, whose lives have intersected with the College since 2003. In a recent interview, Phil and Marie graciously shared some of their stories at Skidmore with me and also spoke broadly about their experience — their story — at Skidmore. Faculty, alumni and students are all engaged in innovative approaches to storytelling, and we highlight a few in this issue.

The Glotzbachs have spearheaded many important initiatives at Skidmore, including the Center for Integrated Sciences, which is now being wrapped in brick. The first phase will be completed next and the project as a whole is on track for completion in 2024, but Skidmore's creative, cross-disciplinary approach to integrated sciences is already inspiring faculty, students and alumni. We take a look at several examples in this issue, including Skidmore's makerspace, The Hub. Send your feedback — and your photos — to [scope@skidmore.edu](mailto:scope@skidmore.edu). Keep in touch. — *James Helicke*

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**On the cover:**

Phil and Marie Glotzbach sit outside Scribner House, the president's official residence and their home since 2003. Phil and Marie share their Skidmore story in this issue of Scope. (Photo: Christopher Massa)

CREATIVE  
THOUGHT  
MATTERS

# Community REVIEW

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



At the beginning of this academic year, I gathered with the presidents of 11 other leading colleges and universities at the National Press Club in Washington to discuss the state of higher education in the United States.

I told the journalists who joined us that in this world, beset by problems including climate change, conflict, obstacles to economic opportunity and other injustices, the robust forms of learning that a liberal arts education provides are exactly what we need.

Even as we engage in such discussions about the broad range of challenges facing higher education, including questions involving inclusion, diversity, cost and international admissions, I am heartened by Skidmore College's impressive record of achievement and continuing success.

This academic year, we welcomed the Class of 2023, which is the most diverse in our history and includes the highest ever percentage of first-generation students. The class was also drawn from the largest ever applicant pool with more than 11,000 applicants.

We continue to expand academic opportunities that range from our new Black Studies Program to the Center for Integrated Sciences, the largest single building project in our College's history. The first phase of CIS will be completed this spring, and the entire project is scheduled for completion in 2024.

Our current campaign is now in its final year, and we have already raised more than \$189 million toward our \$200 million goal. That success ensures we can create more opportunities for scholarships and financial aid; for career development and transformative experiences; for the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery; for athletics, health, and wellness; for the CIS; and for all that we do here at Skidmore.

As we prepare for a presidential transition next year, Marie and I remain fully engaged in the important work that lies ahead to ensure that our college's future is brighter than ever. We look forward to seeing you this year on the grounds of our beautiful campus and during our visits throughout the country in the coming months. (See page 23 for more information.)

At Skidmore, we are building a stronger and more inclusive community of excellence, and we're excited that you are part of it.

— Philip A. Glotzbach



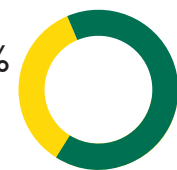
**COMING ...**  
Skidmore welcomed first-year students at Convocation on Sept. 1.

## THE CLASS OF 2023

**740**  
ENROLLEES

**47%** ENROLLED THROUGH EARLY DECISION

**44%**  
MEN



**56%**  
WOMEN

**11,000+**

APPLICATIONS



**9%**

SKIDMORE FAMILY TIES

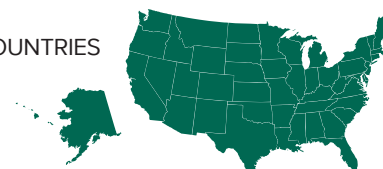
**51%**

RECEIVING SKIDMORE AID

**\$44,000** AVERAGE GRANT

**32** COUNTRIES

**10%** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



**31** U.S. STATES

**29%** DOMESTIC STUDENTS OF COLOR

**17%** FIRST GENERATION

CHRISTOPHER MASSA



**... GOING**  
Members of the Class of 2023 prepare to depart campus for the FYE in London program in late August.



**“Mentoring is very important. I still recall my undergrad years when a professor took me aside and asked, ‘What do you think?’”**

— Amon Emeka, FYE director

## FYE: 15 AND COUNTING

Fifteen years ago — two years into President Philip Glotzbach’s tenure — Skidmore launched the First-Year Experience program, featuring small “Scribner Seminars” that have allowed incoming students to choose focused but interdisciplinary courses crafted by faculty passionate about the subject matter. The idea was to engage new students more deeply and immediately in academic life.

Back then, it was as if the academic world had been turned on its head. Before FYE, Skidmore’s Liberal Studies 1 had offered one shared, broadly focused syllabus for all incoming students.

“What?! No more LS 1?” Barbara Melville asked in the winter 2006 issue of *Scope*. “It’s hard to imagine Skidmore without the distinctive liberal studies course that introduced 20 years of freshmen to the life of the mind from Aristotle to Angelou.”

Today, it’s hard to imagine the College’s curriculum without FYE. This fall’s Scribner Seminar titles range from *The Deep Sea Floor* to *Hip Hop*, *Hamilton*, *History*.

There is also a summer reading assignment, which immerses all seminars in provocative debates around a shared text. This year’s book is “*Factfulness: Ten Reasons We’re Wrong about the World* — and Why Things

are Better Than You Think” by Hans Rosling, Anna Rosling Rönnlund and Ola Rosling. According to Associate Professor of English Kate Greenspan, a member of the selection committee, “‘Factfulness’ makes clear how we should resist general assertions as truths and shows us how to interrogate such statements by examining and evaluating the arguments advanced in their support.”

FYE also assigns each seminar instructor as their students’ faculty adviser and mentor and also includes a fourth credit hour, often led by a peer mentor, to cover key aspects of student life. Altogether, FYE ensures students receive

a comprehensive welcome to college — intellectually, emotionally and socially.

This fall, Associate Professor of Sociology Amon Emeka took over the reins of the First-Year Experience from Professor of English Janet Casey, who had directed FYE since 2012 and has been named associate dean of the faculty. Says Emeka, “Mentoring is very important ... I still recall my undergrad years when a professor took me aside and asked, ‘What do you think?’ He was truly curious. I felt like I had been treated seriously as a thinker. It was an ‘aha’ moment for me, one that I hope many students will experience in the FYE.” — *Peter MacDonald*

# Commencement 2019



## Skidmore graduated 622 creative seniors in May, sending them off with plenty of advice and good wishes.

Class president Nigel Smith '19 reminisced with his peers about their many accomplishments — from hip-hop performances to published research and political campaigns.

Honorary degree recipient Joe Torre likened the game of baseball to the game of life: "Baseball is a team sport, as is life. You need one another to get through tough times."

Fellow honoree, writer, educator, physicist and social entrepreneur Alan Lightman spoke of the "frantic pace and hyperconnectedness of the modern world" and said the graduates also needed contemplation and reflection before they could begin to solve the world's problems.

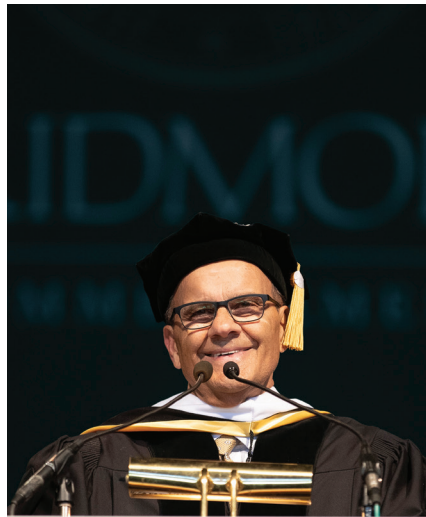
Professor Kristie Ford encouraged graduates, their families, their supporting friends, faculty and others to pause, reflect and think about the past, present and future with thoughtful questions like "Who came before you?" and "Who do you hope to become?"

After the speeches, the conferring of degrees and the camera flashes, Sibyl Waterman Haley '71, president of Skidmore's Alumni Association, welcomed Skidmore's newest alumni to the #Skid4life family, saying, "We're here for you today and for the rest of your lives."

To conclude the ceremony, President Glotzbach delivered one final message to the graduates, "Skidmore is not just a place where you have gone to school, it is now part of your identity — of who you are — and you now are lifelong members of the Skidmore family."

As the bagpipes played, the Class of 2019 marched out of the amphitheater between rows of applauding professors and into the arms of proud family and friends, then on to their creative futures.  
— *Julia Marco*

MIKE SYLVIA, CHRISTOPHER MASSA



“If you go forward with a spirit of hard work, teamwork and the creativity instilled in you at Skidmore, then you will be successful no matter what you choose to pursue in life ... after all, you are Thoroughbreds.”

— Joe Torre

## CREATIVE CAREERS

Equipped with hands-on experience, diplomas and creative thought, the Class of 2019 is ready to tackle graduate school and the working world. Here's a sampling of where a few of our newest alumni were headed after graduation.



**Monica Andrews**

Art History  
*Shelburne Museum*



**Lydia Bernard-Jones**

Self-Determined, Public Health  
*Princeton in Africa Fellowship Program, Liberia*



**Kasia Dillon**

Neuroscience  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*



**Jesse Epstein**

Psychology and Religious Studies  
*Institute for the International Education of Students in London*



**Cristian Fernandez**

Management and Business  
*Ernst & Young*



**Amy Rowland**

International Affairs and Political Science  
*Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme*

**A few more employers that have hired members of the Class of 2019:**

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Airbnb                     | Liberty Mutual Insurance |
| BlackRock                  | Morgan Stanley           |
| Brandeis University        | M&T Bank                 |
| Credit Suisse              | Nathan Kline Institute   |
| Darn Good Yarn             | Peace Corps              |
| Deloitte                   | Qualtrics                |
| Discovery School for Girls | Salesforce               |
| Driftwood Equestrian       | Skidmore College         |
| Estée Lauder               | Tiffany and Co.          |
| Goldman Sachs              | Vineyard Vines           |
| GoodRx                     | Yelp                     |
| Houston Astros             |                          |

# Reunion 2019



## OLD FRIENDS, NEW MEMORIES

Alumni gathered in June to reminisce, create new Skidmore memories and enjoy campus and Saratoga Springs. As Merilee Mapes Perkins '76, chair of Reunion, shared: "Reunion offers the opportunity to relive College experiences, reunite, revisit old memories and see changes to campus."

At this year's Alumni Association awards ceremony, creative thought and achievement awards were presented to Jocelyn R. Arem '04 and Maxine Isaacs '69, respectively. Beverly Sanders Payne '59 and Janet Lucas Whitman '59, P'87 were honored with the Jacqueline M. Jung '61 Lifetime Service Award for exceptional service to Skidmore, while outstanding service awards went to Barbara Herbert von der Groeben '69; Molly Brister Haley '64, P'93; Diana Clark Crookes '69; John S. Beckman '94; Adam D. Wald '94; Thomas C. Wilmot '99 and Stephen P. Giacolone '09. Trustee Emeritus Irving Harris P'76, P'79 was named an Honorary Alumnus.

Reunion giving topped \$9.1 million thanks to more than 1,500 alumni from Reunion classes spanning 1944 to 2014. Twenty-three new class giving records and six new Reunion records were set. Nearly 200 fundraising and Reunion volunteers supported the effort. — Sara Miga '08



JON VOLKS; CHRISTOPHER MASSA





From left to right: Merilee Mapes Perkins '76, Jane Feinberg Karlin '72, Diana Clark Crookes '69, Maxine Isaacs '69, President Philip A. Glotzbach, Beverly Sanders Payne '59, Janet Lucas Whitman '59, P'87, Barbara Herbert von der Groeben '69, Melissa Milstein Jacobsen '81, P'10, Lisa Harris Hollister '79 on behalf of Irving Harris P'76, P'79, John S. Beckman '94, Stephen P. Giacolone '09, Jocelyn R. Arem '04, Thomas C. Wilmot '99, Adam D. Wald '94. Not pictured: Molly Brister Haley '64, P'93.



Reunion for Skidmore classes ending in 0 and 5 will take place May 28-31, 2020. For more information, visit [www.skidmore.edu/reunion](http://www.skidmore.edu/reunion).



# CREATING OUR FUTURE

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR SKIDMORE



**\$200 MILLION GOAL**

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**25,000+**  
DONORS TO DATE

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### PRIORITIES

The Center for Integrated Sciences (CIS)

Skidmore Fund

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Tang Teaching Museum

Career Development and Transformative Experiences

Athletics, Health and Wellness



### The Trustee \$1.5 Million Challenge exceeds \$3 million goal

When trustees Kal Das P'18 and Maria Markowitz P'13 offered \$1.5 million in matching money to support the Center for Integrated Sciences, 106 alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff responded generously, contributing \$2.4 million. As a result, this challenge achieved a grand total of \$3.9 million.



### Introducing the Jack Shear Million Dollar Challenge

Jack Shear, an artist, curator and longtime supporter of the Tang Teaching Museum, has presented the museum with a \$500,000 gift. He is now challenging others to match his gift, dollar for dollar, to raise \$1 million to support the Tang's innovative publications.

**Make your gift or pledge by May 31, 2020. Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to this important campaign for Skidmore's future.**

**For more information, please visit [www.skidmore.edu/cof](http://www.skidmore.edu/cof)**

CHRISTOPHER MASSA, TANG TEACHING MUSEUM, ELIZABETH MACY



NK Mabaso, left, and Eleuterio Martínez, the 2019 and 2018 Palamountain Scholar Award winners, at the July 23 event.

# POLO BY TWILIGHT

## ... Paying it forward

More than 500 guests celebrated the 40th anniversary of Polo by Twilight on July 23 and raised \$327,560 for the Joseph C. and Anne T. Palamountain Scholarship Fund.

Nkosingiphile “NK” Nonhlanipho Mabaso ’19, who grew up in poverty and studied at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa, received the sixth Anne T. Palamountain Scholar Award. She spoke of paying forward the generosity of others.

“Mom Oprah once said to me that her job was to open the door for me. Mine was to believe that I was worthy enough to walk through it,” she said. “You, the Skidmore community, and friends near and far have helped me see that I am not only worthy of walking through the first door, but also the next one, and the one after that, and to keep going.”

Mabaso said she now wants to dedicate her life to “sharing kindness and generosity in helping the underserved in humankind.”

Mabaso is now inspiring others to pay it forward by telling her story as part of the



NK Mabaso with Oprah Winfrey.

“Together Live” storytelling series in Houston, Texas, on Oct. 17 and in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on Oct. 18.

The Joseph C. and Anne T. Palamountain Scholarship Fund honors the College’s late president and his wife. It has supported more than 400 students since 1979.

# THE TANG

It was an action-packed summer for the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery. The Streb Extreme Action dance troupe held gravity-defying performances and workshops. More than 140 representatives from 57 colleges and universities delved into the topic of Teaching and Learning with Museum Exhibitions: Innovations across the Disciplines during a Teagle Foundation conference. Other highlights included the sixth annual Frances Day, a community open house; Upbeat on the Roof, the Tang’s annual summer concert series; and Family Saturdays.



Streb Extreme Action transformed the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery’s Wachenheim Gallery into a rehearsal, performance and exhibition space, including a tour de force presentation of the dance troupe’s gravity-defying work before more than 750 visitors. Elizabeth Streb was the Skidmore summer dance choreographer-in-residence. The program was among many this summer organized by the Tang and Office of Special Programs.



Nu-Note kicked off the 19th season of Upbeat on the Roof at The Tang. Performances were held Thursday evenings from July through August.

JORDANA DYM

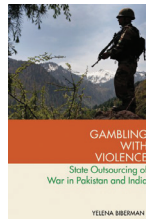


Professor of History Jordana Dym, second from right, offered a graduate short course, Mapping, Text and Travel, and a workshop for undergraduate history majors as a visiting professor at the University of the State of São Paulo - Franca in May. The visit was funded by São Paulo Research Foundation.

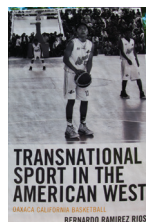
## FACULTY BOOKS TACKLE WAR, SPORTS, HEALTH



**Yelena Biberman-Ocakli**, assistant professor of political science, presents case studies that deepen readers' understanding of wars in Pakistan and India, as well as in Russia and Turkey, in her new book "Gambling with Violence: State Outsourcing of War in Pakistan and India." More than 200 interviews, along with archival research and fieldwork in Islamabad, Srinagar, New Delhi, Dhaka, Diyarbakir, Ankara, Moscow, London and Washington, provide cross-national comparison of state and non-state alliances in war. "We know that outsourcing violence is a hard decision for states, and yet we do not fully understand the how, why and, equally importantly, between whom. Biberman's excellent study combines a balance of interest framework with in-depth accounts to significantly improve our understanding," Stathis N. Kalyvas, Gladstone Professor of Government at University of Oxford, wrote about the book published by Oxford University Press.



"Transnational Sport in the American West: Oaxaca California Basketball," by **Bernardo Ramirez Rios**, assistant professor of anthropology, is the first book written about sports in Oaxaca, Mexico. It follows the stories of three youth who describe their culture and the significance the sport of basketball has played in their lives. They've had different experiences based on age, gender, skill and birthplace, but they all have basketball in common, demonstrating how a sport can cross physical and cultural borders.



In his book "The Protein Pacing Diet," **Paul Arciero**, professor of health and human physiological sciences, condenses his human clinical research findings into a single guide designed to help readers abandon fad diets and harmful exercise programs so they can achieve optimal health and performance.

## FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Skidmore faculty continue to share their work at scholarly gatherings and in prestigious publications. Here is a sampling of faculty who have recently made the news:

**K. Aurelia Ball**, assistant professor of chemistry, has received a three-year award from the National Science Foundation totaling \$364,418 for her proposal "RUI: Characterization and modulation of SH3 domain binding pathway biophysics."

**Veena Chandra**, music instructor, has received a New York Foundation for the Arts/New York State Council on the Arts Artist Fellowship in the category of Music/Sound to "continue to create, promote and preserve" musical tradition.

**Caroline D'Abate**, associate professor of management and business, presented "Misdiagnosed: When popular culture television depicts fictionalized realities of the medical profession," alongside four students at the 2019 National Popular Culture/American Culture Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Jenny Day**, associate professor of history, has published "Qing Travelers to the Far West: Diplomacy and the Information Order in Late Imperial China" (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

**Sarah Day-O'Connell**, associate professor of music, co-edited the Cambridge Haydn Encyclopedia, which was recently published after nearly six years of work.

**Eunice S. Ferreira**, assistant professor of theater, published a chapter on multilingual theater in "Casting a Movement" (Routledge, 2019) and the article "Enacting Political Theory and Reclaiming Roots for Crioulo Performance" in the Journal of Cape Verdean Studies.

**Larry Jorgensen**, associate professor of philosophy, has published "Leibniz's Naturalized Philosophy of Mind" (Oxford University Press, 2019).

**James Kennelly**, professor of business, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant for the IMC University of Applied Sciences in Krems, Austria, in spring 2020.

**Jennifer Mueller**, assistant professor of sociology, has received two awards for her article "Producing Colorblindness: Everyday Mechanisms of White Ignorance," published in the journal Social Problems. The Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award and the Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award both recognize "the best research article in the sociological study of race and ethnicity published in the past three years."

**Joowon Park**, assistant professor of anthropology, was appointed to the South Korean President's National Unification Advisory Council.

**Aarathi Prasad**, assistant professor of computer science, published "Understanding Parents' Concerns with Smart Device Usage in the Home" in the proceedings of the HCI International Conference and presented the paper at the conference in Orlando.

**Jeffrey Segrave**, professor of health and human physiological sciences, has published an article, "Victorian Seriality and the Modern Olympic Games," in Olympika: The International Journal of Olympic Studies, Volume XXVII.

**Matt Wilt**, associate professor of art, presented the solo exhibition "Hand/Eye" at Lab Gallery in Brentwood, Maryland.

# ALL THE WORLD IS A CLASSROOM

This year, Skidmore faculty traveled with students to Rome, Finland and Japan.

The interdisciplinary travel seminar Exploring Rome, led by Dan Curley, associate professor of classics, Gregory Spinner, teaching professor of religious studies, and Emily Gunter '19, immersed 19 students with a wide variety of majors in the history, arts and culture of the Eternal City. They explored the museums and sights of Rome, savored its cuisine, kept travel blogs and delivered on-site presentations to peers. More than a destination, Rome was a classroom and a laboratory of ideas in which students experienced first-hand how an ancient city

remains eternal in a modern world.

For the Social Work in a Global Context seminar, nine students joined Kelly Melekis, associate professor and chair of the Department of Social Work, on a trip to Finland to learn about its progressive social welfare system and cultural treasures. Their trip included a stop at University of Lapland in Rovaniemi to attend lectures; a three-day excursion to Utsjoki to learn about the indigenous Sámi culture and the provision of social services in a remote, sparsely populated locale; a stay at Kevo, a subarctic research station run by the University of Turku; and a visit to social service



From left, Starbuck Robinson '20, Joseph Hernandez '19, Teaching Professor Gregory Spinner and Claire Holthaus '21 visit the Roman Forum as part of the spring travel seminar Exploring Rome.

organizations in Helsinki.

Sang-Wook Lee, associate professor and the Robert Davidson Chair in Art, took 21 students in his Japanese Art and Culture course on

a trip that included hands-on exploration of Japanese art techniques and visits to Osaka Seika University, the Osaka Museum of History, Osaka Castle and Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion).

These travel seminars were offered through Skidmore's Office of Off-Campus Study and Exchanges, which helps Skidmore students to study in more than 100 programs in 45 countries.

TOP LEFT: Students in the Exploring Rome seminar join Associate Professor Dan Curley, back row, third from right, and Teaching Professor Gregory Spinner, back row, fourth from left, at the Colosseum in Rome.



TOP RIGHT: Emily Gunter '19, left, and Emma Griffin '19 pose for a photo at the Colosseum.



BOTTOM LEFT: Twenty-one students in Sang-Wook Lee's Japanese Art and Culture course, mostly graduating seniors, went to Osaka, Japan, last spring for the travel portion of the program.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Students in the Social Work in a Global Context travel seminar, Elliot Rosenthal-Williams, Grace Nash, Danny Edlin, Anabelle Williams, Kate Genzer, Samantha Berger, Maya Manaktala, Ruby Dirks and Tova Petto, pose for a photo on their way to Utsjoki, Finland.



SHELBY FAIRCHILD, SANG-WOOK LEE, KELLY MELEKIS



Joseph Walker Stroud '20, front left, and Spencer Anderson '19, center right, perform at Zankel Music Center in November 2018.



Joseph Walker Stroud '20



Spencer Anderson '19

# SCHOLAR - ATHLETE SCHOLAR - MUSICIAN

Spencer Anderson '19 and Joseph Walker Stroud '20 demonstrate excellence in athletics — and the recital hall

Spencer Anderson '19 and Joseph Walker Stroud '20 have a lot in common. The Boston-area Thoroughbreds are both passionate about sports and have demonstrated the dedication needed to make it as scholar-athletes at Skidmore. They also played violin in the same string quartet.

Anderson, who graduated in May with an economics degree, pitched for Skidmore's baseball team. Stroud, a management and business major, plays

golf for the Thoroughbreds. Both are also recipients of the prestigious Filene Music Scholarships at Skidmore.

Supported by the Lincoln and Theresa Filene Foundation and the Ladd Charitable Corporation, the program allows exceptional scholar-musicians to pursue any course of study at Skidmore and supports each with \$60,000 in support over four years.

Skidmore has provided both of the scholar-athlete-musicians the unique — and challenging — opportunity to pursue their multiple passions.

Stroud of Milton, Massachusetts, picked up the violin at age 6. He was playing in the Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra by age 16 and even toured in Europe. Stroud recalls visiting Skidmore's campus after being recruited for the golf team and asking to see the Music Department. "Do you

**"My recital was Saturday night, right after our double-header."**

— *Spencer Anderson*

have your violin on you?" asked Senior Artist-in-Residence Michael Emery. Stroud did have his violin and played for Emery on the spot, impressing him with his impromptu performance.

Music also played a central role in Anderson's childhood: His father, Dean, was a member of the Boston Pops and chair of the percussion department at the Berklee College of Music. Similar to Stroud, Anderson of Newton, Massachusetts,

learned about Skidmore through the baseball program, but the opportunity to play the violin at the same time was too good to pass up.

Both also acknowledged challenges and rewards associated with juggling their academic, athletic and musical interests at Skidmore.

“That was pretty tough early on,” said Anderson, who pitched for the Thoroughbreds and spent the summer working after graduation as an intern with the Houston Astros of Major League Baseball. “One of my favorite moments was the weekend we played Vassar. My recital was Saturday night, right after our double-header. During the game, I had to sprint back to my apartment, change into my recital clothes and then go to the event and get ready.

“The entire team showed up for my recital. The next day we played two more with Vassar and I pitched five innings and got the win. It was the only four-game sweep we had in my four years there. It was just an incredible weekend overall!”

Stroud agreed that pursuing collegiate athletics and music simultaneously hasn't always been easy, but has been worthwhile. “I was pretty nervous freshman year, trying to balance the demands,” said Stroud, who aspires to work for an investment firm after graduation. “It has taught me the value of time management and discipline in my life. It's a big-time commitment, but it's been a rewarding experience.”

Stroud added that his friendship with Anderson helped “to balance everything out.” The two played in the same quartet for three years, including during Anderson's senior recital this spring.

— Nate Smith

# CINDY FORD LEAVES A STORIED LEGACY AT SKIDMORE

**With seven national and 23 regional team titles, Head Riding Coach Cindy Ford is concluding her Skidmore career as the architect of one of the country's top intercollegiate riding programs.**

Ford, who was named director of riding in 1988, guided her first team to a repeat national championship in 1991 and then proceeded to win national titles in 1995, 1996, 1999, 2010, 2013 and 2018. In 2019, she helped Skidmore finish an unbeaten regular season, win regional and zone championships, and finish fourth at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association nationals.

“The name Cindy Ford is synonymous with Skidmore College Riding,” says Gail Cummings-Danson, assistant vice president for student affairs and athletics director. “Fortunately for us, she has assembled the best staff in the country and has laid the foundation for this program to continue achieving greatness.”

Ford's assistants Karen Hurff and Belinda Colgan '04 have been promoted to take over the program. Hurff has been named director of riding, and Colgan has been selected as head riding coach.

Ford was honored by her peers with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. Her 1991, 1995, and 1999 teams have been inducted into the Skidmore Athletics Hall of Fame along with Courtney Phibbs '97, one of her most decorated and successful riders.

How did she maintain such a high level of success? “We attract very good riders because we meet their academic and riding needs,” Ford says.

— Bill Jones

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Cindy Ford, third from left, stands in front of Mara Chemerinsky '20 (mounted) as Chemerinsky receives her Intercollegiate Horse Show Association national championship award for winning the team Open Over Fences on May 4 in Syracuse. Karen Hurff, left, has been named Skidmore's new director of riding, and Belinda Colgan '04, second from left, has been selected as head riding coach.

TRICIA BOOKER, CHRISTOPHER MASSA, SKIDMORE ATHLETICS

## SKIDMORE ATHLETICS 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### Student-Athletes

Peter Conlin '98 • Ice Hockey, Soccer

Rebecca Herman Simon '06 • Volleyball

Anne Ledyard '06 • Field Hockey, Lacrosse

Christopher DeJohn '10 • Golf

### Special Recognition

Philip A. Glotzbach

### Team

2010 Equestrian Team

### Team of Distinction

2010 Baseball Team



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## EXPLORING INTEGRATED SCIENCES

The single largest academic project in Skidmore's history, the Center for Integrated Sciences, or CIS, is based on the principle of integrative learning. The CIS is a space where art and the humanities meets science — where scholars and artists work collaboratively in the pursuit of discovery, learning and creativity.



According to President Philip A. Glotzbach, “The world’s most pressing issues — from climate change and insidious disease to access to food and water — demand that we grasp science and think past traditional academic boundaries.”

The first phase of the CIS is slated for completion in 2020 and the entire project is on track to be completed by 2024, but the creative, cross-disciplinary scientific vision behind the CIS has already taken off.



## LEARNING BY MAKING

The spirit of integrated learning at the heart of the CIS is already flourishing through Skidmore's makerspace, The Hub

In 2016, a group of professors was exploring how a makerspace could become the centerpiece of Skidmore's Center for Integrated Sciences and soon arrived at a question: Why wait?

“We realized that having a makerspace would be a very interdisciplinary way to allow students to materialize their creative thought, to take an idea that they had and make it in the real world,” said Kim Frederick, professor of chemistry and a member of the makerspace planning task force.

That spirit of doing — a reflection, too, of Skidmore's mind-and-hand legacy — guided the opening of The Hub temporary makerspace in spring 2017. The Hub is a hive of collaboration and experimentation and is home to 3D printers, sewing machines

and conductive thread, art and hardware supplies, lasers for etching and cutting, and an eclectic assortment of other equipment.

The makerspace has enhanced the classroom experience and created new integrative learning opportunities for students, staff and faculty. Students can also produce something for a club or competition, or simply try their hand at a new skill.

“The way that faculty have embraced The Hub is so typically ‘Skidmore’ in combining very diverse classes with making skills in ways that you just don’t see at other schools,” Frederick said. “The bottom line is we pride ourselves at Skidmore on our creativity, and we know that both our students and our faculty are really open to experimenting in out-of-the-box ways.”

TOP: Ho'o Hee, left, spring 2018 semester maker-in-residence, assists Sarah Friedland, director of the Storytellers' Institute, with soldering during an open house in The Hub, Skidmore's current makerspace.



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### INNOVATIVE, HANDS-ON LEARNING

For years, the final project in Evan Halstead’s Electronics course had students building circuits from scratch.

“At the end of the day, however, the projects were still just circuit boards without any mechanical elements,” said Halstead, senior teaching professor of physics. “I wanted the projects to feel more like finished products, but I didn’t have the tools, the expertise or the time to help my students make that a reality.”

So when Skidmore’s new makerspace was introduced, he saw an opportunity to take the assignment to the next level. Over winter break, Halstead worked with Hub Manager Darren Prodder to develop a design

for a small, autonomous vehicle that would move toward the brightest source of light.

The following semester, Halstead’s students completed the new project entirely within The Hub using a 3D printer, a laser etcher and the electronics room.

“I think the most significant outcome of the experience is that the students gained a sense of empowerment,” Halstead said. “They now realize that turning their ideas into reality is much easier than they previously thought.”

Mathematics professors Lucy Oremland and Csilla Szabo worked with The Hub to put a whole new spin on a Calculus II lesson. Their Solids of Revolution project, an inventive exercise in computing the volume of special solids, also involved a 3D printer.

The professors asked their students, who worked in teams of two or three, to think up an object, create a two-dimensional drawing of the object and use mathematical formulas to determine how to represent it as a 3D shape. Three-dimensional solids are generated by rotating 2D curves on an axis, Oremland explained.

When the students were ready to generate their 3D shapes, Prodder gave the students a tutorial on using the 3D printer.

Carolyn Blackman ’22, a student in Szabo’s class, said she often finds working with new technology to be challenging, so the lesson was a rewarding



Mathematics professors Lucy Oremland and Csilla Szabo had their Calculus II students use The Hub’s 3D printer for a lesson on computing the volume of special solids, called Solids of Revolution. At the end of the lesson, the solids were put on display in the Mathematics Department and students and faculty voted for their favorites.

and exciting experience. “I feel that through a bit of determination, I pushed myself out of my comfort zone,” she said.

Neither Szabo nor Oremland had ever tried 3D printing before designing the class, either, but found the technology to be very accessible.

Unlike versions of the calculus lesson that preceded it, the Solids of Revolution project produced tangible, original creations. Students generated such objects as “The Anti-Derivative Acorn,” “The Goblet of Calculus,” yo-yos, a UFO that glows in the dark and an hourglass that changes color when you hold it in your hands.

“I was really impressed by how invested the students were and how creative they really are,” Oremland said.

“This kind of lesson gets the students really interested and hands-on.”

The exercise also required some problem-solving. “It reinforced the importance of determination and patience, as well as emphasized the value to integrated learning,” Blackman said.

The Solids of Revolution were displayed in the lounge of the department through the end of the semester, and faculty and students even voted for their favorites.

The list of successful makerspace collaborations goes on. For a psychology course, a class built Plinko machines to study statistics and probability. In an intermediate French class, students designed and screen-printed 1960s-style Parisian posters. For a psycholinguistics class, students were

asked to demonstrate an understanding of concepts by altering books and crafting them into creative 3D representations.

“Students learn in different ways,” said Frederick. “‘Making’ allows students to do something more creative so they’re more invested in that — they really have a stake in learning and making sure that they understand what they’re learning.”

This fall, Michael Arnush, associate professor of classics, is working with John Galt, associate professor of art, to have Arnush’s students make coins. That kind of collaboration — between seemingly distinct disciplines — is becoming increasingly commonplace at Skidmore.

Students use The Hub on their own, too.



Michael Mattone '19, center, assists faculty and staff members with soldering during an open house at The Hub. The makerspace contains equipment for 3D printing, laser cutting, sewing and other creative projects.

One student used the makerspace to create product packaging for a Kenneth A. Freirich Business Plan Competition submission.

A small group of students in Tillman Nechtman's Scribner Seminar, *Sailing the Seas with Captain Cook*, decided to use The Hub makerspace to do something particularly creative for their final project: design a board game with game pieces that represent items on Captain Cook's ship, from a barrel to a bird. They fabricated the pieces using the 3D printer. One student decided to learn to sew so he could make a little satchel to hold the pieces. That same student returned to The Hub with an interest in fixing up vintage clothing he purchased.

All of these skills, whether learned for a class or a hobby, help shape more well-rounded individuals and professionals.

### THE FUTURE OF MAKING IN CIS

In many ways, the much larger and more open makerspace in the new Center for Integrated Sciences — made possible through a naming gift by Trustee Emerita Sara Schupf '62, LLD'02, P'83, and Axel Schupf — will embody the spirit of integrative learning that is at the heart of the CIS project.

The now-completed design of the CIS makerspace was refined based on what was observed at the temporary Hub makerspace. Special ventilation will allow for equipment with higher-end capabilities. Equipment the College already owns will be used as a springboard in the space, and additional equipment will be acquired based on the needs of the campus community, Frederick said.

Fluidity and flexibility will allow for more integration

of future technologies and experimentation in how the makerspace is used by classes, added Sarah Sweeney, another faculty leader of the makerspace project and an associate professor of digital media.

"We're hoping to find furniture that will really allow for people to teach in really new and innovative ways, and to reconfigure the space to accommodate really different methodologies of teaching, because innovative pedagogy has been one of the hugely successful and important parts" in developing the makerspace, she said.

Integrative learning is happening throughout campus, and the CIS makerspace is intended to be a hub of collaboration, where interdepartmental synergy can thrive and grow.

"I think collaboration is one of the most radical things we

can teach students because it is such an important skill to have in the workplace, but also just in life," said Sweeney. "I think the interdisciplinary work that's being done together is striking and amazing. I hope the makerspace will be a place where people can work together and work with people who are radically different from themselves."

Political Science Professor Beau Breslin, another proponent of the project, believes the possibilities are virtually endless with the CIS makerspace. "I'm looking forward to a space where creativity, innovation and energy converge," he said. "Students will be encouraged to imagine, in the truest sense of the word. It is clear to me that the CIS is going to transform the campus and the student body in ways that resemble the Tang's influence on our intellectual community." The makerspace "will be one of the core components of that positive transformation," he said.

Creative pedagogy will continue to be an integral part of innovation at Skidmore.

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"The process of teaching is in itself a process of making," said Sweeney. "The makerspace will continue to change and evolve and be a different space at different times when we need it to be. We're hoping it is a space where you can experiment and try things out that are completely new."

— Angela Valden



A member of the Skidmore community solders a piece of electronics during an open house at The Hub.

# USING SCIENCE AND HISTORY TO SOLVE ART MYSTERIES

Chemistry of Arts and Crafts class answers key questions for the Tang

As Julia Danischewski '21 puts it, “science doesn’t just happen in the lab — it happens in museums, in caves with painted walls, or even in the bowls that we use to eat.”

Last fall, she and fellow students in Professor Kim Frederick’s Chemistry of Arts and Crafts class combined historical research with molecular analysis to shed light on objects in the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery collection.

Frederick developed the course in partnership with Rebecca McNamara, Mellon Collections curator at the Tang, to answer questions about items such as a mid-19th century painting by Hudson Valley artist George Henry Hall, a ceramic vessel from South Africa and wooden vessels from northern Africa.

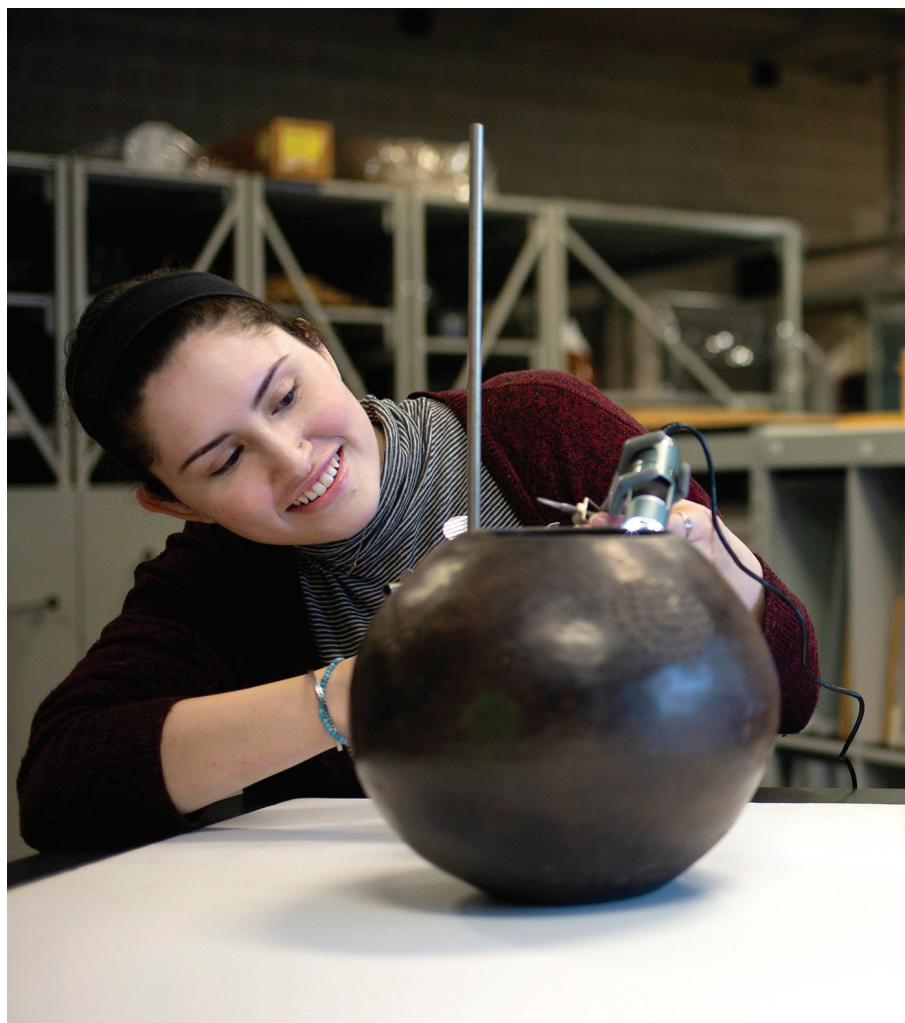
Students first learned about the cultural and historical background of their object. Then, they used high-tech equipment, like an X-ray fluorescence spectrometer, to determine the age and molecular makeup of an object. They compared that data with what they learned to be consistent with the object’s projected time period, then used those

observations to draw conclusions.

“The class was truly interdisciplinary — there was no way to do the scientific analysis on our object without first contextualizing it in the art and historical time period when we thought it had been painted,” said Danischewski. “If we had just done experiments and tests, we would have had a lot of data, but nothing to do with it.”

The students’ findings proved to be particularly important in the case of the mid-19th century painting by Hall, which was being sent out to a conservator for a canvas repair. Any information the students could provide would help the conservator properly preserve the work. “Nobody knew anything about this painting,” Frederick said. “Is it a reproduction? Is it original?”

Through molecular analysis, the students aged the paint and identified the pigments used. They determined the painting’s age was consistent with the date the original was produced, and that the pigments were also appropriate for that time period. They concluded the



Susan Zeff '20, a student in Kim Frederick’s Chemistry of Arts and Crafts class, analyzes a Zulu vessel at the Tang Teaching Museum. The class was a collaboration with the Tang that helped the museum learn important information about some of the items in its collection.

work was an original.

In the spring, three of Frederick’s students presented their findings at PittCon, an international conference attended by participants from about 80 different countries. “Our analysis really brought home how close together art and science are — to make pigments, binders and varnishes is an incredibly technical process, just like an experiment,” said

Danischewski.

“My favorite thing about the project was seeing how chemistry can be used in seemingly unrelated fields like art conservation,” added fellow PittCon presenter Jasper Ballot '20. “After participating in this course, I realized I had a true passion for research, and I am currently intent on pursuing a Ph.D.”

Danischewski, too, took

away a renewed enthusiasm for science and the possibilities that lie ahead.

“By combining art and chemistry, I was able to have an immersive, creative and rewarding experience that reminded me why I love chemistry in the first place: all it takes is a bit of curiosity to unlock answers hidden in the world around us.”

— Angela Valden



Shay Kolodney '21, left, and Zoe Pagliaro '20 collect soil samples at Caney Fork Farms in Carthage, Tennessee, in June. As they conducted fieldwork for a summer collaborative research project in environmental studies, they earned the distinction of being the first two college students invited to conduct research on the farm, which is owned by former Vice President Al Gore.

# FROM THE ADIRONDACKS TO THE AMAZON

Skidmore student scientists' summer research also takes them to Al Gore's Tennessee farm

ANGELA VALDEN

It was the morning of July 25 and the headline in USA Today read "Earth's hottest month on record? July 2019 is being called a climate change beacon." On Caney Fork Farms in Carthage, Tennessee, Skidmore students Zoe Pagliaro '20 and Shay Kolodney '21 were in the home stretch of their two-week residency as the first two college students ever to conduct scientific research on the family farm of former Vice President Al Gore.

The pioneering environmental science majors were invited to analyze soil carbon on the farm, which is dedicated to sustainable agriculture, agroforestry, soil recarbonization, research and conservation. Their task was to collect and document soil samples at 360 points, a painstaking job with the goal of making environmentally

friendly agricultural practices the new normal.

Their summer research experience began on Dome Island, a protected sanctuary in the middle of Lake George, then moved to two farms not far from Skidmore's campus — Pleasant Valley Farm in Argyle and Pitney Meadows Community Farm in Saratoga Springs — before taking them to Caney Fork Farms in Middle Tennessee.

Working with Kristofer Covey, visiting assistant professor of environmental studies and sciences at Skidmore, Pagliaro and Kolodney collected the data for development of a quick carbon app at Yale University. The goal is to incentivize sustainable farming practices by making it easier to calculate the carbon sequestered in soil.

"As an undergraduate, I had no idea that I'd ever be working on something like this," said Pagliaro. "It's a really big deal."

According to a United Nations climate report released in early August, human-caused climate change is dramatically degrading the Earth's land, and the way people use the land is making global warming worse, creating a vicious cycle that is already making food more expensive, scarcer and less nutritious.

Experimenting with regenerative farming techniques that take carbon out of the atmosphere and put it back into the soil where it belongs is "a gateway towards a more vibrant and healthy food system and really rebuilding the soils in this country,"

said Caney Fork Farms Manager Zach Wolf.

Pagliaro and Kolodney know the stakes are high but believe the interdisciplinary nature of the Environmental Studies and Sciences Program at Skidmore may offer solutions for the future. The two frequently engage in thoughtful discussions about personal choices, policy, philosophy and the psychology involved in affecting change.

"Until everyone has equity, we can't really solve anything, because it's a very systematic issue," said Kolodney, who is studying abroad in Bhutan this semester. "All environmental issues are also human issues."

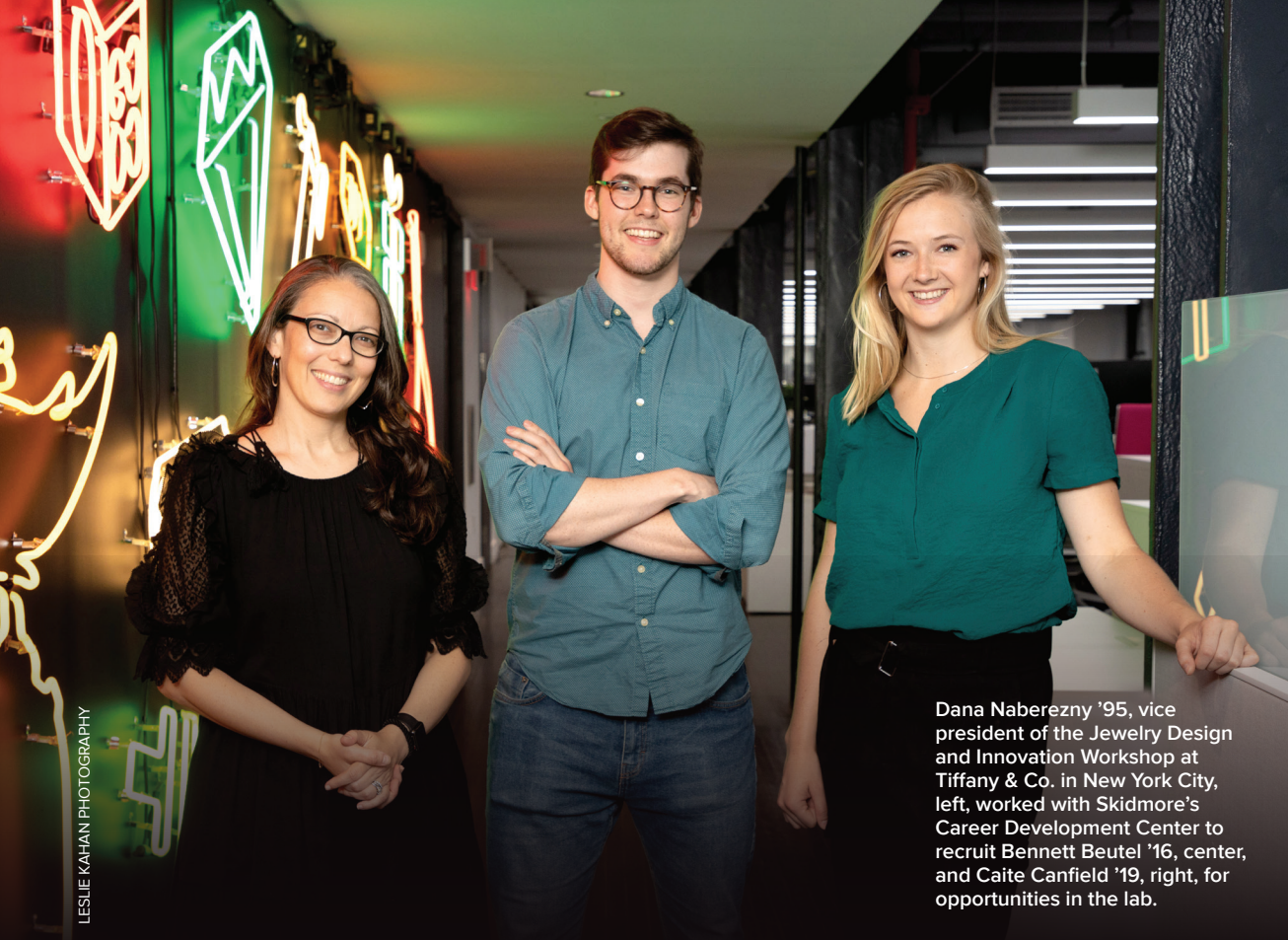
"We always talk about our individual action, which I think is very important,

but we still have to think about policy and the bigger picture," added Pagliaro, who also traveled to the Amazon rainforest with Covey in July as part of a National Geographic project.

"It's one thing to have ideas in the classroom, but it's another to have contact with professionals who are out there working to solve the problems that you want to have an impact on," said Covey. "Watching the students interact together, grow into this together and to take on independence and the research has been really exciting."

— Angela Valden

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Dana Naberezny '95, vice president of the Jewelry Design and Innovation Workshop at Tiffany & Co. in New York City, left, worked with Skidmore's Career Development Center to recruit Bennett Beutel '16, center, and Caite Canfield '19, right, for opportunities in the lab.

## A 'MINI SKIDMORE' IN A MAJOR MANHATTAN MAKERSPACE

Dana Naberezny '95, head of Tiffany & Co.'s Jewelry Design and Innovation Workshop, provides opportunities and mentorship to fellow alumni

In the middle of Manhattan exists a workshop where centuries-old tools — chains, lathes and rolling presses — meld with modern technology — microscopes, 3D printers and laser welders — and some of the most precious metals and gemstones in the world.

Dana Naberezny '95 is vice president of the Jewelry Design and Innovation Workshop for Tiffany & Co., the latest creative revolution for a company with nearly two centuries of cachet. "Tiffany & Co. has built a secret lab to crush its rivals," reads one article from Bloomberg. Others call it

a "think tank" and a "lab of shiny dreams."

But it's the label that Caite Canfield '19 gave it that elicits genuine pride for Naberezny: "a mini Skidmore." Canfield, an international student and studio art and math double major, was recruited by Naberezny to intern in the workshop over the summer. "Dana looked for Skidmore students with dreams because she knew she could help make them a reality," said Canfield.

Canfield isn't the only Skidmore recruit to be taken under Naberezny's

wing. Bennett Beutel '16, a management and business major and engineering technician at Tiffany, is also part of the team.

Beutel started with Tiffany just before the innovation workshop opened in 2018.

Bennett and Naberezny often speak about how they both balanced studio art and business at Skidmore and how that has helped their current perspective.

For Beutel, working in the Jewelry Design and Innovation Workshop is "extremely informative and exciting. To be involved in

molding the future of the jewelry industry is a dream come true."

Naberezny stresses the importance of mentorship.

"I wouldn't be the jewelry maker I am today without Skidmore and Professor David Peterson," Naberezny said, referring to her former art professor, who specializes in jewelry and sculpture. "I love the idea of being able to give back to the school that formed my foundation."

Naberezny and Beutel met Canfield on campus during an exclusive Tiffany

recruitment day organized by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Career Development Center. "Skidmore teaches you how to mix aesthetic and creative appreciation with business acumen, process and technology," said Naberezny. "That makes great candidates for us."

Canfield spent her summer as a model maker/designer at Tiffany before heading off to pursue a master's degree in architecture. "It was like a mini Skidmore, with jewelers, CAD designers, model makers and engineers from different backgrounds, nationalities and interests all working together," she said.

The model makers take designed, 3D-printed and casted prototypes and turn them into real pieces of jewelry. Then, those pieces are fluidly shared across the desks of internal quality and merchandising, then supply and manufacturing experts. And the whole process happens at a pace previously impossible in the jewelry industry.

The ability to work within a dynamic and diverse community of makers is something that Naberezny believes is a core strength of being a Skidmore graduate.

"The theme of all of our Skidmore conversations is exposure. You graduate so aware of the benefits of the diverse thoughts, people, creativity and more," she said. "And from that, you gain life gifts like self-awareness, empathy and the ability to collaborate."

— Julia Marco

**“Being brought up through a culture of critique, critical and creative thinking is the only way to survive the intense upward climb of starting a company.”**

— Kristen Carbone

Kristen Carbone '03, seen here at the Tang Teaching Museum in June, was an art history major at Skidmore. She soon plans to release a tech product to help those who have undergone a mastectomy.

# A BRILLIANT NEW BEGINNING

Kristen Carbone '03, who studied art history at Skidmore, is now a tech entrepreneur

After studying art history and education at Skidmore College, Kristen Carbone '03 went to work curating exhibits at top museums throughout the Northeast, including at the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery.

Little did she know she would become a tech entrepreneur with her hand in manufacturing, marketing, science and engineering.

Her unexpected journey began in 2005, after her mother died of metastatic breast cancer. Years later, Carbone discovered she had a strong genetic risk for the disease, too. With the goal of preventing cancer, Carbone had a double mastectomy and silicone

implant reconstruction in 2013. As she navigated the emotional and physical side effects of her new body — like feeling cold all the time due to a lack of insulating breast tissue — she found herself wanting to connect with other breast cancer survivors and previvors like herself.

After conversing with others online, Carbone learned she wasn't alone in feeling cold. With the help of a friend, Carbone started thinking about the potential for manufacturing a wearable warming device to help with this problem.

“While I was confident my idea could work, I didn't have the engineering expertise to make anything other than the proof of

concept garment,” Carbone said. She did weeks of market research and sought advice from her most accomplished friends, many of whom she met at Skidmore. She even reached out to Skidmore alumni she didn't know to get advice about topics like market penetration rates.

In 2017, Carbone launched Brilliantly, an online platform that aims to meet the long-term physical and emotional needs of women who've had an experience with breast cancer. The company is now developing a warming bra insert that fit into almost any bra. They're made from conductive ink sandwiched between two thin pieces of fabric and controlled by an Oreo-sized

pod that goes in the bra band and connects to a phone app.

“When I stumbled into being an entrepreneur, it was my background in the arts that was the foundation for setting and accomplishing goals to pave the way for Brilliantly,” Carbone said. “Being brought up through a culture of critique, critical and creative thinking is the only way to survive the intense upward climb of starting a company.”

Although entering the wearable tech market is not something she ever imagined doing as an undergraduate, she has always had an appreciation for science and medicine, and Skidmore gave her

the fundamental tools to navigate unfamiliar territory.

“I think the understanding of science is the understanding of what is happening around you,” she said. As a student of art history, “I got to learn about regular history and religion, math, science and innovation, and women's studies.”

It has been a long road getting her product to market, and Carbone says she couldn't have done it without her Skidmore network and education.

“My greatest successes are tied directly to Skidmore,” she said.

— Lisa Haney

# SKIDMORE'S STORYTELLERS

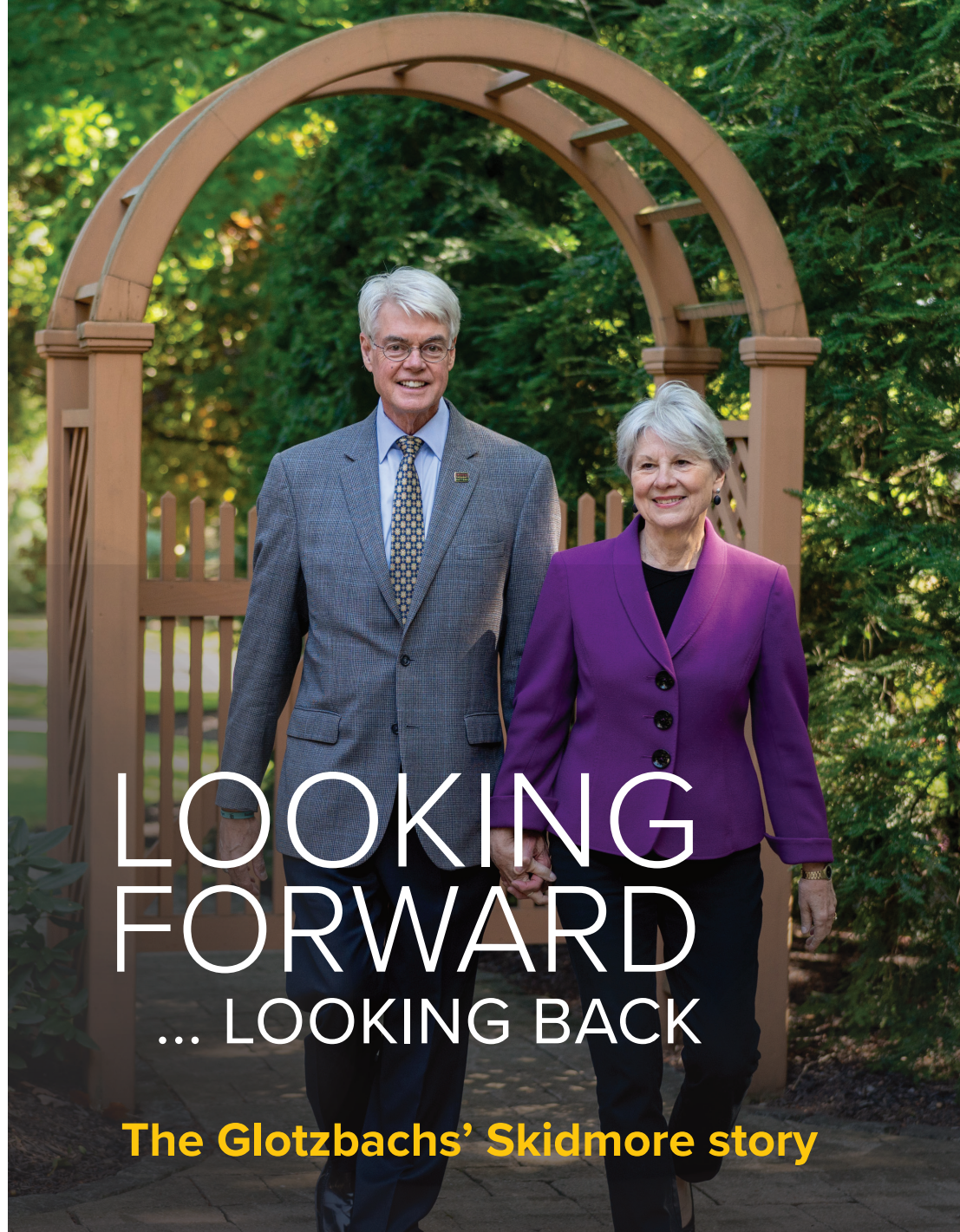
We all share stories. Stories deepen and enrich our lives by connecting us to past and future. According to Jocelyn Arem '04, "When we remix and reimagine stories about the past, we inspire the future."

Here, Scope examines a few ways that members of the Skidmore community — College leadership, faculty, students and alumni — have enriched the broader Skidmore experience through stories.

We start with the story of Phil and Marie Glotzbach, whose lives have intersected with the history of Skidmore College since 2003. We also look at ways that faculty and students are shedding new light on the legacy of Skidmore's nursing program and the experiences of immigrants. Finally, we look at how two remarkable alumni — Jocelyn Arem and Jayson Greene — have brought complex stories — both melodic and tragic — to broader audiences.



Bri Watts-Hendrix '20 tells a story during "You Are A Collector" hosted by the John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative, or MDOCS, and the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery in October 2018. The event was one of many recent storytelling activities on campus.



## LOOKING FORWARD ... LOOKING BACK

### The Glotzbachs' Skidmore story

**Phil and Marie Glotzbach woke up abruptly their first morning in Scribner House. There, standing in the bedroom where Skidmore's new first couple slept, stood a work crew discussing an urgent repair that was needed in the president's historic campus residence.**

"They didn't know we were there. As far as they were concerned, it was a workplace, and they were just doing their job," the president recalled. "They were as surprised as we were."

Sixteen years later, Phil and Marie are the ones doing the work as Skidmore prepares for the next occupant of Scribner House. A presidential search is underway, but Phil and Marie remain very much so on the job.



Phil Glotzbach interacts with students in the walkway near Case Center in 2015.



Phil and Marie Glotzbach share a moment at the Center for Integrated Sciences groundbreaking ceremony in 2018.

Since arriving in 2003, the Glotzbachs have propelled major initiatives at Skidmore — from introducing Skidmore's First-Year Experience to bringing the first phase of the Center for Integrated Sciences near completion and cementing a plan to finish the entire project in 2024.

They have also learned firsthand that life in Scribner

House is rewarding, but it doesn't always mean a good night's sleep. They often return home late.

"On those rare occasions when we're not at an event, we have some dinner, we watch the news," Phil says of their evening routine. "The laundry," Marie interjects. "It's not very exotic."

Scribner House is a home, but also an extraordinary

one. "We didn't have a piano when we first came to Scribner House, and Marie immediately set out to get one because she wanted to make sure there was music in this place," Phil recalls.

When Grammy-winning classical pianist Emanuel Ax was a featured performer at the newly opened Arthur Zankel Music Center, which opened in 2010, he also visited Scribner House for a pre-performance reception. "He sat down and played a few tunes on the piano at Scribner House. Those are memories we always will have."

There have been many others. They quickly count off a who's who list of prominent dinner guests, including New York Times columnist David Brooks,

singer-songwriter Paul Simon, jazz trumpeter Terence Blanchard and literary giant Michael Ondaatje. "The list is very long — over the years — of people who have come to Scribner House," Phil says.

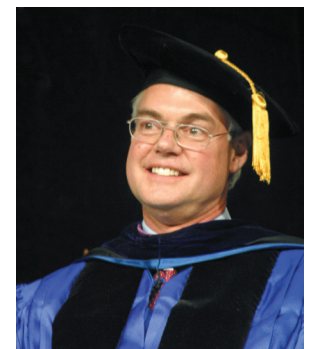
Equally important for the Glotzbachs, every first-year student now pays a visit to the house through their Scribner Seminars — a program introduced during their tenure and in which the Glotzbachs have even co-taught.

"The first year we were here, we invited every single faculty member over for receptions," Phil says. "We said, specifically, that people should look at the president's house as the living room of the campus."

Both are humble about their accomplishments and speak of the College's remarkable success. "It's not things I've done; it's things we've all done together, over time, to move the College to where it is," Phil says.

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Phil Glotzbach smiles at his inauguration as president in 2003.

CHRISTOPHER MASSA





Phil Glotzbach chats with students in 2005.



Marie Glotzbach greets members of the Class of 2004.

Phil and Marie occasionally finish each other's sentences and routinely cheer each other on. "I came to be a committed partner — to provide the 'do-op' — and I feel I have done that," Marie says.

"Marie's modest," Phil says, rattling off a list of her leadership roles in important College and Saratoga Springs community initiatives, including Saratoga Reads, the Saratoga Arts Fest and Skidmore Cares, as well as the many theater courses and productions she has led.

Phil has dunked ice-water over his head as part of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and dressed up as Skids, the Skidmore mascot. Together, they've greeted dignitaries,

such as Oprah Winfrey and Joe Torre, and led Skidmore forward on some of its most important strategic priorities.

Phil seems more lighthearted when Marie is around. She tells him to smile more at public events, and they joke gently about each other. They share many common interests, but not on everything, including the movie "Top Gun."

"It's not my favorite. He's fanatical about it," Marie says.

"It doesn't speak to her. But there are some people who believe that there's a line in 'Top Gun' for every conceivable human situation. I'm one of them," Phil says.

"And he uses them a lot," Marie says. "Don't you leave me, Mav" is one of his favorite lines," she says.

"We like a lot of movies," Phil says wryly.

They also enjoy the Adirondacks, where they escape on an occasional weekend. They enjoy quiet time, watching a movie or reading. In the mountains, they kayak or take out a canoe. They enjoy gardening. Phil golfs. "The mundane things that are just very different from what we do in our more visible lives," Phil notes.

The Glotzbachs sometimes find it difficult to talk about themselves. "I'm a philosopher," Phil quips. "I only know general things."

They prefer to talk about the success of the College that they both clearly love and with which their identity has very quickly become interwoven.

They draw inspiration from the stories of students,

such as the Palamountain scholars who have overcome incredible obstacles to achieve remarkable success. They speak glowingly of moments when alumni have stepped up for the College. For example, Phil mentions

### The Glotzbachs' Celebration Tour

Phil and Marie Glotzbach will be touring the U.S. for a series of events celebrating their leadership and legacy at Skidmore.

Nov. 6 — Boston

Dec. 12 — Twin Cities: Minneapolis

Feb. 20 — Naples, Florida

Feb. 23 — Vero Beach, Florida

For more information, please visit [alumni.skidmore.edu](http://alumni.skidmore.edu).



Phil Glotzbach scoops ice cream at Ben & Jerry's in Saratoga Springs in 2017.



Marie Glotzbach greets Skids at Scribner House in 2017 as part of an event for Skidmore Cares, a program that she spearheaded.

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— Phil Glotzbach

how alumnus Steve Sullivan '78 helped successfully launch the Friends of Skidmore Athletics, allowing the College to keep the men's hockey team that was to be eliminated.

Commencement inspires them both.

“It’s very personal. It demonstrates our sense of community. There’s a lot of pride. There’s a lot of uniqueness,” Marie says. “It’s like a parade of what Skidmore is all about.”

“Many students hug you,” Marie tells Phil. “I think that also makes a statement about the kind of place this is ... You wanted to be connected, to feel connected to the students.”

They love the campus. They speak with admiration of the Arthur Zankel Music Center, which opened under their leadership. There’s

Sussman Village, which opened in 2013, and the award-winning Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, which was renovated under Phil’s leadership. They list favorite student performances and projects that have captivated them. Phil rattles off a list of faculty-curated exhibitions at the Tang. College populations are far more diverse today as well, making Skidmore a much more vibrant and interesting place than it was before.

“I think the story I would want to tell is a story of having collaborated with a great many people who have really done all the work that we’ve been talking about,” Phil says. “It has been a team effort all the way through. As president, one sometimes gets more blame for things that go wrong than one deserves. But one also gets a lot more credit than one probably deserves.”

So, what is Phil and Marie’s story at Skidmore?

“When we came in 2003, I believe that Skidmore was not as proud of itself as it

should have been,” Phil says. “We had so much to be proud of then, and we have so much more to be proud of today. I believe that growth

in our shared sense of pride is one of the best markers of our progress.”

— James Helicke



Marie and Phil Glotzbach pose with students and a cutout of Skidmore's founder, Lucy Scribner, at a Founder's Day picnic in 2016.



# COMPASSIONATE HANDS

Telling the story of Skidmore's nursing program

Grace Heath '19, left, and Lucy Walker '19 are interrupted by laughter as nursing alumnae recognize themselves in a presentation at Reunion about the history of Skidmore's nursing program. The project's website is [skidmore.edu/nursingmemories](http://skidmore.edu/nursingmemories)

The sciences and liberal arts have intersected since Skidmore's inception and the establishment in 1922 of its nursing program, which closed in 1985. Now, a history course at Skidmore has helped to archive alumnae recollections and photographs and tell the story of Skidmore's legacy as an elite nursing school.

This year, Tillman Nechtman's Public History students interviewed alumnae about their Skidmore experiences. The result is a project called "Compassionate Hands: Remembering the Skidmore College Department of Nursing." Students recorded audio histories and presented about the initiative at Reunion in May.

Grace Heath '19, a student in the course who also partnered with Nechtman on the project this summer, told alumnae that the goal was to "see the past through your eyes."

"Leadership and creative thinking have been pillars of Skidmore's nursing program," she said. "In many ways, we see that spirit in our

**"Skidmore aims to integrate the humanities with the sciences, which is exactly what the Skidmore nursing program prided itself on."**

— Grace Heath '19

school to this day: Skidmore aims to integrate the humanities with the sciences, which is exactly what the Skidmore nursing program prided itself on."

The collection spotlights an iconic era in the history of the College and some of Skidmore's first student scientists. Their heartwarming and transformative memories, newly found professional maturity and cosmopolitan sophistication allowed nursing students to stand out as thinkers and leaders on and

off campus. Those traits showed up in the career paths they forged as clinicians, researchers, school nurses, activists, educators, entrepreneurs, administrators and authors.

"I'm thrilled that nursing will have this legacy here at Skidmore," Kristina Clarke MacMillan '69 said at Reunion. Skidmore's nursing program "taught us how to be independent, and it gave us a career and a passion."

"The curriculum was extreme," she added. "We worked very hard. So when we played, we played hard and developed some friendships that supported each other. We still get together 50 years later."

Lucy Walker '19, a student in Nechtman's class, discussed the profound legacy that Skidmore's nurses have had on nursing and other fields.

"Skidmore nurses can be found spread throughout the globe as health care professionals, authors, teachers, mothers, politicians and more," Walker said. "My classmates

and I were fortunate enough to hear many of the amazing stories that Skidmore nurses have experienced in their lives. We've heard about their work in clinics and hospitals as well as their many experiences outside the nursing field, from speaking on Capitol Hill during the writing of the Affordable Care Act to affecting change on the local level."

Walker intends to pursue a career in nursing and recently entered the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

Skidmore maintains a Health Professionals Advisory Committee, which guides students interested in health professions. The College also maintains an agreement with New York University that allows Skidmore students to study nursing.

Professor of History Nechtman said the Skidmore nursing project was the first time his Public History students participated in a class research project focused on Skidmore.

"This is a way that we can build upon the interdisciplinarity that Skidmore worked so hard to achieve between the sciences and the humanities and the social sciences," Nechtman said. "I think you can see some of that in what we've done."

— Helen S. Edelman '74



Jane Kjaer, curator in Skidmore's library, and Will Turner '19 research the history of nursing at Skidmore College as part of Tillman Nechtman's Public History course.



# A STORY IN THE MAKING

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## MDOCS

The John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative, or MDOCS, has spearheaded innovative storytelling and documentary initiatives at Skidmore since 2014.

### FRAME 1

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Founded in 2014 as one of the signature programs of MDOCS, the annual Storytellers' Institute is a five-week residency hosted at Skidmore College in June. The Storytellers' Institute offers Skidmore students, faculty and staff intimate access to acclaimed professionals working in the field of documentary.



### FRAME 2

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In 2016, Storytellers' Fellow Aggie Ebrahimi Bazaz began a collaboration with workers on Saratoga Race Course's backstretch in partnership with the Economic Opportunity Council. Bazaz and Emily Rizzo '18, a 2016 student fellow, began work on a 360° virtual-reality documentary. The film immerses viewers in the daily experience of immigrants living and working in a climate of surveillance and fear.



### FRAME 3

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"How to Tell a True Immigrant Story" premiered at the 2019 Locarno Film Festival in Switzerland — the first 360° film ever to be included in the emerging filmmakers category. Storytellers' Institute alums Eleanor Green '18 and Eleuterio Ramirez Martinez '18, along with MDOCS directors Jordana Dym and Adam Tinkle, helped bring this hard-hitting, locally grounded story to an international audience.



### FRAME 4

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"How to Tell a True Immigrant Story" premieres in the United States at the Adirondack Film Festival, held Oct. 17-20 in Glens Falls, New York. The film will also be shown at Caffe Lena on Oct. 29. The Adirondack Film Festival will also premiere two documentary shorts from 2019 Storytellers' Institute alumnae: "Home: Children of the Interstices" by Sarah Maacha '20 and "Chinese Breakfast" by Liv Fidler '19.



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— Jocelyn Arem '04

**Jocelyn Arem '04 is a Grammy Award-nominated producer.**

perspectives and stories being told. It's changing the industry for the better because we're hearing not just more, but increasingly all, stories."

Arem credits her own Skidmore experience for "fostering a deep sense of freedom and joy in being a multifaceted, creative person." To her, it's "hard to imagine not being grounded in the liberal arts as a way of being and perceiving the world ... making connections across different fields is still a skill I use every day."

When Arem isn't collaborating with others to tell captivating stories, you might find her songwriting and performing as jazz/soul artist Rabasi Joss. She recently released her latest album, "Heliotrope," at the prestigious Brooklyn Academy of Music.

In all of her creative endeavors, Arem relies on a core philosophy: "When we remix and reimagine stories about the past, we inspire the future."

— Mary Monigan and Sara Miga '08

## REMIXING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE FUTURE

Jocelyn Arem '04 specializes in innovative multimedia projects at the intersection of the arts, storytelling and activism

In 2000, Jocelyn Arem '04, then a first-year student, hoisted her guitar up the creaky steps of Caffe Lena's famed stage to perform at open mic night. That was the first step in a journey that would lead her to craft a groundbreaking multimedia history of the legendary coffeehouse.

As a student at Skidmore, Arem '04 wove together her interests in history, storytelling and music to design a major in ethnomusicology. Then, with the help of a small seed grant from the College after graduation, she combed through decades of long-forgotten photos, tapes and other materials. She interviewed more than 200 musicians, from Ani DiFranco to Pete Seeger. Her efforts yielded an exhibition, a website, a creative

partnership with the Library of Congress, an award-winning CD box set and a 300-page book.

Arem's passion for the process of unearthing stories helped situate the story of Caffe Lena in music history.

Today, Arem is a Grammy Award-nominated music producer and the founder and executive producer of Arbo Radiko, a New York-based production house and archival consulting company that specializes in innovative multimedia projects at the intersection of the arts, storytelling and activism.

A sought-after teacher and speaker who "enjoys educating others on how to make connections between

the past and the present," Arem has shared her expertise at the The New York Times Summer Institute, NYU Music Technology Colloquium, Monterey Jazz Festival and elsewhere.

In 2015, she returned to Skidmore as the Carr Distinguished Interdisciplinary Lecturer. She led multiple workshops and delivered a presentation on multimedia documentary studies in partnership with the College's John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative, or MDOCS.

Arem says the rapidly changing nature of documentary as a storytelling tool excites her. "I'm happy to see the spotlight on female creators and to have a diversity of



Jocelyn Arem '04 received the Creative Thought Matters Award of Distinction at Reunion in May.

Rolling Stone has described Greene's book as a "staggering work of quiet heartbreak" and an "intensely moving and life-affirming story."



JONI GREENE

Jayson Greene with his daughter, Greta.

## WRITING AND GRIEVING

In a 2019 memoir, Jayson Greene '04 tells the story of his daughter's life

How do you write about something that never should have happened?

In 2015, Jayson Greene '04 and his wife Stacy lost their 2-year-old daughter Greta in a tragic accident. To "figure out a new reason to live," Greene began to write about the experience and soon found himself considering what about it might also be valuable to others. He wove deeply personal moments into his memoir, "Once More We Saw Stars" (Alfred A. Knopf, 2019).

A music critic, Greene had always wanted to write a book, but he never expected it to be this one. His daughter's death — the result of a loose brick falling from a building — was heavily reported on, and he wanted Greta's life story to be told on the same scale.

With Greene's prose laid

out on crisp, white pages in what The New York Times has described as "a revelation of lightness and agility," it's easy to forget that translating unspeakable grief into coherent ideas is a messy, complicated process that requires critical thinking and creativity.

**"There is a difference between the stories you tell yourself and the stories you tell with the intention of others hearing it."**

— Jayson Greene '04

Greene says that developing an overarching structure for his book was central to his creative process, and a seed for storytelling was

planted during his time studying English and music at Skidmore.

"I was worried that I was going to be telling a sad story that no one would want to read, so I thought about pacing and ways to make the story move — that's where a lot of creativity went," he says.

Greene acknowledges that writing well is difficult, but he's observed that storytellers often become overly concerned with "whether or not their sentences sound beautiful" or "if what they are making has certain traits of what a creative thing should look like."

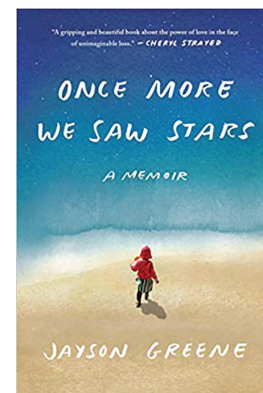
Greene views the most important part of storytelling as making the big-picture creative decisions about what kind of story you want to share.

Asking questions like, "What is the shape of the thing that I've determined is missing in the universe?" is an essential step toward crafting something unique and powerful.

To others who aspire to explore difficult topics, Greene says starting is the most important part. "Scribble in a notebook, use an app — just make writing as habitual as eating," he says.

Greene is now pursuing an MFA at Bennington College with a focus on fiction. When "Once More We Saw Stars" was published, Greene said his emotions extended beyond the typical desire of an author for a work to do well. "A huge part of my wishes for the book were tied up in being Greta's father."

The book has been a



resounding success. Greene says interactions with readers have affected him profoundly. "Some things transcend description. I've been overcome with the depths of intimacy that people have reached out to me with. It speaks to the highest thing that I could ever hope for in writing anything down."

— Sara Miga '08

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**'44** At 98, **Maxine Weingarten Donofrio** enjoys water aerobics and is taking a course in Chinese at a local college — “so hard, but fun!” She also aced a real estate broker certification test.

**Sarah “Betsie” Longley Kinney** and Herb celebrated their 74th anniversary in July. She recalled when Herb, stationed overseas at the close of WWII, made a surprise visit home to pop the question. Their families put together a wedding in nine days!

**Virginia Gray McNear** leads a fitness class twice a week! She plays cribbage on Mondays, a “very loose” version of “Jeopardy” bingo on Wednesdays and Scrabble on Fridays.

**Alice “Kit” Mungall Porter’s** husband, Charlie, died Jan. 1. “We had over 73 years of ‘wedded bliss,’” says Kit. Their four kids have produced 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grands — “all smart and good-looking, of course!”

As for me, I turned 97 this June and my kids threw me a nice birthday barbecue party on my deck. My three grandkids came with their six great-grandchildren. In February, four of my nieces and nephews visited from Maryland and South Jersey and were joined by my kids at a lovely dinner. I enjoyed catching up with them all and holding our newest addition, baby Gabriella.

Deborah Weber wrote to advise me that her mother, **Priscilla Comins Craig**, died peacefully March 26 at the age of 96. Priscilla was a WWII vet. We send condolences to her family. You can contact Deborah at [ulikeit222@cox.net](mailto:ulikeit222@cox.net).

**Suzie Keller Talbot** resides in an Exeter, N.H., retirement community but is still independent. She uses a walker but prefers a cane. With diminished eyesight and hearing, Suzie quips that she’s “100% from the neck down.” At 98, she is thankful for a good life and memories of our time together “way up in the New York hills.”

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**'47** I was thrilled to get a call from **Ruth Schleicher Kroon** this summer. Schlike is doing well at her Massachusetts retirement community but no longer drives due to vision problems.

**Polly Deppen Whedon** and Bill love their apartment in a retirement community in West Hartford, Conn. Unfortunately, Bill has had to give up golf.

As for me, I had to be driven to a driving range three times this spring when our golf course was waterlogged from excessive rain. I traveled to Boston for an East Coast family reunion over the Fourth of July. Thank goodness for nonstop flights; it’s hard to get around the larger terminals at 93!

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**'48** **Aileen Kwock Char** stays busy with twice-weekly exercise, a ukulele class and jam session, and church affairs. “Life is good,” says Kwocky.

**Mary Baker Macartney’s** neuropathy occasionally flares up. MJ looks forward to seeing the “Libbey House” ladies, including **Marie Ryder Riley**, at **Pat Malmar Almond’s** Virginia home this fall. MJ continues to paint portraits for longtime patrons. Her adopted son will meet his birth family in Virginia later this year.

**Sue Strauss Kraus** shared this “super grandma story.” Granddaughter Elizabeth Kraus graduated with honors from Fordham Law School in May and told Sue that she would “sort of” be speaking at the ceremony. Sue was “thrilled” when Elizabeth took the stage and sang the “Star Spangled Banner” in front of an audience of 500!

**Allyne Seaman Portman** lives in a retirement community in Rocky River, Ohio. A dietetics major, she “still loves to experiment with new recipes.”

**Kay Smith Parkhurst** is looking into senior apartments near her home in Wayzata, Minn. Two of her three children live nearby. The other is in Connecticut but regularly visits a lakeside cabin in Kay’s area with his family. Despite suffering a stroke last year that cost Kay her driving privileges, she says, “Life is good.”

**Jeanne Herrup Elman** and Marshall welcomed a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter in July!

Proud grandma **Phyllis Magill Levy** traveled to Pisa, Italy, in September for the graduation of a granddaughter and enjoyed a family holiday in Sicily. Her

granddaughter is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Cambridge.

**Joan Theobald Mitchell** enjoys life in a retirement community in Lexington, N.C., where she plays a lot of bridge. She sends her love to all.

**Evelyn Burns Stewart** shared the sad news that her husband of 72 years, Harold, died in June. She has moved to Charlottesville, Va., to be near her son, Allan. We are sorry for your loss, Evy.

We extend condolences to the families of **Ruth Montgomery Merritt**, who died April 11, and **Shirley Simmons Boll**, who died June 7.

As for me, two nasty illnesses resulted in a lengthy hospitalization, followed by some less-than-stellar home care. Happily, my new aide is a gem. She is here six days a week, which is nice, since I gave up driving. I go to physical therapy two days a week and have been officially promoted from a three-wheeler to a cane — yippee!

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Katherine Schilling Schick Lyall '40 celebrated her 100th birthday on April 27. Four generations of Skidmore graduates — Lyall, Pam Schick Kelsey '70, Allison Schick Masson '89, Ken Masson '89 and their children, Nate Masson '16 and Tenley Masson '17 — joined the festivities.



CHRISTOPHER MASSA

Edith Armend Holtermann '49, Marjorie Fee Neff '49, and Dorinne Shutter Armstrong '49 carry their class banner in the Parade of Classes during Reunion 2019.

**'49** Our 70th reunion was fabulous. President Glotzbach and his wife, Marie, greeted us warmly at Thursday's Scribner Society dinner and took several more opportunities to chat with us throughout the weekend. We enjoyed great meals prepared by Skidmore's chefs – in Case Center on Friday and in the Tang Museum on Saturday, a space we happily shared with the Class of 1959. The Class of 1949 led the traditional Parade of Classes on Saturday morning, drawing cheers from a happy crowd.

**Dorinne Shutter Armstrong** spoke for us during Saturday's dinner at the Tang when she expressed gratitude for the lifelong friendships we made at Skidmore. Her son, Richard, proudly looked on. After a presentation on the museum's current exhibitions by Dayton Director Ian Berry, many guests, including yours truly, adjourned to the Tang's roof to view a spectacular fireworks display.

**Betsy Bell Condron** was in a terrible car accident earlier this year but, fortunately, has recovered. She is now in an "easy-care" apartment at St. Luke's Villa in Wilkes Barre, Pa., close to the activities she enjoys.

**Caroline Bruner Dean** and husband Hank keep busy in Ohio and Ontario. Her plate is full with tracking four children, 10 grands and six great-grands. Caroline fell in April, breaking two vertebrae. Undaunted, she left for Canada and will return to Ohio this fall.

**Helen Buch Thorpe** enjoys visiting her 2-year-old great-granddaughter whenever she travels to Virginia.

**Marge Fee Neff** had a lovely time at Reunion, which she celebrated with her daughter, **Debbie Neff Lynch '77**. After moving to Tyron, N.C., Marge gave up driving due to diminished eyesight and hearing. Her son has moved back to Columbus, N.C., and now lives next door to Debbie.

**Leah Cunningham Wood's** eyesight is deteriorating from glaucoma.

**Mary Mitchell Durland** is happily living in Edgehill, a retirement community in Stamford, Conn., where she has many friends. She flew to Palm Springs, Calif., to visit her daughter earlier this year.

**Nancy Hare Dunn** is doing fine but admits she "doesn't feel much like a physical education teacher!"

We have lost many classmates this year. We extend condolences to the families of **Betty Anderson Heartfield**, **Phyllis Dye Turner**, **Katharine "Tinka" Morse Pincus** (our class president), **Jean Verme Schaeffer**, **Lucy LaRocca Birtle**, **Lois Smith Klauder**, **Anne Wittaker Ritchie** and **Barbara Millar**.

**Joanne Whiting Lenci** moved to a senior community in Fairfield, Conn., where many of her friends reside. Due to the timing, she was unable to attend Reunion.

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**'50** **Nancy Lang** celebrated her 90th birthday in March in McLean, Va., surrounded by nieces and nephews, a sister-in-law and friends, including **Barbara Freedman Wolfson '51**. Nancy was maid-of-honor at Barbara's wedding in 1955. A longtime musician, Nancy sings in the chorus at her retirement community.

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**'51** We are saddened to note the passing of **John Herlihy** on July 15. He will be sorely missed.

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**'52** **Dorothy Weshner Goldsmith** sends "kudos to all of us who are still dancing." Dossie shed her nickname when she married Walter in 1964, but she'll always be Dossie to us!

Married for 66 years, **Nancy Kress Douglass** and Jim love the carefree lifestyle at Friendship Village in Pittsburgh. They especially enjoy sampling the great activities offered and not having to cook.

**Barbara Bower** met a new friend at her independent living facility in Denver who happens to share the same name. Barbara is delighted that a great-granddaughter and her family live in the area. A realtor in northern Virginia and Vail for 50 years, she finally retired at 85.

**Bea Kee** has joined the Class of 1952 "new parts club." She had a hip replacement in June followed by five days in rehab. She is working hard to get that hip strong again!

**Dawn Rylander Spitz** and Eric have moved to Heritage Hills, a senior community in Sommers, N.Y. Now closer to family, they are thrilled to have two new great-granddaughters. The couple already performs in a cabaret with four other residents.

**Peggy McConnell Hinrichs** enjoys life at Waverly Heights, a senior residence in Gladwynne, Pa., but winters in Vero Beach, Fla. Thanks to a community bus, she attended her first Phillies game!

**Jean Adams Shaw** and Biff have slowed down a bit. They enjoy living at Essex Meadows in Essex, Conn. Two great-grandchildren live nearby, and one resides in Colorado. Jean is grateful to everyone who supported the Skidmore Fund this year, adding, "Skidmore and its students will continue to thrive, thanks to you."

**Sally Evans Hunt** is thrilled to be a great-grandmother. She lives in Charlotte near two of her children and five grandchildren. Her daughter underwent a bone marrow transfer earlier this year. Sally reports that "all is well and life goes on."

**Barbara Neustaedter Scheer** misses her beloved husband, Hamilton, who died in 2017 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's and a broken hip. She and a wonderful caregiver were able to care for him at home until the end.

Sacramento resident **Jane Davis McGourty** attended the weddings of two grandsons and a niece this



summer. A granddaughter gave birth to Jane's first great-grandson. Jane is still able to do most of the things she enjoys. This summer, her garden produced enough vegetables to share with friends and neighbors. Although Jane and partner Carl no longer take overseas trips, they still enjoy time at their California and Oregon timeshares.

**Edith Morein Zais** and Bill welcomed their first great-grandchild, Jackson Thomas, on May 30. His parents live nearby in Natick. In June, Edith and Bill took a wonderful cruise from Boston to Bermuda, and a month later, they celebrated Bill's 93rd birthday. Edith is happy to report that his heart is very strong thanks to aortic valve replacement surgery in 2018. Finally, the couple celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary July 11.

We are saddened to report the deaths of **Lucy McDermott Blackman**, who died June 22, and **Andrea Griffin Kepler**, who died July 18. We recently learned that **William Beecher**, one of the returning GIs who attended Skidmore's Glens Falls extension, died in 2010. We extend condolences to their families.

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**'53** What great spirit you gals of '53 have! You have no idea how delightful it was to open my mailbox day after day and discover another batch of little yellow cards!

**Jane Walsh Berry** had a wonderful weekend with two daughters in Madison, Conn. The trio then welcomed **Dubie Haynes Nelson** and her daughter, Carrie. They had a great time celebrating 70 years of friendship! Jane also plays bridge with **Cynthia Kain Wigton**.

Our intrepid traveler, **Norma "Billie" Fisher**, returned from a cruise to Norway and the Arctic Circle,

Scotland and London. They had good weather, although the North Cape was a bit windy and chilly. Billie saw reindeer grazing in green pastures.

**Ruth Thomas Goldzier** spent part of July in Michigan to escape the Arizona heat. In August, she and her daughter took a two-week trip to Iceland. Ruth later visited **Ingrid Kolseth Zola '57** in Connecticut.

**Ann Shaaber Campney's** granddaughter, Clair Trop, is a member of Team USA in the Under-24 Ultimate Frisbee competitions. The team recently made a clean sweep of gold medals in the Mixed Division Championships in Heidelberg, Germany. This summer, she was chosen to participate in the 2019 U.S. Flying Disk Championships.

**Grace Ackerknecht Harrigan** went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March. "It was a wonderful experience and very safe," she reports.

**Jacqueline Bailey Martin** and Don enjoyed a Skidmore alumni event at the Wequassett Inn in Chatham, Mass., in August. The featured speaker was Professor of Economics **Peter von Allmen P'09**, son of the late **Carolyn Rye von Allmen**.

**Janet Tinsley Fiske** and Bob are healthy and enjoying themselves at their homes in Connecticut and Vermont. The couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year.

**Judy Axford McCoy** and Dick are still "kicking it." Their two daughters and their families live next door on the family tree farm.

**Sylvia Shaw Brandhorst** lives at Newbury Court in Concord, Mass. She loves seeing her grandchildren at the family's summer home in Seal Harbor, Maine, every June. Syl enjoyed attending Reunion last year with **Ellie Reponen Cronin**.

**Yvonne Mandell Bartman** still lives in her home of 59 years. "No slouch at the bridge table," she also gardens and volunteers as a tour guide at the Barnes Foundation. Yvonne vacationed in Greece with all four daughters, the oldest of whom attended our graduation as a 3-month-old.

Both **Adrienne Zuger Mills Noble** and **Jodo Kleinmaier Tornes** say "hello" to classmates.

**Ann Trainer Williams** was sorry to have missed Reunion. She and John continue to be in good health. Both sides of the family gathered to celebrate his 90th birthday. They love sunny Florida and independent living.

Bascha Mon (**Bobbie Grubman**) created a series of 240 small paintings for the "Going to the New Land" exhibition at New Jersey's Bedminster Contemporary Art Center. She enjoyed a big family reunion in Otis, Mass., in August and her daughter-in-law's 65th birthday bash in the fall.

I received the sad news that **Betty Ann Wiswall Conley** died March 8. Betty, whose father was president of the Saratoga Racing Association, was given her first horse at age 4. We send condolences to her family.

**Jean Cranse Larsen** died July 14 after a long decline. We remember her fierce devotion to Skidmore and determination to attend our 60th reunion.

My life is busy. Over the summer, I juggled my time at the shore between old friends and my children and their families. I am a little less mobile than I once was, but that is manageable. Life is good, lucky us!

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**'54** **Emily Whitlock Moore's** new dog is young and energetic. Although

walking him is a challenge, she says, "He keeps me active."

**Ona Barron Bickelhaupt** lives in a Brookdale cottage in Roswell, Ga., with her 15-year-old Papillion dog, Blaise. She spent two weeks at her family camp along the Hudson River north of Saratoga Springs. Ona later drove to Ohio to visit old friends in Upper Arlington.

**Marcia Weeks Clayton** had lunch with **Delsa Walsh Wilson**, who also lives in Harpswell, Maine. Marcia's granddaughter, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., welcomed twin girls in July. Her youngest grandson, Matt Clayton, graduated from Union College in May.

**Sydney Bartlett Tansi** is delighted that the last member of her family residing in California has moved back to New England. "This makes our family picture complete," says Sydney, who lives at The Arbors retirement residence in Manchester, Conn.

Still living in her home, **Mary Lou Johnston Young** is blessed with good health and a precious 23-year-old Shih Tzu. She's had to give up golf but stays busy with water aerobics and bridge.

**Nancy Cooke Luce** is sorry that she and husband Bob were unable to make our 65th reunion. They will celebrate their 65th anniversary at Twin Lakes Community in Burlington, N.C., in November.

**Adelaide Warner Minott** was also sorry to have missed our 65th. She is busy trying to keep up with her family, which now includes 11 great-grandchildren.

**Joanne Ewig McCallum** and her husband and son-in-law drove from Southern California to Utah for a family reunion. They saw incredible mountain landscapes along the way. Their oldest grandson is a freshman at University of Wisconsin.

**Maggie Brewer Stevens** has been living in Yarmouth, Maine, for the past 30 years. She and husband Stacy celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in August. They have a son and daughter and six grandsons. After Stacy retired, he and Maggie traveled the world: South Africa, China and Australia were among their destinations. The couple enjoys everything about Maine — even the weather.

**Dolores “DoDo” Morris Hayward** regretted missing Reunion. She was visiting a son in Denver whose wife was expecting a baby. Dodo was the guest of honor at the baby shower. Despite several physical setbacks in recent years, including injuries from a car accident, she has bounced back and is active in her church.

We have lost several classmates this past year. **Tanoula Nasla Hadjiparaskevas** died Jan. 22. Harold Kudan informed me that his wife, **Phyllis Rosenberg Kudan**, died June 7 after suffering a stroke. Phyllis and Harold married right after graduating from Skidmore. **Mary Hamilton McLaughlin** died March 8 following a stroke. We lost **Marilyn Moreland Reukauf** on March 26, and both **Gail Lawrence Lerch** and **Janet Doughty Farnan** on April 24. We extend condolences to their families.

As most of you know, none of us could return for our 65th reunion. Health problems, distance and other commitments are a real challenge at this age. But we were all there in spirit and continue to cherish the wonderful times we shared at Skidmore. I am still busy volunteering and spending time with my three local great-grandsons, Lucas, 14, Ryan, 4, and Noah, 2. The newest great-grand, 6-month-old Hunter, is in Carbondale, Colo. I see him during visits to five grandsons who live in that state. While there, I connect with my Skidmore roommate, Sandy, and her husband, Tom.

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**Carolyn “Rusty” Ruscoe Burt** called me from Madison, Conn., to reminisce about our Foley House days with

**Nancy Lee Farrell, Lenore Bolling** and our red-haired “Squirrel,” **Shirley Clark**. Arthritis and balance problems keep Rusty’s travels limited, but she works out and swims to stay limber. She finally completed a family history book featuring 31 stories accompanied by photos. Visiting, texting and tracking the whereabouts, school attendance and job successes of her seven granddaughters is one of her “great pleasures.”

**Kay O’Neill Forster** and Jim moved from San Francisco to a sixth-floor apartment in Tamalpais, a retirement community in Marin, Calif., last year. They have lovely views of Mount Tamalpais and the canal below. Best of all, the community offers a “cooking-free” lifestyle for its “brilliant and amusing” residents. Kay lived in Thompson House as a freshman before transferring to Northwestern. **Mary Ann Efrid Higgins, Sue Todd Liddy, Beth Leibowitz Flusser** and **Laura Pedro Thomas** all remember those days in Thompson!

**Diana D’Arienzo Pascal** and husband Jack drove from Garden City, N.Y., to Saratoga Springs this summer and enjoyed reliving wonderful memories.

**Adele Albrecht Wakefield** left Baltimore for a few weeks this summer to visit family in Seattle. She and two teenage grandsons explored Puget Sound on son Philip’s boat. Adele also visited her sister, **Barbara Albrecht Shaw ’56**, at her New Jersey lake house.

**Jo Ours Scurry** lives in Santa Fe, N.M. After losing husband Murphy in 2009, she lived alone until son Tom moved in. Jo is delighted to have his “wonderful company.”

I want to thank **Dora Gisiger McWhite** for welcoming me to St.

Pete, Fla. Dora stays in touch with **Carol Stewart Schneidewind**, who lives in Brunswick, Maine. Carol and her late husband, Gil, visited St. Pete every year to escape the frozen north. Since his death, Carol and Dora connect often by phone and email. Dora and son Padraic flew to San Diego to visit her sister, Betsy, and other family members. Son Will accompanied Dora on the return flight.

**Ruth Tuoti Dufault** is a longtime volunteer for the Conservation Advisory Council in Hillsdale, N.Y. She has observed significant changes to the land between the Hudson River and Massachusetts Taconic Range, where she runs her 45-year-old landscaping business. Now struggling with the effects of Lyme disease, Ruth is winding down its operations. Thanks to family and friends, Ruth says her life is “interesting and happy.”

**Nancy Wind Ross** is “still on the farm” in Union Dale, Pa., but finds it harder to keep up with her gardening. Nancy no longer skis or bikes but enjoys playing bridge, doing yoga and visiting grands and great-grands in California and Seattle. “Generally enjoying old age,” she is active in a number of “Huddle” advocacy groups that seek to advance women’s rights and end domestic violence.

We recently learned that **Sarah “Suzzy” Morin** died Dec. 4, 2016. We remember her love of storytelling and determination to be recognized as a “character actress.” Despite the delay, we want to pay our respects to a well-remembered classmate.

**Joyce Brier Galkin** died June 7. We send condolences to her husband, Warren, and their children, Michael and Cathy.

**Diane Davis Nelson** lost her “best friend” when husband Jim died March 24. A short time later, their 55-year-old son, Mark, died of a heart attack. Our hearts go out to Diane and her family.

**Renee Rosenthal Landau, Glenna Green Citrin** and **Barbara Justin Handler** hold monthly “long lunches” in NYC that serve as forums for discussions on a wide range of topics. Contact me for more information.

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**Barrie Lentz Sargent** and Ted still reside in their home of 55 years. They have three grandchildren in college, including a granddaughter at RPI.

**Jean Landby Peffers** moved from her San Antonio, Texas, home to a retirement complex in the North Hills area of Raleigh, N.C.

**Amy Celotto Mongillo** and John are also on the move; after 30 years in Rhode Island, they relocated to Naples, Fla. Amy encourages classmates in the area to contact her at [j123bike@aol.com](mailto:j123bike@aol.com).

**Margo Mimmack Lamar** attended several grandchildren’s graduations and weddings this year. She and husband Stan took a trip to Greece and performed in the international choral festival founded by his choral group.

A wonderful card arrived from **Gracia Parkhill Dayton** and Bruce, featuring a photo of Gracia holding her beautiful little bichon frise, Flicka. The couple splits their year between Vero Beach, Fla., and Haines Falls, N.Y. Gracia’s one-person show in Vero earlier this year was very successful. She was also recognized as a “Master Artist” by the New England Watercolor Society at a reception in Waltham, Mass. Past president and longtime member of the organization, she was cheered on by **Mary Brown Bowden**.

**Janet Copeland Eschenlauer** and Arthur sent a card stuffed with photos that Janet snapped during their travels in Wales and Riga, Latvia.

**Priscilla Talcott Spahn** and Arnold moved into a senior living apartment in Randolph, Vt. They have two grandchildren; Becca is a high school math teacher and Sam is a manufacturing engineer.

**Rosemary McClare** retired from a career teaching high school English. She enjoys traveling and the NYC theater scene.

I received a delightful card from **Harriet Johnson Toadvine** and Steve, who summer on the Cape and winter in Florida.

Diane Seltzer, daughter of **Barbara Seltzer**, whom I had met at Reunion a few years ago, informed me that Barbara died Oct. 29, 2018, of breast cancer. We send condolences to Diane and the entire family.

Several of you inquired about my husband, Edwin, who loved our visits to Skidmore. Our Skidmore family includes a granddaughter and a niece, as well as many local friends. I'm saddened to share that Edwin's illness finally ended his life in late February.

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**'57** **Hope Thompson Kerr** and twin sister Hilary visited Churchill, Canada, last November. While trekking through the woods in minus-41-degree weather, they spotted a polar bear and her cub, along with other wildlife. In March, she moved to Bend, Ore., to be near her sister, who has a daughter and granddaughter in the area. Hope played women's and mixed doubles pickleball in last year's Senior Games in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Pat Naigles Lyons'** husband, Herb, informed me that Pat is currently a resident at Mount Baker Care Center in Bellingham, Wash. He is hopeful she will return home soon. Pat sends her regards to all.

**Alice Bemis Wiggin** is a great-grandmother! Lincoln James Wiggin was born June 8. Alice celebrated July Fourth with the new arrival and his family in Virginia. Whoopee!

**JoAnne Klennen Loughran** is doing well despite daily reminders of our advanced vintage. She is still able to travel, remembers where the coffee is, exercises daily and has her own teeth!

**Mary "Chick" Glassey Ehbrecht** had an exciting summer. In July, she attended a spectacular family gathering on the coast of Maine. Chick later joined a pilgrimage to visit holy sites and cathedrals in Poland and Hungary.

**Ingrid Kolseth Zola** and Paul love their new home in the western Connecticut hills, where they are closer to family. Ingrid notes that Walter Shipley, husband of the late Judy Lyman Shipley, recently died. She misses them both.

**Rachel Peckham Elder** is extremely proud of her 18-year-old grandson, Jackson, who was named a 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholar in a Washington, D.C., ceremony in June. The Burlington, Vt., native is a freshman at Dartmouth.

**Joanna "Joy" Hamann Shaw** is still adjusting to retirement living. She and her husband enjoy watching their seven grandchildren grow. The family spent a week in Seal Harbor on Mount Desert, Maine, this summer. The kids loved biking and hiking in Acadia National Park.

**Carole "Cass" Werksman Leipzig** spent a few days in Saratoga with friends. She observes, "It's still a great town — very different from when we were there, but ever so charming and beautiful!"

**Sue Flood Fricke** lives in an independent living facility in Jupiter, Fla. Her husband, Tom, died three years ago. Surgery left Sue blind in her right eye.



Sandra K. Bendfeldt '59, Barbara Hibbard Christoffersen '59 and Marilyn Ramshaw Adair '59 march together in the class parade at Reunion 2019.

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I have been in touch with **Josephine "Jo" Leach Lewis**, who took a serious fall and broke her leg in several places this summer. Surgeons implanted a plate that later became infected, requiring her to be on antibiotics indefinitely. After four months cooped up in the hospital, she is back at home. We wish you a speedy recovery, Jo.

**Margot "Mugs" Cahn Zales** wrote to inform me that **Muriel "Mu" Jorgensen Benisch** died June 17. Mugs and Mu had a special relationship; although they visited one another infrequently, their closeness remained constant. She describes Mu as "a truly unique person, as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside." Mugs has two granddaughters and gained two more through marriage. She is still very active and feels incredibly grateful for a wonderful family and many friends.

I received a message from Janice Nykyforchyn letting me know that her mother, **Joanne Green Millard**, died March 14. I am also saddened to report that **Elise "Snowy" Snow Aston** died May 17.

My husband, Jim Kniffen, and I celebrated our third wedding anniversary in April! We took a wonderful trip to Alaska in June,

sighting many wild animals in Denali National Park. After cruising the Inland Passage to Vancouver, British Columbia, we spent a few days exploring the city of Victoria and beautiful Butchart Gardens.

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**'59** Our fab leaders, **Bev Sanders Payne** and **Evy Zoda Shippee**, wish to thank all the volunteers and College staff members who helped make our 60th reunion such a wonderful celebration of Skidmore spirit — and so much fun!

**Maryann Bruno McCrea** agrees. "What a perfect weekend! Even the weather held up for us. Skidmore's staff went all out for us and we appreciated it." Maryann hopes everyone had a chance to see the extensive memorabilia collection she donated to Skidmore's archives. Among the trove of artifacts are her Skidmore blazer, '57 Sonneteers album, gym suit, Hawkeye camera and post bibs. There was even a napkin from Mother Goldsmith's!

**Martie Hubbard Harrigan-Cote** could not make it to Reunion, as she was attending a grandchild's graduation. She was sorry to

have missed reconnecting with classmates but enjoyed perusing photos of the weekend. “You all look great. Guess it’s that ‘young at heart attitude!’”

**Evy Zoda Shippee** came to Reunion with daughter **Maria Shippee Jimenez '92** and granddaughter Lucy. In April, she hosted her five kids, 13 grandchildren and several other guests at an oceanfront beach house in South Carolina. Her eldest grandchild, 25, is a Vanderbilt grad who lives in Nashville. Another grandchild is a budding artist in NYC. The two youngest are entering high school; one competed at the USA Soccer Championship in Colorado this summer.

I was saddened to learn that **Susan Collard Fanning** died April 14. We extend condolences to her family.

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Save the dates May 28-31, 2020 for our 60th reunion! It is going to be grand!

**Peggy Hiller Harris** and her husband Stanley celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in June. Now retired from the board of her local JCC, she continues to serve as a docent at her synagogue’s museum and the Telfair Museum in Savannah, Ga. She spends time doing yoga, working in her yard and hitting the gym.

**Elizabeth Perles Gillman** completed a clinical paper on the effect of hearing live piano music on the perception of pain for people undergoing total hip and knee replacements. She is slated to begin a similar study at White Plains Hospital in New York next year.

Floridians **Mary Winters Cooper** and Jim ventured north to tour five college campuses with their granddaughter. It was a notably

different experience from Mary’s in the 1950s; “Skidmore was the only college I wanted to attend.”

**Carol Santry-Covello’s** 86-year-old husband, Tim, is still working. The couple has traded in their skis for golf, gardening and downsizing. Carol is a docent in three museums, two of which are in Hartford, Conn.

**Leslie Knight Abbott** and **Sue Smith** send their greetings to all, while **Sue Elsesser** and **Pam Crossley Faulkner** encourage everyone to make plans now to attend our 60th reunion next May!

More classmates have moved to retirement communities. **Eleanor Schmidt Schweigaard-Olsen** and Bert live in the Sarasota Bay Club, near the Florida city’s arts district. **Merna Fightlin Morse** resides in Brooksby Village in Peabody, Mass. **Joan Stilson Callahan** relocated from Atlanta to the Hermitage of Northern Virginia, just two miles from her daughter’s home in Alexandria.

Last month, I moved to Loomis Village in South Hadley, Mass., after attempting to sell everything that could not take with me. Although I had been thinning out possessions for years, it was a huge, mind-boggling task!

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**Pam White Leighton** had always dreamed of watching tennis greats compete at Wimbledon.

This year, she did! Pam and her younger daughter bought “a pricey, but amazing” tour package. I watched the televised event, constantly looking for Pam in the crowd! She is well, despite a few body parts that have her in physical therapy far too often.

**Zelda Jacobson Schwartz** was glad to check in after a challenging 2018. She and Paul celebrated their 80th birthdays with gusto and gratitude,

along with a terrific trip to Niagara on the Lake and Toronto. Zelda is doing road races once again, “but just the shorter ones!” She loved reading references to the “Zelda Sessions of 2016” and was thrilled to hear about successful residential transitions.

It was great to hear from my roommate, **Jerry Conley Richmond**, who is “stepping back” after her role as director of the Montessori Summer Institute at Chaminade University in Honolulu. She will continue to work part time as a Montessori trainer. Jerry and husband Henry traversed Alaska’s Inside Passage by kayak and skiff, ticking off another item on their bucket list. The last time I saw Jerry was at her 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. It brought back happy memories of being in her wedding party, along with **Betsy Hodson Dare**.

**Peyton Bibb Evans** got a front-row seat to NYC’s Pride Parade from her apartment next to the Stonewall Inn. She heard Lady Gaga singing outside her window. After vacating her apartment of 50 years, Peyton will move into a summer cottage she purchased in Yarmouth, Mass. She wants to be closer to her sister, **Ann Evans Price '58**, who lives in Worcester. Peyton plans to winter in Key West.

**Paula Rosen Janis** is amazed by the number of adults who want her autograph. YouTube videos of her children’s television program “The Magic Garden” have generated a wave of nostalgia among adults who watched it as children in the ’70s and ’80s. Paula has lunch with **Ellen Rein Goldin** whenever possible and caught up with **Judy Brown Tulchin** in Connecticut in July.

Judy celebrated her 80th birthday with her four children and five grandkids in Big Sky, Mont. As if that weren’t enough, **Val Blumenthal Gordon** hosted Judy and **Mimi Schapiro Weiner** at her home in Bethany Beach, Del., for a second

party! While in Fairfield, Conn., for her high school reunion, Judy spent a week visiting Mimi, **Carol Sussman Heller** and **Debbie Dunston Zients**.

**Patty Hurlbut Williams** is enjoying life in Burlington, Vt., although she admits the winters seem to be getting longer. She’d love to connect with classmates nearby and anyone visiting the area. Patty drives to Saratoga frequently to watch granddaughter **Hanako Memon '23** play field hockey at Skidmore.

Charlotte, N.C., resident **Margaret “Skeet” Howe-Soper** enjoys family activities, singing and “just being retired.” She feels blessed to have decent health, no major stresses and enough activity to “keep things interesting.”

**Barb Berrien Ewen** and husband Bob are condo dwellers in Daytona Beach Shores, Fla. Youngest daughter Kathy and her family live in nearby Titusville. Kathy’s daughter is a sophomore at the University of North Florida, where she is a member of the swim team. Barb’s daughter Wendy and her family split their time between Boulder, Colo., Los Angeles and Long Island. Wendy’s eldest daughter graduated from the University of Southern California and works in NYC with Airbnb. Wendy’s son is a junior at San Diego State studying theater, business and surfing. Barb stays in touch with **Lorrie Hill Cady**, who lives in Ashburn, Va.

We lost a number of classmates last year: **Barbara Goldstein** in March, **Jeannie Guenard** in June and **Mary Campbell Paddon** in September. We were also recently informed that **Joanne C. Jasaitis** died in 2015. We send condolences to all their families.

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**Susan Friedberg Roberts** is retired and living in Roslindale, Mass. Active with friends

old and new, she spends time with her grandchildren, who range in age from 5 to 20.

**Lynn Garrett Meyer** and George attended a wedding in India early this year before heading to Tasmania and New Zealand to see friends and do some hiking. After a brief stint at home, the couple headed to Japan, where George continues to teach and they reconnect with longtime friends.

**Pat Duckwall Selwood** is a library system trustee, church volunteer and a local Democratic staffer. She is working on a female candidate's congressional campaign. Pat had a wonderful Christmas with family in Colorado last year.

**Beth Teegardin Williams** has moved to Severna Park, Md., to be closer to her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

**Twila Fleckten Wolfe** enjoyed skiing in Chamonix, France, in February. In June, she traveled to Normandy, England and Germany with a group of fellow Missoula, Mont., residents to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. They were accompanied by a rebuilt DC3 airplane named "Miss Montana," which played an important role in the Allied victory. The story was featured on the CBS program "Sunday Morning."

**Mollie Klee Heron** and a friend traveled to Florence, Italy, where they stayed with Mollie's niece, who resides there. During a weekend trip to Venice, they explored the famous Pitti Palace. While there, Mollie spotted a woman she recognized as a fellow Skiddie, but whose name she could not recall. As the alumna approached, her nametag slowly became visible. "We went to Antarctica together!" she exclaimed. It was none other than Judy Allen Wilson '69, with whom Mollie had served as a member of the Presidents Society Executive Committee. "Talk about a small world!" Mollie says.

**Robin Andrews Cohan** and Dick have moved into Shell Point, a retirement community in Fort Myers, Fla. They are happy there, and Robin discovered she loves pickleball.

In May, **Jackie Merriam Paskow** sold her house and moved to a retirement community in Silver Springs, Md. "It feels a bit like summer camp — only longer," she quips.

**Cynthia Guy Slack** and husband Walter toured France, Spain and Italy this summer, looking for unusual beads for Cynthia's necklaces. Reflecting on her classes with jewelry designer Earl Pardon, she observed, "He would really get a kick out of what I'm doing with all the skills he taught me!"

**SaraKay Sherman Smullens** and husband Stan continue to work full time but are also collaborating on a new project. The couple develops presentations and webinars examining professional "burn out" from a medical and social science perspective. Sara is writing a book focused on emotional resiliency.

**Barbara Koweek Phillips** and Arthur celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in June. They see their three children and six grandchildren on a regular basis. Barbara is still working part time as senior consultant to management and training company Learning Dynamics. In addition to yoga, reading and golf, she has taken up acrylic painting.

**Polly Skogsberg Kiesel, Sue Corbet Thomas** and **Betty Hartz Hewitt '57** had some thrilling moments during a recent Skidmore alumni trip to Ireland. They were playing golf at Waterville Links when Sue scored a hole-in-one. "Our caddies were blown away," says Polly. While some trip participants golfed five out of the seven days in the country, **Mollie Klee Heron** and others opted for cultural exploration that included

a trip to the Aran Islands. In the spring, Mollie organized a lunch for local classmates attended by **Susan Friedberg Roberts, Sandy Katz Neiman** and **Judy Morton Ottley**. She also attended the opening of the Haystack Craft School exhibition at the Portland Art Museum with **Glenda Arentzen**.

**Nancy Smith Bushnell's** husband Vic has mobility issues that are keeping them close to home.

**Lynn Garrett Meyer** and George still play tennis. George's medical volunteer work will include a stint in Japan next year. Back home, Lynn teaches ESL to several ladies from Japan, Iran and China. They attended the high school and college graduations of several grandchildren; one received her M.S.N. degree from Rush University in Chicago. The couple is hosting a Friendship Force adventure on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe later this year.

**Susan Pyle Smith's** granddaughter, **Erin Smith Arnold '23**, is a first-year Skidmore student! A talented actress, Erin plans to major in drama and history.

**Terry Tiffany Sullivan** accompanied her 17-year-old granddaughter, Eliza Travelstead, to Skidmore for an admissions interview, campus tour and conversation with the women's lacrosse coach. Eliza is considering which colleges she will apply to. Terry says, "Are my fingers crossed? You bet. Showing her the dorms I lived in and the 'new' campus was very special."

**Judith Martin Clements** enjoys having time to see grandchildren and travel. She and Bill took a group cycling and barging trip through France's Loire Valley this summer. They cycled 250 miles during the European heat wave, stopping to tour several chateaux. Judy and Bill capped their adventure with several days in Paris.



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**Susan Flanders Davidson '71** has made a spot for Skids in her new home in Bonita Springs, Florida.

**Lollie Engel Triebold** assisted in archival work documenting Skidmore's Nursing Program undertaken by Professor Tillman Nechtman and his students. She submitted 15 anecdotes as well as personal memorabilia.

**Sue Heckel** sent a beautiful card illustrated with a painting by daughter Heather. A middle school art teacher in Port Washington, N.Y., Heather completed her fourth summer arts residency at two national monuments. She spent several weeks at the Hubbell Trading Post National Monument in Arizona, followed by a stay at the Homestead National Monument in Nebraska.

I am saddened to report that Assistant Professor Emerita **Shirley Skiff Murphy** died June 8. Professor Emeritus Marty Canavan credits Shirley's vision for enhancing Skidmore's business curriculum with a focus on management. We send sympathy to her family.

A series of doctors' appointments finally confirmed a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease and a reoccurrence of an acoustic neuroma. The latter is not operable due to my age and its size; it was

treated with radiation. I had a great time with my six grandchildren at our Lake George summer cottage. It's been great writing this column, but it's time for me to pass the baton. If anyone is interested in taking over the role of class correspondent, please contact Mary Monigan at [mmonigan@skidmore.edu](mailto:mmonigan@skidmore.edu) or 518-580-5617.

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**'63** I begin with a sincere apology for failing to submit a column for the last issue. I have been fighting a war with glaucoma for 21 years, and last January, the sight in my one working eye suddenly deteriorated. After three long days of contact lens fittings and a few false starts over several weeks, my ophthalmologist helped restore sight in my left eye.

**Deborah Day Hayes** joined **Betsy Stopford Wright** and **Charlene Tropeano Dorman**, accompanied by their husbands, for a mini-reunion at the home of **Bonnie Lancaster Devendorf** in East Hampton, N.Y., last July. In between family activities, they had a wonderful time catching up. They enjoyed great weather, fabulous food and a lovely beach.

**Betsey Burstein Schneider** met up with **Ronnie Zolondek Bramesco** and **Faith Modell Mofsowitz** at the Bryant Park Grill in NYC last fall. Betsey had come east to see the San Francisco Symphony perform at Carnegie Hall. She is in her second year as president of the Symphony's Silicon Valley League. Betsey and her significant other, Jim, are currently traveling in Morocco with **Sue Myers Candler** and husband Chris.

Co-founder of the national organization BadAss Grandmas, **Dina Schoenthal Butcher** was recently honored with the Courage Award by UnRig the System, a progressive organization in

Nashville. As a legislative committee chair, Dina was key to the successful passage of a constitutional measure requiring campaign finance transparency. Sadly, Dina lost her husband Bill in April after 53 years of marriage.

When grandson Clayton Rice attended St. Andrews University in Scotland, **Bonnie Lancaster Davendorf** and her family spent many weekends on the European continent, Ireland and Scandinavia. When he graduated, the entire clan spent a week at a B&B in the Scottish countryside. Happily for them, Clayton's brother is a senior at St. Andrews.

After 22 years of raising and racing thoroughbreds, **Mildred Krips Boyce** and her husband are relocating to Long Island. They are ready to be closer to family and begin "the next chapter" of their lives.

**Carol Brush Nicholson** is healthy and happy. She is grateful to be surrounded by loyal friends, her loving husband, Carlton, and their dog and two cats. Due to husband Carlton's rheumatoid arthritis, he no longer travels, but he graciously saw Carol off on a Norwegian cruise last year and a trip to Charleston, S.C., to visit best friend **Judy Cohen Lutz '62**. Carol celebrated her 78th birthday and shared Passover with Judy's family.

After selling two houses and a cottage in Southampton, **Alexandra "Sandy" Wilbert Fleischman** finally got some downtime. In late May, she cruised by riverboat along China's Yangtze River. Sandy also visited her sister in Colorado, whom she hadn't seen for seven years.

**Laura Young** and her partner moved into a larger house in Iowa City, Iowa. They've visited New Orleans in October 2018 and traveled to Africa in March. Laura's partner is a "fabulous" cook and the couple entertains often. Laura is painting in a downstairs studio in preparation for a local gallery exhibition in 2021.

Fellow artist **Lois Sommer Goglia** had a solo art exhibit at Esther Klein Gallery in Philadelphia in early spring. In June, she exhibited in a group show at the Westport County Playhouse Art Gallery. Lois added a new product to her Nesola scarf line; Wags' Rags are "scarves for dogs and those who love them." Visit [www.nesolascarves.com](http://www.nesolascarves.com). She looks forward to our mini-reunion in Mystic, Conn., in September 2020.

Mini-reunions are being celebrated far and wide this year. **Patty Foreman Balbirer** had a great time with **Lynn Edwards Hendricks** and **Roberta Lahn Simon** in Arizona.

**Nancy Crook Rhodes** and husband Rusty celebrated their 57th anniversary with back-to-back cruises — one transatlantic and the other around the British Isles. The couple sold their Lake George summer home and now reside full time in Marco Island, Fla. One of their children lives nearby in Naples, Fla., and the others reside in Charlotte, N.C., and Nashville.

We have lost three of our own in recent months. **Virginia "Tucker" Gere Parke** died Dec. 25, 2018, after a short illness. She is remembered as a devoted caregiver for her extended family and her husband. **Susan King Hanke** died Feb. 19 in Tucson, Ariz. She was a leader in services for the blind and visually impaired. **Anne Beaman** died March 27 of Alzheimer's. A Peace Corps veteran, she conducted doctoral research in Kenya, living with the women of a camel-herding, nomadic tribe. We extend condolences to their families.

I speak often with **Sue Weston Marino**, who has planned a mini-reunion in Mystic, Conn., from Sept. 8-10, 2020. Sue has reserved great accommodations close to local attractions. More details are forthcoming!

As for your correspondent, it's been a mixed year for me and Gus. We tragically lost his son, who was just

shy of 52, to a massive heart attack in April. We are still struggling with the loss. After a wonderful trip to Sicily, Gus and I spent our annual week in the Berkshires. We enjoyed the hospitality of **Jane Finneman Hochman** and husband Jack in Princeton, N.J., and visited **Wendy Sussman Rubin** and Arthur in Hollywood, Fla.

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**'64** Our 55th reunion was amazing! We appreciate the careful planning and hard work that **Ellen Pomeranz Sax** did to make the weekend so memorable. We also send our warm wishes to Ellen for her continued healing and recovery. Thank you to all who contributed to the planning effort and attended the big event. We are also delighted to welcome incoming class president **Adrienne Spevack Singer**.

**Valerie Burkhardt Marier** enjoyed the tour of former President Ulysses S. Grant's summer cottage. Val and husband Bob are in the process of downsizing, which they hope to complete by winter. A contributing writer for the Kennebunk, Maine, publication "Tourist and Town," Val also authors a weekly blog, "Wandering with Val."

**Kayla Ablove Feldman** also loved the tour of Ulysses S. Grant's summer cottage during Reunion. Like most of us, she had no idea of its proximity to Saratoga as a student.

**Linda Smith Thurston** works at Project Detect, a charity that provides free cancer screenings for local residents in need. Linda frequently visits family and friends in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

**Lilless McPherson Shilling** loved Reunion, especially catching up with classmates she rarely sees. Other highlights were the awards ceremony, during which **Molly Brister Haley** and others were


honored, and the alumni memorial service. Lillless welcomes visitors to her Charleston, S.C., home.

**Lindsay Knowlton's** partner Burt is at home recovering from cancer after a period of rehab. He is doing well.

**Bonnie Allen Shertenlieb** wrote in to correct an error in the last issue. She is an active volunteer for the Richardson Maritime Museum in Cambridge, Mass. Her husband Bill is not.

Writer **Lurline McLaughlin Lapolla's** lifelong interest in medieval history has yielded a series of six tales about the adventures of young people traveling the globe. Two of the stories, "Bella's Challenge" and "Judith's Gift," have been translated into Spanish.

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 We can't wait to see you all on campus May 28-31, 2020 for our 55th reunion!

**Kate McDowell** and husband Lee are well and still practicing law in Prescott, Ariz. Active in Democratic politics, they spend lots of time enjoying the outdoors.

**Carole Walter Maeder** and Zack Murphy took a two-week trip to Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia. Hoping to downsize to one home, they put their New Hampshire farm on the market.

**Lenore Bethka Wersten** and Tom took a Caribbean cruise in May to celebrate their 55th anniversary. They joined me in Saratoga Springs for Reunion planning in July, along with **Julie Sparks Parmegiani** (and husband Bob), **Ellen Judge Swanson** and **Joan Laskey Sussman**. Sadly, Joan's husband Sidney died shortly after our last reunion. She winters in Florida and

works at Saratoga Performing Arts Center each summer. Joan is an active rider.

**Karen Berlan Bleier** welcomed her second great-grandson, Shepard William Creel, Jan. 25. After a year of study, she and 10 other women celebrated their Bat Mitzvah at Congregation B'nai Israel in Boca Raton, Fla., in May. The "Mitzvah Sistas" plan to continue their education.

**Susan Steele Isbell** and husband Bob enjoyed lunching with Harvey and me in Sarasota, Fla., in March. The Isbells traveled to Portugal, visiting Algarve, Lisbon, Sintra and Porto. They were in Telluride, Colo., in August.


**Susan T. Gibbs** played tour guide to three American friends visiting Norway this summer. Last year, she hosted **Lynn Garrett Meyer '62**, her "Big Sister" and longtime friend. Gibbsie passed "the magic milestone of 75" in February.

**Eugenie Hintzpeter Redman** has several high-end competition horses. One of her jumpers captured the championship at the South East Asian Olympics last year. On the home front, she finalized her divorce. Genie enjoys riding and foxhunting with friends on her Kentucky farm. She encourages classmates visiting Kentucky to contact her.

**Anne Shrope Bryne** was inducted into the Maryland Senior Hall of Fame for outstanding volunteer service. She gives her time to the Fairhaven CCRC, St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Carroll County Community Hospital. That, along with her 11-pound pomeranian-Cairn terrier mix DeeDee, keeps her busy.

The class has lost three members this year: **Carolyn Alice Pratt Neeley** on March 6, **Ellen Shack Taylor** on March 10, and **Catherine Barnett** on Aug. 2. We extend condolences to their families.

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 **Susan Kanowith-Klein** appreciates reading about classmates. She finds this chapter of her life to be "fulfilling."


**Bette Herbst Case's** daughter, **Jennifer Case Callahan '94**, and her sister, **Joan Herbst Hosman '69**, both celebrated Reunion this year. Bette visits her son, Bill Jr., and his family in Wilton, Conn., often. Bill has three daughters, one of whom is a sophomore at Amherst College. Daughter Jennifer and family live in Great Falls, Va. Her son John, a high school senior, is now exploring engineering programs. Bette and husband Albert recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. The couple resides in a 55-plus community in Farmington, where Bette is a board member of the local Rotary Club. She often lends her graphic design skills to the club and several other nonprofits.

**Rosemary "Rosebud" Kirwin-Alvord** continues her extensive involvement with the National Alliance on Mental Illness. In her downtime, she enjoys walking, hiking, movies and a book group.

**Sandy Merrow Breen's** granddaughter, **Grace Mastrangelo '21**, is a junior at Skidmore. She loves it!

My husband and I enjoyed a fabulous trip to Cuba this winter. It was sponsored by the local bar association and, because we had a judge from Cuba traveling with us, we learned about the legal, judicial and life complexities in Cuba under the current regime. We were fortunate to have this opportunity, as Cuba is currently closed to tourists from the U.S.

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 Artist **Barbara Cherry Marder** attended a workshop at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C. "Maestro of enameling" John Killmaster led one of the classes. Barbara was thrilled to be learning some of his techniques. She continues to create wall work and fabricated jewelry at Artisans Asylum in Somerville, Mass. She and husband Steve attended high school graduation ceremonies for two grandchildren in June.

**Martha Drexler Osler** and husband David spent a two-week holiday with all three sons, two daughters-



Former Chair of the Board of Trustees Janet Lucas Whitman '59 left, and Judy Roberts Kunisch '69, former president of the Alumni Association, share a laugh at Reunion.

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in-law and four granddaughters in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. One son was visiting from Oakland, Calif., and the other two live in the Burlington, Vt., area. The entire clan did lots of hiking, rock climbing, swimming and kayaking. Martha plays tenor sax in several Boston-area jazz bands.

World traveler **Sandy Colony** joined **Judy Harris Soper** and **Nancy Apthorp Paterson** for a tour of the Galapagos Islands arranged by her boutique tour company, Personalized Odysseys Inc. They also explored mainland Ecuador with a small group of women, and Judy and Sandy then continued on to Peru. In July, Sandy and Nancy met up again in Santa Fe., N.M., to attend the International Folk Art Market.

Sandy passed along the news that her good friend and longtime NYC neighbor **Marjorie Kalins Taylor** is now confined to a wheelchair with limited cognition. As many of you know, Marjorie has fought breast cancer for over 20 years. When her husband Jack died this spring, she was placed in a nursing home in Westchester. Sandy visits her as often as she can. She encourages classmates to send Marjorie a picture postcard. Contact Sandy at [scolony@gmail.com](mailto:scolony@gmail.com) for details.

As for me, I have been volunteering for the re-election of my town supervisor and enjoying time with my grandsons. I love hearing from all of you. Please keep your news coming!

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**'68** **Athene Landis Craig** spends her summers with family in Greece, both on the Peloponnese and on Mount Olympus. She hopes her Skidmore friends (she's talking to you, **Margery Straley Kirsch**, **Camille Briggs**

**Wells, Cathy Dunn Sullivan** and **Jane Johnson**) join her there soon.

Two of **Niki Holbrook Sabbath's** grandchildren live in Richmond, Va., and the other is in Washington, D.C. Niki is researching her genealogy. Although time-consuming, she finds researching her genealogy to be "immensely satisfying." Niki, who works out regularly, runs in the Monument Avenue 10K race every year.

**Ellen Shaul Bell** and husband **Jeb** sold their house in Villanova, Pa., and are full-time residents of Sarasota, Fla. Busy meeting new friends and playing golf, they love visits from their New York and California families.

**Deborah Forbes Lindell** was inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in November 2018. An associate professor at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University, she oversees its graduate program. Deborah also teaches at China's Wuhan University.

**Judy Norman O'Connell** and husband **JJ** have moved to San Antonio, Texas.

On a sad note, I learned that **Anne Beard Smith** died on March 22. We extend condolences to her family.

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**'69** Eighty-six of us returned to Skidmore to celebrate our 50th reunion in June. Like many others, I was moved by the striking physical evolution and vibe of the "new" campus, the spirit and enthusiasm of our classmates and the roadmap for the College's future presented by President Glotzbach. Three classmates received Alumni Association awards: **Maxine Isaacs** for Distinguished Achievement and **Barbie Herbert von der Groeben** and **Diana Clark Crookes** for Outstanding Service. We also



Leslie Ullman '69, Harriet Motley Branson '69 and Suzanne Tether '69 celebrate at Reunion 2019.

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achieved new class milestones in giving.

I walked a trail near the Stanford University campus with **Stephanie Brewster Wagoner** earlier this year. In April, Stephanie hosted me, **Donna Allen Bell**, **Laura "Lolly" Dubinett**, **Elaine Hamerman Posner**, **Leslie Gardner McGovern**, **Barbie Herbert von der Groeben** and **Nancy Marx Ellsworth** at her home for lunch.

**Lillian Hurlburt Thompson** attended our 50th, along with **Phyllis Stone** and **Linda Dunkel Grahl**, two great friends from her years on the old and new campuses. A theater major intrigued with African culture and history, she longed to experience the world. Linda lived in Taiwan before a corporate career brought her to Belgium. As a member of the Peace Corps, she spent time in Ukraine, Romania and Morocco. She is grateful to Skidmore for starting "a small-town scholarship kid on this journey."

Retired pastor **Susie McNeily Craig** lives in Maine, where she is very involved with H.O.M.E. Co-op Inc., an organization that serves the rural poor of Hancock County. The nonprofit also brings groups of young people together each summer to participate in

a service trip. Susie attended our 50th reunion.

**Judy Allen Wilson** and husband **Randy** attended our 50th. Soon afterwards, Judy was selected board chair of Professional Child Development Associates, a nonprofit that works with children on the autism spectrum. She is active with the Pasadena Festival of Women Authors and the San Marino League, which supports arts scholarships and museums.

In July, **Melinda Reach** joined **Liz Roman Gallese** and **Ann-Linn Diamond Glaser** in the Berkshires for their annual long weekend get-together. They enjoyed Tanglewood, fine theater and wonderful regional art museums. Melinda is grateful to Skidmore for an appreciation of art that has enriched her life for the past 50 years. Reunion was a huge topic of conversation. The duo missed fellow Berkshires lover **Linda James Keating**.

**Susan Sibal Nahmias** sent greetings from Ronda, Spain. She could not attend Reunion, which conflicted with a five-week trip to Andalusia that she and husband **Al** had planned to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They hosted their five sons and their families in a villa in



Las Lagunas de Mijas. Sons Bob and Bill, both Cornell grads, reconnected with the couple's AFS exchange program "sons," three young men from Spain, Italy and Portugal.

We send heartfelt condolences to the family of **Janet Cary Mevs**, who died on Dec. 22, 2018 after a lengthy illness.

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A work by **Barbara Hauck** was selected for inclusion in the 2019 "Small Expressions Exhibit," a juried show

sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America. The exhibit opened in July at the Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance in Chamblee, Ga., and is touring galleries across the U.S.

**Sherry Bostwick Bishko** is really looking forward to Reunion next year. She lives in Saratoga Springs with her partner, Sean Walmsley. Sherry recently ran into **Terri Huxtable** and **Carole Christensen** at a local garden tour. She sees Albany area residents **Josey Twombly** and **Vicary Clark Thomas** on a regular basis. Two of Sherry's four grandchildren, ages 6 and 1, live outside Boston. The other two, ages 8 and 6, reside in France.

**Susan Talmadge Smith** hosted Skidmore roommates **Loring Bradlee**, **Gretchen Traas Spencer** and **Debbie Reinow** for a wonderful mini-reunion on Cape Cod this summer. They happily explored the national seashore and the outer Cape and ate lots of seafood. Susan and husband Rog retired to Brewster in 2017. They are all looking forward to the 50th!

We also note the passing of **Rosemary Lyons RePass** on March 27. We send heartfelt condolences to her family.

Your class correspondent, along with other planning committee members, spent a weekend at

Skidmore this summer mapping our milestone reunion. It astonishes me that this will be our 50th and the last time we celebrate with President Phil Glotzbach and Marie Glotzbach. Mark your calendars for May 28-31, 2020!

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Doug and I enjoy our time in southwest Florida, where we recently purchased a furnished and decorated condo in Bonita Springs. I immediately placed a Skidmore mug occupied by "Skids," our thoroughbred mascot.

**Jackie Jerry** traveled to Simi Valley, Calif., to visit **Alexis "Dexie" O'Neill Boeshaar**. Dexie and husband Dave took her to Hearst Castle, Warner Brothers Studios and Walt Disney Studio, where Dave works. Jackie continues to chip away at a list of 327 international travel destinations. Last year, she crossed off Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

**Susan Canfield Barber** offers her congratulations to Cindy Ford, who recently retired after more than 30 years of coaching Skidmore equestrian teams to national titles. "Thank you, Cindy, for all you have done for the Thoroughbreds."

Ohio resident **Nicole Visconsi Mawby's** eldest daughter, Idie, lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, with her husband, 12-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son. Son Tony lives nearby in a Cleveland suburb with his wife, twin 6-year-old girls and two sons, 3 and 1. Nicole's middle daughter, Tommie, moved from Denver back to Sun Valley, Idaho, with her husband and their kids, 5 and 2. Youngest daughter Claire and her husband also live in Sun Valley. "Happily single," Nicole enjoys ballroom dancing and has returned to designing and fabricating silver jewelry, a skill she learned at Skidmore.

**Marge Dickson Smith** is looking forward to seeing classmates

at our 50th reunion! She and husband Warren enjoy time with granddaughter Sonja, 3, and grandson Wesley, 5. The couple lives near North Myrtle Beach in Longs, S.C. They don't miss the snowy Northeast.

I was saddened to learn that **Jaye Scholl Bohlen** passed away May 6 as the result of a pulmonary embolism. We send heartfelt sympathy to her family.

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Many of us are exiting careers and starting the "next chapter" of our lives. **Goldie Lansky**

retired in June after 11 years as executive director of a large reform synagogue in Jacksonville, Fla. She is relieved "to simply be 'a Jew in the pew' while someone else worries about running things." She spent the summer visiting friends and traveling up the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis.

**Melissa Fowler Hanno** and Bruce moved from Utica, N.Y., to their retirement home on Brantingham Lake, just south of the Adirondack Mountains. They enjoy being on the water from spring until fall and head to the Florida Keys each winter.

**Lesley Graham** lives in Joplin, Mo. A former teacher and coach, she retired after 33 years as an executive recruiter. She stays in touch with **Keppie Miller Sullivan** and **Barbara LeMoine Hansbury**.

**Joan Baptie Barkan** and John have been traveling around the world. Recent destinations include Alaska, the Galapagos Islands and Costa Rica (with other Skidmore alumni). At home in San Francisco, they volunteer, play tennis competitively on USTA teams and keep up with their grandchildren, ages 6, 5 and 2.

**Trish Passmore Alley's** organization, Wholeheart Inc., presented a workshop, "Hope Reimagined,"

this summer in Greensboro, Vt. Trish was heartbroken when her 13-year-old dog Emerson died in July.

**Kebbie Kennedy** enjoyed visiting her Skidmore roommate **Chris Dahlgren Huber** in New Hampshire. They strolled on Rye Beach and chatted over bloody Marys. The next day, Chris, husband Al and Kebbie set out for Squam Lake Nature Preserve. Despite arriving too late to walk the trails, they still had fun.

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**Diane "D.D." Delehanty Howard** marked her 10-year anniversary working in Child and

Youth Services for the U.S. Army in southern Germany. She lives in the medieval town of Amberg. D.D. is astounded that her Skidmore journey started 50 years ago in the Academic Opportunity Summer Program. "I will remain forever grateful for the scholarship support and excellent professors like Anthony Covatta, Alan Brody, Robert Boyers and Helga Doblin."

**Sally Amend Larmon** and Wayne spent two weeks exploring Florida's east coast in March, including two days at the Kennedy Space Center. In early June, the couple headed out to California and Arizona for another two-week trip with stops in the Grand Canyon and Sedona. In between, Sally met **Cathy Offinger** for lunch in Falmouth, Mass.; they had a great time catching up.

**Karen J. Sroka** is "easing out of leadership" as her eldest son takes over running Atlas Realty Management Co. in Johnstown, Pa. She loves babysitting her son's 2-year-old.

**Zoe Vose Morsette** was featured in an American Theatre Wing video, "Working in the Theatre: Specialty Props" (available on YouTube). Zoe continues to work on "Hamilton" and crafted armor for the Boston Early Music Festival opera "Orlando." Unfortunately, Zoe had to downsize

her work studio again to deal with rising NYC commercial rents.

**Jennifer Smith Linck's** busy year started with a trip to Florida, where she and a friend explored a wildlife refuge and wetlands. She later toured New England, stopping in Newport, R.I., Boston and towns along the Cape. Jennifer and husband Dana visited daughter Kimberly in Utah, where she is a critical care neurology nurse. She and her children, 7 and 5, came back east with Jennifer and Dana for a family reunion in Raquette Lake, N.Y. While attending husband Dana's 50th high school reunion, Jennifer ran into sophomore roommate **Rosemeryl Sandles Harple '74**.

**Betsy Blades** moved back into her childhood home and has been happily decorating and remodeling.

In June, **Jane Brody** and husband Sam visited with Skidmore roommate **Peggy Sager Tobin** and husband Jim in Asheville, N.C. Jane got the chance to admire Peggy's quilt-making skills. Jane's son-in-law, **Jeremy Sigel '99**, returned to Skidmore for Reunion this year.

Rosie and I enjoyed the summer. We have been working on some new tricks to entertain friends and neighbors; both Rosie and the audience seem to like them. Our 50th Skidmore reunion isn't that far off!

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**'74** **Kate Ferris** was thrilled to see so many classmates at the "20th anniversary of our 25th reunion!" She has joined **Erin McHugh** in the ranks of published authors. Kate's first book, "Finding Lillie," is a novel about a young, wealthy widow in 1903 navigating social expectations at the end of the Gilded Age. Along the way, she meets Lucy Skidmore Scribner, just after Lucy founds the Young Women's Industrial Club. The book

is available at Northshire Bookstore in Saratoga.

**Daria Mainetti** and husband Phil are moving to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. After eight years at Arverne by the Sea in Rockaway, they decided to head for warmer waters.

**Susan Schwaidelson-Siegfried** was disappointed she couldn't make it to Reunion. She was in Boston for a wedding two weeks prior and could not stay away from her Minnesota home long enough to attend both. Before the wedding, Susan spent a wonderful few days with gracious and elegant hostess **Wendy Bailey Hamilton** in her newly restored brownstone. Susan is currently working on her third novel, "Michelangelo's Leg."

**Janet Dawson-Dwyer** wasn't able to attend the 45th because she was in Paris visiting daughter Leanne **Dawson-Dwyer '13**.

To those of you who attended Reunion, I hope you enjoyed catching up with friends and exploring Saratoga again! On behalf of the class, I want to extend a special thanks to the planning committee for organizing an imaginative, fun-filled weekend!

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**'75** Reunion 2020 is less than a year away! Save the dates May 28-31 and make plans to join us on campus!

**Marianne Boswell's** company, Boston Lighthouse Innovations ([www.BostonLighthouse.us](http://www.BostonLighthouse.us)), provides bioinformatics tools developed by MGH's Center for Integrated Diagnostics for clinical use. Marianne's nonprofit, Lexington Refugee Assistance Program, currently supports 50 people in the Lexington, Mass., area who hail from Iraq, Syria, Uganda and Jamaica. You can learn more at [www.LexRAP.org](http://www.LexRAP.org).

**Sue Reutershan Garde** is a senior cost analyst at Booz Allen Hamilton. She deploys enterprise software systems to Air Force bases around the world. After five years in Panama City Beach, Fla., Sue moved back to Vero Beach. There, she is closer to her sons, Johnny, 27, in Tampa, and Sean, 25, in Gainesville.

**Sheryl Mann Halpern** and husband Norman Bazar are delighted that daughter Sonia Halpern-Bazar completed an M.F.A. in photography from Concordia University, married Devon Levine and bought a house — all within the first six months of 2019! Sheryl teaches English literature at Dawson College and Norman is in IT at Agence Ometz.

**Joanne Halpin** and her husband live on a farm in Dedham, Mass., and spend the winters in Naples, Fla. They feel fortunate to have their daughter, son-in-law and two wonderful grandchildren living nearby.

**Kim Martinelli Shiley** and husband Ed enjoyed a trip to Dublin, Ireland in July. Their choir was invited to sing at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. While on the Ould Sod, Kim and Ed visited Trinity College, Glendalough, the Cliffs of Moher and the pubs of Dublin.

In November 2018, **Margarita Boyatzis Dempsey** was named Chevalier in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques, a designation of knighthood begun by Napoleon Bonaparte and given to French language and culture educators by the government of France. She teaches French and Spanish at Smithfield High School and is an adjunct French instructor at Bryant University, both in Smithfield, R.I.

Our class president and good friend **Jeff Andrews** died peacefully on June 22 from consequences of a major stroke he suffered in January. I saw Jeff the week before he died. Although the stroke took much from him, Jeff kept his sense of humor until the end of his life. He

was a bright light in the world and made friends wherever he went. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Anne Granfield, his mom, brother and sister, extended family and all of us.

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**'76** Attorney **Matt Rosen** recently interviewed refugees being held in a detention center in Folkston, Ga. He worked pro bono in collaboration with the Southern Poverty Law Center's Southeast Immigration Freedom Initiative, a program dedicated to releasing refugees held by the United States Customs and Immigration Enforcement Agency.

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**'79** **Michele Herman** couldn't make Reunion but says that watching the video made her feel like she was actually there, "or maybe back in the '70s." Michele's son Lee is a newly minted architect in NYC. Younger son Jeffrey is a distribution manager of the biggest CSA in western Massachusetts. Michele and husband Jonathan Kuhn (he's the singer, she does spoken word) perform at Groovin', their favorite monthly cabaret/variety show. If you're in or near NYC, check out [www.micheleherman.com](http://www.micheleherman.com).

**Lisa Lavieri's** daughter Suzanne graduated from Tufts with a master's in biomedical science in May. Lisa and her husband flew to Ireland early this fall to help get settled at Trinity College's Dublin School of Medicine. Son Christopher is a senior at UVM completing a double major in economics and English. Lisa loved the Reunion video and performances by class musicians during the event.

I can't recap our 40th reunion and do it any justice. The weather was beautiful (until nature's fireworks

kicked in Saturday night) and the campus looked spectacular. We were entertained for hours by the musical artistry of Jim Hoitsma, Glenn Berger and Laura Wood. I loved reconnecting with the friends I made in Moore Hall during freshman year, but I was equally happy to see others I have made since leaving Skidmore. We all experienced college life separately, but we do share the unique experience of reaching adulthood in a specific place and time. So naysayers, consider attending our 45th. “We ain’t getting younger, but we are getting better!”

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**Linda Dufford Jewett's** daughter Lauren graduated with a master's in divinity from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., this spring. She is now pursuing clinical pastoral education and ordination as a chaplain. Son Tim is a surveyor in their Connecticut hometown. Linda and Bob built a home in Beaufort, S.C., where they reside fall through spring, returning north during summer.

**Steve Morrow** opened a third Weiner Deluxe hot dog franchise in Mill Valley, Calif. The other two are in regional mall outlets. Steve's edamame, tofu and portobello hot dogs “are catching on.”

Planning for our 40th reunion, May 28-31, 2020, is underway. Mark your calendars now! Check out the Skidmore Class of 1980 group on Facebook for all things “Reunion 20-40-80.” We'll be looking for your photos, mementos and stories, so start digging! More information on Reunion 2020 is coming soon!

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**Debbie Gartzman Gottlieb's** interior design firm, Finelines Interiors, focuses on residential

spaces and custom-designed products. She and husband Bob traveled to Australia and New Zealand this spring to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Sons Jon, 27, and Alex, 25, live and work in NYC. The couple enjoyed lake life in the Massachusetts Berkshires this summer. Debbie would welcome hearing from alumni in the area at finelinesunltd@gmail.com.

After nine years as associate chief of the Division of Rheumatology, Immunology and Allergy at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, **Josh Boyce** is chief of a newly created freestanding division of Allergy and Immunology. His daughter Erica published her first novel, “The Fifteen Wonders of Daniel Green.” Son Josh completed a master's in counseling and is interning.

**Julia Hayward Wood** is a women's health nurse practitioner in an OB/GYN office in Morristown, N.J. She lives in Randolph, N.J., with husband Will and their sons Liam and Evan. Julia often hikes with **Suzanne Cooperman Gill**.

**Kathleen Colquhoun Halm's** daughter **May Halm '23** is a first-year student at Skidmore. Kathleen's family shares in her excitement, especially sisters **Moire Colquhoun '83** and **Elizabeth Colquhoun '87** and brother **Sean Colquhoun '79**. Kathleen's roommates are thrilled, too. She quips, “I don't know if May fully appreciates that we all look forward to Parents' Weekend!”

**Nelson Ritschel** was guest scholar for Bedlam Theatre's production of “Pygmalion” at Central Square Theatre in Cambridge, Mass., earlier this year. After Nelson's talk on Bernard Shaw's play, he was able to connect with former theater professor Alan Brody, who had

introduced him to Shaw. Nelson recently co-edited an anthology, “Bernard Shaw and the Making of Modern Ireland.”

**Jennifer Hills MacDonald** and husband **Peter '79** spent 17 years in Santa Fe, N.M., before moving to Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Jennifer works in marketing at TD Bank, where she manages environmental programs in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation. In April, she got together with **Kathy McCrohon Kasper**, who organized a mini-reunion at her home in Petersham, Mass. **Nancy Diehl**, **Donna Cutler Jones**, **Susan Cronin Burchard**, **Janice ter Kuile**, and **Pam Sundberg Miller** joined in the fun. Jennifer hadn't seen Sue and Pam since graduation! They all had a great time reminiscing and reconnecting.

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**Barbara Spinelli**

attended daughter Ashleigh's graduation from Tufts University School of Medicine in May. As an alumna of that institution, Barbara was able to present Ashley with her diploma. “My husband and I are so proud of her hard work,” she says. Currently in an emergency medicine residency at University Medical

Center, El Paso, Ashleigh helped care for the victims of the shooting in El Paso.

**Susan Magrino** was this year's recipient of the New York Women in Communication Association's Matrix Award, which recognizes female achievers in the industry “at the pinnacle of their careers.” As chairman and CEO of the Magrino Agency, a leading lifestyle public relations and marketing firm, Susan has built brands for firms including Christie's International Real Estate, Moët Hennessy USA and Martha Stewart. In fact, Stewart herself presented the award to her longtime consultant and friend.

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**Sandra Borawski Duttenhofer** and husband John celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to London, where their eldest son was completing a semester abroad. The couple spent a few weeks in Nantucket this summer to celebrate their younger son's high school graduation.



Meltem Tekeli Ozpay '79 and Mark J. Rakov '79 reminisce at Reunion 2019.

As a longtime entrepreneur in the health and fitness industry, **Tariq A. Khorma** makes it his business to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. His daughters are both living in NYC; Samira, 23, works for Brandon Maxwell and Celina, 20, is a senior studying journalism at NYU. Her program included an internship at Cosmopolitan. Tariq is in touch with **Andrea Demerjian, Peter Santoro, Ted Bernson '84** and **Farhad Sheikh Bahai '83**. He is looking forward to Reunion and visiting Saratoga.

**Honour Mack** is a professor and chair of the Maine College of Art's Painting Program. She earned an M.F.A. from the Yale University School of Art. To view her work, visit [honourmack.com](http://honourmack.com).

Retired science teacher **Carol Eagan Sherrin** is an occupational therapy assistant in Delmar, N.Y. She has six grandchildren.

**Liz Cowey LaCause** works for the Ballet Tech Foundation in NYC, which recruits kids for the NYC Public School for Dance. Liz's daughter, Sara, works at Prada on Madison Avenue and hopes to break into the beauty industry. Son Michael earned a business degree from Berkeley College in Manhattan and is searching for employment in sales

or communications. Liz's husband John, a retired NBC cameraman, is an Airbnb super host. She can't wait for Reunion!

**Clare Poth** is an early childhood teacher in a Montessori school in Buffalo, N.Y. Husband Tom is a middle school technology teacher at another independent school. Their son is applying to law schools and their daughter is a high school junior. "Skidmore is definitely on her list!" says Clare, whose niece is a Skidmore first-year student.

**Norwood Creech** is creating art in Memphis and can be found at M. Ford Creech Antiques & Fine Arts.

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**'86 Michele L. Helfgott** just celebrated 20 years of practicing medicine at a regional hospital in Indiana. She built a new home in Roanoke, Ind., on 13 acres of "beautiful and peaceful hills."

**Jan Halper Scaglia** was thrilled to watch her daughter, **Elana Louise Scaglia '15**, marry **Edward Austin Stokes '15** last summer, surrounded by three generations of fellow Skiddies. On hand for the nuptials were **Holly Cressy Davis, Erin**

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After spending 10 years as a stay-at-home dad, **David J. Silveira** has re-entered the work world. As division director for Shelter Services at Volunteers of America, he oversees all of the agency's homeless shelters in Sacramento, Calif. He observes, "Ironically, I've found the sense of community in our homeless population that I sense is eroding in so many other facets of American life."

I was saddened to learn that **George P. Phear** died Aug. 19, 2018. We extend condolences to his brother, Huge Phear, and the entire family.

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**'87 David Harrison** and his family had a tumultuous year. Last summer, they moved from northern

New Jersey (from which he commuted to NYC for an "impossible" job) to downtown Saratoga! David is a records officer at the Naval Nuclear Power Laboratory outside of nearby Ballston Spa. His sons Austin and Chase are both in graduate school and youngest son Devon is a senior at Saratoga High School. David adds, "We love Saratoga, even in the winter." He hopes to hear from local and visiting classmates.

**Diana Jessop Jahries** is a social worker at The Center for Success in Aging's Memory Health Program in Greenville, S.C. The medical group specializes in dementia diagnoses and helps manage Alzheimer's and related diseases. Diana helps patients' families navigate living with these illnesses. Diana and husband

Steve are empty-nesters; daughters Allison and Kate are out on their own.

After raising four children in suburban Boston, **Marissa McCullough** and husband **Chris Tejeda** moved to a tiny town of 3,000 residents in the country. Their new residence is a circa 1830 house, which they share with two black labs. Daughter Caroline, 21, is a senior at the University of Maine; and sons Max, Oliver and William are out on their own. Marissa loves her job as an applied behavior analysis teacher for a public school system. She regularly sees San Francisco resident **Janet Heffernan Mondani** and visits **Tara Greco, Marise Meynet Stewart** and **Kristina Roberts**, who all live in the Boston area. Marissa was sad to have missed our last reunion (for the first time ever!) but plans to attend the next one.

**Robert Myhal** moved from Boston to Kennebunkport, Maine, a couple years ago. Raising three boys, ages 11, 7 and 5, keeps him busy. Bob's work entails using artificial intelligence and machine learning in advertising. He always enjoys running into Boston-area alumni when he's in town.

I was saddened to learn that **Lisa Littman Milberg** lost her brother Mark in April to a sudden, massive heart attack. We extend condolences to Lisa, her mother **Susan Blum Loukedis '63** and the entire family.

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**'88** It was great to hear that we are all still basking in the glow of Reunion! Classmates are still talking about what a fun time we all shared. Well, there are only four years until we celebrate the next one!

Reflecting on the big weekend, **Christopher Ries** observes, "I honestly wasn't expecting such



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a large turnout of old friends. What a joy!” After 28 years in California, Christopher, Carl and their 6-year-old twins will be relocating to Northampton, Mass., next year. Christopher will maintain his position as chief creative officer for entertainment design agency WorksADV. He plans to work remotely, traveling to Los Angeles for photo shoots and meetings.

After 20 years, **Randy and Jen Levine Levinson** still enjoy living in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Their 20-year-old son William is a sophomore on the golf team at the University of the South, Seawanee. Jen is celebrating 28 years at the National Basketball Association. Earlier this year, she arranged a “girls’ weekend” with **Lauran Claridge Zeitz, Ruthie Morrow Merchant, Caroline Dougherty Packer, Chrissy Capaldi-Henry and Janet Kim Szamosszegi**. Randy is still in frequent contact with **Doug Greiff, Jeff Pollock, Kevin Palmer, Kenny Schwartz and Russell Byers**.

**Chris Lichtenberg** and wife Sara are doing well in San Antonio, Texas. Chris is a support engineer at Cloudwave, a company that supports IT infrastructure in the health care industry. “It may be just a drop in the bucket, but at the end of the day, it feels great to have helped reduce health care costs and provide data security.”

As for your class correspondent, my eldest, Hudson, graduated from Millburn High School and was accepted at Elon in North Carolina. Now I’m down to two at home. I enjoy keeping in touch with **Anne Margiloff Wargo ’89, Margie Ostrove, Christie Burton ’87, Kristen Butler ’89, Steve Thibodeau and Mark Davies ’86**. The friendships I made at Skidmore continue to sustain me! I look forward to hearing about more of you. Keep the news coming!

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**Amy Hull** and husband **Kurt** have had a busy year. Their eldest daughter Katie married John Kiernan on April 20. An NYU grad, Katie earned an MBA from the Goizueta School of Business at Emory University. Her new spouse is an alumnus of Harvard and the UVA Darden School of Business. Two weeks later, younger daughter Mandy graduated from the University of Alabama with a business degree focused on health care analytics. She is working in Tampa for the Florida Orthopedic Group. The proud parents then headed to Saratoga to celebrate Reunion and had “a fabulous time!”

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I joined several other classmates at Skidmore this summer to help plan our 30th reunion, May 28-31, 2020! It’s shaping up to be a great weekend, so mark your calendars now for a trip to Saratoga! Please make sure Skidmore has your current contact information so you’ll receive all communications about the big event. To update your records, visit [www.alumni.skidmore.edu](http://www.alumni.skidmore.edu) or call 1-800-584-0115.

In other news, **Michal Klau-Stevens** graduated from the University of Connecticut with dual master’s degrees in social work and public health in May. She is searching for a position aligned with her focus in maternal and child health. Still happily married to Greg, the sailor she met during her senior year at Skidmore, she lives in West Hartford, Conn., with him and their three strapping sons, 20, 16 and 14. Michal also has a stepdaughter and four grandchildren in Indiana! She recently joined **Amy Rotheim Sullivan** for dinner in NYC and visited with **Heather Young** at her home outside of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**Christy Johnson** shared an amazing story of perseverance and resilience — with a Skidmore twist. One of the many lessons she learned while a student in the Equestrian Program, says Christy, “literally saved my life.” While showing a new horse in the jumpers in Wellington, Fla., last year, she was pitched off the horse when the animal faltered. She flashed back on the training she received almost 30 years prior as a student-athlete in Skidmore’s Equestrian Program. “One of the things we were taught was how to fall off the horse safely. The trainer always said, ‘When you fall, tuck your chin, tuck and roll.’ So we actually practiced falling off.” As Christie was ejected from the horse, she remembered thinking “just tuck and roll” and did so. “I am quite sure that saved my life, or at least spared me from being confined to a wheelchair.” She got up and walked out to meet the medics, unaware that her neck was broken. Six days later, wrapped in a stiff cervical collar, she asked the orthopedic surgeon if she could ride a stationary bike. Since she did not require surgery, he agreed, as long as she wore the collar around the clock. Three weeks later, Christie started running in the deep end of the pool with a flotation belt. At five weeks, she was training every day. Eight weeks after fracturing her C7 vertebrae in two places, she raced the Connecticut Ironman 70.3, finishing second in her age group and qualifying for IM 70.3 World Championships in Nice, France. The second lesson Christie learned at Skidmore was the importance of believing she could push past limits. “Skidmore changed my life,” she reflects. I had teachers, coaches, advisers and friends who showed me I was so much more than I ever believed. I am forever grateful.”

**Ken Freirich** is a seasoned entrepreneur and executive who has started, built, operated and grown successful organizations. For the past 14 years, he has served as CEO of Health Monitor Network, a national leader in



Amy Hull ’89, right, stands with husband Kurt, left, and daughter Katie, who married John Kiernan on April 20.

patient engagement. Prior to joining Health Monitor Network, Ken was CEO of TransLocal Health Corp. He is also past president of InteliHealth, initially a joint venture between Aetna U.S. Healthcare and Johns Hopkins University. For fun, Ken plays drums in a rock and roll band called MedROCK (medrockband.com). He continues to be inspired by the students who participate in the business plan competition he started at Skidmore.

I was saddened to learn that we lost two classmates last year: **Amanda Yelen** died Sept. 15, 2018, and **Andrew Flamm** died Nov. 23, 2018. Good friend **Reet Das ’88** observes, “Andrew was an exceptional artist who was not bound by material or medium.” A tribute to Andrew is accessible on Reet’s website, [www.reetdas.com/Flamm](http://www.reetdas.com/Flamm). Our condolences go out to the families and friends of both classmates.

Please check out our Skidmore Class of 1990 Facebook group for fun flashbacks and updates as we move closer to May 2020. As always, feel free to email or message me directly with any questions, comments or suggestions!

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**'91** **Kimberly Lasher Mitchell** published a book for teachers called "Experience Inquiry." Fellow educators **Francesca Zammarano** and **Pri Alahendra** have been especially helpful in promoting and using the book. Kim teaches full time at the University of Washington's College of Education. She loves running into Skidmore alumni in local schools and boardrooms.

**Claudia Sironi Biernacki** and her family recently moved from NYC to Seattle. "It's been fun to have my Skidmore roommate so close by," notes Kim.

After 12 years producing stories about education for PBS News Hour, **Cathlin McGrath** is looking for new opportunities to produce, film and edit video. She lives in NYC. Feel free to pass on any leads to her at [cathlinmcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:cathlinmcgrath@gmail.com).

In May, **Scott Bornstein's** daughter celebrated her Bat Mitzvah and his son graduated from high school and is now a first-year student at Tulane University. Scott also marked his fifth year at Jennison Associates, where he is VP of Fixed Income Applications.

**Matthew Friedman** has been living in Singapore for the past seven years and spent three years in Shanghai prior to that. Pivoting from the tech industry to energy, he is now chief digital officer for Sembcorp Industries. He finds the transition to this sector exciting, especially the growing focus on renewables. Son Julien graduated from King's College in London and has begun a master's program in counter-terrorism and international security. Daughter Talia, 16, attends the Lycée Francaise in Singapore; she spent the summer in Spain and France. Matthew is always happy to meet up with Skiddies in Singapore or in travels around the world!

**Suzette Soboti Swinson** celebrated her 20th year at the University of

Redlands as the head women's soccer and lacrosse coach and full professor. The team successfully competed in three matches in Portugal. A member of the Benevolent Order of Elks, Suzette was named "Elk of the Year" for her volunteer service to youth sports, the community and local veterans. She and **Katherine Mitchell Earnest '91** reprised their annual joint birthday celebration at the amazing Sunrise Spring Spa in Santa Fe, N.M.

As for me, I continue winning grants for nonprofits through my business, [grantwinners.net](http://grantwinners.net). I've recently branched out to creating websites for individuals and small organizations. I've found that I love this work and may turn more of my attention to that area in the future. Serving as class correspondent has been rewarding, but I need to hear from more of you!

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**'92** For **Sasha Leland**, 2018 was an "interesting transition year." He resigned from his corporate job, breaking his hand the day he left. The complex injury required two surgeries, three pins, two screws and five months in a cast! Once healed, Sasha enjoyed a mishmash of Maine summer activities, vegetable gardens, weekend sailing and hiking with the dog. He also did some freelance work and renovated the family's small New Hampshire A-frame. Last fall, Sasha and his family toured France by bicycle to celebrate his dad's 80th birthday and hiked and camped across Iceland with wife Erin. He later participated in a week-long motorcycle race across the Sahara desert and over the Atlas Mountains in Morocco for charity. On New Year's Eve, he proposed to Erin and they eloped to the Cayman Islands, where they were married in a quaint, "wonderfully stress-free" garden ceremony. They started the year by launching a digital marketing business called Sparks and Fuel. In

March, the couple flew to California to crash **Dennis Bruce's** 50th surprise birthday party. Their attendance had also been a secret; "It was wonderful to witness the shock and awe." Sasha enjoyed catching up with fellow guest **Dave Murphy**.

**Lee Bonilla-Colón** has returned to work full time as project manager for consulting firm Resiliam. Her middle son attends Penn State. Best of all, Lee and **Jessica Davis '89** are now gym buddies; they belong to an exercise group that meets every weekday at 5:30 a.m.

**Virginia Will Russell** and her two children live in Denver, where she is a software consultant at Simplus. Daughter Amelia attends Cherry Creek High School and is looking at colleges. Son Timmy is a seventh-grade lacrosse player.

**Heather Urban** lives with her husband and three children in Washington, D.C. After decades of focusing on her company Urban Art Access and other art-related projects, she has returned to painting. Primarily mixed media on paper, her works reflect the complexities of juggling motherhood, a career and relationships. She has exhibited in two different shows this past spring. You can see them on Instagram at [@heatherurbanart](https://www.instagram.com/heatherurbanart).

**Jay and Ann Maynard Dixon** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Watch Hill, R.I. Their recently rebranded advertising agency, AdsiIntelligence Marketing, is located just outside Annapolis, Md., where they reside. Eldest daughter Mackenzie is a junior at Ithaca College and youngest daughter Allison is a high school senior.

We were saddened to learn that **Gretchen Godwin** died July 21. We send condolences to her husband **Nathan Chickering** and their entire family.

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**'94** **Alex Goldberg** is a playwright, screenwriter and director. He lives with his wife, actress Catia Ojeda, and their two sons in Burbank, Calif. He recently wrote and directed the feature film "Closure," which co-stars **John Sloan '96** and features **Michael McCartney**. "Closure" won seven awards on the festival circuit, which included the Manhattan Film Festival in NYC. Alex was "thrilled and honored" to see so many Skidmore friends at the screening and after-party, including **Matt Kalman**, **John "Bones" Rodriguez**, **Phil Ristaino '93**, **Dan Caputi**, **Kelly Van Zile '96**, **Katie Bradford Dillehay '96**, **Jonathan Jacobs '95**, **Rick Kiley '96**, **Niav Conty '95** and **Marc Lesser '96**.

**Kate Poirot Sullivan** was disappointed she was unable to attend our 25th, but she was busy helping her son wrap up his high school career and prepare for college. Austin is studying exercise science and playing football at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire.

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**'95** **Jacob Kulin** is looking forward to Reunion 2020! An art major and environmental studies minor, he runs contemporary furniture and sculpture company Kulin Modern Studio in Boston. Jacob and wife Myriah recently bought a charming 1925 Dutch colonial in Milton, Mass., where they live with 5-year-old son Asher and 3-year-old daughter Mia. You can see his work at [www.kulinmodern.com](http://www.kulinmodern.com).

**Joni Guerette Olsen** is watching her sons grow up "way too fast!" **Cameron '20** is a junior political science major at Skidmore. Trevor is a first-year physical education major at Salem State University and Joni's youngest, Killian, is in kindergarten! She and husband Scott celebrated

their eighth wedding anniversary before heading off to Prince Edward Island for a fall vacation. Although she's happy with the huge changes on campus, Joni maintains that "some things are 100% the same!"

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**'98** Former men's tennis player **Nat Smitobol** ran the three-day Big Foot 200 race in Washington State this summer. The competition includes a 42K ascent in the Cascade Mountains.

**Lauren Knopf** received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Adelphi University this spring. She is a post-doctoral fellow at the William Alanson White Institute, where psychoanalysis was pioneered. Lauren and her husband live on Manhattan's Upper West Side with their 3-year-old son.

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**'01** The American Academy in Rome awarded **Ashley Hahn** the inaugural Adele Chatfield-Taylor Rome Prize for Historic Preservation and Conservation. Ashley's project, "Preserving the Life Between Buildings," focuses on the city's public spaces. She and husband **John Suvannavejh '03** are thrilled about living in the Eternal City.

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**'02** **Lucia Campriello** is chief development officer of Let's Grow Kids, a campaign to secure high-quality, affordable child care for all Vermont children by 2025. Staff officer **Beal St. George '14** is a member of her three-person team. Together, they aim to raise \$56 million by 2025 to accomplish that mission.

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**'04** **Anna Shapiro Cornett** is an elementary school teacher and husband Doug teaches high school English. Doug's debut middle school mystery novel, "Finally, Something Mysterious," is slated for publication by Knopf Books for Young Readers in April 2020. The couple has a 2-year-old son, Leo.

After 14 years as artist-in-residence at the Pomfret School, **Tim Peck** moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., last year and married Melissa Wyse in a private ceremony. The couple resides in Bedford Stuyvesant. Tim is a professional musician and educational consultant. Melissa is a writer.

**Emily Sussman** is a senior adviser at progressive group Swing Left. She appeared on MSNBC's "Up with David Gura" in a panel discussion of 2020 presidential hopefuls. A former vice president of campaigns at the Center for American Progress, Emily earned a J.D. from Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University.

**Peter Fox** is a co-founder and partner at NYC law firm Scoolidge Peters Russotti & Fox LLP. He served as counselor to the solicitor at the U.S. Department of Labor in the Obama Administration.

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**Kathryn "Kasha" Wink Gilligan** completed a master's in teacher leadership from Rider University this summer. She presented at the National Science Teachers Association Stem Forum and Expo in San Francisco.

**Kevin Wozniak** was promoted to tenured associate sociology professor at the UMASS Boston.

**Kim Maresca** spent last year in London, making her West End debut in "Ruthless! The Musical," available at BroadwayHD.com. Kim's one-woman cabaret act sold out several times in NYC and London. She has also dabbled in stand-up and commercials.

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**'06** **Danielle Rosen Shapiro** is director of production and senior video producer at NYC marketing firm Broadstreet.

**Carlos Serrano** married Allison Kennelly on Aug. 3 at Marina Del Rey in Bronx, N.Y. **Zachary Toth '05** was best man; and **Adam Wallace** and **Ibardo Zambrano** were groomsmen. Other Skiddies in attendance included **Edward Mutegi**, **Odalis Baldayaque**, **Sarah Grime '08** and **Josh Benjamin '08**. The Skidmore crew "made sure to party to the moonlight and to bump to Kid Cudi's "Pursuit of Happiness," produced by Skidmore's own Ratatat. The newlyweds reside in Tarrytown. A full-time law clerk at an immigration-focused firm, Carlos continues studying part-time at Pace Law School. He recently completed a year at the school's Immigration Justice Clinic.

Assistant U.S. Attorney **Matt Cronin** was interviewed on CBS's "60 Minutes" regarding his role in the successful prosecution of a Chinese drug trafficking organization selling synthetic fentanyl to U.S. citizens via the internet.

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**'07** **Zak Anolic** is a licensed clinical social worker in Astoria, N.Y. He continues to practice as a therapist and forensic social worker advocating for children and families.



Tim Peck '04 recently tied the knot with Melissa Wyse.

**Mark Finkin** is vice president of Latitude 43 Inc., a hospitality firm based in Florida. A University Without Walls grad, he also interprets for the deaf in Florida and New York, most recently at this year's Skidmore Commencement. He celebrated the first birthday of his 1-year-old grandson at his home in Saratoga Springs.

**Josh Lauren** and his wife Taieri McKenzie welcomed daughter Louise "Lola" McKenzie Lauren on July 10 in Northampton, Mass. Josh welcomes hearing from Skiddies in the area.

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**'08** **Kristen Morvillo Dillon** lives in Massachusetts with her husband and 3-year-old daughter. A clinical psychologist in Hospice and Palliative Care at Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital, she is board-certified in geropsychology.

**Sara Eddison** lives in a small beach town in San Luis Obispo County with her fiancé, two step-kids and four cats. She is a nutrition consultant.

**Karrin Varucene Sehmbi** lives in the San Francisco Bay area with husband Aneesh and their dog Kevin Bacon.

**Kate Post Taylor** was promoted to client advocate at Physician's Computer Co., which specializes in pediatric software solutions. She has a thriving side business, Kiss Me Kate Vermont, that offers makeup services for weddings, makeovers and photoshoots.

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**'09** NYC resident **Vanessa Weber** is a recruiter for the real estate development and construction industries. She previously worked in architectural sales.

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**Terence Kennelly** is a member of the capital-raising and investor relations group for Mack Real Estate Credit Strategies in NYC. He frequently sees **Stephany Gladstone** and **Tanner Kaufman '11** around the Upper East Side. Terrence is looking forward to Reunion 2020!

**Joel Amidon** and wife Katherine live in Greenville, S.C. A family physician, he finds time to enjoy the mountain region. Joel plans on attending our 10th reunion.

**Danielle Fancher** has published "10: A Memoir of Migraine Survival," about her experience with chronic pain.

**Krista Martin** is a franchisee and executive director of Sylvan Learning centers in Portsmouth and Salem, N.H. Her boyfriend Tristan Plummer is a minority partner in the business. Thanks to Professor Dave Marcinko's accounting classes, Krista has become "a QuickBooks whiz."

**Amanda Ellis King** is a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the state of Missouri. A specialist in post-mortem trauma reconstruction, she has provided illustrations and photography for textbooks and other publications in the field of mortuary science.

**Jane Kelly** was featured in the March issue of The New Yorker for her work as lead archivist for the #metoo Digital Media Collection at Harvard's Schlesinger Library.

**Nicholas Pierce** married **Julia Luckett Cox '12** on June 22 in South Hero, Vt., surrounded by Skiddies. **Abby Bowling '12**, **Audrey Benedetto '12** and **Akheil Singla** were in the wedding party. The bride and groom offered a special thanks to **Nate Morgan**, who arranged their "meet-cute" at DA's one Halloween night.

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**'12** **Adam Steinberger** is a mid-level software developer for the New York State Insurance Fund. After flexing his financial discipline muscle to pay off student loans, he bought his first home in Albany this year. In May, Adam celebrated three years of continuous

sobriety from drugs and alcohol.

**Wyatt Erchak** received a master's in history from SUNY Albany while working at Williams College Museum of Art. He is pursuing a doctorate at Carnegie Mellon University.

**Kathy Sirico's** artwork is on display in the exhibition "Interior/Exterior" at the Museum of Craft and Design in San Francisco. It will run through Dec. 1, 2019.

**Jennifer Britton** completed a master's in public health, with a concentration in sexual and reproductive health, from Columbia University in May.

**Emily Meyer** and **David Inkeles '11** celebrated their first wedding anniversary this summer. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.

**Bryn Schockmel** earned a Ph.D. in art history from Boston University in May. She is a Kress Fellow for Provenance Research at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

**Connor Dowling** and **Erin Cauley '13** exchanged wedding vows in July at Erin's family home in East Hampton, N.Y., with many Skidmore friends in attendance. The ceremony was officiated by the bride's brother. The newlyweds live in NYC with their dog, Tate.

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**'13** **Alex Radmin** and **Nataly Mendoza** were married at the Sonoma Golf Club in Sonoma, Calif., in June. A host of Skidmore alumni attended and enjoyed a weekend in wine country. The newlyweds, who met at Skidmore, live in NYC but visit Saratoga Springs as often as possible.

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From left, Ibarido Zambrano '06, Sarah Grime '08, Edward Mutegi '06, Adam Wallace '06, Carlos Serrano '06, Josh Benjamin '08, Odalis Baldayaque '06, and Zachary Toth '05 at the Aug. 3 wedding of Carlos Serrano and Allison Kennelly.



'14

Imagine if all the billboards from 41st to 49th streets between Broadway and 7th Avenue were simultaneously flashing with your original art. That's the idea behind "Midnight Moment," sponsored by Advertising Week and the Times Square Alliance. Public art assistant **Talia Steinman** is handling an open call for this fall's MM ad agency artists. To submit, visit <http://bit.ly/2VbSsvy>.

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**Elana Louise Scaglia** married **Edward Austin Stokes** last summer surrounded by three generations of Skiddies, including the bride's mother, **Jan Halper Scaglia '86**. On hand for the nuptials were **Holly Cressy '86**, **Erin Curran '13**, **Ryan Davis '17** (Holly's son), **Kiki Pohlad McMillan '13**, **Carly Stokes '13** (the groom's sister), **Rose Lee Schainman Halper '59**, **Kiley Colombo '12**, **Linda Perry Feaster '86**, **Coline Paimblanc Riviere '86**, **Adam Shapiro**, **Adayla Lakos**, **Kate Tarbell-Lipman**, **Kim Snow** and **Brad Cray**.



With her Skidmore water bottle, Rafaela Iturralde '18 participated in an Earth Day program at the United Nations on April 22.

**Masum Rumi** is an independent data analyst and consultant who specializes in data visualization and machine learning. He is also an instructor for online tech academy BAI NYC.

**Jess Dunning**  
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'16

**Rachelle Soriano** is pursuing an M.D. at George Washington University Medical School. She completed a successful WHO summer internship in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo. While there, she helped train mid-level practitioners in Abuja, Nigeria. Rachelle is the recipient of Skidmore's **Jo Hebard '69** Memorial Prize in Interdisciplinary Health and Human Services.

**Glenna Joyce** worked for Upstate Distilling Co. in Saratoga Springs for two years before moving to Lexington, Ky., to pursue a master's in food science. Currently studying the arabinoxylan carbohydrate structure in Kentucky Bluegrass, she hopes to re-enter the distilling industry after graduation.

**Jenny Zhang** spent the past three years working as a research associate at a structural biology laboratory at NYU Langone Health



**Musa Bernard Komeh '15** recently completed a master's degree in global health delivery. He works as a program officer for the Clinton Health Access Initiative vaccine program in Sierra Leone.

Center. She is pursuing a master's in human genetics and genetic counseling at Sarah Lawrence.

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'17

**Rashan Smith** is a software engineer at the NYC office of Merge IT Solutions, a global firm that offers custom technology, digital and business systems. Primarily focused on cloud technologies, she also conducts research related to international business development. Rashan is a mentor for the Black Girls Code program and ProjectCSGIRLS.

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'18

**Tommy Kane** lives and works at Woodberry Forest, a boys' boarding school in central Virginia, where he teaches English and coaches varsity lacrosse. Over the summer, he coached and tutored at free youth camps sponsored by Bronx Lacrosse.

**Jennifer Cerutti** is a full-time graphic designer in the Advertising Department of Golub Corp. (Price Chopper and Market 32). She also

has her own freelance graphic design business.

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A week after graduating from Skidmore, **William Ward** became the youngest person elected to a school board in the central New York town of Milford, or anywhere else in Otsego County. He ran his campaign on the message "Change is inevitable. There is only one way to go: For-WARD."

Former Thoroughbred pitcher **Spencer Anderson** is a Houston Astros intern sent to Albany to work with the Tri-City Valley Cats minor league baseball team. He was interviewed in a recent Times Union article, "Skidmore graduate helps Valley Cats crunch the numbers."

**Des Sims**  
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## IN MEMORIAM

**Jeffrey T. Andrews '75** of Millerton, N.Y., died June 22. An American studies major, he was senior VP of marketing at Horizon Media. He served as class president, reunion chair, admissions volunteer, class agent and a member of the Alumni Awards Committee. He is survived by his wife, Anne Granfield Andrews, his mother, a brother, a sister and his mother-in-law.

**Phyllis Emmerich Blair '44** of Boynton Beach, Fla., died July 11. An art major, she produced mechanical drawings for top-secret radar installations at General Electric during WWII and illustrated aircraft for Bell Labs. She was an award-winning painter. She is survived by a daughter, two sons and two grandchildren.

**Jane Ernst Remy '45** of Nyack, N.Y., died May 16. She was an art major. She is survived by two daughters.

**Nora Knox Graham '44** of Hanover, N.H., died Feb. 12. A Spanish major, she left Skidmore in 1942 to enlist in the Women's Army Corps, the first woman from New York State to do so. She served as a statistician at the Enid Army Air Field Base in Oklahoma. She is survived by a daughter, Eleanor Nalle, two sons, five grandchildren, including **Jay Moriarty '06** and **Kate Moriarty Graham '07**, and four great-grandchildren.

**Barbara Graefenecker Eaton '44** of Saratoga Springs died March 29. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, a brother and 11 grandchildren.

**Julia Hill Kane '45** of Rhinebeck, N.Y., died on March 29. A business major, she was the first woman to be elected to the Rhinebeck Board of Education. She is survived by four sons, a daughter, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Joan Houghton Wynne '47** of Schenectady, N.Y., died Dec. 28, 2018. A home economics major, she served as a class agent. She is survived by a son, a son-in-law and a granddaughter.

**Eleanor Hart McLean '47** of New Hartford, N.Y., died Jan. 14. A business major, she was a former assistant to the director of the Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute in Utica. She is survived by daughters **Deborah McLean Hameline '76** and **Jennifer McLean Bove '86**, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Suzanne Menzel Snyder '48** of Austin, Texas, died June 18. A sociology major, she was coordinator of community participation for the Austin School District and founder of the Women's Symphony League. She served as a campaign volunteer and class agent. She is survived by two daughters, including **Carol Lindeman '74**, a daughter-in-law, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Patricia Henkes Pogge '49** of Latham, N.Y., died Nov. 6, 2018. A theater major, she cofounded residential real estate firm Long Shadow Inc. and established the cultural center Pruyne House. She is survived by two sons, including William Parry, three step-children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Phyllis Dye Turner '49** of Terre Haute, Ind., died Jan. 6. An English major, she taught English literature in secondary schools and later at Indiana State University. She served as a reunion volunteer, class historian, Presidents Society chair and class agent. She is survived by her husband, Ned Turner, a son and three daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**John E. Herlihy '51** of Glens Falls, N.Y., died July 15. A business major, he was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Wing in Japan

and Korea. He was a partner in the law firm of Singleton and Herlihy. He is survived by three nieces.

**Katharine Salter Pinneo '52** of Newtown, Pa., died March 16. A history major, she was a health care policy analyst who worked for the Robert Wood Johnson and Carnegie foundations. She is survived by her husband, Everett Pinneo, a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**Janet Doughty Farnan '54** of Franklin Lakes, N.J., died Feb. 16. An art major, she was a bookkeeper at Ingersoll Rand. She served as a reunion volunteer and class agent. She is survived by two daughters, including **Karen Farnan Carey '77**, a son, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Tanoula Nasla Hadjiparaskevas '54** of Kingwood, Texas, died Jan. 22. A sociology major, she was director of community service at the Shield Institute. She served as a reunion volunteer. She is survived by two sons, including Ted Hadjiparaskevas, and three grandchildren.

**Gail Lawrence Lerch '54** of Marysville, Wash., died April 23. A nursing major, she was a staff nurse at Swedish Hospital. She served as a campaign volunteer. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

**Phyllis Rosenbery Kudan '54** of Northbrook, Ill., died Feb. 28. A psychology major, she was former director of the Young Men's Jewish Council Day Camp. She is survived by her husband, **Harold Kudan '54**, four sons and two grandchildren.

**Constance Kellert Goldstein '54** of Weston, Mass., died July 10. A theater major, she served the College as class president, Friends of the Presidents chair, campaign volunteer, class agent and member of the Parents Council and Leadership Gifts Committee. She is survived by her husband, Donald Goldstein, two daughters, including

**Martha Goldstein Pucker '88**, a son and a son-in-law, **Jonathan Pucker '87**.

**Ethel Binner Caravias '55** of Kirkland, Wash., died Dec. 1, 2018. A nursing major, she was a public health nurse in Harlem and later director of medical records at a Seattle hospital. She is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Elise Snow Aston '57** of Orchard Park, N.Y., died May 17. A physical education major, she taught at The Hewitt School in NYC and the Millburn-Short Hills school system in New Jersey. She is survived by her husband, Jim Aston, a son, a daughter, a brother-in-law and four grandchildren.

**Susan Collard Fanning '59** of Narragansett, R.I., died April 14. She was a business major. She served as a campaign and reunion volunteer and a class agent. She is survived by her husband, Dan Farnan, three sons, a sister, **Ann Collard Genco '56**, five brothers, a niece, **Ellen Genco '82**, eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Patricia Shepard Friedman '60** of White Plains, N.Y., died Feb. 5. A nursing major, she pursued a career in that field. She is survived by **Valerie Shepard Cortalano '77**, two sons, a brother, sister-in-law **Sally-Jean Shupert Shepard '57** and several grandchildren.

**Barbara Goldstein Proctor '61** of New York, N.Y., died March 11. A sociology major, she taught deaf students in the NYC Public School System for 30 years. She is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

**Elizabeth Joffe Tarvin '61** of Goshen, N.Y., died March 4. She is survived by her husband, James Tarvin, two sons and two daughters, two brothers, a sister and eight grandchildren.

**Shirley Skiff Murphy '62** of Greenwich, N.Y., died June 8. A business major, she was assistant professor emerita of business at Skidmore, where she had also served as a department chair. She is survived by two daughters, including **Elizabeth Murphy '78**, a son, a brother and a sister.

**Virginia Gere Parke '63** of Bradenton, Fla., died Dec. 25, 2018. She was an English major. She is survived by two daughters, a son and a sister.

**Susan King Hanke '63** of Tucson, Ariz., died Feb. 1. A music major, she was an authority on services for the blind and visually impaired. She published widely under her professional name, Susan Spungin. She is survived by her husband, Peter Hanke, two daughters, including **Jennifer Spungin Kehoe '91**, and several grandchildren.

**Ellen Shack Taylor '65** of Claremont, Calif., died March 10. A sociology major, she was the former mayor of Claremont. She is survived by her husband, Marshall Taylor, two sons and several grandchildren.

**Carolyn Pratt Neeley '65** of Ashland, Ore., died March 6. An art-music major, she retired as activities director of the Meadow Lodge Assisted Living facility. She is survived by a brother and two nieces.

**Barbara Fisher Hall '66** of Atlanta, Ga., died March 2. An English major, she retired as associate provost of enrollment management at NYU. She served as a campaign, admissions and reunion volunteer. She is survived by her husband, Richard Hall, a daughter, a brother, a sister and four grandchildren.

**Anne Beard Smith '68** of Johns Island, S.C., died March 10. She was an economics major. She is survived by her husband, Clifton Smith, a son and daughter, a brother and four grandchildren.

**Rosemary Lyons RePass '70** of Leominster, Mass., died March 25. An English-philosophy major, she was an executive of a manufacturing firm. She is survived by her husband, James RePass, a son and a sister.

**Jaye Scholl Bohlen '71** of Glendale, Calif., died May 6. A history major, she was president and co-founder of Hedge Fund Advisors Inc. and retired as West Coast editor for the financial news magazine Barron's. She served as reunion president, class correspondent, Friends of the Presidents chair, campaign volunteer and class agent. She is survived by her husband, Charles Bohlen, a daughter and two sons.

**Lori Weinstein '79** of Beachwood, Ohio, died Aug. 2, 2018. A biology-chemistry major, she was marketing director for The Cleveland Clinic,

retiring as president and CEO of the Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland. She served as an admissions volunteer. She is survived by her husband, David Weinstein, a son, two sisters and a granddaughter.

**Keller Kaufman-Fox '79** of Chapel Hill, N.C., died March 23. A sociology major, she was former editor of the Journal of Neurosurgery and later worked at Duke University Press. She retired as CEO of her own communications firm. She is survived by her partner, Susan McDonald, and a brother.

**Andrew Stine '81**, of Schuylerville, N.Y., died July 4. A University Without Walls graduate, he was a land surveyor and member of the National Park Service. He is survived by two daughters, including Patricia Poirier, five grandchildren, a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

**Victor Coudert III '82** of Jupiter, Fla., died July 26. He was a history major. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Coudert, a son, four sisters and two brothers.

**Richard Wissner '84** of Saint Cloud, Fla., died July 13. A biology-chemistry major, he was an anesthesiologist at the Orlando Veterans Medical Center. He is survived by two children, including Nathan Wissner '18.

**George Phear '86** of Tisbury, Mass., died Aug. 19, 2018. He was a business major. He is survived by a brother, Hugh Phear.

**Gretchen Godwin '92** of Cedar Grove, N.J., died July 21. A government major, she was director of marketing for the YMCA of Montclair. She is survived by her husband, **Nathan Chickering '92**, a son and daughter, her mother, Rene Godwin, a sister and a brother.

**Coleman O'Toole '98** of Milton, Mass., died June 29, 2018. An English literature major, he was co-

founder and senior vice president of Fovea Floods Theater Company. He is survived by his parents, Robert and Frances O'Toole.

**Matthew Ross Miron '13** of Washington, D.C., died March 26. An economics major, he was manager of mergers and acquisitions and corporate development at DBi Services. He is survived by his parents, Jonathan and Leslie Miron.

## FACULTY DEATHS IN 2019

**Una Bray**, associate professor of mathematics emerita, died April 30. A faculty member from 1985 to 2013, she spearheaded the College's quantitative reasoning requirement and developed the Mathematics 100 course. Her warmth, humor and dedication to students is well remembered. She is survived by her husband, Lyle Hayes, and two daughters, including **Molly Bray-Hayes '10**.

**Ralph A. Ciancio**, professor emeritus of English, died Jan. 16. Over his 35-year career at Skidmore, he served as a transformational teacher and mentor to generations of students. He leaves a legacy of scholarship on 20th-century writers and the Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is survived by his wife, Mimi; three sons, including **Claude '87** and **Paul '91**; and four grandchildren, including **Rachel '16**.

**Stuart K. Witt**, associate professor emeritus of government, died Feb. 10. A rigorous and collegial scholar, he taught from 1967 to 2002. Subjects of his published work ranged from state and local politics to Nicaraguan revolutionary Alejandro Miranda Moreno, whose memoir he translated. He is survived by his wife, Cordelia Willis-Hall, three sons and six grandchildren.

See also **Shirley Skiff Murphy '62** above.

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