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**Alumni Reunion Weekend
October 20-22, 2006**

HIGHLIGHTS

Lantern Society Induction

Congratulations to the Class of 1956 as they celebrate their 50th year reunion by being inducted into the Lantern Society!

Class Events

Nostalgia and news among classmates

Networking Events

Luncheons, dinners, breakfasts and receptions

Departmental Gatherings

Art Education, Asian Studies, Biology, Business, Communication and Media and First World

Campus Tours

Additions to campus including the Athletic and Wellness Center, the newly-renovated van den Berg Hall (with its clock tower and chimes!) and a campus Welcome Center!

Arts Events

Concerts, theatre productions, a Gospel choir, a flamenco guitarist (who's an alum) and museum exhibits

Mid-Hudson Region

Fall in the Mid-Hudson Region includes visits to the Mohonk Preserve, Ashokan Field Campus, the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, apple orchards, wineries and so much more!

Photo albums of reunion events will be available online (www.newpaltz.edu/alumni/reunion).

Want to find fellow classmates, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, teammates, club members, or simply a long lost friend? We can help! Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 1-877-HAWK-001 (option #1), alumni@newpaltz.edu, or visit us on the Web at www.newpaltz.edu/alumni.



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Key for Major Abbreviations:

Acctg.: Accounting	Journ.: Journalism
Anthro.: Anthropology	Lat. Am. Stud.: Latin American Studies
Art Hist.: Art History	Ling.: Linguistics
Bus. Admin: Business Administration	Mngmnt: Management
Chem.: Chemistry	Org. Comm.: Organizational Communication
Comm.: Communication and Media	Phil.: Philosophy
Comm. Dis.: Communication Disorders	Photo.: Photography
Comp. Sci.: Computer Science	Pol. Sci.: Political Science
Ed.: Education	Print.: Printmaking
Ed. Admin.: Educational Administration	Psych.: Psychology
Ed. Studies: Educational Studies	Sculp: Sculpture
Elec. Eng.: Electrical Engineering	Sec. Ed.: Secondary Education
Elem. Ed.: Elementary Education	Spec. Ed.: Special Education
Engl.: English	Soc.: Sociology
Geog: Geography	Vis. Arts: Visual Arts
Geol.: Geology	Wom. Stud.: Women's Studies
Hist.: History	
Inter. Des.: Intermedia Desian	

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The Educated Choice

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

—John Dewey (1859-1952), American philosopher, psychologist and educational reformer

Education is a demanding career. Educators must – at once – be motivator, guide, counselor, coach and disciplinarian. They must be team players, but also individuals capable of spending time alone with a pile of paperwork. And they must remain students themselves, always learning and evolving with the students that pass through their halls.

The principals, superintendents and professors profiled here work hard. “Good enough” is not part of the vocabulary of someone whose job it is to educate future generations.

The submissions for this article were so numerous that not everyone could be included in this issue. Additional names and profiles are on the Observer Web site (www.newpaltz.edu/observer). Please visit us online and learn about more extraordinary alumni.

Professor power

For several New Paltz alumni, it was the classrooms and lecture halls of national colleges and universities that called. Many of the professors listed below have trained the teachers and educators of tomorrow.



Image courtesy Barbara Adams

Barbara Adams '62, '70g

For **Barbara Adams '62, '70g** (Ed., Engl.) her career began in an elementary school classroom where she taught preschool through fifth grade in Marlboro, Milton and Newburgh, N.Y. It was at New York University, where she was pursuing a Ph.D. in English with a concentration in modern poetry, that Adams worked as a teaching assistant. Her career path was changed and she went on to teach part-time at

Orange Community College, Mount Saint Mary College, Dutchess Community College and SUNY Albany, and full-time at SUNY Cobleskill and Pace University. Adams is the

founder and former director of the business communication program at Pace's Lubin School of Business. After a teaching career that spanned 39 years, Adams now enjoys a career as a published writer and poet.

Gregory Brooks '90 (Elem. Ed.) also began teaching at the elementary school level. Brooks, who earned master's degrees in instructional design and curriculum development and reading education and a Ph.D. in reading education from the University of Albany, taught kindergarten through third-graders in the Capital Region in New York for more than nine years. He went on to become a member of the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. School of Education literacy department at St. John Fisher College, before becoming an assistant professor of education at Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y. in 2005. Brooks feels the greatest reward from his experiences as an educator is learning about the success his students have as teachers.

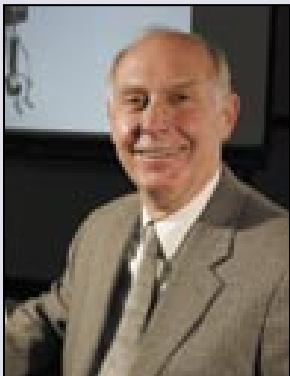


President Steven Poskanzer and Richard Cummings '54

Richard Cummings '54 (Ed.) always felt at home in front of a college class. He was a professor of comparative literature and international education at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (UWM) for 31 years, until his retirement in 1998. As an academic advisor, Cummings

counseled 916 undergraduates, 424 graduate students and 11 doctoral students. He also spent 18 years as a member of University Faculty Senate, chairman of the Educational Policy and Community Studies department and coach of the men's Rugby Union Football Club. Cummings has lived, worked and studied in Panama, Columbia, Arizona, California, Brazil and Michigan.

Charles Dumas '75 (Pol. Sci.) was an adjunct at New Paltz and Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, as well as working in the correctional facilities at Bedford Hills and Taconic. Later, he was a lecturer and Kaplan Fellow in the Graduate School of Urban Affairs at The New School in New York City. Dumas began working at Penn State eleven years ago. He became an associate professor in the School of Theatre with a joint appointment in African-American Studies. For a year, he was a Fulbright Fellow at Stellenbosch University near Capetown in South Africa. In the fall of this year, Dumas -- whose acting career outside of the classroom has grown to include work on the stage, television and film -- will assume the directorship of the Acting in Media Program at Temple University.



Fritz Grupe '61, '64g

In 2004, **Fritz Grupe '61, '64g** (Ed.) retired as professor and chair of accounting and information systems at the University of Nevada after teaching for more than 22 years. He has published more than 100 journal entries and 35 books on computers, and he served as executive director of the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley for 12 years. In 2003, the National

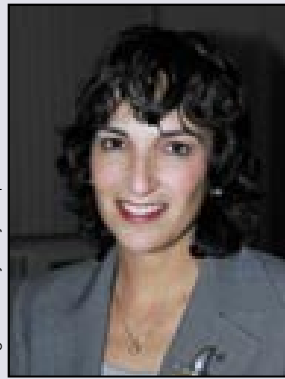
Association for Consortium Leadership recognized Grupe as a "Pioneer of Interinstitutional Cooperation." Grupe credits his experiences as an educator as inspiration to develop www.MyMajors.com, a Web site for high school and first-year college students trying to find a major.



Karolyn Kinane '96

Karolyn Kinane '96 (Engl.) has been a visiting assistant professor of English with a specialization in medieval and Renaissance literature at Wabash College in central Indiana. Kinane served on the Community Service Committee and is the faculty advisor to the Green Corp, a student-run environmental group. She also performs research and publishes works on medieval saints' legends

and pedagogy. She recently began a tenure track position as assistant professor of English at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire. To Kinane, a good educator is a confident guide, sensitive listener and a self-aware individual.



Sally Shapiro '81

Sally Shapiro '81 (Psych.) entered the education field after working in the fashion industry for more than 20 years. In 1998, Shapiro seamlessly began using the skills she learned from making presentations and speaking to large groups of executives as an adjunct in the fashion merchandising management department at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

Shapiro is now a full-time faculty member in the fashion department at the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising in New York City, where she teaches courses in fashion fundamentals, specialized markets, product development and direct marketing.



Laurie Wellman '64

Laurie (Beckoff) Wellman '64 (Ed., Engl.) was an original member of the New York State Education Department's (SED) Bilingual Education Bureau staff. She served as an English as a second language (ESL) specialist and supervisor of the bureau's Upstate Regional Office. In 1988, she earned her Ph.D. in educational theory and practice from SUNY Albany and began teaching at the

college in the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other

Languages (TESOL) graduate program. And then in 1993 she was an SED representative training English teachers in the People's Republic of China. Wellman is also a published songwriter.

The laws of education

J. Dean Carro '74 (Pol. Sci.) has been on the faculty at the University of Akron School of Law since 1978. Carro also directs the Legal Clinic.



Image courtesy J. Dean Carro

J. Dean Carro '74

Artful instruction

As an assistant professor of art at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University, **Eunkyung Jeong '96, '01g** (Art Hist.) teaches studio classes.



Image courtesy Eunkyung Jeong

Eunkyung Jeong '96

Business of teaching

Peter Replogle '84 (Ed. Admin.) retired from teaching business at Orange County Community College in 1994 after 15 years.



Image courtesy Peter Replogle

Peter Replogle '84

Supervising our schools

The job of running an entire school district can be a daunting task. Superintendents must work with many facets of the educational community, from their youngest students to the residents whose tax money supports their institutions. These New Paltz graduates have taken charge of their school districts and serve their communities well.



Image courtesy Elaine Giuliano

Elaine Giuliano '66

Elaine Giuliano '66 (Sec. Ed.) is a superintendent of schools at the Wood-Ridge School District in New Jersey and an adjunct professor at Felician College, also in New Jersey. She is proud of her school system and the job the faculty and staff have done to

insure that their students are successful. Giuliano received a master's degree in history from New York University in 1967. She went on to teach at JHS (Junior High School) 143 M in Washington Heights, N.Y. before deciding to pursue a career in educational administration. She received her doctorate in administration and supervision in 1995 from Seton Hall University in New Jersey and went on to work as an assistant principal.



Image courtesy John Jordan

John Jordan '71

The career of **John Jordan '71** (Sec. Ed.), '89g (Ed. Admin.) began in the classroom. He taught social studies at Tri-Valley High School in Grahamsville before becoming principal at the former Grahamsville and Jeffersonville-Youngsville High School in New York. Jordan became the director of secondary programs at Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Education

Services (BOCES) and superintendent of the Jefferson-Youngsville School District. He is currently serving as interim superintendent of the Onteora School District in Onteora, N.Y.



Image courtesy J. Joyner-Wells

Joanne Joyner-Wells '77

It was as a student teacher at the New Paltz Nursery School that **Joanne Joyner-Wells '77** (Elem. Ed.) began her career. She is now a community superintendent and local instructional superintendent for the New York City Department of Education.

Gold star principals

A principal's role extends far outside the office. These educational leaders interact with teachers, parents and students every day in a multitude of situations. Many New Paltz graduates have excelled in this demanding and rewarding position.

In his 30-year career, **John Bardin '52** (Elem. Ed.) has been principal at the Buchanan Elementary School, director of the Garrison summer program, associate at the New York State Department of Education's (NYSED) Curriculum Development Center and supervisor of the NYSED Division of School Supervision.

Image courtesy Irving Carroll



Irving Carroll '43

Irving Carroll '43 (Sec. Ed.) taught social studies at Malverne High School in Malverne, N.Y. and later served as principal at Island Trees High School in Levittown, N.Y. When retirement didn't suit him, Carroll went back to work and taught part-time for 10 years at Dowling College in Long Island, N.Y.

Image courtesy Fran Donaldson



Fran Donaldson '67, '69g

Fran Donaldson '67, '69g (Elem. Ed.), principal of Deep Run Elementary School in Elkridge, Md., was selected as Maryland's National Distinguished Principal in 2005 by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP). She served as president of the organization and co-chairman of MAESP's Local Arrangements Committee, as well as being a past president of the Howard County

Elementary Administrator's Association. Donaldson retains close ties with the community and is committed to finding resources for after-school programs and pursuing grants. She considers building positive relationships between students, parents and teachers is at the heart and soul of leadership positions such as hers.

Image courtesy Ellen Todd



Ellen Todd '00cas

Ellen Todd '00cas began as a music educator after earning a degree from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J. She received a master's degree in creative arts education from Rutgers University in New Jersey. Todd currently works as principal of special education at Sullivan County BOCES in addition to being a doctoral student studying educational leadership from Nova Southeastern

University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She was principal of Wallkill Elementary School for three years before joining the staff at the Liberty White Sulpher Springs elementary school division.

Math + Science = Fun in the classroom

Martha Miller '76 was named the 2006 New Hampshire Math and Science Teacher of the Year by the New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers. Miller received her award at the annual Engineer's Week Banquet at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. Peers at the elementary, middle and high school levels nominate outstanding teachers to receive the award. Miller was recognized for her creativity, innovation and spirit toward the importance of education in math and science. Her students describe her flair of teaching as unique and unconventional. Miller encourages hands-on activities and real-life examples to stimulate her students' interest and participation. Miller has been inspiring students of the Londonderry School District for 29 years.

Politics in education

Image courtesy Robert Jackson



Robert Jackson '74

Robert Jackson '74 (Soc.), a New York City Councilman, has made ensuring that his constituents receive quality public education a priority. He co-founded the Campaign for Fiscal Equality and in May 2006 received the Friends of Public Education Award from the Schott Foundation for Public Education.

Not retired yet



Working under the direction of **Pierre François** (Emeritus, French), several current and former faculty members have adapted and translated language materials into e-books, study aids, audio on-line and CDs. Some of those involved include

Robert Piluso (Emeritus, Spanish), **Lou Saraceno** (Spanish), **Frances Ricciardi Saraceno**, **Francesca Saraceno '91** and **Jacqueline François**. In addition to the language skills materials, a new track by **Ray Snider** (Emeritus, Sec. Ed.) will incorporate college algebra and is due out this fall. To learn more about the project please visit www.thebesthometutor.com.

ALUMNI EDUCATORS AT SUNY NEW PALTZ:

Many SUNY New Paltz alumni work right here at their alma mater. Following is a list of some of those alumni who are educators:

Rania Al-Haddad '05g (Bus. Admin.) – Finance, Director of Business Projects

Anthony Amodeo '77cas – Adjunct, Education

Ellen Argust '94, '00g (Nursing) – Adjunct, Nursing

Yvonne Aspengren '05g (Human. Ed.) – Adjunct, Foreign Languages (German)

Lucy Barbera '73g (Human. Stud.) – Adjunct, Elementary and Special Education

Joan Barker '94g (Art) - Adjunct, Photography

Karen Bell '91g (Ed., Sec. Math) – Associate Dean, School of Education

Michael Bilello '90 (Org. Comm.) – Adjunct, Communication and Media

Martha Bogart '68, '72g (Elem. Ed.) – Adjunct, Education

Gregory Bray '00 (Comm.) – Lecturer, Communication and Media

John Bray '00 (Theatre) – Adjunct, Communication and Media

Karen Capobianco '03g (Inter. Des.) – Adjunct, Photography

Robert Capozzi '96 (Printmaking) – Adjunct, Art/Printmaking

Melissa Cass '93g (Sec. Ed., Math) – Mathematics

Robin Cohen-LaValle '77 (Psych./Comm.), **'82g** (Psych.) – Adjunct, Psychology

Lynne Crocket '88, '96g (Engl.) – Lecturer and Coordinator, Teaching Assistant Program in English

James DeArce '00g (Soc.) – Sociology

Elizabeth DiPippo '75g (Sec. Ed., Math) – Adjunct, Mathematics

Dennis Doherty '87, '91g (Engl.) – Coordinator, Creative Writing

Judi Esmond '95 (Art Ed., Photo.) – Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art

Mary Fakler '91, '94g (Engl.) – Lecturer, English

Connie Flood '71, '05cas (Elem. Ed.) – Lecturer, Education

Ralph Flood '71 (Elem. Ed.), **'88cas** – Adjunct, Ed. Studies/Special Education

Penny Freel '95g (Engl.) – Adjunct, English

Don Furman '87 (Bus. Admin.), **'00g** (Finance) – Adjunct, Business

Elise Gold '79 (Psych.), **'92g** (Human. Ed.) – Adjunct, Humanistic Education

Charleen Gottschalk '73g (Ed.) – Adjunct, Educational Studies

Monica Grazul '68 (Math), **'82cas** – Adjunct, Mathematics

Tabitha Holmes '00g (Psych.) – Assistant Professor, Psychology

Tina (Green) Iraca '79, '01g (Engl.) – Adjunct, English

Michael Jandrew '99 (Bus. Admin.), **'02g** (Mngmnt.) – Adjunct, Business

Catherine Kelly '93g (Psych.) – Nursing

Richard Kelder '69, '71g (Engl.) – Program Director, Center for Teaching and Learning and Adjunct, Communication and Media

Palmer Kocher '96g (Comp. Sci.) – Adjunct, Math

Michael Lecesse '73 (Comm. Dis.), **'85g** (Ed.) – Communication and Media

Spencer Mass '88 (Pol. Sci.), **'94g** (Biology) – Adjunct, Biology

Dylan McGee '01 (Engl.) – Adjunct, English

Anthony Meoli '95 (Sec. Ed., English), **'01g** (K-12, Reading) – Adjunct, Elementary Education

Robert Michael '75cas – Dean, School of Education

Susan Miiller '88 (Paint.) – Lecturer, Art Studio/Art Education

Bernadette Morris '95 (Comm.) – Associate Registrar and Adjunct, Communication and Media

Kristin Muller '96 (Psych.), **'99g** (Biology) – Adjunct, Biology

Jacqueline Murray '79, '96g (Human. Ed.) – Adjunct, Special Education

Terry Murray '69 (Art Ed.), **'87g** (Human. Ed.) – Assistant Professor, MPS

Vince Napoli '87, '99g (Bus. Admin.) – Adjunct, Business

Joel Neuman '84, '86g (Psych.) – Business

Stacie Nunes '84g (Physics) – Physics

Jacqueline (Nowella) O'Malley-Satz '84 (Art Ed.), **'89g** (Ed.), **'93cas** – Adjunct, Secondary Education

Joan Perisse '91 (Sec. Ed., Engl.), **'95g** (Sec. Ed.) – Adjunct, English

Fiona Paton '92g (Engl.) – English

Sharon Peelor '97g (Engl.) – Adjunct, English

Courtney Pindling '82g (Chem.) – Adjunct, Mathematics

Peri Rainbow '84, '91g (Wom. Stud.) – Women's Studies

Diane Reyes '85 (Ed.) – Spanish

Rachel (Elliott) Rigolino '93g (Engl.) – Instructor, English

Abigail Robin '98g (Engl.) – Adjunct, English

Thomas Sarrantonio '86g (Paint.) – Art/Art History

Penny Schouten '99 (Human. Ed.) – International Programs

Sally Schultz '74 (Anthro.) – Accounting

Jackie Sinatra '97g (K-12 Reading), **'00cas** – Adjunct, Education

Robert Singleton '75, '90g (Engl.) – Adjunct, English

Mary Stevens '86 (Spanish), **'90g** (Sec. Ed.) – Foreign Languages (Spanish)

Suzanne Stokes '92g (Metals) – Art

Angelo Targia '68 (Spanish) – Adjunct, Foreign Languages (Spanish)

Ann Teed '81 (Art Ed.), **'93g** (MSEDC) – Lecturer, Art Education

Jason Torres '04g (Inter. Design) – Adjunct, Photography

Jaimee Uhlenbrock '63 (Art Ed.) – Professor Emerita, Art History and Curator, Collections at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art

Nancy Winternight '94g (Human. Ed.) – Adjunct, Elementary/Humanistic Education

Dale Wolfeld '93g (Ceramics) – Adjunct, Art Ed.

School of Education Award Created

This past spring, a group of education alumni and retired faculty organized the School of Education Advisory Committee to look at ways to provide additional support to the school and its students. The committee has raised approximately \$6,500 to support current students in the School of Education. The committee is most grateful to all those who have committed to supporting this endeavor! For more information on how you can become involved, please contact Eileen Bastien at (845) 257-3957 or bastiene@newpaltz.edu.

Rosemarie (Mainberger) McBride '60, '68g

Dean Robert Michael '75cas

Robert E. Mountz '68

Professor Ray M. Snider

Sharon (Crandall) Tozzi '71



HOLD THESE DATES!!!

New Paltz is on the road again! Alumni and their guests are invited to join us at the following upcoming regional events this year:

- Seattle, Wash. SUNY-wide Alumni Reception, October 30
- San Francisco, Calif. SUNY-wide Alumni Reception, November 1
- Los Angeles, Calif. SUNY-wide Alumni Reception, January 23
- Phoenix, Ariz. SUNY-wide Alumni Reception, January 25
- Atlanta, Ga. SUNY-wide Alumni Reception, February 15
- Florida New Paltz Alumni Gatherings, March 27-29
- Charlotte, N.C. SUNY-wide Alumni Reception, March 13
- Washington, D.C. SUNY-wide Alumni Reception, March 14
- New York City Networking Event, March 30



Invitations will be mailed regionally and additional event details will be available at www.newpaltz.edu/alumni when finalized. If you have any questions, or to RSVP to an event, please contact us at alumni@newpaltz.edu or 1-877-HAWK-001 (option #1).

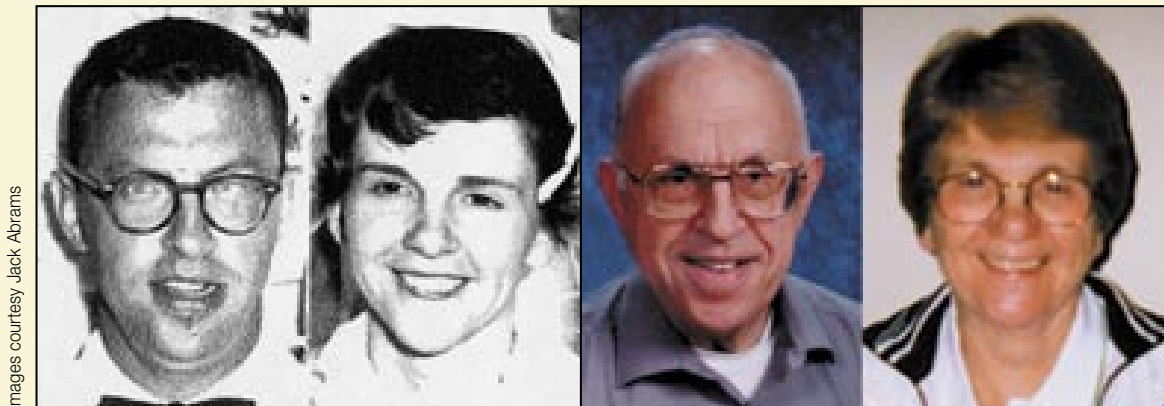
We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sweethearts Again

Jack '52 (Ed.) and Eileen (Carozza) Abrams '54 (Ed.)

I was aware of a very pretty, bouncy gal called Eileen Carozza from the class of 1954, with an Agonian Sorority membership. I really did not pay much attention to her since she was so young and heavily attached to the vice president of our Dephic/Sigma Tau Fraternity. As president, I kept him so busy that Eileen took a mild dislike for me. I graduated in 1952 and immediately became part of the U.S. Army, assigned to South Korea. As luck would have it, one of my undergraduate buddies sent a note informing me that Eileen and my fraternity brother had broken up. I sent off a charming letter to Eileen, expressing my sadness at hearing of the event. I also asked if it would be okay if I wrote again. Lo and behold, she responded. Many months and 40 letters later, I saw my folks and then bounced up to visit with Eileen and her folks somewhere in the Bronx. I brought a full hand of very firm and yellow bananas to really impress the family. The offering must have worked ... we were married July 4, 1955, which also happened to be Eileen's birthday.

Almost 51 years later, Eileen and I are still at it, living at the same address in East Northport, N.Y. We raised two girls, Kathi and Jodi, who live with their families in Boise, Id. and Las Vegas, Nev. Besides still being sweethearts, I spend my spare time helping out at the local museum while Eileen does her tennis thing and folk-dancing bits. Being at New Paltz made all of the above possible.



Images courtesy Jack Abrams

Jack Abrams '52 and Eileen (Carozza) Abrams '54, then and now

David '85 (Pol. Sci.) and Florence (Goldfinger) Feldman '86 (Ed.)

It was 1982, the first day of my second year at New Paltz. I had so much fun in Bevier Hall during my first year that I decided to stay there for another. I lived on the south side of the second floor and had convinced a friend of mine from home that New Paltz was a great place to go to school. He was immediately persuaded, so we loaded up my car and headed north. I honestly believe that this was one favor that paved my life and changed it forever.

My first year at Bevier, I always entered through the front door and headed up the steps in the lobby. Since my friend was going to be staying on the south side first floor, just under me, I would show him the way to his room. It was at this moment that I saw my wife-to-be. A couple of girls were sitting on a wooden bench chatting away, probably checking us out. I could not believe how beautiful this one Spanish girl was — I was in awe. She was way out of my league, so I went about my business of unloading my car while making sure to travel my new route just to get a glimpse of her.

A few weeks went by and I wanted so much to make friends with this gorgeous girl, so whenever I could I would try to strike up a conversation. The problem was the swim team and every other guy on campus. Besides, I am Jewish, not that I cared but my family would probably have something to say about such a relationship. Then surprisingly, this Spanish girl approached me. The words that followed are words that made me who I am today. Words I hear as clear today as the day she spoke them to me.

“Are you going home for the Jewish holidays and if so would you be able to drop me off at my house?”

I responded, “You are Jewish?”

She said, “With a name like Goldfinger, what do you think?”

I said of course I would take her home. I ran upstairs to my roommates, proclaiming that I had just met my future wife. “I will marry this girl,” I said. “I will not let her get away.” I did not know much about her family, but I knew enough that I had never felt these feelings before and that this was going to be my girl for life. My wife.

We dated all our days together at New Paltz. Those rides home gave us a chance to learn about each other and we eventually grew closer. I graduated in 1985 and she still had a year to go, so we would see each other whenever we could and talk on the phone all the time. Unfortunately e-mail was a word not yet spoken. This was definitely a challenge for both of us; guys will be guys and I am sure she was approached constantly. I was 120 miles away and when I went out with my friends I encountered the same pressures. I thank God our love for each other was genuine and neither of us would do anything to jeopardize what we had.

I put a ring on her finger during her last semester and we officially tied the knot in July 1987. A small apartment in Brooklyn was just fine for us, as long as we were together. In 1989 we moved to Merrick, Long Island, where we currently live. We have

two children, a boy Eric, who is 14 and a girl Brooke who is 12. I believe my wife and I will always be best friends as we continue to enjoy each other’s company very much. When I look back at all the parameters that led us to the same school, same dorm and about how everything started, I truly believe it was a miracle. I could not have prayed for anything more. New Paltz will always have a special place in our hearts. Whenever we get the chance to visit, it is as if we never left. Over the years we have gone up to take our children apple picking. This is my story about a special girl that I met in a special place. I thank New Paltz for my education, and for the life it has made for us.



Image courtesy David Feldman

David, Florence, Eric and Brooke Feldman



Cesar D. '99 (Lat. Am. Stud.) and Maria (Cosme) '96g (Ed.) Cordova

I first met my sweetheart at New Paltz in 1994 in the Humanities Building. I was in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program and she was a sophomore student majoring in education. It was a January morning and her car had broken down. She was on the phone trying to arrange a way to get back home to Newburgh. I was also a commuter, so I asked her if she would like to ride with me, since I also lived in Newburgh, N.Y. I hoped that she would say yes because I really liked her. She was hesitant at first but later decided to take my offer. Each day after that we would ride together to and from school until her car was fixed, the time spent together gave us a chance to know each other better. We continued to see each other on and off campus. In 1995, during my first year of acceptance to the college, I moved on campus to Bouton Hall. At the time, she was a junior and still commuted to school, but she spent a lot of time on campus so we continued to date one another. In 1996, she graduated with her undergraduate degree, but decided to come back to continue her master's, which she finished in 2000. We happily welcomed our daughter, Gillian, on July 10, 1999. Maria is currently teaching with the Wappingers City School District and I have started my own cleaning business. We have since settled in Cornwall, N.Y.

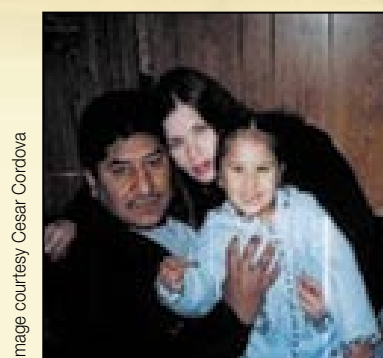


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Cesar, Maria and Gillian Cordova

Greg '91 (Elem. Ed., Math) and Sue (Brofman) Sperling '91, '94g (Sec. Ed., Spanish)

On August 28, 1989, I met my husband, Greg Sperling '91 (Ed.), at the back table in a class in van den Berg Learning Center. We were both late to class so we were forced to sit there. The next day we found out that we were in a Tuesday and Thursday class together as well. We were also both education majors and we lived in Southside. I was supposed to go out for his 21st birthday because we had a mutual friend that had invited me, but I never went because that friend had fallen asleep that night. We became friends and I later found out that he had crashed one of the keg parties we had at the apartment the semester before. On Valentine's Day 1990, he surprised me with a rose and then disappeared. Two weeks later I invited him to a party and he actually came. That was it for us. He brought me a flower every week for the next few months and my friends would call him, "Flower Man." When we graduated in 1991, I went back to Long Island and he went home to Monroe, N.Y. It was tough being so far apart, so in 1992 I decided to move to Monroe. We got engaged in October 1994 and after the long courtship, we were married June 1, 1996. We still live in Monroe and have two daughters, Kaylee, who is 6-years-old and Alexandra, 3-years-old. I will never forget that day we met, I was never late to class but I drove up and there was no parking, if it were not for that, who knows.



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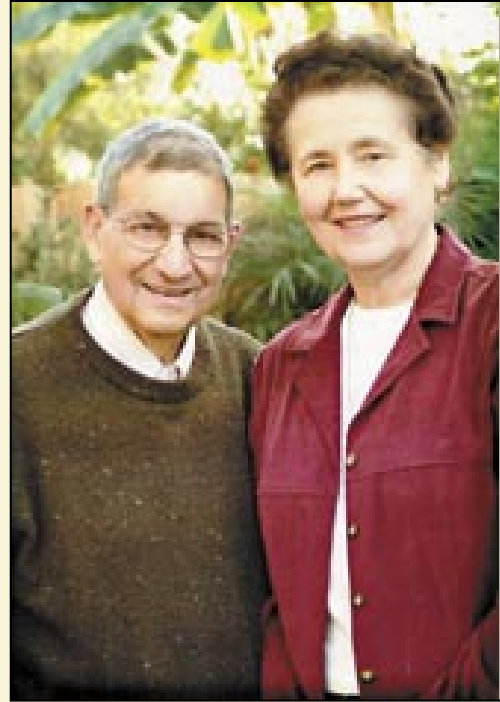
Greg, Sue, Kaylee and Alexandra Sperling

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Mary and Angelo Indelicato, 1958

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Mary and Angelo Indelicato, 2006

Mary '57 (Ed.) and Angelo '58 (Ed.) Indelicato

Yes, I met my sweetheart at New Paltz. It was the last day of the spring semester of '56. I gave Angelo a cheery “hello” outside the CUB (College Union Building). Don't forget back then everyone knew everyone because there were fewer than 1,000 students on campus — it was a state teachers college then. We met again during the summer session and by August we were “keeping company.” I went off to student teach at the Roslyn and Middletown School Districts and when I returned to campus I lived at Clio House. Angelo lived at Mrs. Sheeley's, across the street from P&G's. I had to pass his rooms on the way to classes. I graduated in August of '57, began teaching in Freeport in September, and we were married on Dec. 27, 1958. Angelo retired from the Massapequa District after 35 years and I put in 22 years. We were blessed with five children and 12 grandchildren, and are expecting twin grandsons in May. We share many happy memories of our college days at New Paltz.

Alumnus goes “Mobil”

Drew Goodbread '76 (Geology)

by Regina Martinez '06 and Kristin Charles

Photos courtesy Drew Goodbread '76

Drew Goodbread '76 (Geology) has turned a childhood love of rocks into a successful career.

While at SUNY New Paltz Goodbread says his interests grew thanks to his geology professors and trips to caves and other geological sites all over the country. When Goodbread was faced with trying to narrow down a career within the vast field of earth sciences he sought advice from his professors. It was a description by George Heyl (Emeritus, Geology) of the discovery of a large bauxite (aluminum) deposit in Australia he came across while working in the mining and petroleum divisions of Esso that encouraged Goodbread's next pursuits.

After receiving a master's degree in petroleum geology from Oklahoma University in 1978, Goodbread landed a job with Mobil Oil. He spent 10 years in Houston and Midland, Texas and New Orleans, La. working in sedimentary basins and managing production, exploration and planning teams for the company.

In 1989, he opened and managed Mobil's exploration office in Papua New Guinea. He oversaw the drilling of two exploration wells in the Southern Highlands where equipment had to be flown in by helicopter because there were no roads.

“I recall villagers walking from many miles away to stand outside the chain link fence and stare, mesmerized by our drilling operations,” Goodbread said.

Goodbread in Papua, New Guinea

At Mobil's corporate offices Goodbread worked as an advisor for the company's worldwide exploration program and traveled to Nigeria, Indonesia, Norway, Germany and Australia. He said he developed an appreciation for the complexities and challenges in the global energy business through this work.

Goodbread opened Mobil's Beijing, China office in 1994 and managed operations for five years. In 1999, Exxon and Mobil merged. Goodbread returned to New Orleans to work on one of the largest oil fields in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Then he managed an exploration and production program in Turkmenistan and traveled the former Soviet Union. He also spent four years in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Today, Goodbread is opening a new office in Madagascar in preparation for an offshore drilling program in a frontier basin situated in more than 5,000 feet of water, a process that only recently became possible.

Goodbread, who is married to a fellow New Paltz graduate – **Donna Tice '77** (Geology) – says that even though he has been in the oil industry for 28 years, he continues to find the work exciting and educational.

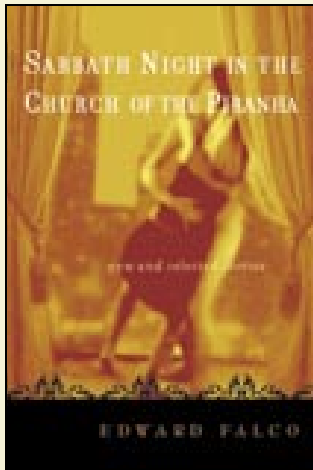


Locals in Papua, New Guinea



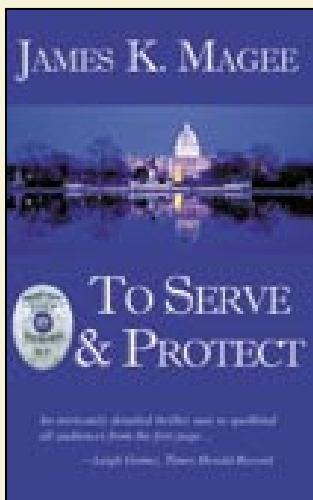
Goodbread with colleagues in China

Reading Room



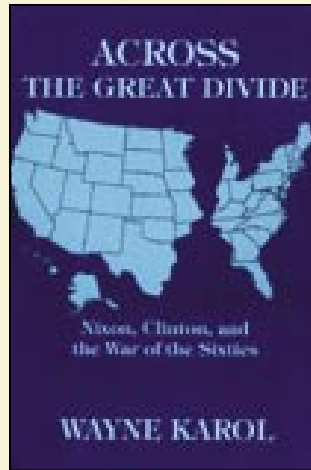
“Sabbath Night in the Church of the Piranha: New and Selected Stories” (Unbridled Books, Colo.) is the latest short story collection by **Edward Falco '70** (Engl.). Here, Falco’s characters, often dysfunctional and amid flaws, are placed in extreme situations and prove to be memorable. His prize-winning stories have appeared in numerous national magazines and literary journals from Atlantic Monthly to

The Missouri Review. They have been reprinted in “Best American Short Stories,” “The Pushcart Prize” and the “Best American Mystery Stories.” Falco teaches at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va.



James Magee '93 (Hist.) has released his first novel, “To Serve & Protect,” by Keene Publishing, N.Y. Magee captivates readers with a compelling story of murder, mystery and government conspiracies set in the small town of Goshen, N.Y. Magee currently lives in Goshen, N.Y. and is working on his next novel. Visit James’s Web site, www.jkmmagee.com, for more information.

William Tucker '54 (Ed.) released “With Justice for All” (Beaudoine Press, N.Y.), a sequel to his first novel, “Excalibur” (Beaudoine Press, N.Y.). The series tells the story of a lawyer in Brooklyn who is handling a very difficult and sensitive case. Tucker also has published several books on baseball including “Moving Home Plate” (Volcano Press, Ore.) and “DP or Billy and Jerry in the Promised Land” (Volcano Press, Ore.). For more information, e-mail him at wptucker@optonline.net.

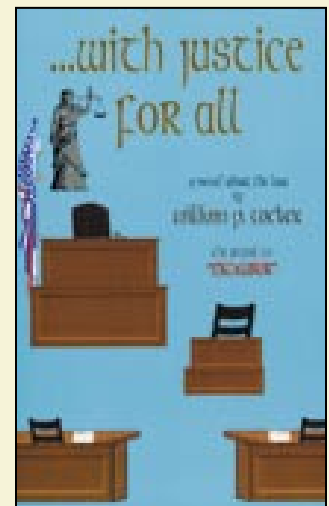


In “Across the Great Divide: Nixon, Clinton, and the War of the Sixties” (iUniverse, Neb.), **Wayne Karol '78** (Pol. Sci.) offers an original perspective on the American culture and the choices people have made. This baby boomer shares his experiences and encourages readers to explore what decision we can make to change the world. Karol is also the author of “The Sixties as Science Fiction: An Appreciation

of Paul Katner.”



In his book, “The One That Got Away: The Kind of Love You Never Recover From” (Volt Press, Calif.), **Lee Robert Schreiber '73** (Engl.) writes of his experience seeking out a past love - who Schreiber first met at New Paltz - and what motivated his quest. The author of eight books, Schreiber now resides in Manhattan where he writes articles for magazines such as GQ, TV Guide and Men’s Life.



Locally produced “Celebrity” READ posters have become an annual spring display at the Sojourner Truth Library. Subjects are drawn from a different campus community each year and the posters are displayed as a part of a series of National Library Week events. Faculty, students, student groups and alumni have been featured over the past five years. Subjects were cajoled into posing the first year, but now people actually ask to be photographed! We were fortunate to have a particularly stellar group of READ SUNY New Paltz alumni, as evidenced by these READ reproductions.



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Artist's Corner

Image courtesy Barbara Ayres Burnett



Caring Collection, stained glass, 2005

In 1982, **Barbara Ayres Burnett '60** (Art Ed.) designed and created a stained-glass angel for a friend with leukemia. Inspired by positive response, Burnett created "Caring Collection," a company that has created and sold thousands of angels as a symbol of love, hope, care and comfort. Visit www.caringcollection.org for more information.

Image courtesy Cynthia Farrell Johnson



"Around My Way: Have You Heard the Good News?" gouache, 2004

Cynthia Farrell Johnson '76 (Art History) had selected works from her 2005 Glenview Mansion Show exhibit highlighted at the Rockville Regional Library in Rockville, Md., this spring. Johnson's paintings have become visual diaries, which she often refers to as personal postcards of places she has visited in many parts of the world. Her use of gouache, an opaque watercolor paint, emphasizes her unique approach to painting. For more information, contact Johnson at cynfarjsn@verizon.net.

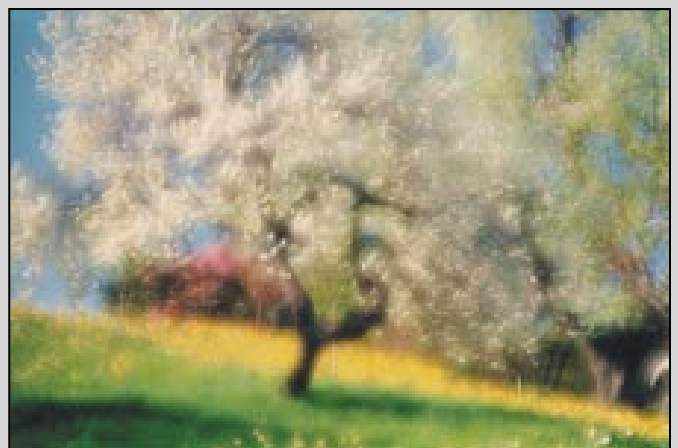
Image courtesy Gloria Gifford



Gloria Gifford '67

Gloria Gifford '67 studied and taught at The Beverly Hills Playhouse before becoming director of The Gloria Gifford Conservatory for Performing Arts in Hollywood, Calif. She also taught directors and writers at the American Film Institute and is the author of "Acting: Where Is The Love." Discovered by Bill Cosby while playing opposite Zero Mostel in "The Merchant" on Broadway, Gloria starred opposite Richard Pryor in Neil Simon's "California Suite." Her numerous film and television appearances include "Halloween II," "48 HRS.," "This Is Spinal Tap," "Tracey Takes On," "ER," "The Practice" and "8 Simple Rules." Currently she is directing plays, as well as acting in and producing films. She founded The Rebel Planet Short Film Festival of Hollywood, which debuted in 2006.

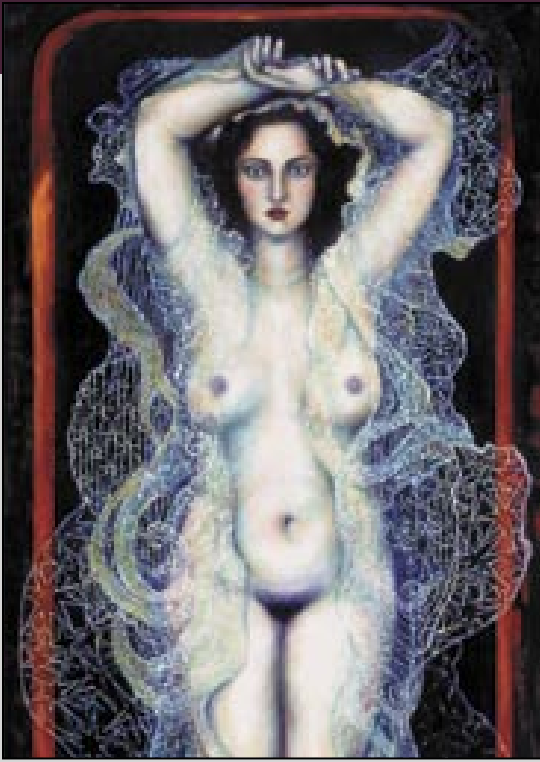
Image courtesy Andrew Jurman



"Dunbar's Beach Plum, Highland Park, Rochester, N.Y.," color film, 1995

Andrew E. Jurman '80 (Photography) has had work selected for national art competitions, received merit and purchase awards and has been published in calendars and magazines. His work achieves an impressionistic effect with an in-camera multiple exposure technique. For more information visit www.photographiclandscapes.com.

Image courtesy Maria Lazo



“Ares, Hephaestus and Aphrodite,” acrylic, 2005

Maria Lazo '96 (Sculpture) is the featured artist of the “Year-Round on the Rondout” project in Kingston, N.Y. Maria is best known for her monumental narrative paintings, most of which have roots in mythology and fairy tales. She was also featured in an exhibition of historic and contemporary art at the James Cox Gallery in Woodstock, N.Y. (www.jamescoxgallery.com) this spring.

“Evolution,” the latest exhibit by **Linda Richichi '94** (Painting), was featured at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum in Newburgh, N.Y. Her talents range from creating two dimensions, three dimensions, plein-air landscapes, abstractions and others. For more information, visit her Web site at www.YellowSkyGallery.com.

Image courtesy Linda Richichi



“Kissam’s Wetland,” pastel, 2006

Image courtesy Jonathan Shor



“modular fountain,” aluminum and stainless steel, 2005

A series of stone sculptures and benches by **Jonathan Shor** (Sculpture) mark the entrance to the Herban Garden in Princeton, N.J. Shor’s foray into this medium began with an apprenticeship with a stonemason in Sante Fe, N.M. There he learned to set stone and build walls, archways and aqueducts. Shor settled in Princeton in 2003 and was commissioned to carve a 17-inch diameter granite sphere for his acupuncturist. This summer, he participated in Princeton University’s “Quark Park,” an installation in which artists interpret the work of scientists from the university. To view Shor’s work, visit www.jonathanshor.com.

Artist's Corner



Image courtesy, Laurey Levenson

"Gayle I," colored pencil, 2006

In November 2005, **Laurey Levenson '66** (Art Ed.) was the featured artist at the annual "Focus on the Figure" show, a prestigious national juried exhibit. Levenson has dedicated the past 30 years to studying and drawing the human figure. Her most recent work concentrates on fine detail and subtle tonal form, which give her drawings a sublime, ethereal feeling. She taught secondary art at the East Ramapo Central School District in Spring Valley, N.Y. for 34 years, before retiring in 2000.



Image courtesy Susan Vinett

Susan Vinett

The Theatre at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. presented "My Utopia #2," a performance piece by artist, poet and writer **Susan Vinett '03** (Sec. Ed./ English). The piece, which was directed by Mary Resta and featured a special appearance by Steve Blackman, ran in late March.



Image courtesy Raymond Steiner

"Sugar Maple Ridge," oil, 2006

Image courtesy Marlene Wiedenbaum



"Vanderbilt Pond," pastel, 2006

Marlene Wiedenbaum '83g (Human. Ed.) showcased her work, "Recent Pastel Painting," at the Woodstock Artists Association and Museum in New York this spring. Wiedenbaum's award-winning landscape, figurative and still life artwork have been exhibited in New York, California, North Carolina, Connecticut, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Louisiana. She teaches pastel workshops at Casa del Arte, New York, where students work outside or plein-air at selected Hudson Valley landmarks.

Image courtesy Julie Levesque



"Synthetic Genealogy," plastic silverware, 2006

Julie Levesque '81 (Art) recently presented an installation, "Fork, Knife, or Spoon? A Question of Identity," at Clark Gallery in Massachusetts. Levesque's sculpture and installations explore boundaries, opposition and sibling bonds and incorporates images of furniture, household items and abstract sculptural forms. Her most recent work overlays video imagery onto sculptural objects. For more information, visit her Web site at www.julielevsque.com.

Raymond J. Steiner '66, '71g (English/Literature) exhibited oil paintings of Hudson Valley landscapes at the Woodstock Artists Association Museum in April. His technique of painting on-site or alla prima often limits him to a palette knife in an effort to capture spontaneous images. Steiner is also editor for "Art Times," a literary journal he helped found in 1984 that can be viewed online at www.arttimesjournal.com.



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Amanda Hoover (Ed.) and Joseph Pidgeon were married July 1, 2005.

Brenda (Mannix) McMahon '56 (Ed.) celebrated 50 years of teaching this year, most with the Kingston City School system (New York). McMahon was widowed in 1993 and has three children.

Carolyn Sisti-Sommer '67 (Art Ed.) recently retired from the Wallkill Central School District. She now works as the program manager for the Early Childhood Department at Southwest Florida College and teaches reading in the Lee County School District. In her free time she paints, works in the ACT Art Gallery, sings in her church's choir and spends time on her boat.

Wendell Van Lare '67 (Sec. Ed.) became senior vice president of Labor Relations at Gannett Co., Inc. (NYSE:GCI) June 1. Van Lare was named Gannett's Corporate Staffer of the Year in 1990. He began a two-year term as chair of the Newspaper Association of America Employee Relations Committee on July 1.

Bernard Grotzky '69 (Hist.) retired from teaching sixth grade in Mission Viejo, Calif. in 2003, after 34 years. Grotzky is now a substitute teacher. He has been married for 33 years and has a daughter and a son.

Arnaldo Schwerert '69 (Pol. Sci.), the regional director of the Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center, has joined the board of directors of the recently opened not-for-profit Hudson Valley Center for Innovation Incubator in Lake Katrine, N.Y.

John Jordan '71 (Sec. Ed.), '89g (Ed. Admin.) was named the Superintendent of Ontario School District.

Marion Kells '73 (Elem. Ed.), along with her husband Bill, was honored by the Gardiner Republican Committee for their

community services. Kells was elected to the Gardiner Town Board in 1985 and served in that capacity until she was elected town supervisor in 1993.

Jean Parr '73 (Ed.), '87cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed superintendent of Beacon School District (N.Y.).

Steve Finkle '75 (Geog.), director of Kingston's Economic Development Agency, won the 2006 Developer of the Year Award from the New York State Economic Development Council.



Maurice Hinchey '68 (Engl.), '70g (Sec. Ed.) was awarded the Presidential Medal at this May's SUNY New Paltz Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony. The medal is the highest honor the campus can bestow upon an individual, and was given to Hinchey in recognition of his ongoing support of the college.



Mekah Gordon '75 (Art Ed.) recently created a transsexual, educational and consultation practice in Santa Fe, N.M.

Angela (Digiovanni) McGhee '75 (Art Ed.) received a professional development committee award on Dec. 13, 2005.

Christine (Morabito) Sproat '78 (Psych.) was elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 2003. She is named in Who's Who and Who's Who in American Law and in 2003 received an Outstanding Alumni Service Award from Pace Law School.

Bennett Beckenstein '79 (Comm.) runs a graphics and video animation business.

Sharon Inglis '79 is an instructor for a new intensive weekend course of chamber music for string, woodwinds and piano.

Robert L. Eufemia '80 (Psych.) was recently promoted at the U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. Eufemia is a licensed psychologist providing mental health, health promotion and training to employees.

Edward Renehan '80 (Pol. Sci.) was elected to membership in the National Arts Club in Manhattan. Founded in 1898, the Club's membership has included three presidents and many distinguished painters.

Karin Schklenker '80 (Engl.) is a finalist in a short story contest sponsored by Scribes Valley Publishing. Her story "What Could Have Been" was published in their 2005 anthology.

Alan Caggiano '81 (Psych.) is a licensed clinical psychologist working for the State of California. Since graduation, Alan has worked as a programmer, musician and garbageman and has a specialty in Jungian dream analysis. He is engaged to Tetyana Sysoyeva.

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Joann Serafini-Kent '81 (Comm.) is a district manager of the San Francisco region for Cingular Wireless.

Debra (Fishkin) Shanin '81 (Psych.) left her position as an adoption director at a private New York agency and is now a social worker. Shanin counsels multiple disabled kids in a private school and says she is enjoying the happiest time of her life.

Suzanne Tremper '81, '89g (Elem. Ed.) was appointed director of the newly created Mid-Hudson Regional Early Childhood Direction Center at Independent Living.

Ronnie Timoner-Vuolo '82 (Anthro.) retired two years ago after 20 years as a New York State trooper. Timoner-Vuolo now has a solo art show at the Town of Crawford Town Hall.

Dania Cabrera '83 (Comm.) received her nursing degree from Southern Connecticut State University in May 2004. She is now working on a surgical unit at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Conn.

Albert Wojtaszek '83 (Ed. Admin.) devoted 30 years to high school athletics and is the Eldred Central School Athletic Director in Eldred, N.Y. Albert is the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association's principal representative to Section IX and a member of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Executive Central Committee.

Ted Bloom '84 (Comm.) received his master's in Vocational-Technical Education. He later started a mobile personal training company and has a fitness Q&A column in three New York newspapers. His most recent venture is instructing computer science to the emotionally disabled.

Jeffrey Feller '84 (Soc.) received a liver transplant at Mt. Sinai Hospital on March 10, 2005. He is an active member of TRIO (Transplant Recipient International Organization) Manhattan. He has published three poems about liver transplants. He is a student at H.B. Studios in New York City. He does photo support at Yankee Stadium and occasionally hosts events at Nuyorican Poets Cafe.

Eric Katz '84 (Metals) became the first National Board Certified school counselor

in New York state and among the few in the nation. Eric is a trained crisis intervention counselor and provided assistance to students and staff in New York City after September 11 attacks.

Joanna (Valente) Orr '84cas (Ed. Admin.) retired as Rouses Point Elementary School principal after 32 years in education, including 17 years as an administrator.

Josephine (Bucciarelli) Grigon '85 (Comm.) ran an in-school TV studio for five years in an elementary school in Cleveland, Ohio, where she now lives. Josephine received her master's in education and is in the process of trying to get an educational program funded for a pilot project this fall.

Mary James '85 (Comm.) obtained a master's degree in communication disorders in 1987 and has been working as an audiologist at The Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

David Markowitz '85 (Comm.) received his New York State license in massage therapy and teaches wellness and self-care through experimental expos in New York City. He is the executive director of the New York City Folk Music Collective.

John Steffanci '85 (Comm.) was a morning disk jockey and producer at WPDH-FM for five years. He was host and producer of the "The John Steffanci Show" on WKIP AM/FM. John currently works as a sales supervisor at Clear Channel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Peter Byrne '86 (Math) has been a professor in Albany for the past 15 years and graduated with his Ph.D. in 2001 from the University at Albany. He was recently promoted to full professor of psychology and statistics. Peter was married in 2003 and he and his wife, Tara, welcomed their first child, Ian Flanagan, on July 22, 2005. They reside in Albany, N.Y. while they are building a house in the mountains. Peter, a three-year starter for the 'historically' successful New Paltz varsity volleyball team, remains in touch with many fellow teammates and classmates and fondly misses the New Paltz experience (including P&G's, May Fest, and Coach Odeneal).

Naomi Gaskin '86g (Human. Ed.) published an article based on her research, "Rx for Mice: Take Enrichment and Call Me in the Morning," in the December 2005 issue of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science newsletter, Tech Talk. The article was based on her research.

Steve Hedderton '86 (Comm.) and his wife, Sue, recently completed the acquisition of the Minuteman Press franchise in Middletown, N.Y.

Joan Schweighardt '86 (Engl.) has been a freelance publicist for about 15 years. She is finishing up a PR campaign for a children's picture book. Schweighardt has written four novels, one of which has won awards and is now being published in Italy.

A new page

John Giralico '73 (Soc.) was recently named director of the Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz, N.Y. Giralico was working at the library during his final semester at SUNY New Paltz and when an administrative position became available he was asked to stay on permanently. Since his time at New Paltz, Giralico has ventured into several other studies including art, photography and international relations, before settling into his present career. Giralico's office is located in the newly-renovated library. In addition to his work at the library, Giralico has served as president of 90 Miles Off Broadway and on the New Paltz Regatta committee. He also enjoys traveling and does so at least once a year, so far he has visited nearly 50 countries.

Image by Lauren Thomas courtesy New Paltz Times



John Giralico '73

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Mike Badolato '87 (Comm.) and Lynn Allen announce the birth of triplets—Anthony, Bryan and Francesca, April 14, 2006. Mike recently accepted the position of Enrollment Management Specialist/Student Services Counselor at Mohawk Valley Community College.

Dennice Brown '87 (Comm.) worked at Columbia Records in New York as a coordinator in the administration department for six years.

John Giblin '87 (Bus. Admin.) has been working in pharmaceutical sales with Forest Pharmaceuticals for 15 years as the senior medical representative. John also has a 14 year old daughter named Jessica.

Nancy Herman-Centers '87 (Comm.) is Assistant Professor of English as a Second Language at Roger Williams University. She is responsible for both instruction and administration of a small but growing ESL program.

Karl Melissen '87 (Comm.) has been working for Henry Schein as a buyer for 12 years. He lives in Glen Head, N.Y.

Lee Cutler '88g (Human. Ed.) was elected to the American Federation of Teachers Executive Council. He is the president of the Nanuet Teachers Association, a member of the New York State United Teachers Board of Directors and a middle school English teacher in the Nanuet Union Free School District.

Maryann Longhi '88g (Human. Ed.) has 20 years of service at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and is associate professor of Office Technologies in the department of business technologies. She received her associate's and bachelor's degrees from St. Leo College.

Stephanie (Kyriacou) Norman '88 (Acctg.) and her husband, John, welcomed their fourth child, Kalina Eve, on June 14, 2005.

Thyssene Frederick '89 (Comm.) was named director of admissions at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina. Frederick was previously the associate director of admissions at Coastal Carolina University and assistant director of admissions at Virginia Tech.

Ronald '89 (Geol.) and **Fran '86g** (Elem. Ed.) **Oddo** welcomed their second grandchild, Phillip Antonio Oddo, on July 4, 2005. Ron earned his home inspector license from the Technical College of the Low Country in August, 2005. Fran recently completed training through Stewards of Children, an organization dedicated to the prevention of sexual child abuse offered by Hope Haven of the Low Country.

Gary Savoy '89 (Comm.) has spent seven years selling local and national radio airtime, becoming the youngest general sales manager in New York City for Hispanic Broadcasting. He is currently the general manager of Family Publishing, a division of Trade Publishing.

Rob Hoffman '90 (Comm.) is freelancing as an on-line editor. His clients include MTV, Image Group Post, The New York Stock Exchange, Bates Advertising and TWI. In 1998, he started the post-production company, Evolution Post.

Student Highlights

Fellow Artist

Jeesoo Lee '06g (Paint.) has been selected as a 2006 Thayer Fellow. The annual Thayer Fellowship is given to SUNY students based on their talent, achievement and potential as a professional artist. It is intended to serve as a bridge between study at SUNY and a professional career in the creative or performing arts. This year, the fellowship was split three ways with Lee receiving \$3,500. Lee's thesis exhibition, which consisted of a wall installation, was on display in May at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at New Paltz.

Image courtesy Jeesoo Lee

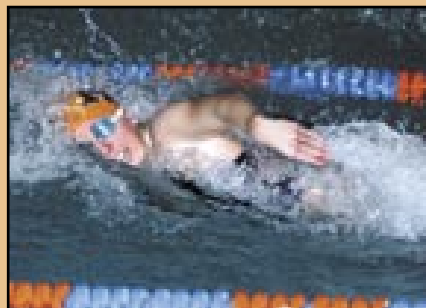


Jeesoo Lee '06g

Swimming her way to success

The collegiate career of swimmer **Joanna Masterson '06** (Psych.) ended with a third place finish in the 50-yard freestyle and a seventh place finish in the 100-yard freestyle at the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Swimming and Diving Championships. Her accomplishments earned her dual recognition as an All-American athlete at the events held at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minn. As the lone representative for the Hawks, she placed 27 out of 53 participants in the competition. Her performance in the 100-yard freestyle preliminary heat also set a new varsity and conference record of 52.41 seconds, earning her eighth place. During her remarkable four years as a Hawk, Masterson has won two conference championships in the 50-yard and 200-yard freestyles and three conference championships in the 100-yard freestyle. She was also named two-time State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Most Valuable Female Swimmer and was awarded the 2005-06 Grace Mowatt Award for Athletic and Academic Achievement.

Image by Dave Schofield



Joanna Masterson '06

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Lynn Johnson '86 (Comm.) moved to Burbank, Calif. in January 1998, where she assisted on television shows. She is currently an office manager at an accounting firm and has won three Editor's Choice Awards for outstanding achievement in poetry, which she began writing two years ago.

Marybeth (Shanley) King '90 (Comm.) and her husband Chris are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Connor John King. He was one month early and was 5 lbs., 1 oz., 19 inches long. His big sister Maggie is thrilled.

Kirk Reinhardt '90, '96g (Sec. Ed.) was the guest speaker for the Annual Washington Day Dinner. Sergeant First Class Reinhardt is a recipient of the bronze star for actions during his recent tour in Iraq and will shortly complete 20 years in the New York Army National Guard Reserve.

Matthew Rothstein '90 (Theatre) went to CUNY Law School and started his own law firm, Rothstein & Rothstein LLP.

Roberta Clements '91 (Psych.) graduated from City College in 1995 with a master's degree in education and advanced certification in school psychology. She works as a school psychologist in Beacon, N.Y. and is Conservation Chair for the Mid-Hudson Sierra Club. She was thrilled to welcome her blessed twin boys, Martin John Steen and Walden Alex Steen on February 15, 2006. She lives in Kingston, N.Y.

Frank D'Angiolillo '91 (Journ.) lives in Saratoga County, N.Y., and is an Eastern New York State Sales Manager with Imagistics International, Inc.

Eileen Dennehy '91 (Pol. Sci.) and William Dorgan were married December 10, 2005.

Grace Early '91 (Comm.) earned her master's degree from the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. She works in human resources for the New York State Thruway Authority, supervising the Worker's Compensation program.

Monica (Agosta) Fredericks '91 (Comm.) began her career at Blair Communication in New York City. She has also held positions with a start-up software company, the Associated Press and Gannett Publishing.

She's currently a stay-at-home mom, with future plans to work at Newsday or other publications.

David Guzzetta '91 (Comm.) opened his own real estate company, American Way Real Estate in Port Jefferson Village, N.Y.

Naomi (Lawrence) Kurzyna '91 (Comm.) worked as a material planner and purchaser for OSRAM Sylvania in Concord, N.H. She then moved to New Bern, N.C. to work for BOSCH, until the birth of her son in 1997. She is currently a stay-at-home mom and has since had a baby girl. She plans to get her master's degree in health management.

James J. Morris '91 (Bus. Admin) was hired as director of commercial real estate loan originations for Westchester County and the mid-Hudson Valley at Paragon Prime Funding.

Frank Pasquale '91 (Comm.) is a production manager for Barron's Educational Series and an avid golfer.

Danny Perry '91 (Comm.) joined Fireman's Fund Insurance Company as a community relations manager based in New York City.

Audrey Rubin-Salzberger '91 (Psych.) received her doctorate in clinical psychology in 2006 from the University of Hartford and is now the supervisor of an outpatient chemical dependency program in Beacon, N.Y. She married Dustin in 2003 and they live in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. with their 2-year-old son, Jonah.

Robin Shapiro '91 (Comm.) received her master's degree in speech communications at the California State University, Fullerton. She created a World of Work program for a youth services agency and currently is

Success is our business

The Management Association (MA), a SUNY New Paltz School of Business organization, was awarded its fourth consecutive Superior Merit Award by the Society for Human Resource Management. The national award recognizes chapters for achievement in professional chapter operations, professional development of members, support of the human resource profession, and partnership with SHRM. The goal of MA is to link students with real world management through its affiliation with the Mid-Hudson Human Resource Association, on-campus meetings with business professionals, educational workshops, internships, company visits, and community service activities. MA organizes numerous educational activities for students each year including the annual Student Development Day, a Taste of Fashion event, and a workshop mini-series. In April 2006, MA's HR Games team advanced to the semi-finals at the regional HR Games competition in Glassboro, N.J.



Management Association members and advisor, Kristin Backhaus.

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a senior training specialist at a financial services institution in Manhattan.

Laura (Funk) Silverman '91 (Comm.) is assistant director of the Queens College Advising Center and transfer academic advising coordinator.

Lisa (De Maria) Bergmann '92 (Pol. Sci.) married Ryan John Bergmann on June 25, 2005.

Roberto Carboni '92 (Comm.) is a production-professional on a freelance basis for numerous producers and directors of corporate industries. He works at a hardware store five minutes from his home.

Marilyn DePoto '92 (Comm.) is working for Creative Networks International in New York City. She is a producer and writer in the on-air department for the channel Cult Network Italia. She creates trailers for the company's film and non-film programming.

Julie Lopez-Kelly '92 (Comm.) began her career at Wegmans Food Markets and is now the manager of Wegmans Sales and Demonstration Services, which oversees staff in 59 retail stores.

Peter Levine '92 (Comm.) is in the graphic communication business, where he handles marketing and corporate identity print communication for medium and large corporations. Levine lives in Roseland, N.J.

Gail Lewis '92 (Comm.) is employed as a corporate concierge and works with McKinsey & Company in Manhattan.

Jill (Roth) McAlpine '92 (Comm.) moved to New Hampshire and opened JillyBeans, a children's clothing store in Windham.

Michelle Tuber-Beers '92 (Comm.) worked as a production manager for a publishing company that specializes in translation. She now works as a fitness trainer in Camarillo, Calif., and hopes to own a personal training business.

Nicole (Quill) Weinstein '92 (Comm.) worked as a copy editor and writer for the Saratogian in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Her current position is writer, reporter and copy editor for The Jewish World, a weekly newspaper in Albany.

Wendy Wilkins '92 (Comm.) is working as a stand-up comedian, writer and actress in California. She made her short film directorial debut with "Jack and Diane" (www.ifilm.com) at the 16th Annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival in March 2001.

Judith (Pfleiderer) Angell '93 (Comm.) has worked as director of public relations for the Connecticut Humane Society since 2000.

Lisa (Poponiak) Angeloni '93g (Ed. Admin.) is dean of admissions at The College of New Jersey. Angeloni was an undergraduate admissions advisor and interim associate director of admissions at SUNY New Paltz.

Lori Daniel Barry '93 (Comm.) works as a senior sales representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Santa Maria, Calif.

Jennifer (Bergonzi) Hurson '93 (Journ.) and her husband John welcomed Frederick Alexander on Dec. 30, 2005. Freddie joins

big sister Charlotte, 5. Jennifer handles corporate communications for KPMG.

Pamela Juckas '93 (Biology) married Otgonbayar Dashgunsen on Aug. 6, 2005 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin.

Kenneth Koch '93 (Theatre) switched careers from student affairs and is in his second year of teaching sixth through eighth-grade theater arts. Kenneth was selected as the district-wide Outstanding First Year Teacher 2005 for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system.

Stacy Krugman '93 (Comm.) is living in Los Angeles and working in Web development, design and marketing. Krugman also runs the official Web site for the actress Charlotte Ross, who starred as Connie McDowell on "NYPD Blue."

Christopher Lombard '93 (Engl.) is a founding partner in the law firm of Angel Lombard, LLP, in Portland, Ore. Lombard attended law school at Lewis & Clark College, earning his degree in 2003.

Dana (Aurigemma) O'Rourke '93 (Comm.) works for Icon International, a barter company located in Stamford, Conn., as senior media buyer.

Trista (Levy) Polo '93 (Comm.) works as a mortgage consultant with GMAC Mortgage Corp. in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. Trista spends her spare time singing in a classic coffeehouse style and collaborating with musicians on original compositions.

Paul Fanuele '94g (Sec. Ed.), '01cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed principal of Spackenkill High School effective July 1, 2006. Fanuele has been in the Arlington district for 11 years, working as a social studies teacher and assistant principal.

Dana Diorio-Casey '95 (Soc.) was promoted to corporate director of social services and admissions for the Fishkill Health Center and Hudson Haven Care Center.

Julie Gilmore '95 (Phil.) has been working for Novartis Pharmaceuticals for the past 10 years, most recently as a quality manager for the I.T. department. She specializes in FDA compliance and validation.

Fulbright teaches Arabic

The Department of Foreign Languages has announced that Abeer Mahmoud Fahmy from Cairo, Egypt, will teach Arabic language and literature as a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant this fall. Fahmy is a graduate student in cognitive linguistics and stylistics and a lecturer in English at Helwan University in Cairo. She will take her graduate courses in American studies at New Paltz while teaching elementary Arabic and Arabic literature in English. Fahmy will also organize cultural events such as presentations on Egyptian folklore and traditions, textiles, architecture, calligraphy and host an Egyptian dinner with folk dances. Sponsored by the U.S. State Department and administered through the Institute of International Education, the FLTA Program promotes educational and cultural exchanges by funding graduate assistants from around the world to teach language and serve as cultural ambassadors.

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James Livingstone '95 (Comm.) has worked for the Henrico County Police Department in Richmond, Va. since June 2000.

Jennifer Marino '95 (Engl.) is living in Wichita, Kan. with her fiancé Chris Rader. After working for The Las Vegas Review Journal for several years, Jennifer settled into a career in education. She is a third- and fourth-grade teacher in the Wichita School District.

Jennifer (Bender) Paruolo '95 (Journ.) and her husband Richard announce the birth of their son, Andrew Carmine, born on Dec. 16, 2005. He joins big sister Madison Elizabeth, who was born in September 2003.

Keri Weston-Shiu '95 (Comm.) is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Bayer Pharmaceuticals.

Margaret E. Sullivan '95 (Comm.) married Ronald K. Meyers on Oct. 9, 2005.

Susan Buraczewski '96 (Comm.) is the recruiting coordinator for Coudert Brothers LLP in New York City, where she manages their summer associate program.

Chris Connolly '96 (Comm.) worked in broadcast news as a creative director, production director and promotions producer. He also worked for a global interactive company as senior digital editor/motion graphics designer for two years. He has now started the company R.A.I. Productions.

Monica Czernecki '96, '02g (Art Ed.) and **Jordan Schor '96** (Comm.) were married Aug. 14, 2004. Their daughter, Sophia Madeline, was born June 19, 2005.

Jessica (Baron) DeGraff '96 (Comm.) received her master's degree in 1996. She lives in Odenton, Md., where she and her husband teach for the Anne Arundel County Public School System.

Pam Dembicki '96 (Bus. Admin.) is the director of the SUNY New Paltz bookstore and received a Follett Corporation Role Model Award for her implementation of a reminder card series for staff. The cards are now a permanent part of Follett's customer service resource library. The annual award is given to the top performers in company.

Carla Eichelberger '96 (Pol. Sci.) is teaching second grade at St. Casimir Regional School in New York after two years at St. Patrick's School in Troy. Carla and her husband, Earl, live in Guilderland, N.Y.

Johana Fernandez '96 (Comm.) teaches second grade and received her master's degree in learning technology from Mercy College in May 2000.

James Gormley '96 (Journ.) became editor of The Legislative Gazette in Albany in 2005. Gormley helps train young journalism students in reporting and news writing. Gormley earned a master's degree in English from the University of Albany.

Diana Martin '96 (Comm.) obtained her master's degree in special education in May 2000 and now teaches at BOCES in Goshen, N.Y. She married Charles Omphalius '97 (Comm.).

Nicole Sandhage Bowen '96 (Comm.) is a senior media market specialist in radio. She works at Active International in Pearl River, N.Y. She previously worked at Miramax Film in New York City.

Richard Yannotta '96 (Comm.) is an account executive at WQXR-FM, a classical radio station owned by The New York Times.

Lauren Fox '97 (Comm.) works in publicity at the Verve Music Group.

Catherine (Deming) Gilkey '97 (Comm.) is a staff writer for The Winchester Sun in Kentucky. She won an award from the Florida Press Club for general news writing and placed first with the Kentucky Press Association for feature writing.

Scott Hammons '97 (Comm.) is working in hotel development, opening five boutique hotels for the Kimpton Hotel and Restaurant Group in Washington, D.C.

Frances Kraus '97 (Sec. Ed.) is engaged to Mark M. Masseo.

Thomas Lake '97 (Anthro.) teaches at Dutchess County Community College. He also works as an estuarine naturalist and fisheries researcher for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Lake has been selected for

a Fulbright Award to study pre-and post-conquest Andean culture in Peru.

Erica Ramos '97 (Comm.) is the executive producer for the FOX station in the Rio Grande Valley. She hosts her own pop culture segment every night on "Fox News at 9."

Lee Solomon '97 (Comm.) has worked on the film "The Thomas Crown Affair;" as camera assistant for the show "Upright Citizen's Brigade" on Comedy Central; and a production assistant in the series and specials department of VH-1 television.

Ray Sprowls '97 (Phil.) graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 2000 and is a solo practitioner in Orange County, N.Y., concentrating on criminal defense. Sprowls married **Trupti Prajapati '99** (Elem. Ed.) in October 2005.

Daniel Wale '97g (Ed. Admin.) has been hired by Democrat and Chronicle as top manager to oversee DemocratandChronicle.com, the newspaper's Web site. He was named vice president/online, giving him responsibility for a news and advertising site with more than 600,000 visitors and close to nine million page views each month.

Heather Weber '97 (Comm.) has been working with Group W since June 1997. She is currently the manager of the Program Services/Traffic Department.

Dina (Zeffiro) Shingleton '97 (Hist.) earned her master's degree in business administration from CUNY last February. Her major was entrepreneurship and small business management.

Renford Beckford '98 (Comm.) is a master control operator for Group W Network Services in Stamford, Conn.

Pamela Bertini '98 (Comm.) works as production designer for a music video production company on Long Island. She designs, executes and builds sets, along with set dress and props.

Corrinne (Zarelli) DiVestea '98 (Comm.) is working at the legislative department of Putnam County as a liaison between the public and the nine legislators in her county. She lives in Carmel, N.Y.

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John Doyle '98 (Comm.) works for Verizon Wireless in Tampa, Fla., doing sales for the southeast region. He married Jill Girardi '99 (Comm.) in September 2001.

Jason Gehlert '98 (Comm.) hosts his own author chat at <http://mysite.verizon.net/quiver>.

Victoria (Gardner) Green '98 (Bus. Admin.) recently joined the American Cancer Society in New Jersey as a director of special events.

Jami-Beth Greenwald '98 (Bus. Admin.) is pleased to announce her engagement to Jack Scrobola.

Karen B. Kelso '98 (Bus. Admin.) holds the position of administrative director at the Bel Canto Institute. Karen lives with her husband, Philip Kelso, and son in Highland, N.Y.

Shonda Prince '98 (Comm.) worked for two years as the managing editor of a youth-produced newspaper in Harlem called Harlem Overhead. She is currently working at Weill Medical College as an assistant editor/ writer in public affairs. She will be graduating soon with a master's degree in magazine publishing from New York University.

Rebekah (Chernek) Raimo '98 (Comm.) is a human resources specialist for MasterCard International. Raimo works on employee relations cases and creating and implementing various organizational policies and practices. She has traveled extensively with MasterCard to various regional and international offices.

Rachel Reuben '98 (Comm.) was promoted to director of Web communication and strategic projects at SUNY New Paltz. She is also the director of the new campus Welcome Center in the Haggerty Administration Building lobby.

Melissa Bohan '99 (Psych.) graduated cum laude from the New England School of Law in May 2006. On Nov. 4, 2006 she will marry Brent Hallenbeck.

Brian Buccinna '99 (Comm.) works as an undergraduate admissions counselor at Stony Brook University.

Jessie (Berner) Call '99 (Biology) and John H. Call, Jr. were married on Feb. 14, 2006 and are expecting their first child this fall.

Dan Kameny '99 (Math) is now in medical school at Charles University, Prague.

Bonnie Nach '99 (Comm.) started her own real estate appraisal company in northern New Jersey. She owns and operates two Web sites related to online wagering.

James Ostermann '99 (Comm.) became a fitness trainer on Long Island and is currently a probationary firefighter for the Fire Department of New York City.

Jason Silverberg '99 (Comm.) has been living in Austin, Texas, working with FOX News as a camera operator and audio director.

Todd Sliss '99 (Journ.) is the author of "Starting with a Perfect Game," a collection of 32 poems on the national pastime of baseball. As a sports journalist for The Scarsdale Inquirer, Sliss has written several award-winning pieces on Hall of Famers.

Kathleen Smith '99, '01g (Finance) joined the firm of D'Arcangelo & Co. as an accountant in the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. office. Smith has 10 years of corporate and individual tax experience.

Cynthia Taicner '99 (Comm.) works for the barter company Active International, and is a local spot TV coordinator in the media department. Taicner is also an assistant TV buyer, working in markets such as New York, Tampa, Phoenix and Pittsburgh.

Richard Decker '00 (Bus. Admin.) was promoted to vice president at Ridgefield Bank. He is a financial advisor with the Fairfield County Financial Services and Infinex Investments, Inc.

Christiani (Breton) Franck '00 (Pol. Sci.) has been hired by LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP as their new manager of diversity initiatives and recruiting. She will work to support and enhance diversity-related programs and overall progress in providing equal opportunity.

Samantha (Sheer) O'Toole '00 (Geol.) is a hydrogeologist with a consulting firm and is now in charge of the Staten Island area. O'Toole recently presented at a Technical Seminar in Los Angeles titled, "Salt Water Slug Tracing in Stratified and Fractured Bedrock." She also won the Environmental Technical Excellence Award.

Derrick Secor '00 (Bus. Admin.) married Roseanne Liardi on April 10, 2005.

Stacey Trapani-Barber '00 (Psych.) received her master's degree in counseling and community psychology from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in 2004 and is working as a behavior specialist at the Anderson School for Children with Autism in Hyde Park, N.Y. She married Stephen M. Barber on Oct. 15, 2005 and bought a home in Saugerties, N.Y.

Tim Weidemann '00 (Phil.) completed his master's degree in public policy and management at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 2004. Weidemann now works with Deloitte Consulting, LLP as a public sector consultant and has been promoted to senior consultant for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Christie L. Jones '01 (Psych.) and Scott Newman were married on Nov. 5, 2005 at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Theresa Morris '01 (Phil.) is working towards her Ph.D. at the New School University in New York City.

Amanda (Kennedy) Newell '01 (Comm.) and **Sean Newell '01** (Acctg.) were married on July 17, 2005 at the Coral House in Baldwin, N.Y. They reside in Albany, N.Y.

Natalie Naglieri '01g (Sec. Ed.) married Nicholas Pascale on Nov. 12, 2005.

Tammy Cilione '02 (Journ.) was named communications director of the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Erin Clark '95 (Comm.) is a data resources coordinator for a social services agency in New York City. Clark received her master's degree in public administration from John Jay College this year.

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Adam Czynski '02 (Chem.) was awarded his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pa.

Corinne Gustin '02 (Soc.) and Salvatore A. Mondesando III, both of Fishkill, N.Y., were married on Nov. 5, 2005 at St. Mary in Highlands, Cold Spring, N.Y.

Amy M. Harnden '02 (Elem. Ed.) is teaching at Meagher School in Kingston, N.Y.

Ivan Lajara '02 (Journ.) is the preview editor and life editor at the Daily and Sunday Freeman in Kingston, N.Y., where he has worked since January 2001. He was named Editor of the Year for Suburban Newspapers in January 2006. Lajara lives with his wife and fellow alum, **Melissa (Hoffmann) '03** (Journ.), in Albany, N.Y.

Laurie Martin '02 (Art Hist.) taught courses exploring the role of culture and heritage in sustainable development this spring at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Martin has a graduate certificate in sustainable heritage communications from the Australian National University in Canberra and a master's degree in museum communications from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

Robyn Thurston '02 (Comm.) married Jeffrey Sanders on April 29, 2006.

Georgia Allison '03g (Spec. Ed.) and Dale Weinmann were married on Oct. 1, 2005.

Jeffrey Dousharm '03 (Elec. Eng.) is founder and co-owner of D-Cor Design Works, a firm which specializes in custom cabinetry. The company designs, fabricates and installs cabinets, doors, windows and furniture (www.dcordesign.com).

Amber Greene '03 (Journ.) has worked as public affairs coordinator for New York State Assmelyman Richard Brodsky since Nov. 2003, and works with state, federal, city and local governments to address the concerns of the public. She lives in New York City and plans to pursue her master's in public relations next year.

Lara Held '03g (Art Ed.) accompanied Washingtonville, N.Y. High School stu-

dents to Belize, Central America in July 2006, where they helped scientists conduct research on the endangered Antillean Manatee. The adventure was part of a two-week Earthwatch Institute expedition.

Alexander Marrero '03 (Music) is pursuing a master's degree in music education at Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. He recently gave a solo classical piano recital, which was recorded on both CD and DVD. To receive a free copy, contact Alex at marrero@frontiernet.net.

Kevin McGovern '03 (Geog.) married Carolyn Bovell on Oct. 1, 2005. They met while doing volunteer work on the Appalachian Trail in Sept. 2001 and now reside in Frazer, Pa.

Jeremy Reuben '03 (Finance) is engaged to **Kathleen Radloff '04g** (Spec. Ed.).

Nicholas Reynolds '03 (Phil.) is enrolled in a master's program at the University of Oregon in Eugene, and plans to continue in a doctoral program. He is also working as an administrative assistant in the philosophy department. Earlier this year Nick helped organize the Conference of the Merleau-Ponty Circle and is working on an on-line library resource that allows the public to view publications by Oregon professors.

Michael Termini '03 (Phil.) is beginning a master's program in international law at the University of Kent, Canterbury, England.

Deanna L. DiTullo '04 (Elem. Ed.) is engaged to Matthew O'Connor.

Jessica Funaro '04g (Human. Ed.) and Brendan Wright were married Aug. 5, 2005.

Jason Gagnon '04 (Phil.) moved to Seattle, Wash. and is working at Washington Mutual Bank, reading Plato on his commute and enjoying life as he contemplates law school.

Jessica Patchett '04 (Psych.) and **Aaron Lamb '04** (Anthro.) are engaged. Patchett does public relations with Old Country Buffet and Lamb is an archaeologist for the City of Newport News in Virginia.

Erin Schoeberl '04 (Psych.) is working toward a master's degree in psychology at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Roxann Waters '04 (Mngmt.) is engaged to **Matthew Woods '04** (Finance).

Adam Bosch '05 (Journ.) is working as a weekly reporter for the Wallkill Valley Times, covering local government, schools, crime and other community topics. Adam also works as editorial assistant to author Roger Kahn. Bosch has been accepted to the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

Thomas Brown '05 (Phil.) is in China teaching English to school children. He is situated in Jiamusi City, Heilong Jiang Province and may be reached at neonguru100@yahoo.com.

Chetan Dogra '05 (Acctg.) has joined the accounting/tax department of D'Arcangelo & Co., in their Poughkeepsie, N.Y. office. He most recently worked as an accountant and financial analyst for an India-based firm.

Damian Masterson '05 (Phil.) started a master's program at the State University of New York at Albany where he is studying logic, 19th century continental philosophy, and the history of political philosophy.

Debra Russo '05 (Vis. Arts) is the graphics coordinator for University Sports Publications. Debra creates college and pro sports programs and yearbooks.

Amelia Toelke '05 (Metals) was awarded a \$15,000 Windgate Fellowships in April. She will use the fellowship to purchase tools and equipment, and a small gallery space within a collective studio space shared with four other artisans.

Faculty/Staff Authors

"John Wilkes: The Scandalous Father of Civil Liberty," by **Arthur H. Cash** (Distinguished Professor English, Emeritus) narrates the life of one of the 18th century's most compelling characters with both authority and vivid feeling. Told with the force and immediacy of a firsthand newspaper account, Cash's biography draws a full portrait of John Wilkes from his childhood days through his heyday as a journalist and

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activist. For more information, contact paige.jokl@yale.edu.

Jack Crawford (Engl., Emeritus) published a collection of poetry titled "I Explode and Other Poems."

Paul Kassel (Theatre) recently published a book titled "Acting: An Introduction to the Art and Craft of Playing." The book discusses the theory and practice of acting while placing the actor center stage as the crucial artist in the theater. For more information visit www.ablongman.com/catalog/academic/product/0.1144.0205440029.00.html

Julia Keefer (Comm.) published a 700-page fantasy memoir, "How to Survive as an Adjunct Professor by Wrestling," part of which will be translated into Arabic under the title, "Un-Clashing Civilizations."

Lisa Phillips (Comm.) has recently published her first book titled "Public Radio: Behind the Voices," a look at the lives of more than 40 of the people whose famous voices bring news, music, sports and a little bit of frivolity to millions of public radio listeners.

Robert Waugh (Engl.) has published a book, "The Monster in the Mirror: Looking for H.P. Lovecraft," through Hippocampus Press.

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Gilbert Brenner (Geol., Emeritus) is conducting a research project with Dr. Irwin Rose, Nobel Award Winner in Chemistry in 2004, to see if certain minerals will select left-from right-handed amino acids. If this happens, it could show that early steps in the origin of life could have occurred in primal earth conditions.

Frederick Bunt '55g (Elem. Ed., Emeritus) received the prestigious Centennial Leadership Award from Phi Delta Kappa, Pace University on June 7, 2006. The award was given "in recognition of his devoted service in the field of education."

Rimer Cardillo (Print.) received this year's Chancellor's Award for Excellence for Scholarship and Creative Activity. During the past 25 years, Cardillo has developed a diverse and multimedia practice that

also includes sculptures, ceramics and installations. Cardillo also received the State University of New York Research Foundation Research and Scholarship Award.

Larry Carr (Engl.) has been named a 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year for the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Carr has taught dramatic and creative writing at New Paltz for 10 years.

Laura Dull (Sec. Ed.) received a Fullbright Scholar Award to teach and conduct research in Serbia in the spring of 2007. Dull has also received a \$10,000 grant from the Lincoln Institute for her project, "A Teaching Unit on the Property Tax."

Laurel Garrick Duhaney (Grad. School) has been appointed as Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at New Paltz, having served as interim associate provost since August 2004. She will coordinate assessment for academic programs and academic support areas, oversee the general education program and assist in developing curriculum.

Ron Knapp (Geog., Emeritus) received a Gold Book of the Year award in the architecture category for his book, "Chinese Houses: The Architectural Heritage of a Nation," with photographs by A. Chester Ong.

Joel Lefkowitz (Pol. Sci.) has been named a 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year for the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Lefkowitz is an associate professor and has taught at the college for seven years.

Kurt Matzdorf (Metals, Emeritus) has been awarded the highest award from an international metal arts organization. The Society of North American Goldsmiths has awarded him the 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award for his exceptional service to the metalsmith community.

Tom Meyer (Sec. Ed.), as director of The Hudson Valley Writing Project, was recently awarded a grant for \$36,000 from the National Writing Project to support a three-year program evaluation.

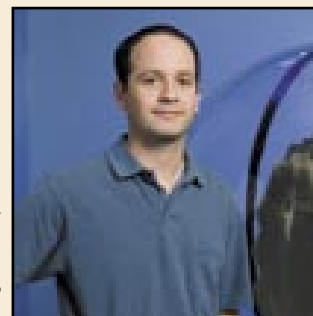
Robert Michael (Dean, School of Ed.) has been elected president of the New York Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. NYACTE is the professional association representing New York state institutions of higher education that prepare teachers and other professional educators. It is also the state-level affiliate of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Robert Miller (Comm.) was chosen as The Daily Freeman's Reader of the Week on June 17. Miller is also the producer of

Engineering a bright future

The National Engineers Week Foundation recognized **Jonathan Fredrick '97g** (Elec. Eng.) as a 2006 New Face of Engineering. Recipients are engineers under the age of 30 who have worked in the field for two to five years and have demonstrated outstanding performance. Selections were made from more than a dozen nominees from the top engineering societies in the country. The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers chose Fredrick as a finalist for his work as senior electrical engineer with Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (SAS) in El Segundo, Calif. He is currently working on cutting edge technologies to develop broadband isolators and space applications and has already established himself as a 3-D electromagnetic modeling expert. As a graduate student Fredrick was the winner of two IEEE MTT-S (Microwave Theory and Techniques Society) Graduate Student Fellowships for his outstanding academic capabilities. He also won awards in the best student paper competitions at the 29th European Microwave Conference and at the 2002 IEEE MTT-S Conference.

Image courtesy, Jonathan Fredrick



Jonathan Fredrick '97g

Mohonk Mountain Stage Company of New Paltz where the eclectic grassroots theater presents fiction, poetry and drama in a “reader’s theater” format.

Terry Murray (Ed. Studies) has designed a labyrinth for the Heritage Junior High School in Newburgh, N.Y., built just off the road at the entrance to the school on Union Avenue in New Windsor, N.Y. and available to members of the community.

Gerald Sorin (Hist.) has been chosen to receive the Lee Max Friedman Award Medal by the American Jewish Historical Society.

David White (Chem.) was recently appointed vice president of New Product Development by Akorn, Inc., which manufactures and markets sterile specialty pharmaceuticals.

Albany Records has released a CD, “Henry Martin – Chamber Music for Strings and Piano,” which features the piano trio, Innisfree. The group is comprised of **Susan Seligman** (cello), **Sylvia Buccelli** (piano) and **Carole Cowan** (violin) – all members of the New Paltz music faculty.

Corrections

Please excuse the following misprints that appeared in the last issue of the Observer (Vol. XXIV, No. 1):

H.E. Freyer '77 (Psych.) asked that we let folks know that he was known as “Gene” while at New Paltz.

Mary McCandless '66 was listed as having passed away. We are happy to report that Mary is alive and doing well!

Joseph Rabito '94 (Pol. Sci.) was listed as being president of the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors. Rabito is in fact president of the Albany Local Development Corporation.

Suzanne Sheridan '98 (Painting) was not joined in civil union (www.ssheridan.net). **Suzanne Sheridan '69** (Phil.) was joined in civil union to Rozanne Gates last year (www.90poundsuv.com/90pound_writers.htm).

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Eugene Link (Social Sciences)
Milton Ottesen (Elementary Ed.)
Kristin Rauch (Art)
Ronald Steinberg (Political Science)
Robert Strothenke (Music)

Alumni

1920-29

Charlotte (Rich) Clauson '29
Anne (Crist) DeWitt '29

1930-39

Eleanor (White) Gardinier '31
Mary (Cavanaugh) Kreiger '32
Helen Mandigo '32
Alice (Gannon) Smith '33
Sonya (Labash) James '34
Louise (Wright) Spencer '34
Mary (Darbee) Begeal '35
Mary (Sharp) Vandemark '35
Mary (Radley) Dunham '36

Betty (Thomas) Hemingway '36
Robert Doolan '37
Olga (Schleede) Frey '39
Vera (Racine) Weiner '39

1940-49

Florence (McKinney) Fontana '42
Mary (Joyce) Haines '44
Elizabeth (Mingle) Kretz '46

1950-59

Dorothy (Yensco) Gilbert '52
Edward Russett '52
Ann Dowling '54
Marian (Snyder) Nolan '57

1960-69

Crystal (Jobst) Scriber '61
Dolores Hartmann '63
Raymond Bullock '65
Gail Barker '66
Barbara (Kraft) Herbold '69

1970-79

Walter Von Ignatius '70
Patricia McNally '71
Robert Borsellino '74
Hugh Paterson '75
Peter Yellin '75
Veronica Crenshaw '78

1980-89

Katharina Marx '81
Beverly Atkins '83
Henry Boice '85
Sandra DeMare '86
Scott Swann '87

1990-99

Matt McDermott '92
Derek Midollo '92

2000-present

Rick Carlson '04



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Mary (Dixon) Atkins '66 (Elem. Ed.) passed away on Aug. 8, 2006. Mary was a long-time volunteer on behalf of the campus including service to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation, SUNY New Paltz Alumni Association, and numerous campus committees. Mary was also extremely active beyond her alma mater, volunteering countless hours to her church and community. Her happy smile and graceful manner will be sorely missed. The SUNY New Paltz Alumni Association has named a scholarship in her honor. If you would like to make a contribution, please make checks payable to the SUNY New Paltz Alumni Association and submit your donation as follows:

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