

# UAlbany

## What's Cookin'?



Alumni chefs, television hosts, cookbook authors, restaurateurs and other food-industry professionals share their fascinating success stories – and a few of their favorite recipes!

## Big Picture

With the Fall 2011 semester about to begin, this student found a cool spot near the fountain to get a jump start on her studies – and enjoy the late-summer sun. Just a few days later, space in that area was a little harder to come by as thousands of other students converged on campus for the first day of classes Aug. 29. They included the 2,450 members of the Class of 2015, an accomplished, highly diverse group drawn from a pool of 21,052 applicants and boasting an average high school G.P.A. of 90.5. (For more about the Class of 2015, [click here](#).) We welcome our students – new and returning – and wish them well in their scholarly endeavors this academic year.



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# From the Podium and Beyond

By Carol Olechowski

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Support from the NYSUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program will strengthen programs at UAlbany and SUNY's three other University Centers while promoting economic development throughout the Empire State. [Full Story](#)



### "The Social Workers" Premieres on WCDB

Acclaimed radio host Kathryn Zox, M.S.W.'83, has launched "The Social Workers," a live broadcast that airs on WCDB 90.9 FM Thursdays at 9 a.m. [Full Story](#)

## UAlbany Is Honored for Community Service

UAlbany's support for voluntarism, service learning and civic engagement has won recognition from the federal Corporation for National and Community Service. [Full Story](#)

## School of Business Breaks Ground for New Home, Receives Dual Accreditation

School of Business students, faculty, staff and alumni had two reasons to celebrate last spring: Ground was broken for the school's new home on the uptown campus, and its business administration and accounting programs received dual accreditation from an international association. [Full Story](#)



## Dewar Will Teach Simultaneously at UAlbany and in Asia

Videoconferencing across two continents, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Diane Dewar, an associate professor and chair of the Department of Health Policy, Management and Behavior, will simultaneously teach a course to students at UAlbany's School of Public Health and Hanoi Medical University this semester: [Full Story](#)

## Chen, Fellow Researchers Investigate Cause of Heart Arrhythmia

A minuscule cardiac molecule may provide important clues to the causes of arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat, according to a study conducted by Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences Hajun Chen and his research team. [Full Story](#)

## CRC Study Indicates that Vitamin D3 May Slow Progression of Prostate Cancer

Vitamin D3 could slow the progression of prostate cancer, according to a Cancer Research Center study conducted by graduate student Wei-Lin Winnie Wang and supervised by professors JoEllen Welsh and Martin Tenniswood. [Full Story](#)

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## Alaei Earns International Recognition

School of Public Health doctoral student Kamiar Alaei, M.D., received the Global Health Council's Jonathan Mann Award for Global Health and Human Rights last June. He shared the award with his brother and fellow physician, Arash Alaei. [Full Story](#)



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# UAlbany Magazine

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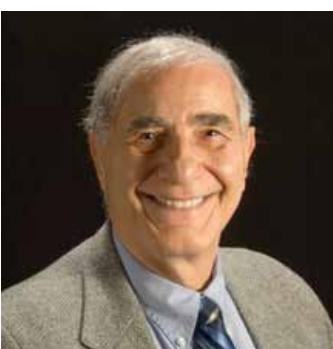
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Cover: Through her daily e-mail, television program, Web site and personal appearances, Lisa Lillian, B.A.'87, a.k.a. "Hungry Girl," serves up common-sense, entertaining nutrition tips, diet tricks and recipes to millions of fans. In this issue of UAlbany, several other alumni also bring memories of the University, career insights – and a few of their favorite dishes – to the table. Photo: Christa Renee

## Jacobson, Vellutino Are Named Distinguished Faculty

UAlbany faculty members Frank R. Vellutino and Trudi E. Jacobson recently attained the highest academic rank accorded by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. [Full Story](#)



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## Grant Will Aid Struggling Readers

A \$3.1 million U.S. Department of Education grant will support the Child Research and Study Center's Lynn Gelzheiser and several of her UAlbany colleagues as they continue to assist struggling young readers. [Full Story](#)

**For more information about the University at Albany, visit [www.albany.edu](http://www.albany.edu).**

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## From the Podium and Beyond

### Coming Attraction

Its galleries filled with more than 100 works by 72 alumni artists, the University Art Museum is preparing its own special addition to Homecoming Weekend festivities.

#### After School Special: The 2011 Alumni Show

kicks off Friday, Oct. 14, with a reception and wine tasting from 5-7 p.m. The exhibition, which runs through Dec. 10, will showcase painting, sculpture, photography, video, installation and works on paper by University graduates who live as near as Albany and as far away as New Zealand.



**Benjamin Entner, B.A. '02**  
*Still Life: Graphite on Paper*, 2008  
Graphite on Tyvek and bathroom fans



**Kenneth Ragsdale, M.F.A. '05**  
*Arlington*, 2008  
Archival inkjet print



**Sandra Scolnik, M.F.A. '97**  
*Collective Memory*, 2009  
Oil on wood panel

Planning for the show began last year with broad outreach to alumni. In response, hundreds of alumni artists submitted digital images of their current work for consideration. Those selected include Fulbright Scholars and Guggenheim Fellows. Their artwork has been exhibited all over the globe and is represented in collections that include the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum, as well as the University Art Museum collections. Many of the participants teach at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

In addition to highlighting working alumni artists' individual accomplishments, noted Janet Riker, museum director, the exhibition "will highlight the

strength of the art program at UAlbany and the impact of our alumni on the art world."

Curator Ken Johnson, M.A.'78, a freelance critic whose reviews appear regularly in *The New York Times*, wrote an essay for the exhibition's 84-page catalogue. Johnson, author of *Are You Experienced? How Psychedelic Consciousness Transformed Modern Art* (2011), will sign the book at the Alumni Weekend Fall Festival. He will also lecture and sign books Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the museum.

The exhibition is made possible by a generous grant from the Alumni Association through the Grandma Moses Fund and supported by the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, The University at Albany Foundation, the Ellsworth Kelly Foundation, University Auxiliary Services (UAS), the College of Arts and Sciences, the Art

Department, Shirley W. Brand, and H. Patrick Swygert.

For more information about *After School Special: The 2011 Alumni Show*, please visit [www.albany.edu/museum](http://www.albany.edu/museum).

### Ruky Tijani, B.A.'11

## “A Victor, not a Victim”

By Greta Petry, M.A.'01



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Rukayatu "Ruky" Tijani was 5 when she learned about famed jurist Thurgood Marshall's work in the landmark Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education case. She has dreamed of becoming a lawyer ever since. That day drew closer last May 15 with the Honors College student's graduation summa cum laude from the University at Albany and her acceptance to law school at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Her divorced mom raised Tijani;** her older brother Tommy; and her developmentally disabled brother Abraham, now 17, all alone. Losing Tommy, who had Down Syndrome and died while Tijani was still in high school, "feeds my passion to succeed," said the Coney Island, N.Y. native. Although Tijani, a Resident Assistant, Project Excel mentor/tutor and library work-study at UAlbany, sometimes couldn't afford to go home for the holidays, she would send money to her mother, who lost her job. "As a mentor and a tutor, it is important for me to tell students who are just going through difficulties: 'I've been there. And I'm a victor, not a victim,'" said Tijani, who plans a career in entertainment law, civil rights litigation and constitutional law.

She finds a way to make things happen. Tijani once confided to her math professor, "I have no money to afford the book for class, but if you loan me the textbook during your office hours, I'll get that A." She did.

**As campus coordinator** for the Law School Admissions Council, Tijani presented workshops each semester about the law school admissions process and resources for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. She was vice president of Phenomenal Voices, a multicultural performing arts group, and served as public relations director for the Precizun step team.

**Tijani, who graduated with a 3.99 G.P.A.** and a dual degree in political science and Africana studies, ranked in the top 1 percent of the Class of 2011, won two Spellman awards and was a member of three national honor societies. She credits Makisha Brown and Chris Fernando of Project Excel (officially the TRIO Student Support Services program), as "pivotal to my academic success. I became the person I am because of all the resources available to me at this University and all the people who truly believed I could be somebody, not because of my obstacles, but despite them."

# Where Are They Now?

By Carol Olechowski

Congratulations to **Robert J. Sampson, M.A.'79, Ph.D.'83**, and **John Laub, M.A.'76, Ph.D.'80** (Spring 2004 *UAlbany*, "Understanding the Lives of Troubled Boys"), on receiving the Stockholm Prize in Criminology last June 14. The award, presented by Sweden's Queen Silvia in a ceremony at Stockholm City Hall, honored the researchers for their study of how and why criminals cease to offend at various turning points in their lives. Sampson is the Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences at Harvard University and a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York. Laub, currently on leave from the University of Maryland, College Park, has served as director of the National Institute of Justice in Washington, D.C., since July 2010.



Perille Tote

Former volleyball standout **Ashlee Reed, B.S.'06** (Spring 2007 *UAlbany*, "Team Player") may be back in Texas, but she hasn't forgotten *UAlbany*. The Austin native, who earned a degree in human biology and psychology, is now completing doctoral studies in physical therapy at Hardin-Simmons University. Reed describes the program as "one of the most intense in the country, since we go year 'round and finish in two-and-a-half years. But I know it will be worth it!" Being back in Texas is "very different," but Reed feels right at home: The school's colors are purple and gold. "There is also an Albany about 20 miles down the road," she adds, "so when I hear on the news, 'In Albany today ...' it still throws me for a loop!"

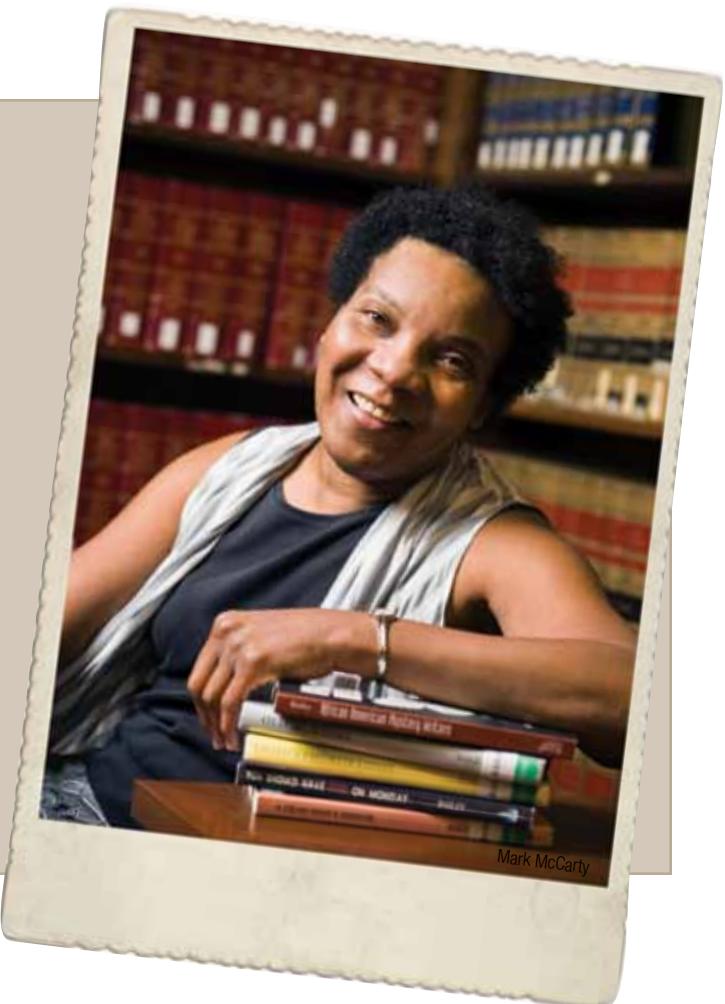


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**U.S. Public Health Service**  
**Lt. Katrina Mosley, M.P.H.'06** (Spring 2010 *UAlbany*, "Understanding Public Health"), who studied community health and behavioral science, is back home now in Georgia. Formerly stationed with the Food and Drug Administration's New Orleans District Office in Nashville, she moved to her hometown, Atlanta, to work at the FDA's District Office there, "which covers North and South Carolina." In July 2010, during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Mosley was deployed to Mobile, Ala., "where I worked as a medical officer, assisting with the logistics of the beach cleanups along the coast."



School of Criminal Justice faculty member **Frankie Y. Bailey, M.A.'79, Ph.D.'86**, (Fall 2010 *UAlbany*, "Author, Author!") has published the fifth book in her Lizzie Stuart mystery series. In *Forty Acres and a Soggy Grave*, released July 26, crime historian Stuart and her fiancé, John Quinn, travel to Virginia's Eastern Shore for a weekend "that turns deadly." The other books in the series are *Death's Favorite Child; A Dead Man's Honor; Old Murders; and You Should Have Died on Monday*. Bailey, whose research currently focuses on crime, clothing and American culture, has also completed the first book in "a new near-future police procedural series set in Albany."



"Jordan is a fascinating place to work and live," reports U.S. Foreign Service Officer **Jeffrey Loree, B.A.'89** (Fall 2007 *UAlbany*, "Diplomatically Speaking – and Listening"), a cultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Amman since August 2010. "Jordanians have a well-deserved reputation for hospitality in a region famous for it. Most have some facility with English, and it is hurting my already limited ability to communicate in Arabic," jokes the Lewiston, N.Y., native, who majored in Chinese at *UAlbany* and also speaks Japanese, French and Indonesian. Loree's wife, art conservator Hiroko Kariya, is managing "a wide range of archeological projects" in Egypt while the couple lives in Jordan.

# Center for INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

~~ 25 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT ~~

In the 25 years since its founding, the State University of New York's Center for International Development (SUNY/CID) has had several homes within the SUNY System. But one constant has remained: its mission of "Connecting People and Ideas for Integrated Development."

Based at the University at Albany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy since 2007, SUNY/CID combines knowledge with the practice of government and policy-making to aid foreign countries in strengthening and developing their legislatures. SUNY, UAlbany and Rockefeller College resources; field offices on five continents; and links with donor agencies, local and national governments, institutions of higher learning, and other partners have enabled the center to merge projects with a government-focused research agenda. As a result, SUNY/CID has implemented more than \$200 million in international development projects over the past quarter-century while forging strong relationships with legislative bodies around the globe.

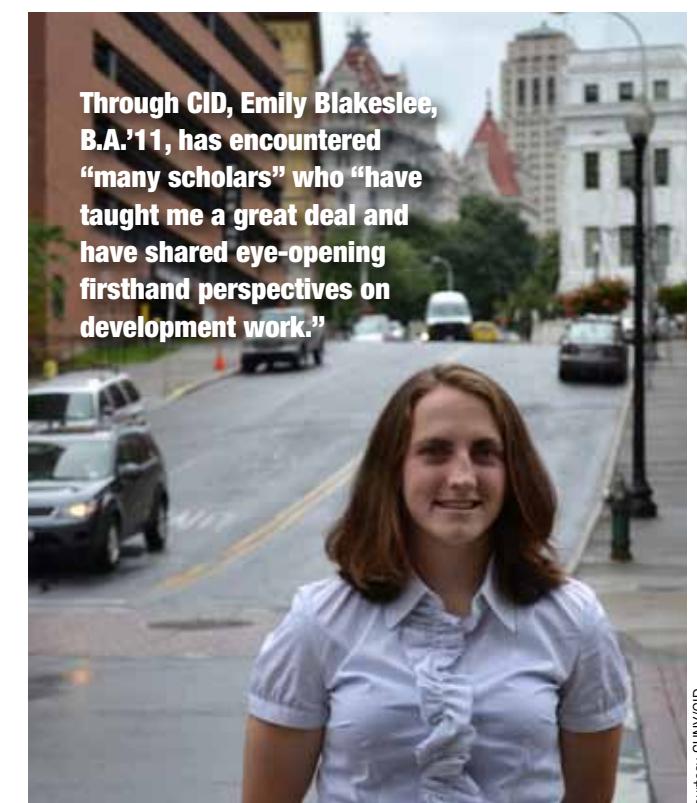
"We've had a great impact," noted M. Monica Bartoszek, the center's outreach coordinator. "We've developed a really solid reputation for the work that we do, legislative strengthening and other projects in Bolivia, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Haiti, Kenya, Uganda and many other countries."

SUNY/CID training, Bartoszek said, is comprehensive, encompassing "everything from HIV/AIDS education and computer training to learning how to organize public hearings for parliamentary committees." Projects range in duration from six months to 10 years.

Through internships, UAlbany students like Emily Blakeslee, B.A.'11, participate in SUNY/CID's work.

The Binghamton, N.Y., native credits the experience with "inspiring me to pursue a career in the international non-profit field, specifically focusing on improving the lives and circumstances of women and children."

Now studying for her M.P.A., Blakeslee, 21, began her internship in September 2010. In the year since, assigned to the home office in Albany, she has "updated our Web site,



Courtesy SUNY/CID

reviewed financial reconciliations, done all types of research, helped coordinate travel plans, worked on document management and assisted with media outreach. With each task, I learn something and gain a new perspective and understanding of the work we do at CID. I have been able to take theories I learned in a classroom and apply them to real people and real situations.

SUNY/CID Senior Associate Mark Baskin, a research professor at Rockefeller College, has managed parliamentary strengthening projects in Iraq, Serbia and Jordan and contributed to projects in Afghanistan and Kenya.

Baskin, a Fulbright Fellow in Yugoslavia in the 1980s, had several other fellowships in the Balkans, and worked for the United Nations as a peacekeeper in the 1990s and later at a peacekeeping training center in Canada.

Attracted to SUNY/CID and Rockefeller College because "I thought they brilliantly lend a practical, pedagogical and academic approach to international development and diplomacy," he is currently directing a comparative research project on constituency development funds (CDFs), "policy tools that enable Members of Parliament to play a role in assisting in service delivery in their constituencies in more than 20 countries, including Kenya, Uganda and Bangladesh."

The 100-plus SUNY/CID projects implemented in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East over the years, observed Baskin, "have dealt with strengthening the capacity of the legislature to serve as a constructive partner in government, economic development, environmental projection, the strengthening of civil society, the deepening of rule of law and good government, among other things."

At any given time, Baskin added, "eight to 12 interns and student fellows help us with our work. They acquire analytical tools and skills that help them establish careers in some aspects of international affairs, government and post-graduate studies, and in the private sector. Former interns have found jobs in Congress and in the executive branch of government. Others have gone on to complete professional and academic programs at graduate schools."

For information about upcoming events commemorating SUNY/CID's 25th anniversary, please visit the center's [Web site](#). Search internship opportunities at [www.cid.suny.edu](http://www.cid.suny.edu).



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**SUNY/CID is directed by  
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- Inter-American Development Bank
- The United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- Higher Education for Development (HED)
- Ford Foundation
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- Organization of American States (OAS)
- The Andrew Mellon Foundation
- The Open Society Institute
- The Tinker Foundation
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association



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## Gifts at Work

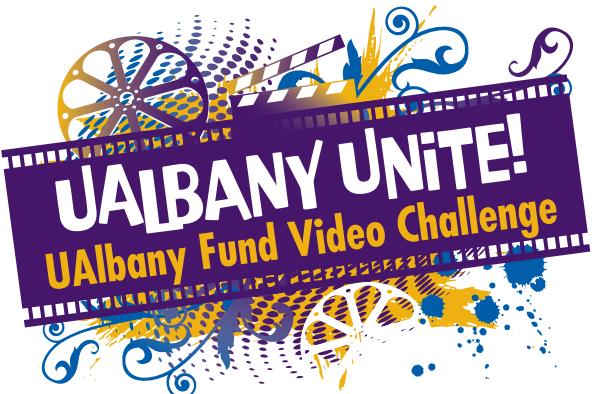
By Carol Olechowski

## UAlbany Unite: Equation for Fundraising Success

Engage the entire University community, add an element of friendly competition among student groups, and what do you get? UAlbany Unite – and the most successful student gift campaign ever.

Rather than support one individual project, UAlbany Unite invited students from various campus organizations to submit videos documenting their groups' work. Donations were then solicited from students' families and friends and from alumni.

The idea behind UAlbany Unite, explained UAlbany Vice President for University Development Fardin Sanai, was to provide "a creative experience and also teach students about philanthropy firsthand." In addition to contributing to a cause, Sanai said, students "were able to learn about the importance of supporting and promoting their organizations, as well as the University."



tion, The University at Albany Foundation and The Class of 2011 Book Drive doubled that amount, raising a total of more than \$35,000 for the gift. Previously, the largest class gift was the \$33,000 the Class of 2009 raised to support the *Richard Bailey Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

### School of Business Alumni Support E&Y Initiative

Ernst & Young employees who graduated from UAlbany's School of Business continue to support the school through the *Ernst & Young Initiative*. Last spring, Alex Fredericks '95 and Anna Politano '10, third and fourth from left, presented a check to School of Business Dean Donald Siegel, Professor and Chair of Accounting Ingrid Fisher, and Vice President for University Development Fardin Sanai. The initiative aids the school in educating a competitive workforce while enriching the student experience.



Through UAlbany Unite, donations from more than 600 students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff exceeded \$17,000. Sponsorships from University Auxiliary Services (UAS), the Student Association (SA), the Alumni Associa-

During the 2011-12 academic year, participating UAlbany Unite student groups will use their funding to enhance student life on campus and further their organizations' missions. The groups include L'Chaim, Five Quad, Middle Earth, Hillel, the University Equestrian Team, the Ski and Snowboard Club, Women's Self Defense and Fitness (WSDF), Albany Student Television (ATV), Mixed Martial Arts, Women's Rugby, Albany Running Exchange, Albany Business Leaders Emerging (ABLE), The Sketchy Characters, and D.R.E.A.M.org.

To view last year's entries, donate to one of the groups, or learn more about this year's UAlbany Unite initiative, please link to the University's Web site at [www.albany.edu/unite](http://www.albany.edu/unite) or visit UAlbany Unite on Facebook.

Butera's Tomato Bruschetta  
– Butera's, Long Island



# What's Cookin'?

Quite a lot is cookin' with UAlbany alumni in the food industry! Read on to learn how the host of a nationally televised cooking program, a vegan chef, a spirits reviewer, the CEO of a major restaurant-management corporation, the founder of a natural-foods company, a vintner, a special-events director and several restaurateurs devised their own recipes for success.

Also included in this online-only issue of UAlbany are a few surprises: video links – and some tasty recipes to try at home!

# Lisa Lillien, B.A.'87

# "Hungry Girl"

By Carol Olechowski

I always loved food but had a weird relationship with it," confesses Lisa Lillien. Growing up on Long Island, N.Y., "the child of a yo-yo dieter, I was always a little chubby and watching what I ate. In my teens and 20s, I went up and down about 15 pounds." At UAlbany, where she majored in communications and minored in business administration, "I didn't gain the 'freshman 15,' but I definitely wasn't losing weight. I would eat Denny's Grand Slam breakfasts after going out to The Lamp Post – or pizza at 3 a.m. Not ideal!"

Several years ago, however, Lillien hit upon a unique way to conquer her "obsession" with food, maintain a healthy weight, follow a common-sense diet – and help other women to do the same. "I have a knack for finding products that taste great but are low in calories and fat, and also ways to make homemade food that tastes super-fattening but isn't," she says. "And I love to share my findings and ideas with people. One day, the idea to create sort of an umbrella diet brand from a regular person, as opposed to a doctor or a dietitian, popped into my brain. It needed to be fun and a little sassy, not boring. So Hungry Girl was born."

Hungry Girl began in 2004 as a free

e-mail that went out to fewer than 100 people each day under the heading "Tips and Tricks ... for Hungry Chicks." In the years since, Lillien has continued to "deliver the content in a very personal way," serving up to subscribers such artfully titled entree, side-dish and snack options as "Hakuna Frittata!" "Los Tacos Locos" and "Lord of the Onion Rings" and suggesting low-calorie, low-fat substitutions for packaged foods. Currently, "the e-mail reaches 1.1 million people daily.



And that list has grown 100-percent organically – via word of mouth," she notes. As an undergraduate, Lillien planned for a career in entertainment and media, despite having "no connections in the field at all. I always felt I was a little entrepreneurial, though, and would one day start a business." She completed internships at an Albany television station and at *Tutti Frutti*, a Long Island "teen fanzine" that hired her as editor-in-chief right after graduation. Lillien later worked for Nickelodeon, then for Warner Bros., before





assuming the Hungry Girl persona full time several years ago.

"The growth of the brand" has opened many doors for its creator. Lillien has written a *New York Daily News* column and five cookbooks ("all New York Times best sellers – and three No. 1s!"), including *Hungry Girl 300 Under 300: 300 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Dishes Under 300 Calories*. She hosts the "Hungry Girl" television program, airing on both Food Network and the Cooking Channel, and produces "weekly content" for

Yahoo!, WeightWatchers.com and *Redbook* magazine. In addition, the California-based Lillien makes personal appearances around the U.S.

Her greatest challenge, Lillien finds, is "juggling all the work. I do have a staff of about 12 people now who work with me on all things HG, but I work so many hours and don't like to say no, and so I have very little free time these days."

Still, Lillien, who admits to having "a really big appetite," always has time to whip up her favorite recipe: "Lord of the Onion Rings."

Visit Lisa Lillien and her alter ego online at [www.hungry-girl.com](http://www.hungry-girl.com).



## Lord of the Onion Rings

Prep: 20 minutes ~ Cooking: 25 minutes

### Ingredients

1 large onion  
1/2 cup Fiber One Original bran cereal  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder, or more to taste  
1/8 tsp. onion powder, or more to taste  
1/8 tsp. salt, or more to taste  
black pepper, to taste

1/2 cup fat-free liquid egg substitute (like Egg Beaters Original)  
[HG FYI: You'll only need about 1/4 cup, but using 1/2 cup makes it soooo much easier.]  
Optional dip: Vivi's Original Sauce Classic Carnival Mustard

### Directions

Preheat oven to 375°.

- Slice the ends off the onion and remove its outer layer. Cut onion into half-inch-wide slices and separate into rings. Set aside.
- Using a blender or food processor, grind cereal to a breadcrumb-like consistency. Season crumbs with the spices and transfer to a plate or bowl. Set aside.
- Pour egg substitute into a small bowl. Prepare a baking sheet (or two) with non-stick spray. Set aside.
- Using tongs or a fork, dip the onion rings into the egg substitute, shaking each one lightly to remove the excess.
- Coat each ring with the seasoned crumbs. Evenly place rings on the baking sheet(s).
- Bake until each ring is crispy outside and soft inside, about 20-25 minutes, carefully flipping rings midway through.
- Serve with mustard, if desired. Enjoy!

Makes one serving. Calories: 155

1g fat; 515mg sodium; 41g carbs; 16g fiber; 7g sugars; 9g protein; PointsPlus® value: 4

Jeffrey Bank, B.A.'88

# Knowing "What's Important"

By Carol Olechowski

As a UAlbany undergraduate, Jeffrey Bank majored in sociology and minored in political science, intending to become a lawyer. But the Long Island native opted for a much different career path.

"My next-door neighbor was a restaurant broker," Bank remembers. "I was looking for a summer job and said, 'I'd love to come work for you in your office.'" The neighbor suggested instead that Bank go to work in a restaurant. "I worked the whole summer in three restaurants, learning the business. With no time to spend any money, by the end of the summer, I thought I was rich."

The restaurant business, Bank decided, "looked like a fun and interesting career. Why would I go to law school?" Over the next 10 years, he ran three restaurants on Long Island, selling them to open Artie's Delicatessen in New York City in 1999.

Bank, however, "quickly got bored in a single restaurant." Alicart Restaurant Group, a New York-based firm "offering an exciting and unique spectrum of dining concepts," was undergoing some internal changes just as he was looking for a fresh challenge. Bank joined the company and, in 2006, became CEO.

Alicart Restaurant Group manages annual sales exceeding \$70 million. Its flagship brand, Carmine's – "NYC's Legendary Family Style Italian Restaurant" – was established in 1990. Carmine's has two locations in New York City and others in Atlantic City and Washington, D.C., and at the Atlantis in the Bahamas. For 16



Alicart Restaurant Group



Alicart Restaurant Group

years, Alicart has also managed Virgil's Real BBQ, which is located in Times Square. A 650-seat Virgil's will open this coming November, also in the Atlantis in the Bahamas. Bank travels to the various restaurants in keeping with his commitment to provide "high-quality dining experiences marked by delicious food, welcoming ambience, great value and superior service."

One of the best parts of his job, Bank says, is interacting with Alicart's 1,200 employees and watching them grow: "Some

people have been here 21 years, since day one. You'll see someone who started out as a dishwasher and is now a chef, or a director of Operations who was a server years ago. People are promoted from within. I don't want a dishwasher or a host to think that will be his or her only job, but more a possible career

path. We call it Alicart University. A lot of our employee growth is organic.

"We do also hire people from outside, and we 'Carminize' them, as well. New hires will succeed if they understand what's expected of them and we provide the right tools for them to do their jobs. It's all about communication. You need



Spanish-culture class was extremely interesting. My internship with the New York State Senate was a phenomenal opportunity; it gave me great insight into government and the budget process. The well-rounded liberal arts degree I received at Albany has been a very valuable tool in making me successful. Managing people is as important as managing 'the numbers.'"

Bank has continued the learning process. Early in his career, he discovered that "knowing the business inside and out is the best

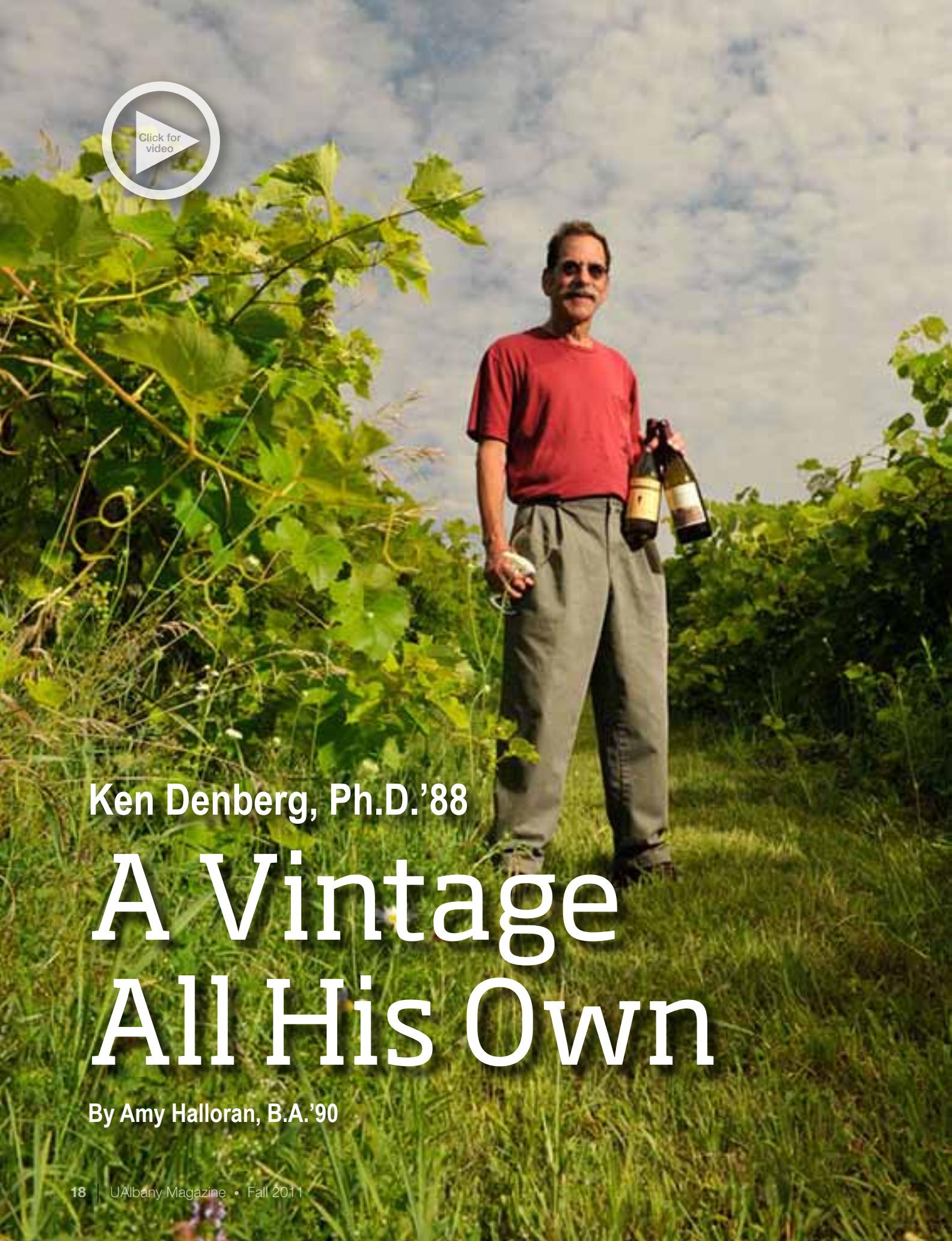
way to manage it thoroughly. On my first day of work, over 25 years ago, I changed out of my suit and tie and into whites. I wound up washing dishes that day because two dishwashers called in sick. Later, if a waiter didn't come in, I waited tables. There's nothing better than practical experience."



Ken Denberg, Ph.D.'88

# A Vintage All His Own

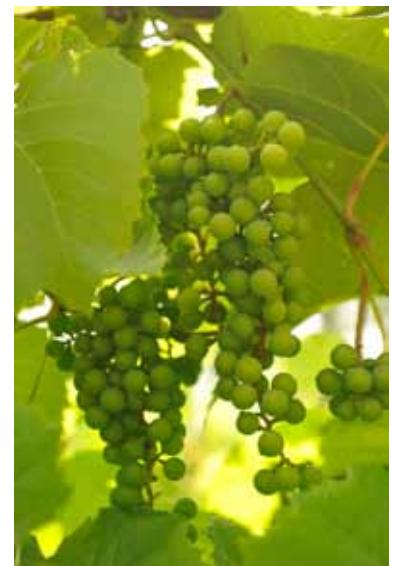
By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90



The Cambridge, N.Y., resident has taught rhetoric and composition at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy since 1998. Six years ago, he started teaching creative writing for undergraduates at UAlbany. He also works in the University in the High School program, which allows seniors to earn college credit. "My position is to evaluate the teachers," said Denberg, noting that the secondary school students take rigorous, college-level courses.

Denberg has lived in Washington County since 1985. The location served his summertime avocation for fly-fishing – Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus of English Eugene Garber has long been a fishing partner – and living rurally inspired him to "use the land," as well.

The property's Darwin Road address led Denberg to name it Natural Selection Farm. He planted 1,000 blueberry bushes there, along with 200 raspberry plants; the fruits are sold in fresh markets and to restaurants in the Saratoga area. The three-acre vineyard contains 700 vines.



Mark McCarty

## Writer and teacher Ken Denberg recently added "vintner" to his list of occupations.

Businesses in Saratoga and Washington counties have been enthusiastic supporters of his winery. Denberg made and sold 500 bottles of wine last year. This year, he has 1,700 bottles and anticipates the same response.

"I didn't know you could get a wine this good in New York State," one restaurateur told him before ordering a case of Handsome Farmer Red, a dry, full-bodied blend of Marquette, St. Croix and Geneva Red grapes. Denberg also makes a blueberry wine and two white wines.



"A lot of people turn their noses up at New York State wine, but within the last five years, people are really learning how to make wine," Denberg explains. "You need to understand how to read the wine as it's coming along. Once you grasp the concept that it's telling you something, you can have the wine analyzed to tell you what to add to it, and to the ground."

Denberg links his agricultural endeavors to his nonfiction writing, and to reading the works of others, such as Wendell Berry, Michael Pollan and John McPhee. In 2005, he received a New York State Council on the Arts Award for his creative nonfiction.

**Mark Reinfeld, B.A.'89**

# Enlightened Chef

By Carol Olechowski

**Mark Reinfeld learned to cook from the best: "my mom and my grandfather, Benjamin Bimstein, a famed chef and ice-carver in New York City in the 1950s. I used to love to prepare meatballs and spaghetti," he remembers.**



The Portland, Ore.-based Reinfeld still loves to cook. But these days, he's a renowned vegan chef, so the meatballs are made with tempeh, and vegetables stand in for the pasta.

Vegans, says Reinfeld, "enjoy fruits, vegetables, grains, seeds, nuts, herbs and spices. Veganism is essentially a vegetarian diet with no dairy or eggs. A strict vegan would not use animal products – including leather and fur – at all."

Reinfeld's "love of travel and compassion for animals" led him to veganism, a "surprisingly easy" lifestyle to embrace. "Salads are vegan, so most of us have been eating vegan foods our whole lives. Salsa, guacamole and stir fry are also vegan. There are so many vegan products available that you can create world-class cuisine using only plants, and substituting tofu or tempeh for fish or chicken."

Years ago, "I ate lots of different things without really thinking about whether they were healthy," observes Reinfeld, admitting to a youthful fondness for fast food. "I wouldn't say I was a picky eater."

He later began to cultivate more conscientious eating habits. As a pre-law student majoring in philosophy and minoring in business, Reinfeld "awakened to the joys of travel" junior year while attending the London School of Economics. After returning to UAlbany, he applied to New York University for law school, then deferred enrollment for a year to continue his travels in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, absorbing what – and how – people of other cultures ate. He attended NYU for a semester but "decided this wasn't for me. I got rid of most of what wouldn't fit in my car and headed west, not sure where I would land or what I would do."

Reinfeld landed in San Diego and began his "cooking career" in the kitchen of a natural-foods store. Three years later, "I branched off on my own and started the Blossoming Lotus as a personal chef/consulting service, teaching

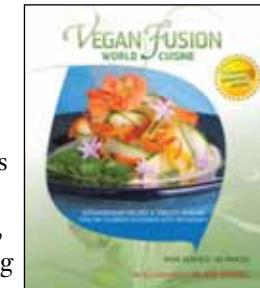
people to cook and providing meals for folks." The Blossoming Lotus name – later used for a restaurant Reinfeld opened on Kauai, Hawaii, then for the one he and business partner Bo Rinaldi currently own and operate in Portland – signifies "evolving consciousness and is a symbol of enlightenment," explains Reinfeld. "To me, it means to offer an enlightened form of cuisine."

His career is likewise blossoming. For those eager to learn more about vegan cuisine, Reinfeld offers Internet cooking workshops and personal lessons for small groups. With Rinaldi, he published the best-selling *Vegan Fusion World Cuisine*, which "had a foreword by Dr. Jane Goodall and went on to win nine national awards, including a Gourmand Award for Best Vegetarian Cookbook in the U.S. Bo and I then wrote *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Eating Raw* with Jennifer Murray." Reinfeld, who teamed with Murray again for

*The 30 Minute Vegan* and *The 30 Minute Vegan's Taste of the East*, is "now working on my fifth book, *The 30 Minute Vegan's Taste of Europe.*"

Aside from enjoying wholesome, delicious dishes like Roasted Red Pepper Hummus (recipe below), "people who include more vegan foods in their diets often experience relief from such health problems as undiagnosed allergies to dairy and other products," Reinfeld maintains. He once suffered from headaches and sore throats but noticed that both maladies "pretty much disappeared once I became a vegan." As a bonus, "I felt more energy and was able to maintain the weight I was in college."

At the Blossoming Lotus, Reinfeld serves "organic and locally grown foods whenever possible. There are so many vegan products – great-tasting cheeses, butters, meat replacements – on the market that it is fairly easy to 'veganize' any dish."



**Mark Reinfeld defines a few vegan food items:**

**spelt:** an ancient form of wheat many people find more digestible than whole-wheat flour

**quinoa:** a South American grain – botanically a seed – high in protein and having a nutty flavor

**tempeh:** a cultured soy product used as a meat replacement

**tamari:** a wheat-free soy sauce that adds a rich, flavorful depth to dishes

**chia seed:** a seed high in omega fatty acids and wonderful in puddings and other desserts

**nutritional yeast:** a fortified yeast, high in protein and Vitamin B12, that provides a nutty, cheesy flavor and rounds out a vegan diet

## Roasted Red Pepper Hummus

(Courtesy *Vegan Fusion World Cuisine*)

2 red bell peppers (1 cup), roasted  
3 cups garbanzo beans, cooked and drained well  
3/4 cup tahini, roasted to a creamy consistency  
1/4 cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice  
3 tablespoons wheat-free tamari or soy sauce  
2 teaspoons cumin powder, toasted  
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic  
3/4 teaspoon sea salt, or to taste  
3/4 teaspoon black pepper, ground to taste  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon chipotle chile powder (optional)  
1/2 teaspoon soy sauce, or to taste (optional)

Place roasted pepper in food processor with lemon juice, soy sauce or tamari and olive oil; blend well.  
Add garbanzo beans and remaining ingredients; process until smooth.

### Variations

Replace red pepper with one of the following:

Garlic Lover's: 1 1/2 cups roasted garlic and 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic

Sun-dried Tomato Basil: 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes, soaked and drained; 2 tablespoons minced basil

Kalamata Rosemary: 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, minced; 3/4 cup Kalamata olives

Caramelized Onion: 1 cup caramelized onions, pureed

Serves 6-8



Anne (Treffiletti) Trimble, B.A.'71

# Maintaining an Albany Institution

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90



Mark McCarty

Anne (Treffiletti) Trimble opened La Serre with her husband, Geoffrey W. Trimble, B.A.'72, now deceased, in downtown Albany in 1977. The name means "greenhouse" in French, and the restaurant is tucked among the capital's tall buildings, with a small greenhouse offering sunny seating and a courtyard allowing further access outdoors. La Serre serves continental fare and has private rooms, too, bringing the restaurant's capacity up to 200.

While the Trimbles were studying at UAlbany, they worked at L'Ecole, a little bistro within walking distance of campus. "The place was very quaint, ahead of its time," Anne recalled.

The Treffiletti family was in the wholesale grocers business, and Anne's father – whose hard work and example "gave us a better education than any institution ever could" – made sure his daughters were formally prepared for whatever line of work they chose. Anne earned an associate's degree in business from the Junior College of Albany and spent a few months in San Francisco before returning to Albany for her bachelor's. She studied education. Geoffrey was an English major. Both of them loved taking film classes with Professor Arthur Lennig.

After teaching, Trimble discovered she liked the restaurant business better. She and Geoffrey started La Serre with L'Ecole's owner, Ken Nierenberg. Their partner left after a year, but La Serre has become an institution, serving the Capitol and other Albany fixtures, including SUNY Central.

Long before the wild success of his novel *Ironweed*, William Kennedy was Geoffrey's advisor. Over the years, the author has made La Serre a part of The New York State Writers Institute, feting writers at dinners there. Relationships such as this, and other contacts made before and after the Trimbles' time at UAlbany, have contributed to the restaurant's success.

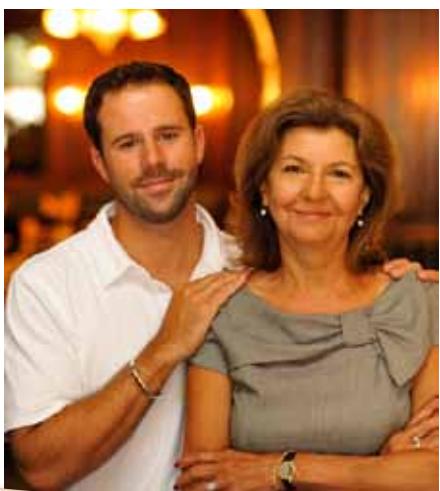
La Serre is busiest during the legislative session. Changes made to lobbying laws in the 1980s, Trimble said, permanently affected not only her establishment but the whole restaurant industry, from produce vendors to valet-parking attendants. She sees the loss in terms that are not strictly financial: "Politicians were more able to mingle and talk across the aisle" years ago, Trimble observed.

The restaurant business seems to run in Trimble's family. After working in finance, son John came to La Serre when his father passed away, five years

ago. Daughter Nicole's restaurant, Porreca's, is in Lake George. Nephew Michael Carney, a star server at La Serre several years ago, continues to tend bar there.

Over the years, La Serre has served hundreds of graduation parties. Many UAlbany students have been employed there, especially when The Wellington housed students downtown.

*John Trimble helps his mom operate La Serre.*



Mark McCarty

## Lobster Ravioli

1 cup fresh spinach, chopped  
 1 pint heavy cream  
 1 pound prepared pasta dough, stretched thin  
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
 2 ounces butter  
 1 egg  
 6 ounces ricotta cheese  
 6 stewed tomatoes (plus a small amount of juice)  
 2 tablespoons parmesan cheese  
 4 ounces cooked lobster meat  
 pinch of basil, chopped  
 2 ounces parmesan cheese  
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
 1/8 bulb garlic (approximately 1 clove)  
 1 egg

**Filling:** Beat egg and mix into the ricotta. Add spinach, garlic, parsley, parmesan cheese and lobster meat. Blend thoroughly with a spoon and set aside.

**Sauce:** Melt butter in a saucepan; add tomatoes, squeezing gently to release juice. Simmer for 3 minutes, then add heavy cream, parmesan cheese, basil, parsley and lobster meat. Simmer until cream thickens.

**Ravioli:** Flour a large, flat work surface and lay out a half-length of dough. Spoon out 18 teaspoons of filling (3 across and 6 down) at even intervals. Place other half of pasta dough on top. Beat 1 egg and place ravioli cutter in it while cutting ravioli in even squares, making sure all sides are sealed. Place in boiling water for 5 minutes, then simmer in sauce for 3-4 minutes. Place ravioli on plates, ladling sauce over them. Add fresh parsley and/or basil as garnish.

# Stephanie (Vogel) Blackwell, M.S.'76

## Businesswoman Extraordinaire

By Carol Olechowski

**A**s wife, mother, stepmom, biochemist and multi-tasker, Stephanie Blackwell wears many hats. Thirteen years ago, the Aurora Products Inc. (www.AuroraNatural.com) president and CEO/owner added another: "entrepreneurial businesswoman."

Blackwell, who had "a very sheltered" upbringing in Kingston, N.Y., never anticipated embracing that role. She earned her baccalaureate degree in science at Wells College, then enrolled at Albany – "my first exposure to the 'real world'" – to complete master's studies in chemistry.

Professor of Chemistry Harry Frisch later helped Blackwell find a job as a polymer chemist at Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. She worked there for two years before realizing "I wasn't where I wanted to be" and going into sales. Shortly afterward, she met Harvard M.B.A. Richard Blackwell; the couple married and had four children within six years. With "three in diapers at the same time,"



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the busy stay-at-home mom promised to "do something for myself in the future."

In 1998, Blackwell, by then divorced from her first husband and remarried (to George Bailey), kept that promise. Inspired by Americans' focus on health and fitness, she launched Aurora Products Inc., a line of all-natural foods, in a small warehouse in Bridgeport, Conn., with a staff of four and a credit card. Today, in a bustling 75,000-square-foot facility in Stratford, Conn., more than 150 employees process and package container loads of dried fruit, nuts and other high-quality ingredients shipped in from all over the U.S. and the world.

Aurora Products contain no artificial colors, flavorings or preservatives. Only natural sweeteners, such as fruit juice, are used in the preparation of granola, trail mixes and other healthy snacks. The product line can be found at major East Coast supermarket chains (such as Stop & Stop, Big Y, A&P and Hannaford); national warehouse



Blackwell's children Matthew, Laura and Gregory, pictured left to right, work with her at Aurora Products.



Dave Garwick

clubs (including BJ's and Costco); and "in alternate channels" (such as T.J.Maxx, Marshall's, Christmas Tree Shops and Mohegan Sun). About half of Aurora's business consists of privately labeled packaged goods sold under retailers' own brand names.

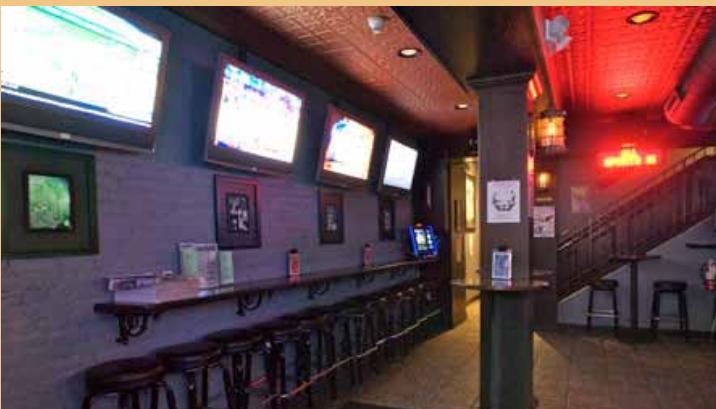
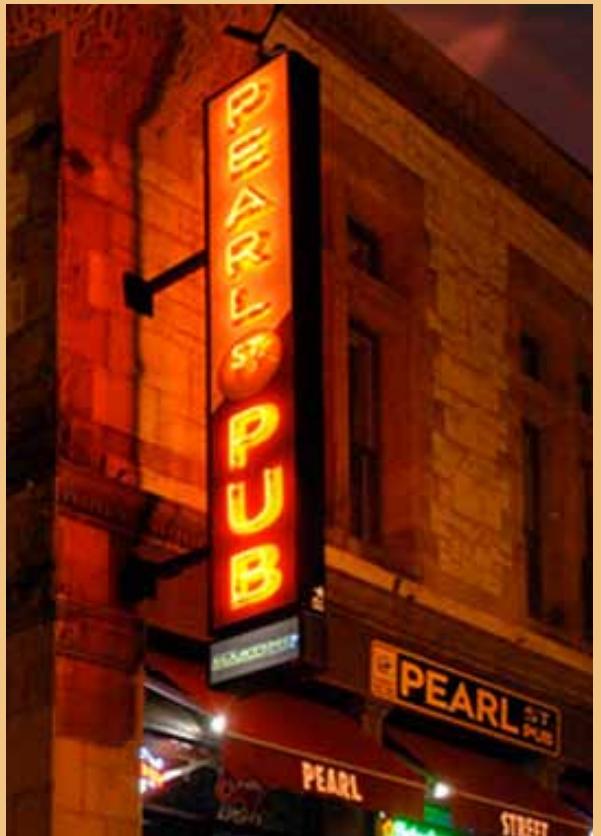
In addition to guaranteeing her customers fresh, wholesome products, Blackwell is working to sustain the environment. Much of Aurora's packaging is both manufactured from recycled materials and recyclable. Organic sunflower oil left over from the nut-roasting process "is sold and re-used as fuel," she adds.

Blackwell, who prefers that all her employees call her Stephanie, recognizes that people are key to Aurora's success. She gives back to her neighbors, supporting such Stratford-area initiatives as Habitat for Humanity and Sterling House, a community center. Some of her employees are hired through The Kennedy Center, a non-profit rehabilitation agency that supports more than 1,500 disabled and mentally challenged adults.

Aurora is flourishing: Seasonal employees aid in handling holiday production. A move to an additional 90,000-square-foot plant in nearby Milford is anticipated soon. The company, which ended its inaugural year with gross sales of \$900,000, looks forward to finishing 2011 at close to \$40 million in sales.

Blackwell is gratified at Aurora's growth – and delighted that her children Matthew, Laura and Gregory are working with her now. As director of Operations, national marketing manager and customer service associate, respectively, they are bringing a fresh perspective to the business while learning to carry on their mom's commitment to product quality, her concern for the environment, and her loyalty to those who work for her and live in the surrounding community.

Daughter Lindsay, a 2006 UAlbany graduate and Florida resident, is pursuing her own career interests.



Pictured clockwise from top are Justin's, two shots of the Recovery Room, and Pearl Street Pub.

John DeJohn, B.A.'95

# Master of Management and Motivation

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

John DeJohn runs several eating and drinking establishments in and around Albany. Justin's and DeJohn's are restaurants that nearly face each other on Lark Street. Just down the street is Legends on Lark; Pearl Street Pub and the Dirty Martini Lounge are located farther downtown. DeJohn also operates the concessions for The Armory a sports venue. By year's end, several other projects should be up and running, including a nightclub on the lower level of the Armory, and a pub on the Washington Street side of the building. Legends on Pearl and DeJohn's Ship Pub, in Latham, opened this fall.

"I think that managing classes and schoolwork taught me a lot about being able to run 10 restaurants," said DeJohn, pausing to chat in the busy, white-tableclothed dining room at Justin's.

DeJohn, who majored in English, credits UAlbany, and his two years' active duty in the Marines, with giving him the tools to run his businesses. Many of these tools are social in nature: Don't demonize things you don't understand. If you fight everybody you don't agree with, you'll never get anything done. If you can understand what people are thinking, you can get them on your side.

DeJohn's first job, at 15, was washing dishes at an inn in the Catskills. He worked in every position – except cook – while he got his associate's degree at Columbia-Greene Community College, and in more restaurants while he attended UAlbany. Following graduation, DeJohn served with the Marines. He was a technician at Verizon for 11 years, continuing to work for the company while running his first two restaurants.

"The biggest thing I learned is how to manage people and how to motivate them to do things they don't necessarily want to do. I learned that leadership from UAlbany, from the interaction between students and teachers," he said.



Above: The Dirty Martini Lounge's Private VIP Room is a cozy spot for gatherings.

Below: The Upper Room at the Pearl Street Pub and Dirty Martini Lounge accommodates parties of up to 100.

# Kara Newman, B.A.'92

# A Spirited Writer

By Carol Olechowski

Kara Newman launched her career by writing about one of her passions: food. "After a couple of years, I realized that this was not just a hobby, and it began to consume more of my attention. Food writing evolved into wine and spirits, and I realized that was what I loved best. Now, it's my full-time job," says the *Wine Enthusiast* magazine spirits reviewer.

When Newman entered college, "I hadn't yet settled on a career path, and I took some eclectic courses – *Cartography*, *Sociology*, *Introduction to French* – freshman year to try to figure that out. By sophomore year, I'd settled on an English major and an art minor. I still didn't have a

career picked out, but I knew I wanted to write." To that end, she took the sole journalism course UAlbany then offered and wrote for the *ASP* "now and then."

Later, "I went straight from college to graduate school at NYU Journalism, where I rode out the early-'90s recession and earned a master's degree." Newman's first media positions ranged from an unpaid internship at *New York Magazine* to "some odd

part-time, paying gigs – writing book-jacket copy for trashy romance novels, editing crossword puzzles, copy-editing for a financial weekly. My first full-time job was as associate editor for *Traders Magazine*, and I spent several years in financial journalism."



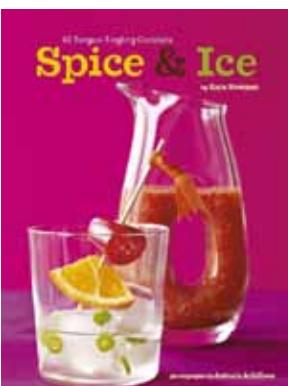
Daryl-Ann Saunders

In her current career, Newman most enjoys "the opportunity to taste such a vast array of spirits and cocktails – and to meet the people behind them, the distillers and bartenders. It still amazes me that I get paid to taste spirits and then write about what I think," marvels Newman, who blogs at [karanewman.wordpress.com](http://karanewman.wordpress.com) and also discusses wine and spirits regularly on radio and television and at seminars.

Newman's first book, *Spice & Ice*, written while she was a columnist for *Chile Pepper* magazine, came about when "I realized I had more great recipes and stories than I could ever shoehorn into the column." Currently, the Manhattan resident is working on two others: *The Secret Financial Life of Food*, "about agricultural commodities like pork bellies, but from a culinary perspective," and a cocktail cookbook for which she and her publisher will develop an app.

Newman employs "a pretty seasonal approach" to recipe development. "I'll start with whatever feels right for the season – lighter spirits for spring, for example – and then I'll think about the produce and herbs or spices that are available. After that, it's a matter of adding citrus, sweeteners, and bitter elements that enhance and balance out the combination. And after that I think about presentation – what kind of ice, glassware, garnishes to use."

If a recipe doesn't work, "I tweak it or scrap it. P.S., I usually don't have a shortage of recipe testers for cocktail ideas!" observes Newman, who shares the following recipe with *UAlbany* readers.



Antonis Achilleos



## Sparkling Ginger Daisy

From *Spice & Ice: 60 Tongue-Tingling Cocktails*, by Kara Newman (Chronicle Books)

A daisy is a classic juice-based cocktail sweetened with grenadine or a red liqueur, and often topped with sparkling wine. Here, the bright spice of ginger plays against a backdrop of bubbles for a festive holiday sparkler. And if you feel like gilding the lily, try one or both of the optional special touches below.

1 ounce Plymouth Gin  
1 ounce Domaine de Canton ginger liqueur  
lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon grenadine  
Brut champagne

Combine gin, ginger liqueur, lemon juice and grenadine in an ice-filled mixing glass. Stir until well chilled, and strain into a champagne flute. Top with champagne.

Option 1: If desired, rim the flute with sparkling sugar before pouring in the drink.

Option 2: Garnish with a cherry at the bottom of the flute.



**Marcia Tolive, B.A. '81**

# Bringing People Together

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

**Marcia Tolive opened El Loco Restaurant on Madison Avenue in Albany in 1983. The Westchester native went to UAlbany to study business but switched to sociology after two years. Her education, however, has applied to her career more than you might think.**



Mark McCarty

**S**ociology is just marketing without trying to get people to buy things. I use sociology every single day because I deal with people," said Tolive, whose 60-seat restaurant is a Capital Region fixture.

"We've offered health insurance for 20 years," she added. "We were one of the first restaurants to do that. I recognize that this is not just a business."

The sense that the restaurant is a people-centered enterprise, for both workers and customers, perhaps comes from Tolive's thinking like a sociologist.

Her minor in business administration turned out to be important, too. She uses basic accounting skills daily and marketing routinely. The market research she did door-to-door – including one survey for Cup-A-Soup – added to her understanding of people and business, too.

El Loco began as a lunch cart at the Capitol building; after a season, Tolive and her business (and romantic) partner looked for an indoor location. Using money she'd saved up to backpack around Europe, they opened the restaurant.

"I said I'd do it for a year," she laughed. When the year was up, her mate was gone, but she and the business stayed put. Eventually, she traveled around Europe with her daughters.

When she celebrated El Loco's 20th anniversary, former staff came from all over – even Alaska.

Tolive is happiest "when I bring people together. Whether it's bringing together people who are eating and having a good time, or whether it's my staff, the restaurant's a nexus, and I think that's my importance in life."

**Martin Butera, B.S.'85, and  
Laurie (Novack) Butera, B.S.'86**

# Mangia!

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

**Martin Butera and Laurie (Novack) Butera operate four restaurants on Long Island with Martin's brother, Gary, and other partners. The brothers worked during college and high school for the family pizza business but did not plan on careers in food service.**

**S**wearing up and down that we wouldn't get back in the industry, we ended up doing so. We wanted to have a business of our own, and it was something that we knew, so we find ourselves doing it," said Martin.

There are four Butera's restaurants, located in Seaford, Woodbury, Sayville and Smithtown, N.Y. Each seats 90-95 people.

After graduating from UAlbany with a degree in business, Martin took a job with Federated Department Stores as database administrator. He got his master's in history at SUNY Stony Brook, thinking he wanted to teach, until the restaurant business lured him back.

Laurie, who also majored in business administration, took a job with a precious-metals company following graduation, working "with commodities and rare coins.

I had a lot of customers," she recalled. "It was a great job."

The market was doing really well, but when the opportunity arose, Laurie decided to open the restaurant with Martin and Gary. As a restaurant owner, Laurie noted, "you really need to be proficient in accounting, finance,



personal communications – pretty much everything."

"We all realized there's something to be said about making for yourself and doing your own thing," added Martin, who liked – and still likes – cooking. Martin and Gary are executive chefs. They wear whites and work on the line in the kitchens, preparing regional Italian dishes. Laurie manages the front of the house, where she sees lots of friends from UAlbany. They see a lot of alumni elsewhere, too.

"I never knew Albany was so close to the Island," quipped Martin.

Many of the restaurant staff worked their way through high school, then college, with the Buteras accommodating schedules so employees could prioritize education. Connections with clientele allowed the couple to introduce staff to employers beyond the world of food.

Such connections have served the Butera family well, too. A customer told a colleague at *Good Housekeeping* that they must have Butera's recipe for chicken meatballs. The recipe was made three times in the magazine's test kitchen, determined good enough to run and featured in the October 2004 issue.



## Butera's Chicken Meatballs

Prep Time: 20 minutes ~ Roasting Time: 20-25 minutes

### Ingredients

2 pounds ground chicken	1 1/2 cup water	1/2 cup freshly grated Romano cheese
2 large fresh eggs	1 1/4 cup plain dried bread crumbs	1 teaspoon salt
1 small onion, diced	1/2 cup fresh chopped parsley	1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 large garlic clove, minced		1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

### Directions

- Pre-heat oven to 450°.
- Combine chicken, eggs, onion, garlic, water, bread crumbs, parsley, cheese, salt and pepper. Blend together.
- Pour oil onto a plate. Dip hands in oil, then shape (roll) into 2-inch meatballs, oiling hands, as needed, to prevent sticking.
- Transfer meatballs to 2 15 1/2" x 10 1/2" jelly roll pans.
- Place pans on 2 oven racks, and then pour 2 cups of water into each pan.
- Roast approximately 20-25 minutes or until the meatballs lose their pink color throughout and are just golden brown.

Enjoy!





## Erica Morris, B.A.'92

# A Passion for Food

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

Erica Morris is director of Special Events at Marcus Samuelsson Group ([marcussamuelsson.com](http://marcussamuelsson.com) and [foodrepublic.com](http://foodrepublic.com)). Samuelsson is a chef known for his restaurants and cookbooks, and for promoting healthy eating.

**A**s a communication major at the University at Albany, Morris found that her minor in theatre helped break her out of her shell, allowing her to take on different roles. "When you're in the restaurant business, or any business where you're dealing with clients, it helps to know that sometimes there's a persona you have to put on, and that's okay," said Morris.

A class in mediation and arbitration was another good tool for Morris as her professional life evolved from waiting tables to her current high-profile post, thanks to her insatiable curiosity and a passion for food.

While managing the front of the house for a restaurant with an open kitchen, she spent a lot of time surveying the dining room from the kitchen. Morris quizzed the chefs about what they were doing, and one of them suggested she attended the Culinary Institute of America. Once she graduated, she helped launch a restaurant, then talked her way into doing special events for *People* magazine. Her lack of magazine experience was seen as a potential deficit, but, she told her interviewers: "I've been running a restaurant where the kitchen could be on fire, and I'm out on the floor, looking at guests and saying, 'Hi; how are you?' Just doing the magic show every night."

After four years at Time, Inc., Morris took a job in special events with *New York Magazine*. Two years later, she directed special events at *Gourmet*, the definitive food magazine. After the magazine's surprising end, she joined Marcus Samuelsson Group, where she's arranged events that allowed her to meet President Obama and former President Clinton.

"I'm on the other side of it now," she said, explaining that the events department was always part of marketing in the media world. "While working at the magazine, I was constantly

Mike Tritchonis



creating and executing sponsor opportunities, so there's a lot of crossover in that way. I know what sponsors are looking for. I know the language and the way things are approached."

Her career is full of highlights. When the Democratic National Convention held a fundraising dinner at Red Rooster in March, Morris served President Obama his dinner. Two months later, she met former President Clinton when the Clinton Foundation held an event there.

One of her favorite events, however, was helping a mother prepare her son's graduation party. As "amazing" as the big-name events are, Morris noted, "when you do an event for the everyday person who is so appreciative of everything, you feel really good at the end of the day."

**In the course of her career, Morris has waited tables, run restaurants and planned special events.**

Great Danes defensive end  
Eddie Delaney



UAlbany Athletics

# THE UNSTOPPABLE Eddie Delaney

BY JEFF GOLD

If Great Danes defensive end Eddie Delaney has a long-sleeved shirt in his locker, University at Albany Head Coach Bob Ford hasn't seen him put it on. All long sleeves would do is disguise the truth: Delaney was born without a left hand.

**M**ight as well let the offensive line know. See if they can stop him. Good luck. They haven't thus far.

"One hand or two hands, it comes down to whether you can play," Delaney said.

Since joining the UAlbany football program in 2007, Delaney's contributions have been steady and significant. As a freshman, he caught the attention of his coaches and teammates with his passion and performance on the scout team. Practices were his games, and his intensity was contagious.

The following year, Delaney became a starter at left defensive end and made the All-Northeast Conference second team. Last season, he made the conference's first team after recording 41 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss.

"He has great quickness, tremendous strength, and an intense desire to excel," Ford said. "Those things are more important than playing with two hands."

Delaney finished his undergraduate work last spring but has one season of eligibility left because he redshirted his freshman season. This year, he will take graduate courses in communications.

He has had to overcome more than just playing with one hand. He's also a dia-

betic who wears an insulin pump. At the start of his college career, Delaney would often need to take a break to correct his blood-sugar levels, but he and medical staff have kept the situation under control.

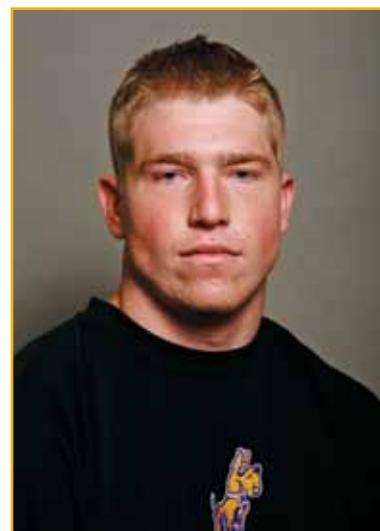
Delaney's close monitoring of his body has also helped him reshape it. When he arrived at UAlbany, he was just over 210 pounds. He expects to play his senior season at 250, the result of intense weight lifting. Delaney bench-presses 360 pounds by balancing half the weight against his arm.

"Watching him lift is quite a sight," Ford said. "It is truly unbelievable."

While he would like to play football as long as he can, mentioning a possible post-college career in Canada or the United Football League as possibilities, Delaney said he also is considering trying to build a career that combines his communications degree and his expert workout-room knowledge into helping design equipment for people with disabilities.

"I'd love to share what I've learned, and some of my methods, with people throughout the world," Delaney said.

They would hear that message from a person who has a history of success and inspiration.



## Ask Geoff

By Geoff Williams, University Archivist

# Have you ever looked closely at the walls of UAlbany's downtown campus?

Or are they just backdrops for studying or for moving from one room or building to another?

For me, until very recently, much of the art has been backdrop. I have given guided tours for alumni classes and outside groups of the historical art on the downtown campus for many years, and I thought it might be interesting to let a wider audience know about the downtown art – and to take a closer look at it myself.

In researching this article, I came to realize that the art collections there are much more varied than I thought they were. There are two types of art representing two different periods of the University's history. The first, created from 1910 through the 1940s, is very traditional and celebrates classical, historical or literary themes. All of the early 20th-century art was purchased with funds from alumni or graduating classes, and most of it has been restored by alumni. The second, 81 items in all – far more than I had imagined – is art from the University's contemporary art collections, most installed during the



The classical stained-glass window at right was lost in 1906 when the Willett Street building burned. The building is pictured above after the fire.



last 10 years and representing student art works, and/or art given to or loaned to the University. These pieces represent a conscious effort by the University Art Museum to display works that would ordinarily be stored.

Our earliest collections of art date from the construction of the Willett Street building in the 1880s. A prominent feature of that building was a massive

Normal College in 1890, the window was paid for by the Alumni Association, designed by Ezra Treadwell of Boston, and possibly completed by Tiffany & Co. Unfortunately, no color image of it exists. When the Willett Street building burned in 1906, the Alumni Window was completely destroyed, along with oil paintings of the school's early leaders. The only item saved from the fire was the plaster statue of Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom and UAlbany's symbol. (For more about Minerva, please see "Ask Geoff" in the Fall 2007 *UAlbany*, which is available [online](#).)

Graduating classes soon decided that a stained-glass window for the new auditorium – the first floor of what is now Hawley Hall, or the Dewey Library – would be an ideal gift to the school. From 1910 through 1926, graduating classes and student groups from the State Normal College, and after 1914, the New York State College for Teachers, donated funds to install in the auditorium stained-glass windows portraying classical Greek or Roman themes, and occasionally historical themes tied to the immediate past. The latter included the Class of 1920 gift, a window depicting the World War I cemetery at Flanders Field in Belgium, and the 1926 Spanish Club's gift memorializing Francesca Martinez, a beloved French and Spanish teacher who died in 1925. Between 1980 and

stained-glass window depicting classical Greek and Roman themes related to education, and reputed to be the largest such window in the United States at the time. Located in the Assembly Hall of the State Normal School, which became the State

1986, the Hawley windows were restored by the Chapman Studio in Albany, which is credited with designing many of the windows originally. The classes of 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1952 paid for the restorations.

Not to be outdone by State College for Teachers classes, Milne High School students embarked on their own campaign to beautify Milne Hall, which opened in 1929. They raised funds to reproduce



Milne School students raised funds for a frieze depicting "Alexander the Great's Entrance into Babylon," top, and a mural portraying the arrival of Henry Hudson's Half Moon in Albany, bottom.

the 115-foot-long by 11-inch-high frieze of "Alexander the Great's Entrance into Babylon" around the top of the library in Milne 200. The frieze was copied from the one created for the Quirinal Palace in Rome by the Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen and commissioned by Napoleon in 1815 to celebrate his conquest of Italy.

Milne students also decorated the walls of their library with the first murals on the downtown

campus. During the early 1930s and '40s, at the suggestion of Milne School Principal John Sayles, the students commissioned Albany artist David Lithgow to create murals representing the Leather Stocking Tales and the histories of Albany and the State College for Teachers. Others depict Albany as a trading post, the Anti-Rent riots of 1838, the Anti-Ratification riots of 1788, Governor Dongan signing the Albany Charter, the courtship of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler, and the state office building near the Capitol, to name a few. The Lithgow series was incomplete, however; the planned mural of the Albany skyline on the north wall was never painted.

All of the Milne 200 murals have just been restored by Milne alumni. These and other images of the murals and friezes can be seen [online](#).

An even larger set of murals graces Hawley Hall. In 1932, then-Gov. Franklin Roosevelt approved funds to transform the Hawley auditorium into a library for the State College for Teachers. Later, as president during the Depression, Roosevelt supported hiring artists with federal funds to create art in public spaces – and, for the first time, art on the downtown campus was not paid for by students or graduates.

In the next "Ask Geoff," I'll continue our look at the downtown campus as art gallery and provide an itinerary for a self-guided tour.



In this 1940 shot of Hawley Library, several murals are partially visible. A stained-glass representation of Flanders Field, far right, is also displayed there.



Gary Gold '70

# the Carillon

Alumni News & Notes



## Alumni News & Notes

**34** **Dorothy Griffin** celebrated her 97th birthday in July in good health, although she is very lame. Dorothy is president and still very active in her family-owned business, Varflex Corp., along with her younger brother, 86. She gets to the office almost every day!

**41** *A note from your class councilor:* Sadly, **Shirley Callahan Dillon**'s husband, John, died in January after a long struggle. **Glen Clark** recently was honored by the French government's Legion of Honor for his work in liberating France in 1944. He was a superintendent in the Oswego school district and president of the retired teachers association. Glen retired from educational work after 35 years and then became a banker. He is now fully retired and lives in an assisted-living facility in Oswego next door to his wife, Eleanor, who lives in a nursing home. Glen's address is: Glen & Eleanor Clark, 4 Burkle St., Apartment 218, Oswego, NY 13126. **Herb Oksala** and his wife, Ruth, live at 1361 E. Boot Rd., Apt. 213, West Chester, PA 19380. In December 2010, they moved there from Pittsford, Mass., to be closer to their son. Both are doing well. Herb was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and lived at the Kappa Delta Rho house on South Lake Avenue. He spent his pre-retirement years with GE.

*Class councilor:* **Vince Gillen**, [vpgillen@yahoo.com](mailto:vpgillen@yahoo.com)

**48** *A note from your class councilor:* The majority of our classmates report that they have no significant news but are mostly focused on keeping well in spite of numerous physical ailments, and many have curtailed their travels. **Eleanor Alland** has chatted with **Ruth Doran**, **Jane O'Brien** and **Mary Emmett Foster**. Mary has moved to the Kingsway retirement



Eleanor Alland

community in Schenectady, N.Y., and is very happy there. Her husband, Bill, has passed on. Mary keeps in touch with **Peggy Eggert Richardson** and **Julia Genovesi Fassett**, who are both well. **Gari Paticopoulos** keeps well and is happy to be involved with her church, St. Demetrios. **Eleanor** attended the Albany Volunteer Council luncheon April 30 and enjoyed talking with class councilors from '42, '44 and '46. Eleanor traveled to Italy with members of her church, St. Lucy's/St. Bernadette's, in April of this year. The group stayed in Rome, Florence and Venice, and Eleanor says they enjoyed every minute.

*Class notes councilor:* **Eleanor Alland**, [ealland214b@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ealland214b@nycap.rr.com)

**49** *A note from your class councilor:* **Bonnie Totten Adkins** and husband Lee traveled many miles in June, as they hosted a dear friend from Mozambique, **Jeremias Franca**, who spoke to Methodist church congregations in five cities, as well as to members of the annual Methodist conference meeting in the Boston area. On the weekend of June 3-5, the Class of 1949 made history: It was the first class in the annals of SUNY Albany to hold a 62nd reunion. Congratulations to us! There were 19 registered classmates and, with guests, the total was 28. Everyone who attended seemed to have a very enjoyable time. There was plenty of time to chat (24 attendees for three hours in the hospitality room Friday evening and 17 for three hours after the luncheon on Saturday). The bus tour of all four campuses including a well-received guided tour, narrated by University at Albany Archivist Geoff Williams. The luncheon program on Saturday included 1) a beautiful remembrance by **Bonnie Adkins** of our deceased classmates; 2) a reading by **Ellen Fay Harmon** of Don Dickinson's poem "All Hail '49ers on Their 62nd;" 3) a hilarious monologue (a parody of *Hamlet*) by **Ellen Fay Harmon**; 4) a tribute paid to the nine class members who have received Alumni Association Awards; 5) a rousing song fest led by **Betsy Franks Schuhle**; and 6) recollections of our college experiences. Our planning committee was so grateful for the tremendous assistance from the Alumni Office staff, particularly Loida Vera Cruz. Loida and Geoff Williams were our guests at the luncheon. All in all, a grand time was enjoyed by

all! On to the 65th! Note: Copies of the reunion program, the tribute to our nine award recipients, and Don Dickinson's poem are available upon request to **Joe Zanchelli** (e-mail address below, or phone 518-587-4581). Some sad news to report: **Kay Grant Baird** passed away Dec. 11, 2010. By June 2011, **Jack Brophy** and **Mary Sue Dunning** had also passed away. There is good news, too: Our class has reconnected with **Jerry Dunn**, Class of 1951. Jerry and his wife, **Shirley Wiltse** '50, were guests at our 62nd reunion. He started with our class in September 1945 and was elected freshman class president. In October, he was called into service, returned two years later to join the Class of 1951 and

was again elected freshman class president. Most of Jerry's working career has been with various New York State departments, with the most time spent at the Department of Labor. He also served as president of the Alumni Association for several years. **Bob Donnelly** '52 reports that his nephew Martin, eldest son of his sister, **Kocky Donnelly Macy**, retired from the U.S. Navy with the rank of rear admiral after 39 years of service. **Richard Foster**, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., sings in a 16-member group called the Glenridge Harmonaires. He has one grandson in the Army in Korea and also is very much enjoying his two great-grandchildren. **Dolores Stocker Eklund** was planning a cruise in September to Canada and

New England. One of the highlights of the year for **Ellen Fay Harmon** was attending our 62nd reunion and having the opportunity to revive an old '40's monologue, a parody of *Hamlet*. (She did a terrific job, too!) Ellen and Tom celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in August. **Gloria Maistelman Herkowitz** and her husband celebrated the birth of their second great-grandchild – a boy! **Bob Kittridge** and his wife, Diana, attended the wedding of their granddaughter in May. Also in May, they started their 16-day journey through the eastern United States by visiting Bob's brother in Illinois, his 97-year-old aunt in Connecticut, then the Zanchellis in Saratoga Springs, and finally Albany for the reunion. No

rest for Bob and Diana because, on their return to California, they traveled to the San Diego area to attend their granddaughter's high school graduation. **Elfrieda "Freddy" Laemmerzahl Miller** went to Wales in June with the Oklahoma Native Plant Society. **Jake and Betsy Schuhle** are rejoicing this year in the birth of their first great-grandchild. **Wilma Whitney Saunders** attended the wedding of her granddaughter June 4. **Horty Zeilengold Schmierer**'s granddaughter Rachel received her master's degree with honors from Columbia University. Another granddaughter, Jaime, graduated from SUNY Binghamton and has started her master's in speech therapy at New York Medical College.



The Class of 1949 celebrates another grand reunion, its 62nd, June 3, with 17 alumni attending from as far away as California and Oklahoma.

In the spring issue, I asked that you share your words of wisdom with your fellow alumni. We had some fantastic submissions, which you can find here:

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**Lee Serravillo**  
Executive Director  
UAlbany Alumni  
Association



In the beautiful Dewey Library, the Class of 1956 observes its milestone 55th reunion June 11. Seated, left to right: Jane Ide Hutchins and Joyce Tannata Keating. Standing, left to right: Annick Loehr Belleville, Marvin Goldstein, Joan Wilkinson Arnold and Arnold Newman.

occasions, all 14 of the family will be going to the Cayman Islands for some R and R. Nancy and her husband, Lou, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. **Kitty Kloser**

**Irons** is still busy with her bridge club, church choir, parish council, quilt guild meetings and going to a Broadway play in New York City once a month. Kitty and Marty spent three



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A trip to Italy was planned in October to celebrate Harty's birthday. **Abe Trop** had one granddaughter graduate from St. John's College in Annapolis and another from Emma Willard School in Troy, both with honors. Abe had a reunion in the spring with a few World War II buddies who were with him on D-Day on Utah Beach, Normandy. **Barbara Houck VanTilburg** and her husband, Gerry, attended an awards assembly in Woodstock, Ga., where their 17-year-old grandson received the Spirit of the Eagle award in recognition of his leadership, academic achievement, athletic skills and community service. In June, they traveled to State College, Pa., to attend the local ballet company's production, "The Snow Queen," in which their 17-year-old granddaughter performed. **Joe Zanchelli** and wife **Joyce**, Class of '52, enjoyed a wonderful river cruise in Belgium and The Netherlands, where the tulips were in full bloom. A highlight of the trip was meeting their grandson, Greg, in Amsterdam. Greg

was traveling on his spring break from his junior-year-abroad semester and just happened to be in Amsterdam that same time – serendipity!! In June, Joe and Joyce planned to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary by vacationing for a week on the Jersey Shore with their entire family. Thanks, 49'ers, for keeping the news coming.

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### 50 A note from your class councilor: Joan Peterson

**Englebosch** took a world cruise on the Queen Mary 2 in April. Joan enjoyed going to the Great Wall of China and visiting Dubai, UAE. She was unable to visit New Zealand and Japan due to the earthquakes. Joan also experienced a "Pirate Drill" and had to black out her windows with the curtains after dusk. **Ken George** keeps active by playing recreational tennis. He still sings in the choir and with a barbershop quartet; their highlight of the year was singing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the local high school football game. **Lila Lee Harrington** left her beloved log home in the Adirondacks and relocated to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Lila was ill when she moved to Prestwick Chase independent living, but after several hospitalizations to correct dehydration, the problem was solved. She is very grateful that she can drive short trips around Saratoga, to Glens Falls and to Ballston Lake, where her son, Todd, and his family live. Since regaining her health, Lila has become active in Book Chat Club. She was also elected to the board of directors for her in-house newspaper, *The Chase*, and participates in aerobics classes four days a week. **Marjorie Lyons** will be directing a production of T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" for performances Feb. 25-26, 2012, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She attends the playwrights' and actors' groups and is still in love with drama, as she was when she attended State and studied under the marvelous Agnes Futterer. Marjorie also is launching a series of business seminars to train

participants how to set up and operate a book-producing business ([www.telling-your-story.com](http://www.telling-your-story.com)). **Malcolm Slater** is enjoying life with his wife and soul mate, Dr. Nancy Suzuki-Slater, in Honolulu, Hawaii. After corresponding all of the years since graduation and becoming widowed, **Irwin Baumel** and **Elise de Seve Brown** decided to do some traveling together. In Fall 2010, they went to Argentina, Brazil and Chile, followed by a three-week trip to northern Italy in May 2011. On the Italian trip they met with **Harold (Sparky) Vaughn** in Florence after having renewed their acquaintance in Washington, D.C., where Elise and Harold both reside. Harold had announced that he was planning to be at his condo in Florence during the time of their visit. It was a treasured evening; the former classmates shared unusual historical tidbits about Firenze (Florence), fine food and wine at a special "local" restaurant, and gelato for dessert. Unfortunately, Harold's wife recently passed away. A memorial Mass for her in the village outside Florence where she spent her childhood drew about a hundred dear friends from Quarriata, Pistoia and Firenze.

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**52 A note from your class councilor: Dave Manly** and his wife, Jean, will be attending their 17th Road Scholar program in July. They also enjoy going to plays at Niagara-on-the-Lake and spending the winter months at "Triple M" (Manly's Modest Manor) in Hilton Head, S.C. **Helen Pilcher Terrill** is on the road more than she is at home at her daughter Ann's. She was in Indiana enjoying grandson Will, who just graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and who will be starting med school at North-East Ohio Med School. From there, Helen went to Akron for the high school graduation of granddaughter Helen and had a nice visit with her brother and his wife. The next stop was Kitty Hawk, where she was going to be vacationing with Ann's family. **Jane Minckler Jennings** attended her granddaughter's graduation from Sweet Briar, where she received an engineering degree. Another granddaughter had a garden wedding a week later. Jane spends her summers (11 weeks' worth) on Block Island, where she plans to see **Mimi Gorskie Blake** a few times. **Nancy Frey Pettinelli** has happy news. In order to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays and other

### 51 A note from your class councilor:

Our 60th Reunion will be held Oct. 1, 2011. **Earl Sipe** from Ocoee, Fla., sent along a clipping about the Orlando "Harvey Milk Day" celebrations. A recently elected gay member of the Orlando City Council, Earl attributes the city's recent uncontroversial passage of a domestic partner's ordinance to the influence of Milk's social networking methods for effecting change. **Marilyn Allen Ochs, Joyce Barringer Soule, Marie Thurlow Gunn, Jackie Mann Gavryck, and ex-'51 Dorothy Bens Langr** met in Cobleskill in June for lunch. Marie brought many photos from their college days to add to the fun. **Jerry Dunn** (ex-military) recently brought us up to date about his life and career. Jerry was our freshman

## Alumni News & Notes



**Congratulations**  
to Mary B. Mullin, B.S.'80, who was honored in the June 6 issue of *Baron's* magazine as one of "America's Top 100 Women Financial Advisors."

Throughout her 30 years with Merrill Lynch, the Boston-based Mullin, managing director of Investments and a wealth management advisor and portfolio manager, has provided investment advice to affluent families and business owners and offered them a comprehensive approach to financial planning. In keeping with Merrill Lynch's belief that training and enrichment opportunities enable its staff to better serve clients, she has also pursued many advanced designations and certifications in her fields of expertise. On the home front, Mullin, a proud mother of four, spends her free time on the lacrosse field, cheering on her kids.

days in Philadelphia sight-seeing; their trip included a visit to the beautiful Longwood Gardens. **Tom Holman** has extended an invitation to any of you on a cruise ship which stops at St. Maarten, where he stays from mid-January until the first week in March. He stays at the Pasangraham Royale Guest House, where he says Janet the bartender would be happy to find him so that he could buy you a drink. Book your cruise now. **Kathleen Cody Sengle** retired from being a school counselor in 1992. Kathleen and her husband traveled and were involved in the grandchildren's growing up until he passed away from leukemia last year. She keeps busy volunteering at her local library and historical society. She has lived for 56 years in a very active community in the Poconos. Kathleen has five grandchildren. Glad to hear she's in touch with **Jane Hatt LaDuke, Barbara Anderson Hadden and Viola Myles Folks**.

**Vickie Eade Eddy** divides her time between Yuma, Ariz., in the winter and Olean, N.Y., in the summer. Her five children and 12 grandchildren are an accomplished bunch. **Herb** and **Marilyn Holland** have been presented the 2011 Circle of Humanity Award by the congregation of Temple Israel in recognition of all the volunteer charity work they have done and continue to do. They have been involved in this kind of work for 40 years. Congratulations, Marilyn and Herb. **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** has just returned with husband **Joe** ('49) from a riverboat cruise of Belgium and The Netherlands. The tulips were in full bloom and a gorgeous sight, but the best part of the trip was meeting their grandson, who was on spring break in Amsterdam. Serendipity! They celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a weeklong vacation with their entire family on the Jersey Shore. We have begun

planning our 60th reunion, which will take place April 28-29, 2012, in Albany. We do not have a program in place yet but would like you to mark your calendar so you don't miss this momentous occasion. You will be receiving particulars of the weekend sometime in October, but don't wait until then to cross off those dates on your calendar. One other reminder: If you want to earmark any contributions to the Class of '52 scholarship fund, please write "UAlbany Class of '52 Scholarship Fund Program Fund" on your check. We continue to award scholarships honoring our professors in a different department every year.

Class notes councilor: Joyce Zanchelli, [jzanch@yahoo.com](mailto:jzanch@yahoo.com)

**54** Sadly, we report the death of **Shirley Callahan Dillon**'s husband, John, in January 2011. Before coming to the United States in 1950, **Naoshi Koriyama** taught at a junior high school on his home island, Kikai Island. He also attended Okinawa Foreign Language School and worked as interpreter at Kadena Air Base, a United States air base in Okinawa. This coming November, Naoshi will be 85. For the past several years, he has been working on translating a huge 12th-century collection of medieval tales of Japan. Now, he has been revising and improving the translations for possible publication in the United States. Naoshi also regularly submits his poetry to *Poems of the World*, based in Palatine, Ill. His poems "Unfolding Bud" and "A Loaf of Poetry" are quite popular. **Art Stone** is still heavily involved with his costume company, Art Stone/The Competitor; his dance convention business, Dance Olympus; his dance competition business, Danceamerica; and Statler music (music for dance studios). Art and his family travel frequently around the country to dance conventions and travel to China twice a year. He enjoys being busy and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. **Gerry Holzman** recently wrote a book, *The Empire State Carousel*. This past Memorial Day, the New York State Historical Association celebrated the fifth anniversary of the carousel's opening at Cooperstown by releasing his book and holding a book signing. Gerry's days are also busy with carving and writing. He recently reconnected with his neighbor, **Nancy (Sue) Whittle Mitchell**, and the two reminisce about their UAlbany days quite often. **Jim Finnen** will not be making the 57th reunion since he will be serving as the public address announcer for Lafayette College football, a night game against Yale Oct. 15. Jim has enjoyed this part-time job for 47 years. **John Centra** took a relaxing and enjoyable vacation with his family to Bermuda. After many trips all over the world, this one was very special to John and his family. **Rose Mary Zongrove**'s daughter, Amy, had her second set of twins. Rose and John have been the extra pair of hands and are keeping busy. **Jim Thompson** still enjoys going all around the country visiting grandchildren and attending high school and college graduations. Jim and Carol will spend much of the summer at their travel trailer near Tupper Lake, N.Y. John and **Dolores White Granito** have been traveling. Thanksgiving week, they went with their family on a cruise on the Rhine from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, The



Alumni volunteers enjoy a light moment with Damien after handing out ice cream to students during freshmen orientation. Pictured left to right: Patrick Romain '86; Rick Corcione '72; Gary Farkas '85, '00; and Audrey Seidman '75.

## Volunteering on the Rise at UAlbany

Volunteering is an important component of the UAlbany student culture. It's a tradition that doesn't end at graduation, though. From class-reunion planning, to mentoring students, to providing career assistance, thousands of alumni volunteers play a key role in the University's day-to-day life.

**Brian Fessler** '06, '07 is chair of GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade), which provides services specifically for recent grads, and is a member of the Alumni Association board. Fessler says volunteering has enabled him to make many new personal and professional connections while helping other alums stay connected with one another and their *alma mater*. He's committed to ensuring that current students have as productive an experience at UAlbany as he did.

**Michael Borys** '78, '79, a vice president with Goldman Sachs, enjoys sharing his industry knowledge and experiences with students, helping them through the transition from college to the workforce. Borys says he enjoys keeping up with the progress at the University, as well as meeting and mentoring new students.

Like Borys, **Jane Hutchins** '56 is a committed volunteer, although her focus is more on reunion planning. She finds that volunteering provides her with the rewarding feeling of having assisted someone, or a group, in a positive way.

**Brian Straughter**, vice president for Turf Hotels, is a member of the UAlbany Foundation board. This past year, Straughter and his colleagues helped incoming freshmen move into their dorms. Having benefited from the participation of volunteer coaches as a child, he says it feels good to be on the other side of the equation now – giving back and being part of the important work the University does for the community.

Volunteer opportunities with UAlbany can be local, regional – even virtual. To learn more about how you can help strengthen the UAlbany community as a volunteer, [visit our Web site](#).

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND & FALL FESTIVAL 2011

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The Alumni Association was a proud sponsor of the School of Public Health's 25th Anniversary Gala, held May 7.

Netherlands. In April, they went on a four-masted sailboat along the French and Italian Riviera, Monaco, Corsica and Sardinia, ending in Rome after 16 days. The couple is in good health and continues to live on Pine Island, Fla., for eight months of the year and in Penn Yan, N.Y., the other four months. **Stephanie Manning** still takes a trip to Italy every year and also spends a couple of days in New York City, visiting museums and enjoying theatre and dance. Stephanie still volunteers two mornings a week at a nursery/

daycare school and is doing "Soothing Touch" with Hospice patients in their homes. She is training to be a eucharistic minister for her church, Light of Christ, at a local nursing home. Stephanie is still reading like mad, and still writing reviews of children's science and history books for *School Library Journal*. Sadly, we report **Barb Decker**'s husband, Walt, died in June.

*Class co-councilors: Bernice Shoobe, bshoobe@pol.net; Joan Bolz Paul, fpaul1@nycap.rr.com*

## 55 A note from your class councilor: Hannah Banks Best

recently was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women for her numerous accomplishments in both the legal and women's communities. Hannah is a founder of the New Mexico Black Lawyers Association, the state chapter of the National Employment Law Association and the state Planned Parenthood and is the former

president of the state chapter of the NAACP. **Wilma Thornton** joined a land and sea tour of the eastern Mediterranean. Starting in Dubai and ending in Italy, the journey included stops in the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Naples and Capri. Among the highlights were a Jeep and camel safari in Egypt and a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Petra in Jordan. **Elizabeth Comstock** is the 2011 recipient of the *Class of 1955 Award*. Ms. Comstock, a magna cum laude graduate in Spanish from SUNY Geneseo, is enrolled in UAlbany's master's program in general education studies. During April, **John Orser** took a week's trip through Saxony on the Elbe River. Included were tours of the former Eastern Bloc cities of Prague, Dresden, Wittenberg, Meissen, Magdeburg, Berlin and Potsdam.

*Class councilor: John Orser, jorser@stny.rr.com*

## 56 A note from your class councilor: Those of us who attended our 55th Class Reunion June 10-12 had a wonderful time, thanks, in part, to support from Loida Vera

Cruz, assistant director of Alumni Programs. **Jane Ide Hutchins** spoke convincingly at the reunion dinner of the importance of supporting one or two outstanding students who are financially needy and preparing to be teachers through the *Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund*. Please send contributions for the fund to The University at Albany Foundation, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., UAB 226, Albany, NY 12222, and make certain that the check is earmarked for the *Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund*. You can also donate online at [www.albany.edu/giving](http://www.albany.edu/giving).

*Class councilor: Arnold Newman, fish7hill@aol.com*

## 57 Dr. Emil Polak

spent January and February in Rome and Naples on his last research trip, ending with 871 libraries.

## 59 A note from your class councilor:

On Oct. 11, 2009, the Class of 1959 members attending their 50th reunion farewell breakfast voted to donate \$1,700 from our class account to the School of Education Mentoring Program. The class has a Facebook page; after signing in, search for Green Gremlins of Albany State, Class of 1959. Please post news and comments. **Bill Spence** is retired from two years' teaching high school science and a 38-year career as a global researcher on major earthquakes for the U.S. Geological Survey. Bill received his Ph.D. in geophysics from Penn State in 1973. He and his wife spent the past seven years in the beautiful Roaring Fork Valley of eastern Colorado. After a couple of medical incidents, he happily reports the wonders of modern medicine. Bill and Sue have traveled much of the world and are very active physically, traveling with their camper and enjoying the available music and lecture scene, along with tons of volunteerism. **Valerie Burns McDonald** and **Joan Anderson Haught** travel together. Last summer, they did a Road Scholar program, modeled after the Chautauqua experience in Virginia at the Natural

Bridge Area. Valerie spends winters in the West Palm area and Joan is in the Daytona area. They both teach line dance. Valerie, who also teaches clogging and runs the local monthly, *Chatterbox*, also plays bridge and golf. This summer, Valerie is back in New York with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **Lynn Schmidt** still spends summers in the Adirondack Mountains and winters in The Villages in Florida.

**Bill Hershfield** and wife Myra have been married 51 years. They live in Port Orange, Fla. **Rosemary (Raymie) Neilson** will be recording/producing another CD in July. The previous one, *Tenderly*, is still available at CDBaby.com if anyone's interested.

**Ron Short** and his wife are excited about an upcoming trip to see their son and family in Nova Scotia. Ron expects to do another skydive before the year is out. **Annie Macintyre** finds herself heading for the 30th-year reunion of her advisor class of 1981. **Herb Piper** has been retired from working as an aerospace engineer on the Eastern Missile Range for over 10 years. Presently a docent at the Harry P. Leu Museum House at Leu Gardens in Orlando, Fla., he conducts tours

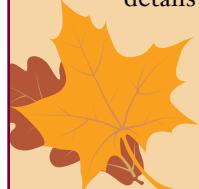
several days each month. Photography is his main hobby. A member of the Cypress Cove Camera Club, Herb has won many awards in the juried competitions held twice each year. He is now considered one of the top artistic nude photographers in the State of Florida. Some of his work can be seen at [www.onemodelplace.com](http://www.onemodelplace.com), member ID #159478. **Pete Engel**

is still working full time at NASA. Susan Thompson lives in St. Louis. She retired from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* as an editor and reporter and is now a freelance journalist, writing for, among others, publications of the Catholic Health Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. **Dick (Richard) Herodes** received his master's in mathematics in 1961

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND & FALL FESTIVAL 2011

### Memories + Classmates = Reunion '11

Is your class hosting a reunion Homecoming Weekend '11? [Visit our Web site](#) for the latest details on reunion plans for the classes of 1954, 1961, 1971, 1986 and 2001! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with old friends and relive some great memories.



Robert Paeglow '76, recipient of the Excellence in Community Service Award, chats with Purple & Gold Student Ambassador Chris Onourah at the Excellence Awards Gala in April.

## WELCOME New Alumni Association Board Members!



**Matthew Antalek, D.O., '81**  
Senior Partner, Internal Med ID Associates, LLC  
Assistant Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Physician Assistant Department, D'Youville College



**Peter Brusoe '03, '04**  
Campaign Finance Research Analyst, Campaign Finance Institute



**Philip B.H. Kelly '96, '98**  
Director of Personnel, New York State Office for the Aging



**Matthew J. LaRoche '05, '07**  
Associate, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy



## Robert Bartholomew, M.A.'84 Champ's Biographer

Ever since he was "old enough to pick up a pair of binoculars and scan the lake," Whitehall, N.Y., native Robert Bartholomew has been interested in "Champ," the Lake Champlain monster. Early next year, with the publication of *The Untold Story of Champ: An Unauthorized Biography of America's Loch Ness Monster* (SUNY Press), which he describes as "both a history and an exposé," Bartholomew will "present the Champlain Monster like people have never seen him before."

Bartholomew himself has never seen Champ, "or 'Champy,' depending on where you live." However, "I learned that there is a great deal of misinformation about Champ. The book separates fact from speculation. Also, virtually none of the 19th-century history of Champ has ever been published before. I believe that local residents deserve to know the full story."

Bartholomew promises "many surprises. It is a 'warts-and-all' biography that takes journalists to task for sloppy reporting over the years and examines the antics of modern-day Champ hunters: their egos, obsessions and behind-the-scenes squabbles. Also examined is whether the famous Mansi photo is a hoax."

For *The Untold Story of Champ*, Bartholomew interviewed several people, including a retired SUNY Plattsburgh communications professor, Philip Reines, who began researching the monster in the mid-1960s. The book includes a preface by UAlbany journalism adjunct professor Ronald Kermani, "a brilliant writer and a legend in Albany for his penetrating investigative reporting for the *Times Union*. He also had a sighting of Champ," notes Bartholomew, who earned a master's in sociology from UAlbany and recalls the University as "an important part of my life."

So, what is Champ? "Local icon, environmental symbol, tourist draw, and perhaps a new or long-extinct species," muses Bartholomew, now a history teacher at Botany Downs Secondary College in South Auckland, New Zealand. "Ultimately, the history of Champ reveals more about us than it does about him."

Another book by Bartholomew, *The Martians Have Landed! A History of Media-Driven Panics and Hoaxes* (co-authored with Benjamin Radford), will be released by McFarland Publishing in October.

— By Carol Olechowski

from SUNY Albany while teaching math at Scotia-Glenville High School. Dick married **Constance Dorland** '61 in 1960, joined IBM in 1963 and retired in 1993 after many years in executive management. Dick retired as European director of Quality and Customer Satisfaction, having spent over six years in Paris on two assignments. Since retiring, Dick has spent time volunteering and sitting on a number of boards; he is also involved in the Marist College-sponsored CLS adult education program. The Herodes spent their 50th wedding celebration with their whole family in Costa Rica. **Miriam Sanderson Russell** is serving as writing coach and part-time faculty for SUNY Empire State College's Center for Distance Learning. Miriam's personal essays have appeared in the *Albany Times Union* and have been broadcast on the Capital Region's NPR station, WAMC. Search Google to read her latest: *Zenyatta and Me*. Now living near her two sons in Troy, N.Y., Miriam enjoys the music, art and lectures abundant all year in the Capital Region. **Harold (Jim) Owen** recently retired as president from Piedmont Community College in Roxboro, N.C. The College Board of Trustees recognized his 22 years of service by awarding Jim the title of President Emeritus. The governor inducted Jim into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest recognition given to citizens of North Carolina.

*Class notes councilor: Miriam Sanderson Russell, [Miriam38@hotmail.com](mailto:Miriam38@hotmail.com)*

**60** **Lore Howard Scurrah** has moved to Albany, N.Y., after living in Florida for 25 years. **John and Nancy Lou Ryan Gnan** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

**61** **John Abrams** and wife Catherine, who live in Orange Park, Fla., have two children and one grandchild. John is retired from his career as a database administrator. John is interested in contacting **Barry Nadler** and **Dave Donley**. **Carol Mardigan Carlson** is a retired school

superintendent. She and husband Bob, who live in Watervliet, N.Y., recently spent a month visiting South Africa. They have five children and nine grandchildren. **Elizabeth Drumm Demski** and her husband, Edward '58, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They both retired 10 years ago, and Ed is a new member of the UAlbany Foundation. **Tony and Gail Kasparian D'Onofrio** visited Egypt this past January. They both look forward to seeing their classmates and friends at the reunion. **Josephine Montarello Egan** retired after 33 years as both a teacher and administrator. She enjoys visiting family and grandchildren, and thoroughly enjoyed her Alaskan cruise. Josephine lives in Phoenix, Ariz. **Elaine Frankonis** lives in East Longmeadow, Mass., with her daughter, son-in-law, and only grandson. Elaine had several poems published in the *Ballard Street Poetry Journal* last summer and still blogs at [www.kalilily.net](http://www.kalilily.net), which she began a decade ago. **Mel Horowitz** still lives in the Capital District. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with incurable but treatable blood cancer in 1995. **June DeVore Hunter** and her husband, Kenneth, interview veterans for the New York State Military Museum Archives, do volunteer work, and have traveled extensively. **Rosemary Kverek** moved to Boston, Mass., after she retired from teaching in 1985. From 1990 to 1997, she was co-owner of a real estate office in Charlestown, Mass., where she still resides. She has taken two major bicycle trips: in 2009 to Spain and in 2010 to Slovenia, Austria and Italy. **Gloria Laynor** retired after teaching business and math for 30 years. Gloria is the president of the Laynor Foundation Musuem, a nonprofit organization awarding scholarships to college students in the visual arts. The museum was established in honor of her late husband, **Dr. Harold Laynor**, a well-known artist who received his doctorate from UAlbany in 1966. Gloria lives in Phoenix, Ariz. **Bradford Mundy** is retired and continues to do professional writing. He taught at Montana State University, starting out as an assistant professor and working his way up to assistant department



Alumni Association Board member Patrick Romain '86, '88, and assistant dean Maritza Martinez present a computer to Monette Fils '05, right, who is now teaching in Haiti. In May, a group of UAlbany students, faculty and staff traveled to the devastated nation to teach in area schools and to help plant hundreds of trees that will aid the country's continuing recovery from the January 2010 earthquake. The trip was sponsored, in part, by the UAlbany Alumni Association.

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### Touchdown Tailgate

October 15  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Back lawn of Science Library

Get into the spirit and enjoy food, fellowship and fun with other Great Danes fans under the big top. All alumni who preregister

receive free food, drink vouchers and a free gift. Free parking in the Dutch Quad lot; \$5 in the SE-FCU lot. [Registration required](#).

head. He also was the chemistry chair at Colby College. Bradford's favorite hobbies are gardening, fishing, boating and writing. **Janice Goodermote** married **Richard Newport** and recently celebrated 47 years of marriage. She taught seventh-grade social studies at Bethlehem Central Schools in Delmar, N.Y., from 1961-1964. Janice also substituted in area schools while her children were younger. She retired from full-time teaching in 1995 and went on to become the coordinator of the JOBBS (Joint Opportunities between Businesses and Berlin Schools) Program at Berlin Central. Janice enjoys traveling with her husband, as well as cooking and entertaining. **Roger Quackenbush** is enjoying

life in Florida, after retiring in 1995 from Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar, N.Y. Besides teaching high school biology, Roger taught a course in marine mammals at SUNY Albany. Roger has been written up in *Who's Who in American Education* and was presented with the Tandy Prize as one of the 10 outstanding technology teachers in the United States. In retirement, Roger enjoys researching his genealogy. **Angela Theodore** is enjoying retirement after working as an alcohol and other drug counselor for 20 years. She spends her time reading, drafting and relishing the company of family and friends. **Sharon Wenzel Miller** and husband Merle continue to enjoy retirement on the "Crystal Coast" of North Carolina.



outpatient clinics. **Susan O'Hern** is vice president for Information Technology of Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y.



**Kimberly Welsh** hits the road on her bright white motorcycle. Decked out in a matching suit and helmet, the managing director of Municipal Capital Markets at Janney Montgomery Scott is pictured recently, ready to set off on an adventure. Her itinerary? "Boston to West Virginia and back in five days – yeehaw!"



**88 Paul Linzer** has been named partner in Labor Relations and Criminal Law Practice Groups at Certilman Balin.



**89 Cecilia Rodriguez Milanés** won the 2010 Longleaf Press Poetry Prize leading to the publication of her collection *Everyday Chica*. A spoken word CD, *Everyday Chica, Music and More*, including the poems from the book and other selections set to Cuban music, was released by Longleaf Audio Book (2011). When she needs a break from the world of high finance,

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**90 Evan Kaplan**, an employee of the Major League Baseball Players Association and Trading Cards/Collectibles/New Business Development, is taking on the role

of director, Licensing and Business Development, overseeing all of the MLBPA's core licensing categories, including trading cards and apparel.

**91 Keith Murphy** recently was elected to the partnership of Baker & Hostetler LLP, located in New York. **Anthony Rini** was awarded a doctorate in higher education from the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania in May. Anthony began his career in higher education 20 years ago as a graduate assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at UAlbany. **Luke Bierman**, former general counsel to the New York State comptroller, has been named associate dean for experiential education and Distinguished Professor of the Practice of Law at Northeastern University School of Law.

**95 Jill Traverso Vogel** has been appointed associate administrator of the Adirondack Community College Foundation.

**94 Meredith Celentano**, Hofstra University's assistant vice president for Development and Alumni Affairs, has been named one of *Long Island Business News*' "40 under 40" for 2011. Meredith has served as a member of the board of directors of the National Association for Mother's Centers and as a member of the

**96 The American School Counselor Association** has named Suffolk University Professor **Timothy Poynton** the 2011 Counselor Educator of the Year. Timothy, an assistant professor of education and human services, directs the School Counseling Program in the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

**98 Patti Cellery-McCall** is the head of Public Services at the Pratt Institute Library in Brooklyn.

**01 Jonathan Sumber**, a veteran of key digital sales positions within units of Time Inc. and Gannett, is joining Hearst Television as director of Digital Sales based at the company's New York City headquarters. *Phoenix Business Journal* has named **Brett Mecum** one of their "40-Under-40" for 2011. Additionally, *Campaigns & Elections Magazine* has named Brett a Rising Star for 2011.

**02 Captain Sean Piccirilli** is stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan, at the Kandahar Intelligence Fusion Center.



Captain Sean Piccirilli '02, left, and Sergeant Richard McVinney '06, right, are pictured in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

**03 John Smith**, associate professor of history at Texas A&M University-Commerce, was awarded the Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching by the university in April. The award is given annually to an instructor nominated by colleagues and students for outstanding teaching and mentorship.

**04 Dorothy Santos** has joined Smith, Gambrell & Russell's Estate Planning and Wealth Protection Practice in New York City. She previously was with the law firm of Abrams Fensterman. **Mike Neppl**, director of the Correspondence Unit in

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND & FALL FESTIVAL 2011

### Young Alums – Don't Miss the Fourth Annual GOLD Reunion.

Good friends, free food and free beer. It doesn't get better than that!

Join hundreds of other recent graduates, meet up with old friends and see what's new on campus at the fourth GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Reunion, **Oct. 14-15**.

Check out some of the exciting events:

- GOLD Friday night get-together at Jillian's
- GOLD Tailgate Party with free beer, food and live music
- Great Danes Football vs. Robert Morris University
- Great Danes Great Bash at WT's, with free food and drinks for all alumni
- Nanotech and Weather Center tours, academic presentations and student group demonstrations

[Check the Web for all the details.](#)

Students brave a cold March night to cheer on the men's lacrosse team at the annual Spring Stomp, sponsored by the Alumni Association. Students were rewarded with giveaways, free food and a chance to win a flip camera.



Albany, N.Y., has been named to The Capitol's "40 Under 40 Rising Stars in Politics" list.

**05** **Ann McGrath** recently passed the New York State Bar examination. **Melissa Martin Crocetta** was married July 9, 2010, and moved from Troy, N.Y., to Amsterdam, N.Y. She is a senior education specialist with the Professional Development Program at UAlbany. **Charles Moore** was featured in a story in the Albany diocesan newspaper, *The Evangelist*.

**06** **2nd Lt. Halden Grossman** of the United States Air Force was presented the Maj. William L. Leverette Award upon completion of the second phase of the USAF Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-14. The award is given in honor of Maj. William L. Leverette, one of only two Americans in World War II to score seven victories in a single encounter with the enemy. In addition, Halden received the "Top Gun" Award in instrument navigation and was then selected to complete advanced training with the 50th Flying Training Squadron at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Miss. He will fly the Northrop T-38C. **Jeffrey Fiut**

 of Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, N.Y., has been admitted to the New York State Bar. **Sgt. Richard McVinney** is currently stationed in Afghanistan (See photo in Class of 2002 section) at the Kandahar Intelligence Fusion Center, along with Capt. Sean Piccirilli '02. **Janelle**

**Bechol** participated in the eighth season of "American Idol," survived the early rounds of auditions and went on to Hollywood. Although she was cut well before the final rounds, she continues to perform and inspire through her music. Janelle plans to launch a series of concerts for high school and middle school students; she hopes it will go national. **Richard Cupolo**'s band, the american dollar, has scored music to the viral video

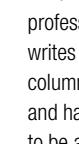
*manhattan in motion*, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SsSAaj6BII](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SsSAaj6BII). The american dollar went to St. Petersburg and Moscow to play an all-expenses-paid musical tour. The band's music can be found on facebook, as well as online at <http://theamerican الدولار.info/>.

**07** **Peter Faherty** and **David Rozen** recently passed the New York State Bar examination. David, admitted to the state bar in June, is working as a legislative Fellow for New York State Senate Deputy Minority Leader Neil D. Breslin. **Matthew Rozea** was admitted to the New York State Bar last January. He is working as an assistant town attorney for the Town of Oyster Bay, N.Y. **Michael Landsman** is a project manager/business systems analyst at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Manhattan.

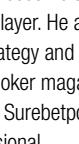
**08** **Raymie Wayne** has been promoted to associate professor of social work/Latino community practice with tenure at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn. **Kenneth Long**, a professor of history/political science at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn., will serve as a Fulbright Visiting Professor at Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Austria, during the Spring 2012 semester. **Melissa Ann Little** graduated from the University of Akron Law School in Ohio in June. **Stephen Murphy**, a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual in New York City, will chair a fundraiser, The Hunt, on Long Island Sept. 24 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

 **Raymie Wayne**

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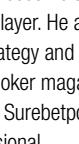
 **Leslie Wood**



*Casey Crandall '07, right, a member of the Alumni Association's GOLD Committee, welcomes a new graduate to GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) at the Commencement Picnic.*

projects aimed at making the 1,200-acre camp more sustainable. **Arielle Krasner** is a volunteer coordinator for Community of Hope in Washington, D.C., after spending two years in AmeriCorps, including one on the Gulf Coast building homes and responding to hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

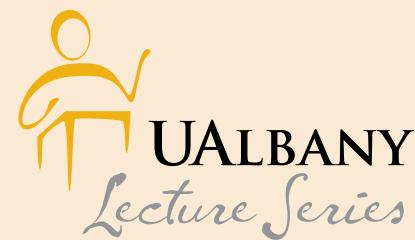
**11** **Leslie Wood** is chief research officer of Nielsen Catalina Solutions in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Mike**

 **Leslie Wood**

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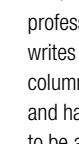
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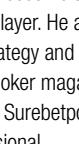
 **Danielle Wohlenberg** and a team of 10 other AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps members arrived in Little Rock, Ark., in March to begin an eight-week service project at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Danielle's team worked on outdoor maintenance and construction

 **Raymie Wayne**

 **Kenneth Long**

 **Melissa Ann Little**

 **Stephen Murphy**

 **Leslie Wood**

## Weddings

1995 – **Patrick Flandreau and Elizabeth Martin**  
Sept. 4, 2010

2005 – **Melissa Crocetta and James Martin**,  
July 9, 2010

2006 – **Jeannine Sikora and Daniel Robertello**,  
May 15, 2010



## Births

1985 – **Jonathan Green and Hilary Thomas**,  
a son, Devon Adam, Jan. 12, 2011

1991 – **Michael Gutter and wife Emily**, daughters  
Maya and Elana, Dec. 6, 2010

1992 – **Jennifer Acerra-Markey and husband John**,  
a son, John Thomas Markey V, Nov. 24, 2009

1997 – **Sommer Jones Riolo and husband Mark**,  
a son, Joshua Lyndon, June 3, 2011



At left, **Melissa Crocetta and James Martin**  
Above, **Patrick Flandreau and Elizabeth Martin**



**Maya and Elana Gutter**



**Joshua Riolo**

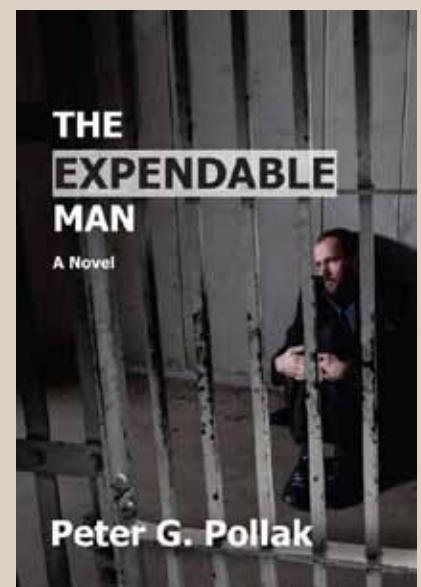
**Gerry Holzman, B.A.'54**, has published *The Empire State Carousel*, a compelling story of a 25-year labor of love by nearly 1,000 gifted artisans from all across New York State. This tantalizing tale is told by its head carver and is illustrated by contemporary and archival photographs. In it, the reader will also find some fascinating behind-the-scenes anecdotes about the carousel and its creators. Holzman is the carver/historian who originated, designed and directed the carousel project.

**Richard Londraville, B.A.'58, Ph.D.'70**, has co-authored *Corbino: From Rubens to Ringling, a biography of Jon Corbino*. A Sicilian immigrant who trained at the Art Students League in New York, Corbino (1905-1964) was one of the most influential members of the Sarasota School of art, a group of painters and artists, many of them expatriate New Yorkers, who came to the west coast of Florida for its natural beauty, the quality of its light, and the open-air freedom to explore their art. Londraville also has co-authored *The Most Beautiful Man in the World: Paul Swan, from Wilde to Warhol; John Quinn: Selected Irish Writers from His Library; and Dear Yeats, Dear Ford, Dear Pound: Jeanne Robert Foster and Her Circle of Friends*. Richard is a professor emeritus of literature at the State University of New York at Potsdam.

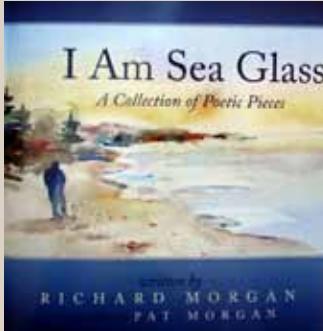
**Richard Morgan, B.S.'69**, has published his first book, *I AM SEA GLASS, A Collection of Poetic Pieces* combining his poetry with watercolors by his artist wife, Pat. They live on Long Beach Island, N.J., where the wind and the waves fight for their attention. Morgan is a member of

the LBI Writers' Group. His poetry has appeared in the 15th anniversary issue of *Poetry Ink 2011* and the latest editions of *Echoes of LBI*. Morgan has read his poetry at Robin's Bookstore in Philadelphia, Tuckerton Seaport's "PoeTrio" and the LBI Writers' Open Mic.

**Mary Fremont Schonecker, M.S.'70**, has released the third book of her Maine Shore Chronicles series, *Promise Keeper*. Her previous novels from the series are *Finding Fiona* and *Moonglade*. She retired as associate professor of education at SUNY Oneonta and began writing in 2003.

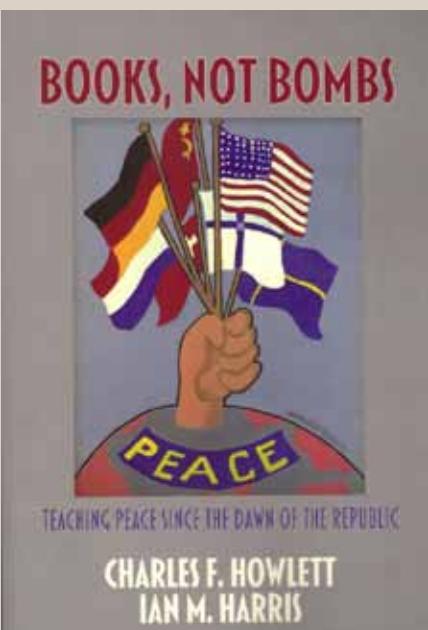


**Peter Pollak, M.A.'70, Ph.D.'78**, has published his debut novel, *The Expendable Man*. Hero Nick Grocchi is thankful for the experimental treatment he receives in a fictitious Albany medical center, but recovering from a near-fatal case of melanoma is not the only obstacle he faces. A political thriller, *The Expendable Man* is the story of one man's efforts to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. Pollak



retired from readMedia (formerly Empire Information Services), the company he founded, and currently splits his time among Hamilton County in the Adirondacks, Maryland and Arizona. Details: [www.expendable-man.com](http://www.expendable-man.com).

**Charles Howlett, Ph.D.'74**, is co-author of *Books, Not Bombs: Teaching Peace Since the Dawn of the Republic*. This is the first comprehensive study of the evolution of peace education from the creation of the new nation to the beginning of the 21st century. Howlett says that while so many scholarly studies tell the story of our nation's past through the lens of war, *Books, Not Bombs* uncovers the many attempts made on behalf of world peace. Among the intellectuals and activists covered in this book are Elihu Burritt, Jane Addams, John Dewey, Fannie Fern Andrews, Andrew Carnegie, Nicholas Murray Butler, the student workers at Brookwood Labor College, the World Peace Foundation, and Elise Boulding. Howlett teaches at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, N.Y.



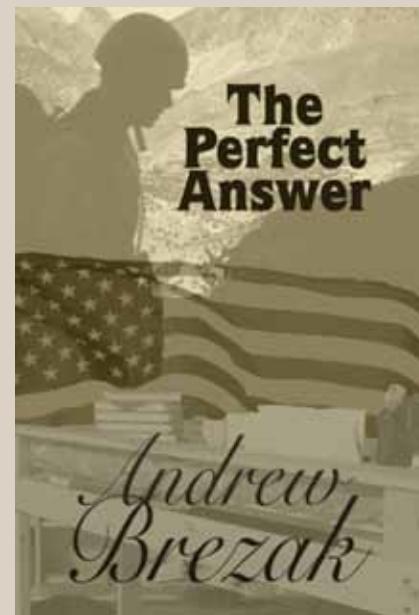
The latest book by **Michelle Edwards, B.A.'76**, is *A Knitter's Home Companion*, an illustrated collection of stories, patterns and recipes.

**Edward Moser, B.A.'77**, has written *A Patriot's A to Z of America: 76 Things Every Good American Should Know*. The book features 76 heroic events and creative individuals who surmounted great difficulties to achieve great things: going to the moon, wiring the planet, defeating the Nazis, setting up the first large democratic republic, and largely banishing starvation overseas. Moser has served as a speechwriter to President George H. W. Bush and a writer for Jay Leno's The Tonight Show. The author of the *Politically Correct Guide to ...* series, Moser has co-written seven other books, and his articles have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Triathlon Life* and the *Boston Globe*.

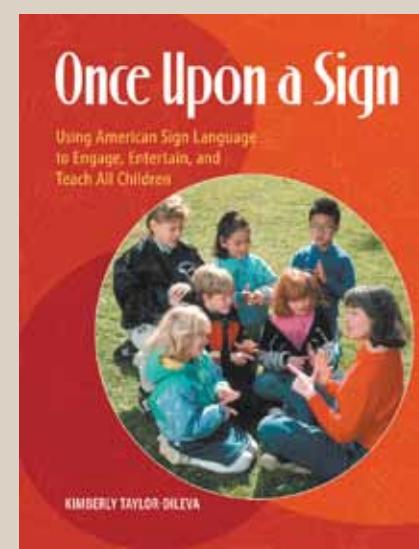
**David Van Slyke, M.S.'93, Ph.D.'99, and Soonhee Kim, M.P.A.'95, Ph.D.'99**, have co-edited *The Future of Public Administration around the World: The Minnowbrook Perspective*, along with Rosemary O'Leary. A once-in-a-generation event held every 20 years, the Minnowbrook conference brings together the top scholars in public administration and public management to reflect on the state of the field and its future. This unique volume brings together a group of distinguished authors — both seasoned and new — for a rare critical examination of the field of public administration yesterday, today and tomorrow.

**Andrew Brezak, B.A.'95**, has written a novel, *The Perfect Answer*, which depicts the story of a teacher and his fight against cancer. At the same time, the book follows his student, Derrick, and his stint in the Marines. The story demonstrates that

you don't have to leave the classroom to become an American hero, after all.

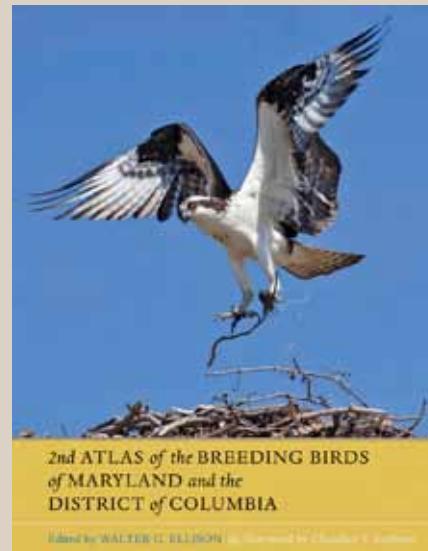


**Kim Taylor-DiLeva, M.L.S.'02**, has written *Once Upon a Sign: Using American Sign Language to Engage, Entertain, and Teach All Children*. This book shows how integrating American Sign Language into story time and other educational programs can benefit and entertain all children by improving communication,



enhancing verbal skills and increasing interest in learning. Taylor-DiLeva is an educational trainer, teacher, and owner of Kim's Signing Solutions and [www.babysignlanguageonline.com](http://www.babysignlanguageonline.com). She also conducts workshops for parents, teachers and librarians throughout the United States.

**Walter Ellison, Ph.D.'01**, has published *Second Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Maryland and the District of Columbia*. Despite their small sizes, Maryland and Washington, D.C., possess a vast range of environments — from the high peaks of the Allegheny Ridges to the low marshes of the Chesapeake Bay. Home to 200



nesting bird species, these habitats are under constant threat from urban sprawl, changing farming practices and the degradation of coastal wetlands. The book documents the impact of these environmental changes on the region's bird population and discusses the recovery of the endangered Bald Eagle and the new confirmation of breeding by three species — the Common Merganser, the Ruddy Duck and the Double-crested Cormorant.

# Alumni News & Notes

## Deaths

### 1930s

**Dorothy James Olson** '31, Dec. 27, 2009  
**Dorothy Gray Blizzard** '32, April 11, 2011  
**Virginia Abajian Chalison** '34, Feb. 6, 2006  
**Evelyn Anderson Darrow** '35, June 24, 2005  
**Edith Estabrooks Wilson** '35, Dec. 8, 2008  
**Ruth Duffy Logan** '36, Aug. 20, 2010  
**Evelyn O'Brien Rose** '36, May 1, 2011  
**Eunice Brooks** '37, Nov. 11, 2009  
**Edmond F. Erwin** '37, Nov. 17, 2010  
**Marian Shultes Freihofer** '37, June 7, 2011

**Marion Lampman Luke** '37, Dec. 13, 2010

**Bertha Bond Emerson** '38, Dec. 28, 2010

**Eleanor Jones Clapp** '39, May 4, 2011

**Catharine Molony Fogarty** '39, July 26, 2008

**Clara Metcalf Houck** '39, Feb. 2, 2011

**Mary Margaret Pappa Schwerzmann** '39, July 27, 2010

### 1940s

**Robert P. Anibal** '40, Dec. 4, 2007  
**Helen Blake Brophy** '40, Sept. 7, 2004  
**Marion McKee Cook** '40, Dec. 14, 2010  
**Philomena Iannotti Ellrod** '40, May 10, 2010  
**Doris Brooks Faulkner** '40, March 19, 2005  
**Frederic A. Weed II** '40, Nov. 21, 2010  
**Janet Ellis Green** '40, Sept. 12, 2010

**Violet Ray Hughes** '40, Nov. 3, 2006

**Mildred Pangburn Johansson** '40, April 4, 2008

**Esther Kramer** '40, Jan. 15, 2007

**Ellen Best Lamb** '40, Feb. 22, 2006

**Irene McCambridge Maguire** '40, Oct. 21, 2001

**Betty Denmark Morris** '40, April 15, 2007

**Emanuel Prymas** '40, Sept. 9, 2000

**Isabelle Ramel** '40, April 23, 2011

**Mary Breslin Strevy** '40, June 30, 2007

**Helen Lannen Taylor** '40, Oct. 17, 2008

**Arlie Baker Terrell** '40, March 20, 2001

**Charlotte Mummery Verplank** '40, May 31, 2009

**Anna L. Jones Tucker** '48, May 30, 2007

**Catherine Grant Baird** '49, Dec. 11, 2010

**John J. Brophy, Jr.** '49, Feb. 19, 2011

**Anna Prahler Wilcox** '40, March 4, 2010

**Lucy King Goodman** '41, June 24, 2010

**John P. McAuliff** '41, Feb. 22, 2011

**Hyman Meltz** '41, Feb. 1, 2011

**Wilford J. Thomas** '41, Nov. 4, 2010

**Lois Hafley Hinds** '43, March 23, 2009

**Sonya Kadish Edleson** '45, March 24, 2009

**Jane Cheney Stevens** '45, Dec. 23, 2010

**Adele Kasper Orick** '46, June 25, 2009

**Gertrude Kasper Hayford** '47, Oct. 4, 2010

**Rosalie Pooler Stage** '47, Dec. 31, 2009

**Florence MacE Powell** '48, Oct. 25, 2010

**Paula Hyman Gold** '59, April 4, 2011

**Nancy Louprette Knowlton** '57, Jan. 7, 2011

**Anthony L. Oliviero** '57, Feb. 15, 2011

**Margaret Rochford Bradlee** '58, March 21, 2011

**Jacob I. Hotchkiss** '58, April 3, 2011

**James A. Linderman** '58, Dec. 5, 2010

**Lloyd Seymour** '58, Dec. 4, 2009

**Barbara Dressler** '59, June 29, 2010

**Stephanie Glazer Rosenstrauch** '81, Jan. 2, 2011

**Lance J. Jacobson** '82, Oct. 2, 2009

**Karen Conciatori Lewis** '82, Sept. 13, 2010

**John J. Mikulik** '82, Jan. 4, 2011

**Spero Theofilatos** '83, '87, Oct. 23, 2010

**Catherine Pirri Cavallero** '84, March 15, 2010

**Margaret McFarlane Guccione** '85, Oct. 8, 2010

**Barbara Gokey Perkins** '85, May 6, 2008

**John P. Cassidy** '86, Feb. 28, 2007

**Robert V. Oswain** '89, May 15, 2010

### 1960s

**Dennis T. Johnson** '60, July 8, 2010

**Thomas E. Davis, Jr.** '61, April 15, 2011

**Maurice Flasterstein** '61, July 29, 2006

**Virgil Provost** '61, April 26, 2011

**Evelyn Hoxie Sarno** '61, June 9, 2010

**Joseph F. Aliberti** '63, May 18, 2011

**Norman P. Kiner** '64, Jan. 14, 2011

**Beatrice Moses** '66, Feb. 3, 2011

**Richard P. Biondi** '67, Aug. 28, 2008

**Christine W. Crouch** '67, June 19, 2000

**Fred R. Ficorelli** '67, March 2, 2011

**Nicholas F. Morano** '60, April 7, 2011

**Barry Weinberg** '67, Jan. 30, 2011

**Phyllis Romano Mason** '68, May 19, 2011

**Peter P. Seidner** '68, Dec. 29, 2009

**James R. Winter** '69, Dec. 15, 2010

### 1970s

**Arthur L. Dunning** '70, April 6, 2008

**Robert T. Harrison** '71, Nov. 5, 2010

**Mary J. Hynes** '71, Feb. 19, 2008

**Jane Moynihan Kelley** '71, Jan. 13, 2011

**Maureen M. Eadry** '72, June 10, 2011

**Michael T. McAllister** '72, Jan. 27, 2011

**Stephen L. Morris** '72, May 27, 2009

**Charles R. Paul** '72, March 1, 2011

**Alan L. Roth** '72, Sept. 13, 2010

**Marsha Saperstein Stout** '72, Feb. 17, 2006

**Joan F. Williams** '72, Oct. 6, 2010

**Jill L. Elfenbein** '73, May 6, 2010

**Kenneth Hill** '73, Jan. 14, 2011

**Mary O'Neil Francello** '49, Sept. 29, 2007

**Robert L. French** '49, April 3, 2011

**Robert L. Tucker** '49, June 12, 2007

### 1950s

**Martha Murphy Williams** '50, Oct. 26, 2010

**Francis P. Casella** '51, May 22, 2008

**Jennie Siy** '51, May 11, 2011

**Virginia Norton Wilkins** '51, March 2, 2011

**Janet M. Fish** '56, Dec. 8, 2010

**James W. Lenigan** '56, Feb. 14, 2006

**Lawrence P. Mannion** '56, Oct. 9, 2010

**Peter Neary** '56, May 22, 2011

**Lenore Y. Barr** '57, Feb. 21, 2011

**Jack A. Singer** '57, Jan. 6, 2011

**Cheryl G. Demagistris** '58, March 13, 2010

### 1980s

**Anthony L. Oliviero** '57, Feb. 15, 2011

**Walter P. Guenther** '80, Feb. 7, 2011

**Carol E. Bartlett** '81, Oct. 28, 2009

**Joseph J. Cillis** '81, Dec. 15, 2008

**Marilyn T. Riecke** '81, Jan. 31, 2011

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### 1990s

**Paul B. Katz** '91, Oct. 25, 2008

**Noreen M. Normile** '93, April 28, 2011

**Barry Weinberg** '97, Jan. 30, 2011

**Phyllis Romano Mason** '68, May 19, 2011

**Peter P. Seidner** '68, Dec. 29, 2009

**James R. Winter** '69, Dec. 15, 2010

### 2000s

**Vincent W. Capuano** '01, Aug. 6, 2010

## Out and About

By Kelsey M. O'Brien  
Photos by Mark Schmidt

### Spring Commencement

Roughly 2,000 undergraduate and 875 graduate candidates participated in UAlbany's Spring 2011 Commencement ceremonies May 14 and 15. The undergraduate class continues to reflect the rich diversity of the UAlbany student body:

- Degrees were conferred in 50 majors, including business, psychology, communications, accounting, English, sociology, political science, history and biology.
- Students represented 20 states and 54 countries, including China, the Republic of Korea, Afghanistan, Belarus, Ecuador, Ghana, Haiti, Italy, Israel, Japan, Pakistan, Trinidad, Tobago, Togo and Vietnam.



Above left, no amount of rain could stop undergraduates, their families and friends from celebrating!

Above right, student speaker Cameron Waldman spoke about the bonds he and his classmates formed at UAlbany, and the strength that students and alumni alike should find in them.



### TD Bank Sponsors Entrepreneurship Opportunities

More than 100 local business leaders from the Capital Region attended a networking breakfast sponsored by TD Bank. The June 7 program included insights from a panel of successful business leaders: Carolyn Jones, publisher of *The Business Review*; Elizabeth Coco, founder of MicroKnowledge; Michael Hoffman, president of Turf Hotels; Hamdi Ulukaya, president and CEO of Argo Farms/Chobani; and School of Business Dean Donald Siegel.

### John E. Burton Lecture

Rep. Paul Tonko delivered the 27th annual John E. Burton Lecture at Page Hall on the downtown campus before an audience of 125. A highlight of the April 27 event was a ceremony honoring six Distinguished Public Service Awards recipients for their service to the citizens of New York.

Left to right: Pictured after the annual Burton Lecture are Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy Dean Jeffrey Straussman; award recipient Pete Grannis; UAlbany President George Philip; Rep. Paul Tonko; School of Criminal Justice Dean Alan Lizotte; Deborah Campbell (accepting on behalf of Thomas A. Constantine); award recipient William B. Hedberg; School of Education Dean Robert Bangert-Drowns; School of Social Welfare Dean Katharine Briar-Lawson; award recipient Michael J. Castellana; award recipient Kathleen Tanner; School of Public Health Dean Philip Nasca; and College of Computing and Information Dean Peter Bloniarz.



Alone, we can do so little;  
together, we can do so much.

~ Helen Keller

  
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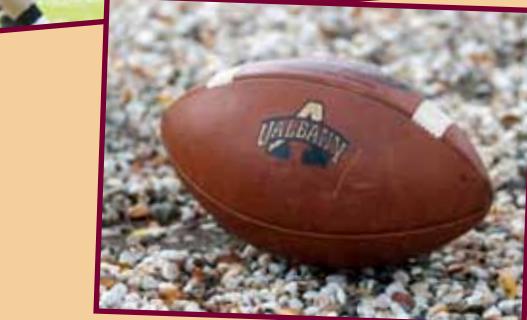
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OCTOBER 14-15

We're just a month away from the biggest annual gathering at UAlbany! Bring your Great Danes spirit, and we'll do the rest. Take in the vibrant autumn colors as you enjoy the weekend's festivities:



- Alumni Art Exhibition
- Wine Tasting Reception
- Class Reunions
- Farmers' Market
- 5K Race
- GOLD Reunion
- Alumni Breakfast
- Touchdown Tailgate with Food and Entertainment
- Football vs. Robert Morris Colonials
- Sorority Coffee Hours
- Campus Tours
- Legacy Reception
- Great Danes Great Bash at WT's
- Student Performances

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