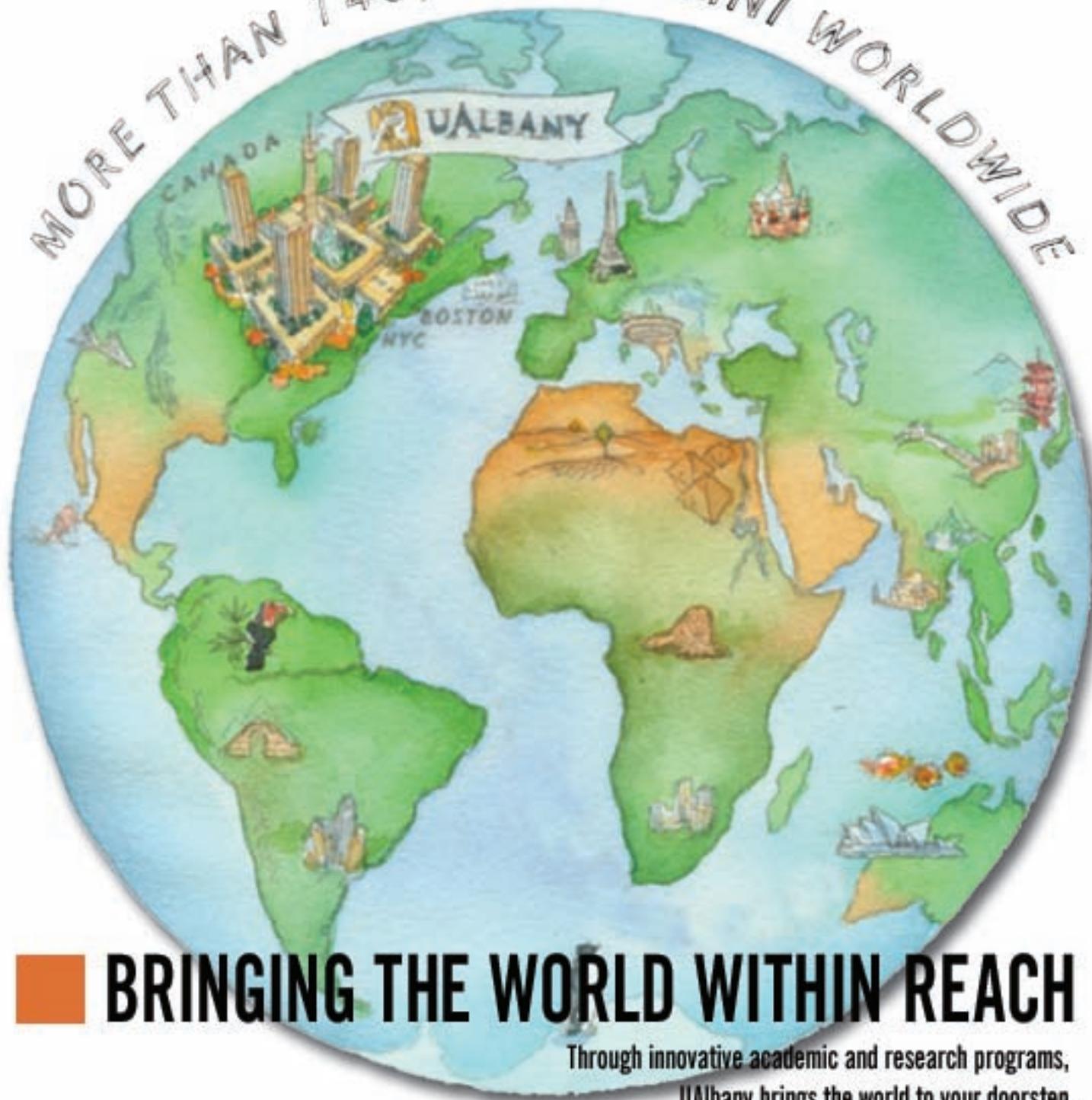


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An illustration of a green and blue globe representing the world. Various international landmarks are depicted: the Eiffel Tower in France, the Great Wall of China, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the CN Tower in Canada. A white banner with the word "UALBANY" in black, serif capital letters is draped across the middle of the globe. The text "MORE THAN 140,000 ALUMNI WORLDWIDE" is written in a cursive, black font, following the curve of the top edge of the globe.



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Through innovative academic and research programs,  
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## The Big Picture

Like this artist, UAlbany students are encouraged to hone their talents and seek knowledge in order to realize their potential. This issue of *UAlbany* offers some insight into how the University's academic and research offerings place the world – and a rewarding future – within students' reach.





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I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *UALbany* magazine. Its publication coincides with the start of the 2008-09 academic year, and its theme, *The World Within Reach*, echoes the optimism students and faculty bring with them to campus each fall. It also reinforces the University's international standing as a place of opportunity and success. Thank you for your continued support in making that reputation possible.

— University at Albany Interim President  
**George M. Philip, B.A.'69, M.A.'73**

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# Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

## Giving Back

For more than 50 years, Roberta Dosh Lower, B.S.'60, and her husband, Marty, did everything together. That included supporting the universities from which they graduated.

The couple met in eighth grade and married right after they graduated from college. Roberta, who had majored in business and minored in English, "never taught," according to Marty, but "used the skills she had acquired at the University" in her work as a church secretary. The Lowers, residents of Naples, Fla., and Wilbraham, Mass., raised four daughters and had 11 grandchildren — their "pride and joy." They were married for 47 years before Roberta's passing last December.



Over the years, Roberta remained connected with the University through gifts to the *UALbany* Fund. "I've been very active with my college," said Marty, a Dartmouth graduate, "and she felt that Albany deserved as much as Dartmouth did."

A \$100,000 annuity from the couple established the *Roberta Dosh Lower '60 Scholarship Endowment*. "We felt we needed to give back to the academic institutions that provided us a good start and a good life," Marty explained.

## Supporting a Worthy Effort



E. Stewart Jones (right) speaks with Interim President George Philip.

Albany attorney E. Stewart Jones is inviting others to join him in an important battle: the fight against cancer.

Last spring, Jones contributed \$150,000 to the University at Albany's cancer research efforts. At a ceremony in May announcing the gift, he encouraged the guests present at the Cancer Research Center to urge "friends, families and communities"

to "participate with us, at any level ... to assure that the scientists here will have the resources they need to do the brilliant work that they are capable of, and enable them to do it quickly and effectively."

A laboratory will be named to recognize Jones' generous gift to the Cancer Center Research Endowment. The center's Wall of Memory and Hope also includes a plaque in memory of his late wife, Penny.

To date, more than 1,000 individual donors have contributed a total of \$1.07 million to cancer research at the University. Other recent donations supporting cancer research included \$30,000 from The Dominic Ferraioli Foundation, \$10,000 from The Community Foundation for the Capital Region's Bender Scientific Fund, and \$1,000 from the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce. Individual gifts included \$2,500 from Paul Vesely '81 and \$1,000 each from Scott Tenenbaum and Thomas Begley '93, '00, researchers at the center; and Ifigenia Aliferis Boulogianni '53; Marianne Adams '45, '46; Mattia and Deirdre Clarke; and Warren Greshes '72.

## Scholarship Will Benefit Future Teachers



**W**hen Jeannette Biggs, B.A.'48, interviewed for a teaching position with Herricks Junior High School in New Hyde Park, N.Y., in 1950, she got the job. She also met Magill Shipman – her future husband.

The young colleagues courted for more than six years before marrying in 1957. Jeannette taught junior-high and high-school English and developed a popular half-year course for 11th graders. *The Literature of Becoming*, which focused on the writings of people who had triumphed over war, physical disabilities, abusive upbringings and other hardships, "stood the test of time," her husband says, and is "still in existence." Magill taught for eight years, then became a guidance counselor, an assistant principal, then a principal. The couple retired in 1979.

The Shipmans, who had driven 15,000 miles across the U.S. over a five-week period in 1963 – "it was a beautiful trip," says Magill – continued to enjoy traveling in retirement. "We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in Norway. We also went to Switzerland and Austria, Hawaii and the Canadian Rockies." For their final foreign trip, they visited the British Isles, the Southbury, Conn., resident remembers.

After Jeannette succumbed to Alzheimer's disease two years ago, Magill, now 84, decided to designate the proceeds of a tax-sheltered annuity that had belonged to his wife and establish a scholarship fund in her name at UAlbany. The *Jeannette Biggs Shipman Scholarship* will benefit "students who are going into the field of education" at any level.

"I'm leaving all of our assets to education. That's where both of us spent 30 years of our lives," adds Magill, who earned a bachelor's degree at SUNY Potsdam and two master's degrees at Hofstra.

## Lending Five Quad a Helping Hand

**F**or 35 years, the volunteers of Five Quad, UAlbany's student-run ambulance service, have responded quickly to calls for help. Last spring, graduating seniors gave Five Quad an assist – by designating their class gift toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

In all, 484 members of the Class of 2008 made gifts and pledges totaling more than \$16,300. The total will also include \$1,000 each from UAlbany Interim President George Philip, B.A.'69, M.A.'73; University at Albany Foundation President George R. Hearst III; and Vice President for Development Fardin Sanai. Philip, Hearst and Sanai had pledged that amount as a challenge, provided that more than 300 students participated in the fundraising effort.

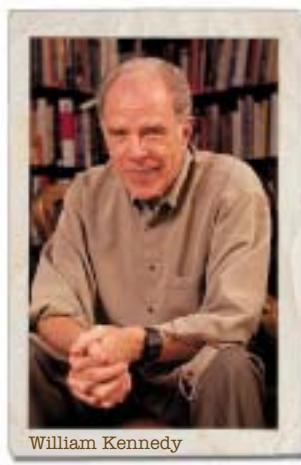
Five Quad, which is New York State certified, operates at the University, and in adjoining areas of Albany and Guilderland.



Mark Schmidt

Five Quad President Ryan Jankow, Director of Operations Marc Scholer and Board Chair John Sychak, all members of the Class of 2009, pose with the new ambulance delivered Aug. 13.

To support Five Quad through the Class of 2008 Senior Gift, visit our Web site at [www.albany.edu/giving/senior.htm](http://www.albany.edu/giving/senior.htm).



William Kennedy

# The New York State Writers Institute: Albany's Literary Crossroads Turns 25

Twenty-five years since its founding by Pulitzer prize-winning author William Kennedy in 1984, the New York State Writers Institute has become a world-recognized literary organization.

In that quarter century 1,000 writers (some 200 of them with Pulitzer prizes and National Book Awards) have come to Albany to read their work and share their knowledge. Among that group are seven Nobel laureates; 18 recipients of the Writers Institute-administered New York State Author and State Poet Awards; and numerous winners of the Booker Prize, of Oscars, and Tonys, and Emmys.

The Writers Institute now programs 60 to 70 events a year on the UAlbany campus, celebrating filmmakers, historians, science writers, playwrights, journalists, composers, as well as the more expected writers, like novelists and poets. Events have always been free and open to University students and faculty, as well as to the general public.

In August, Kennedy was asked to recall how the Institute began, and he wrote:

"The idea came after I was given a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in 1983. The MacArthur gives you a big chunk of money for five years, and at that time also gave a secondary grant — \$15,000 a year for five years — to any non-profit institution where you chose to work. I chose the English department at Albany, provided the money was used to bring in writers to talk with students. We had had a few major figures pass through, Isaac Bashevis Singer and E.L. Doctorow, but they were very rare events, one or two a year. Normally the department had

no money for visiting writers, not even \$150 for a wonderful novelist I wanted to bring in when he passed through Albany.

"The department chairman at that time, Bob Donovan, thought the \$15,000 was great but he wasn't sure he could control how it would be spent; and I had the same fear. But that was groundless. President Vince O'Leary not only loved the plan, he matched my grant, so from zero dollars we suddenly had \$30,000 a year for writers, and Vince said, 'Let's do something out of the ordinary.'

"So I got together with a colleague of mine in the English department, Tom Smith, a brilliant literary scholar, and we came up with what we called The Writers Institute at Albany. We would bring in writers to conduct seminars, for a week or a day, whatever was possible, and pay them what we could afford, plus expenses. And so we began — with the idea always being to have a continuing dialogue with the best writers in the world. We started off with Saul Bellow and it was an enormous success. People hadn't seen such a turnout for a literary gathering in a long time. Bellow, who knew me when I was a starving writer, said to me, 'You get a little money and you turn into a patron of the arts.'

"Even before the Bellow event an Assemblyman from Greenwich Village, Billy Passanante, read the news coverage on the new Institute, and he said to me one day in Albany, 'That's a great thing that's going on. Why don't we expand it? Because after the MacArthur grant disappears what are you going to do?' People at the University and in University Chancellor Cliff Wharton's office decided that they would design a bill to make it permanent. Governor Mario Cuomo loved the idea and the whole



## The New York State Writers Institute Fall 2008 Highlights

Events are free and open to the public, and take place on the University's uptown campus, unless otherwise noted.

See the full program at  
[www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

### October 2 Anne Enright

Major contemporary Irish writer Anne Enright received the 2007 Man Booker Prize, the British Commonwealth's most prestigious literary award, for *The Gathering* (2007), a novel about the impact of alcoholism and suicide on a large Irish family.

### October 7 F.D. Reeve & Jazz Band

The Three Blue Cats jazz band will present a musical setting for a reading by award-winning poet F. D. Reeve from his new volume, *The Blue Cat Walks the Earth* (2008).

### October 15 Major Jackson

The product of a tough Philadelphia neighborhood, Major Jackson transforms the everyday artifacts and pastimes of urban life into rich and expressive symbols. His second poetry collection, *Hoops* (2006), was a finalist for the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literature-Poetry.

### October 16 Dexter Filkins

Dexter Filkins, a prize-winning war correspondent for *The New York Times*, is a major contributor to America's understanding of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Journalist Jeffrey Goldberg has called him "the preeminent war correspondent of my generation."

Top: Andy Rooney, "60 Minutes" commentator and author, reading one of his essays

Bottom: Mary Gordon and Jean Valentine, State Author and Poet, respectively, for 2008-09, with (back row, left to right) New York State Writers Institute Founder and Executive Director William Kennedy, UAlbany Interim President George Philip, and Institute Director Donald Faulkner

## Writers Institute



thing happened in less than two months, with another \$100,000 a year. It went like a buttered bullet. And what we then had was the New York State Writers Institute of the State University of New York at Albany. But it had dimensions far beyond Albany.

"Our growth has intensified in recent years," Kennedy said, "and we're far more wide-ranging. Our new director, Donald Faulkner, a writer and scholar from Yale who took over in 1995 after Tom Smith died, has a great vision of what the Institute can be. Our agenda keeps expanding, as does our teaching of writing. And our schedule is astounding in its diversity and quality. Don moved us into the digital age, and we are now in the process of making our massive archive of past visiting writer presentations available on an extensive Web site in various formats, from transcriptions to audio and video clips.

The Institute now reaches out across the world."

The Institute staff has grown considerably during Faulkner's tenure. Suzanne Lance is assistant director and Mark Koplik is program fellow. There are now seven Institute Fellows, among them another MacArthur award winner, novelist Lydia Davis; and Rebecca Wolff, poet and editor of Fence Books and *Fence*, one of the nation's renowned literary journals, now affiliated with the Writers Institute.

Others include Langdon Brown, artistic director of the Institute's Author's Theatre Program; novelist and short story writer Edward Schwarzschild, who also acts as liaison to the University's Department of English; Lynne Tillman, winner of the Guggenheim Fellowship and author of a dozen works of fiction and nonfiction; and James Lasdun, poet and novelist, who was short-listed for the Booker Prize and whose stories were adapted for the screen by Bernardo Bertolucci.

In the fall of 2008, Sheila Curran Bernard joined the Writers Institute as a Fellow, and as director of Media Projects. She is the winner of two Emmys and a Peabody Award for her achievements in documentary film.

Those funds that William Kennedy donated and that the University matched may have turned out to be the best literary investment ever made. As the Writers Institute charts out its next 25 years, it looks to expand its work with international writers and writing programs, to open up its vast archive for easier access via the Internet and other media, and to forge new alliances that promise to enrich institute programming at what has become one of the great centers for the literary arts.

Visit the New York State Writers Institute  
at [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

Top: Jane Hamilton, two-time Oprah Book Club author, known for the major bestselling novels, *The Book of Ruth* (1988) and *A Map of the World* (1994)

Center: Langdon Brown (left), artistic director of the Author's Theatre program, with playwright Dava Sobel (second from left)

Bottom: Garrison Keillor, popular novelist and short-story writer best known for his acclaimed Public Radio Programs "A Prairie Home Companion" and "The Writer's Almanac"

# Vital Volunteers

On behalf of long-lost childhood friends, Holocaust survivor Carl H. Rosner is doing good for others – including UAlbany students.

By Carol Olechowski

The value of education. The importance of family and friends. The significance of leaving a positive mark on the world. Those are all reasons why Carl H. Rosner is committed to supporting the University at Albany.

When the Nazis rose to power in his native Germany, a placid childhood turned “turbulent” for Rosner, the eldest of three sons in a Jewish family. Forced to leave school in the seventh grade, he lived five years in an orphanage and spent the final year of World War II in the Buchenwald concentration camp. When U.S. troops liberated the camp, Rosner emigrated to Sweden, where the self-described “voracious reader” resumed his formal education. He also met his future wife, Frieda, a Holocaust survivor from Lithuania, there.

The Rosners came to the United States in 1952 and settled in New Jersey. Carl earned a degree from the Newark College of Engineering, whereupon he was hired at General Electric. The couple relocated to the Capital Region, where they raised three children. Frieda later studied Russian and Spanish at the University.

While working as a researcher, Carl Rosner earned an M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. During his 16 years with GE, he discovered that “I was better at transitioning the results of research into practical applications, and seized the opportunity to start my first company.” In 1971, with a colleague, he founded Intermagnetics General Corporation (IGC), which became internationally known as a leading producer of high-field superconducting

materials, magnet systems and cryogenic equipment used in the emerging field of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems.

Rosner retired from IGC in 1999 but continued to serve as the company’s director and board chairman until 2002. IGC was acquired by Philips Medical in 2006 for \$1.3 billion.

After Frieda’s passing eight years ago, Carl re-entered the business world full time as founder, chairman and CEO of CardioMag Imaging, Inc. (CMI). The Schenectady-based firm manufactures a device that employs a magnetocardiograph (MCG) system to diagnose early-stage cardiac dysfunction.

Connected to UAlbany through his late wife and his interests in medical technology and education, Rosner supports the Life Sciences Research Initiative and the Center for Jewish Studies, and became a director of The University at Albany Foundation Board. There are other reasons, too, for his commitment.

“I have no childhood friends; they were all lost in the Holocaust,” said the soft-spoken Rosner. “I feel some obligation to try to do a little bit of what some of them might have been able to accomplish. I also want to make sure people are aware of the very valuable contributions that Judaism has made, and continues to make, to the world.”

In addition, Rosner, who holds seven patents, wants young people to know how great the United States is, to appreciate the opportunities the country affords them, and to impress upon them that “this is the best time of their lives. They should take advantage of it.”



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BY MARY  
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# BRINGING “THE WORLD WITHIN REACH”

The University at Albany has a wonderful story to tell – and more people need to hear it.



Associate Professor of Finance Rita Biswas

So last spring, UAlbany launched “The World Within Reach,” its first-ever branding initiative. The campaign is spreading the good news through student recruitment materials; other print and Web publications, including [www.albany.edu](http://www.albany.edu); advertisements; and such venues as the Albany-Rensselaer Train Station and Albany International Airport.

“In all our research, as we prepared for this campaign, we noticed a recurring theme: UAlbany as place of opportunity and success,” said Interim President George M. Philip, B.A.’69, M.A.’73, at the April

14 launch. “This campaign captures the world of opportunities that exist on our campus and our tradition of putting an excellent education within reach of all who seek it.”

Added Catherine Herman, interim vice president for Media and Marketing: “Today’s higher-education environment is a challenging one, and UAlbany needs to communicate effectively to recruit and attract quality students and faculty, and to secure the critical support we need. This campaign will help us achieve these goals.”

In preparation for the campaign, the University partnered with the higher-education marketing firm Stamats, and sought the input of faculty, students, staff, alumni, prospective students, high-school guidance counselors, and community and business leaders to deter-

## THE WORLD WITHIN REACH

During their years at UAlbany, students adjust to adult life, forge lifelong friendships with classmates and roommates, and obtain an education that will launch them on the road to career success.

Alexis Impressia,  
Class of 2010



Mark McCarty

mine how UAlbany is perceived and to identify the key strengths that distinguish it. Five signature characteristics on which the campaign is built emerged: life-enhancing research and scholarship; strategic location; modern vision; diversity that enriches learning; and excellence at a great value. All capture important facets of the UAlbany experience and are at the heart of the messages embodied in "The World Within Reach."

"By the time they graduate," said Susan Phillips, interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, "our students have what it takes to contribute and succeed in many fields. In countless ways, UAlbany has put the world within reach for them."

Guest speakers at the launch enthusiastically agreed.

Business administration major Brian Lillis, B.S.'08, said: "What stands out for me at UAlbany is how much the faculty not only want you to do well, but how much extra time they put into making sure you do well. The great coaching of [men's basketball head coach] Will Brown put so much within reach athletically for the team and myself, and the faculty did the same for me academically."

In his final season, Lillis, a basketball team standout who graduated in May, was named the Fans' Choice Player of the Year in the America East Conference, and selected as a member of the ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District I Basketball Team and a first-team member of the All-America East Academic team.



Mark Schmidt



Kathryn Zox, M.S.W.'83 (right) chatted with School of Social Welfare Dean Katharine Briar-Lawson after the branding initiative launch last April. Zox was one of the guest speakers.

## “THE WORLD WITHIN REACH” HIGHLIGHTS UALBANY’S CORE STRENGTHS:

- Its **strategic location** in New York’s capital reinforces UAlbany’s distinctive academic strengths in such areas as criminal justice; education; politics and policy; finance and business; information technology; social welfare; public health; and nanosciences. Students have access to enviable internship, public-service and networking opportunities; and culture, recreation and entertainment.
- The University’s educational mission reflects **modern vision** that expands the worldview of its students and prepares them to make meaningful contributions to their communities, their nation and their world.
- UAlbany researchers engage in **life-enhancing research** and scholarship that advances knowledge about the biological roots of diseases, the dynamics of hurricanes, immigration, cyberterrorism, nanotechnology and a multitude of other issues. Their work also drives economic growth in the Capital Region and New York State, and creates extraordinary opportunities for students.
- The breadth of knowledge and experience that students and faculty from more than 100 countries bring to UAlbany promotes **diversity** that enriches learning and a global perspective.
- Rankings by *U.S. News & World Report* and other independent sources attest to the University’s **excellence at a great value**. With 189 undergraduate and graduate programs to choose from; and an Honors College, championship Division I athletics and a rich array of campus activities to participate in, students form lasting connections with peers, faculty and alumni. And when they graduate, they join a global alumni network of more than 140,000.

– Mary Fiess

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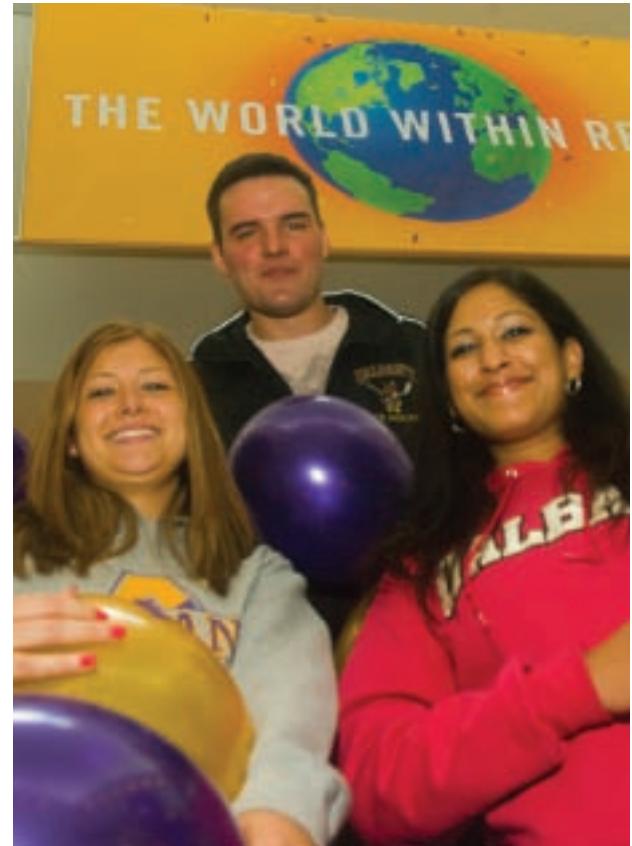
Students (photo at right) enjoyed themselves at the launch, which included brief remarks from Capital District YMCA President and CEO David Brown (above). Brown earned his M.B.A. from UAlbany in 2005.

David Brown, M.B.A.’05, president and CEO of the Capital District YMCA, said his degree “placed many rewarding career opportunities more directly within my reach, and allowed me to make contributions in areas that are close to my heart.”

Kathryn Zox, M.S.W.’83, credited great mentors and the connections she made at UAlbany with opening up a world of opportunities to her. “Your Social Worker with a Microphone,”™ as she bills herself,

hosts “The Kathryn Zox Show,” aired via the Internet on the VoiceAmerica Women’s Network.

Renowned author and biographer Joseph Persico, B.A.’52, humorously observed that he attended UAlbany “about 55 years too soon,” before the University had tennis and squash courts, a pool, Ph.D. programs or student parking. Persico, who studied history and English, acknowledged the value of his degree: “I wound up writing about history in English.”



Mark Schmidt



The knowledge and skill students  
gain in the classroom serve them  
well after graduation, whether  
they decide to seek employment  
or continue their studies.

BY AMY  
HALLORAN,  
B.A.'90

# STRATEGICALLY LOCATED



Mark McCarty

In today's job market, education can't be limited to textbook studies and writing papers: Students expect opportunities to sample work in their chosen fields. The University at Albany is strategically located within the Capital District, an area rich in career-building prospects. And Career Services and other University offices provide the links that connect students and employers.

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Employers in the region regard UAlbany as a valuable resource. In fact, according to Career Services Director J. Philippe Abraham, the University's reputation for providing students a first-class education is so well-known, "a number of industries come to us and want to be included in our semester planning very early. The entire staff makes every effort to maintain an excellent relationship with the entities where there is history and develop new alliances where there were none before."

Career Services opens doors for students by sponsoring career fairs and internship expos, and participating in the statewide Jobsapalooza, a SUNY initiative that enables students to seek work in their hometowns over winter break. A comprehensive internship manual that will help students navigate internship opportunities is in the works and will be available

online. Career Services also manages internships that provide professional experience, rather than academic credit. In addition, the office collaborates with other campus offices, such as Undergraduate Education, the schools of Criminal Justice and Public Health, and The Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, that manage credit-based internships.

Professor David Liebschutz, assistant dean for Rockefeller College's Office of Career and Alumni Programs, cited longstanding relationships between the School of Public Health and the New York State Department of Health, the School of Criminal Justice and law-enforcement agencies, and the School of Social Welfare and various social service agencies and non-profits as a few examples of how UAlbany's location benefits the entire campus.



The University's location in New York's Capital Region affords students opportunities to participate in internships that often open doors to employment with state and local government, non-profit entities and private-sector businesses.



As the only four-year public university in the Capital Region, UAlbany offers terrific opportunities for students to observe, study and participate in the mechanics of New York State government. To build upon that dynamic, The Rockefeller College has created its own career office. Undergraduate public policy majors have a mandatory internship component; political science majors often elect to do internships, as well.

"Many undergraduates do part-time internships, which are approximately 10-15 hours a week during the academic year, and are located in the New York State Legislature, in state government, local governments or in not-for-profit agencies, all around the Capital Region," Liebschutz explained.

In addition to these opportunities, some students pursue full-time, semester-long legislative internships. These internships, which also include an academic component, are available to all UAlbany students and are managed by Undergraduate Education. After graduation, many students in both the full- and part-time programs accept full-time jobs with the legislature.

Many Rockefeller College students who earn graduate degrees in public administration, public policy and political science also elect to remain in the Capital Region after graduation because of the great variety of public-sector and non-profit positions available in the area.

Advisers often assist students in locating experiences and sampling the day-to-day realities of work. For example, Women's

Studies Professor Virginia Eubanks has placed students in such grassroots community groups as Prison Families of New York, the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Capital District Gay and Lesbian Community

Center. An intern at the latter landed a full-time job.

"I like to approach community-based learning as an exchange," observed Eubanks, who incorporates what is known as "service learning" into her undergraduate courses. "Community organiza-



Scott Barrow

Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences Scott Tenenbaum is a molecular geneticist at the University's Cancer Research Center.

# RECRUITERS' CHOICE: UALBANY

When Lisa Brandt, human resources director at UHY Advisors' Albany location, comes to recruit at UAlbany, she feels she "should already know" the students seeking employment with the nation's 12th-largest accounting firm. In fact, she does. UHY gets to know UAlbany students in various ways, such as hosting a coffee cart in the Business Administration building during finals week and doing presentations with the honorary organization Beta Alpha Psi. Last year, employee Keith Waters, B.S.02, participated in a panel discussion on campus.

State Farm Insurance also has an active presence on campus, said the firm's operations recruiter, Nicole Keck, B.A.96. "We're looking for students who have strong communication skills, who are perhaps very involved with the campus or the community."

Overall, we find that the University at Albany provides an excellent foundation. Students have the skills needed" for both internships and employment with State Farm.

Students also acquire job-seeking skills at UAlbany: Career Services conducts mock interviews and critiques resumes to prepare students for meetings with recruiters.

Last academic year, 81 employers participated in on-campus recruiting. Companies and agencies that recruit at UAlbany include Deloitte, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Ernst & Young LLP, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, JPMorgan Chase, KPMG and Target Stores.

**Amy Halloran '90**

Mark McCarty



The Albany area also offers great opportunities for students to socialize; engage in recreational activities; and enjoy cultural offerings, such as those at the New York State Museum, where the Cohoes Mastodon, discovered in 1866, is on display.

tions are a rich resource for students' learning."

That same principle led to the founding of UAlbany's Program in Public History 25 years ago.

"Nationally, public history was beginning to become a recognized field, and there was a real need to train people," said Professor Ivan Steen, program director. "We felt that those courses – curatorial course, material culture course, historic preservation, historic site and artifact interpretation – ought to be taught by adjuncts because these are people who do [the

work] every day, who are going to be able to go beyond the textbooks and have real experience. Plus, it's early networking."

This networking has served many students in good stead. Three program graduates are at the State Historic Preservation Office; four are at the Bureau of Historic Sites. Jennifer Lemak (M.A. 2000, Ph.D. 2004) is senior historian and curator of African-American History at the New York State Museum.

"UAlbany is located in a very culturally rich area," commented Lemak, whose Ph.D. dissertation

on the Rapp Road community is being published by SUNY Press this fall. "The New York State Museum, the New York State Library, New York State Archives, the Albany Institute of History & Art, various Shaker settlements, dozens of historic houses, the Empire State Plaza art collection, Hudson River School sites, the New York State Office of Historic Preservation, and many others are all within a close proximity to Albany and the University. The UAlbany Public History program is able to take advantage of all of these places and more as a laboratory for learning the field."



(Photo courtesy of NYS Museum/Ford Bailey)



At the Capitol in downtown Albany, many students prepare for careers in state government by serving as legislative interns. Jessica Dillard, a communication major who will graduate in 2009, interned at the legislature last spring.

BY JILL U.  
ADAMS

# MODERN VISION

Gary Gold '70

What do the Schenectady Museum, the Massachusetts State Police and the technology company Tokyo Electron have in common? They've come to the University at Albany for what they need — expertise, facilities and training — to grow and improve.



Mary V. Graham (left), a doctoral student at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, talks with her mentor, CNSE Senior Vice President and CEO, Alain Kaloyeros.

The Schenectady Museum is part of several Capital Region partners — jointly known as the Social Robotics Consortium of the Capital Region — collaborating with the Institute for Informatics, Logics, and Security Studies at UAlbany on a project to explore the use of robotics in education, says institute director Tomek Strzalkowski. One goal of the project reflects the UAlbany approach: how to make robots feel social and comfortable, not creepy or mechanical. “We want to broaden computer science education beyond its programming and engineering core,” says Strzalkowski, and that requires a platform and an environment where students from other disciplines, such as social sciences, can participate.

Founded in 2001, the institute emphasizes the social human aspects of interacting with computers in other projects. With regard to gathering information, Strzalkowski, an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science, says the aim is to find content in a

more intelligent way than just using key words, like the search engine Google. What if detailed questions could be asked? Strzalkowski, whose background is in natural language processing (that is, understanding of everyday human language by a computer), has attracted Department of Defense funding to develop such methods, striving for the best way to help people to find information faster, “especially when you don’t know how to ask the question.”

Researchers at the institute recruit subjects — regular people — to try out their prototypes, which helps early on in development to identify drawbacks that may exist. It makes sense to recruit humans to test human-computer interactions, and yet it’s a distinguishing feature of the institute’s work. By stressing the social aspects of interfacing with electronics, computers and robots, Strzalkowski believes he can improve technology’s poor track record on user friendliness. That improvement, he adds, is “critical” for the future.



Senior research scientist Nick Webb; Institute for Informatics, Logistics, and Security Studies (ILS) Director and Associate Professor of Computer Science Tomek Strzałkowski; graduate assistant Ting Liu '06; and research scientist Samira Shaikh (left to right) work with some robotic dogs at UAlbany's Institute for ILS.

## MORE THAN 250 OF THE WORLD'S LEADING HIGH-TECH COMPANIES

have partnerships with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at UAlbany. They include global heavyweights like IBM, AMD, Tokyo Electron, Applied Materials and International SEMATECH – all of which are developing next-generation nanoscale technology on site at CNSE's \$4.2 billion Albany NanoTech Complex. The draws? A pioneering educational curriculum; unmatched science and engineering know-how; and the presence of state-of-the-art 300mm wafer cleanrooms – available on no other university campus in the world – in which to discover, and test production and performance of, innovative and ever smaller electronics.

Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer Alain Kaloyeros says the college was created to address converging dynamics in

science and technology. Truly innovative research is too complex to fit into the traditional university departmental model and too expensive for most funders. "We've recruited intellectual know-how, interdisciplinary thinking, entrepreneurial spirit," he notes. "And we've leveraged public and private resources."

Nanotechnology is the platform, encompassing many potential applications for a wide variety of industries, including medicine, telecommunications and energy. Equally significant is the infrastructure. Kaloyeros likens CNSE to the Acropolis: a place for partners – universities, companies and government – to meet and share their ideas and resources. "It's truly the largest public-private multiplex in the U.S. It's a great business model – and stakeholders get what they need. Students get an education, faculty get funding and an unparalleled research environ-

THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE liked what they saw at UAlbany's Northeast Regional Forensics Institute (NERFI) and decided to have their newly hired staff trained at the 16-week DNA Academy. For the states of Massachusetts and New York, "students are typically newly hired forensic scientists in the public-service labs," says NERFI Director W. Mark Dale. The program offers fast-track, dedicated training on complex forensic science processes that would otherwise be done by in-house mentors and take years to acquire.

The training is mandated by national accreditation standards; forensic scientists have been on the receiving end of an "exponential expansion" of DNA evidence in criminal cases. In addition, as Dale puts it, "the consequences of forensic science being done unsatisfactorily are severe."

Dale, former director of the New York State Police laboratories, has directed NERFI since 2005. The Forensic Molecular Biology graduate program, championed by faculty member and associate director Donald Orokos, Ph.D., was awarded Forensic Education Program Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) accreditation this year and is one of only a dozen across the country. It is unique, however, in its close association with the New York State Police labs, which are located adjacent to UAlbany's uptown campus. Movement across the street goes both ways, with NERFI graduates working at the labs, and state employees entering the graduate program and the DNA Academy.

"It's a mirror lab, with the same setup and equipment as the police lab," says Dale, but without the restrictions of a crime lab because there's no actual evidence in the NERFI labs. "It's a learning environment."

Chemistry major Danielle Conklin gained college credit and work experience from her 2007 internship at the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center. "Every day was different, and I was able to apply what I learned from classes to my everyday analysis in actual forensic labs," said the aspiring forensic scientist.



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ment, and company partners get infrastructure and service."

New ways of doing business reflect the Acropolis model. "Traditional tech transfer doesn't work if you have a chip with 500 layers but different inventors behind each layer," explains Kaloyeros, so CNSE has a "portfolio patent." The SUNY intellectual property policy has been amenable to making suitable agreements on this front. In addition, working collaboratively allows burden sharing for the cost of research.

CNSE's partners, meanwhile, have fully embraced the Acropolis model.

"The SEMATECH and UAlbany NanoCollege partnership is poised to lead the world in game-changing nanoelectronics research, development, commercialization and economic outreach, further enhancing New York's growing recognition as a global leader in the most important science of the 21st century," says SEMATECH president and CEO Michael Polcari.



BY JILL U.  
ADAMS

# LIFE-ENHANCING RESEARCH

Mark McCarty

Biomedical researchers at UAlbany are building new paths to gain insight into how our bodies work and to develop novel approaches to drug discovery. They also have shown that taking the less beaten paths – whether in studying RNA rather than DNA or progesterone rather than estrogen – can significantly impact the world of biomedical research.



Assistant Professor of Chemistry Igor Lednev (left) conducts an experiment at his UAlbany lab.

One area where UAlbany excels is in RNA research. Our genetic blueprint may be written in DNA, but RNA is the operations manager of the cell, translating that code into functioning cell components. A coalition of RNA researchers has taken residence in the Department of Biology, with newly recruited faculty bulking up the specialty. The outcomes of RNA research will lead to new therapeutic strategies and potentially new medicines for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), stroke and cancer.

Li Niu and Hua Shi, part of this group of RNA researchers in UAlbany's Life Sciences Building, are working to develop novel inhibitors of excitatory neurotransmission in the brain. Rather than starting with chemical reagents and synthesizing new compounds, Niu and Shi start with biological reagents – RNA molecules produced by cells – and screen them for activity.

"We use an in vitro evolution approach," says Niu. The researchers start with a library of RNA molecules, literally trillions of different sequences (RNA, like DNA, is made from four "letter" building blocks). Then, Niu explains, "using the glutamate receptor as bait, we try to go fishing." The glutamate receptor is the target molecule for drug development in neurodegenerative diseases like Lou Gehrig's or stroke, and the RNA molecules that stick to the receptor are indeed drug candidates.

A single strand of RNA is more than its sequence because it folds into a "very unique" shape, says Shi. The researchers are looking for the shape that will best match the surface topography of the glutamate receptor. Shi sums up the novelty of the approach this way: "We don't design molecules; we breed molecules."

After dozens of rounds of "selection," the most active RNA inhibitors are identified, characterized, and

Professor of Psychology Cheryl Frye



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further modified. Unmodified, they would be rapidly degraded by the body. "Right now, they're stable enough for one to two minutes. We'd like to get them up to one to two days by doing some chemistry," notes Niu.

While Shi and Niu are manipulating RNA to use as a tool, Min-Ho Lee studies RNA's role in cell function, focusing on a particular protein that attaches to RNA and can make the difference between normal and cancerous growth. Normally, the protein's binding to RNA contributes to the development of the germline – those cells that become eggs and sperm. Mutations in the protein cause a malfunction that leads to unchecked growth and tumor formation.

Lee came to UAlbany three years ago, at the beginning of the wave of new hires in Life Sciences. The

handful of other RNA researchers recruited since has resulted in a nice cluster of like-minded experts; "it really helps to discuss your research," Lee adds.

Niu, Shi and Lee, who all acknowledge that they have benefited from the boost in life science research at UAlbany, also participate in a region-wide group, the Hudson River RNA club. Shi calls Albany a "hub" in terms of research. "It may not be the biggest, but it's very active – lots of people working in different aspects of RNA technology and biology."

Hormone research is another area where UAlbany researchers excel. Professor of Psychology Cheryl Frye has studied the reproductive hormone progesterone for two decades, while most in the field have tackled the better-known hormone estrogen.

In the brain, progesterone is metabolized to a molecule called THP, which is converted to products that have their own effects on neural activity. Frye says her studies of THP may explain the troubles with hormone-replacement therapy and why sex differences exist for certain mental disorders like schizophrenia and depression.

Frye has been funded for 20 years to study the effects and mechanisms of sex hormone, using as an experimental model sex behavior in rodents. "This endpoint generalizes too many aspects of hormones' effects that are of great interest," she says, including reward systems in the brain relevant for drug abuse, anti-anxiety effects, cognitive effects, and protection from neurodegeneration. Gender differences in mental disorders, like schizophrenia and depression,

and troubles with some hormone-replacement therapies, may be mediated in part by these actions. Because society will benefit from advancing knowledge in these areas, Frye says the funding possibilities are varied and include the pharmaceutical industry.

To further her research on THP, Frye has tapped into another specialty at UAlbany: the expertise on naturally occurring plant compounds like flavonoids. In the Department of Chemistry, she is collaborating with Rabi Musah and Igor Lednev on the role of estrogen-like compounds.

All in all, these researchers are riding the wave of investment in life sciences at the University. With a new research building, and new interdisciplinary expertise and collaboration, "it's been really good in life sciences," observes Frye.



## THE WORLD WITHIN REACH

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They hail from more than 100 countries. And the opinions, outlooks and experiences students and faculty bring with them to the University at Albany contribute to a community that, as a microcosm of the world, promotes diversity and enriches learning.



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UAlbany's Honors College and the Office of Multicultural Student Success are key to advancing diversity.

The Honors College, which grew from an effort to create a small-college experience within the University, was based on a model created by the College of Arts and Sciences and admitted its first students in Fall 2006.

During their first two years, Honors College students take at least six courses reserved especially for them. Such courses as *Coming to Terms with the Past: Germans and the Holocaust in Comparative Perspective* and *History of Women and Social Change in the United States* implant what junior Allyson Impallomeni calls a "critical lens that will give you the ability to continue to attain knowledge through sheer observation and desire to understand the world around you."

Greg Pruden, a junior from Queens, N.Y., enjoys the college's academic challenge, but also finds its social and cultural aspects very fulfilling. Pruden calls his fellow Honors College participants "some of the most active and effective individuals on campus in creating change."

While students may live together in Honors College housing, they are not required to do so. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Jeffrey Haugaard, Ph.D., who directs the college, promotes a sense of community, and enhances the co-curricular experience, by planning such activities such as evening lectures, movie nights, dessert parties, visits to the Performing Arts Center for concerts and plays, and tours of University Art Museum exhibits.

As juniors and seniors, students work with mentors on thesis projects related to their majors. And

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# DIVERSITY THAT ENRICHES LEARNING

Haugard remains readily available to students, says Kate Bennett, a member of the Class of 2011. "I never thought it was possible to receive the personal attention we have in The Honors College within a school of over 15,000 students."

The Office of Multicultural Student Success is also making the University more accessible and diverse. Its director, D. Ekow King, B.A.'90, M.A.'95, was an associate director of Student Involvement when the Office of Multicultural Affairs closed because of budgetary concerns in 2001. He assumed some of the responsibilities of the office, however, "hoping that the opportunity to retrieve funding would arise."

In late 2007, the University's interim president, George Philip, saw a document King had written during the Hall administration, requesting the reinstatement of funding. Support was secured, and the Office of Multicultural Student Success opened last October.

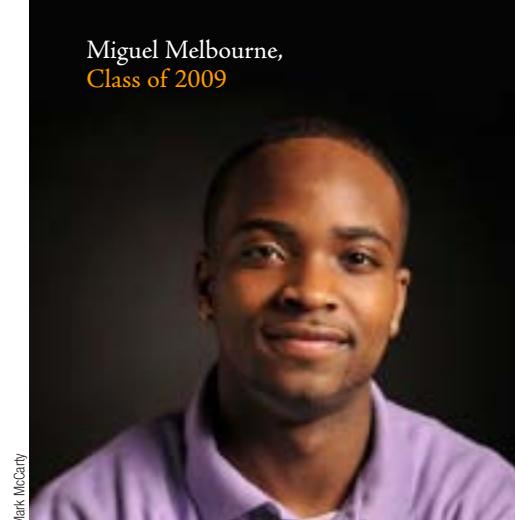
In his new position, King has expanded upon his earlier work with students, motivated by a desire to help those who were



Convinced that "we have a collective responsibility to the plight of the poor in foreign countries," history major and 2008 President's Leadership Award recipient Ray Watson (back row) visited South African orphanages through a service-learning course conducted by UAlbany's Study Abroad program and the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

**Honors College** participants are impressed by course offerings, the personal attention they receive – and their fellow students. Allyson Impallomeni said courses offer a "critical lens that will give you the ability to continue to attain knowledge through sheer observation and desire to understand the world around you." Kate Bennett, who will graduate in 2011, commented, "I never thought it was possible to receive the personal attention we have in The Honors College within a school of over 15,000 students." And Greg Pruden observed that Honors College participants are "some of the most active and effective individuals on campus in creating change."

Miguel Melbourne,  
Class of 2009



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Academic Adviser Anita Rua (right) has a message for students: "I look forward to getting to know each of your 'stories' and talking with you as often as you make decisions about your future. I want you to realize that you are here for your own benefit and that you are sure to grow when you take on challenges, even small ones ... I am here to answer your questions, help you clarify your academic goals, and show you how to find those opportunities that will best suit you."

following in his footsteps. Impressed by "my experiences with the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) and Africana studies," the Bronx, N.Y., native, remained at UAlbany as a staff member after earning his master's. "I wanted to create the same positive experiences – feelings of family and lifelong friendships – for the general student population. Without those experiences, I don't believe I would have been successful here at UAlbany."

Senior Rashaun Allen, a double major in finance and English, feels King has succeeded. "I met Ekow my freshman year, and without him, I wouldn't have been able to do a couple of programs that I'm very proud of, including Project Slim, which is a program to help people exercise. Also, I wanted to do something for the library I volunteered for in South Africa, so we

brainstormed, and the next thing I knew, I was sending the library 900 books" collected through a book drive.

Allen is also a member of the Harambee Circle, a fellowship initiative King designed to increase retention of African-American and Latino males. Allen describes the circle as "an opportunity for black brothers and Latino brothers to discuss our issues." Through monthly meetings and tools that include a Facebook group, King helps members to take advantage of mentorship programs available to all students, but underused by the targeted groups.

King also meets throughout the year with the Multicultural Student Advisory Council (MSAC), a group of student leaders, and organizes a leadership retreat at Dippikill to foster relationships between groups of

students. In addition, his office hosts the annual Dr. Martin Luther King & Black History Month Luncheon, and, with Fuerza Latina, the National Latino Collegiate Conference, the largest student-organized Latino collegiate conference in the United States.

King also links students with the community beyond the UAlbany campus. Employers contact him with job offers for students. So do community groups eager to show young people that other talented, motivated young men and women like them are in college.

The Office of Multicultural Student Success likewise offers social opportunities, such as cultural nights and the African Queen Pageant, which encourage all UAlbany students to come together to experience the world of cultures represented on campus.



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## From A(fghanistan) to Z(imbabwe)

For Fall 2007, the University at Albany enrolled 1,816 citizens from 117 foreign countries. The greatest number, 335, were from China. Another 261 came from the Republic of Korea. Natives of India made up the third-largest group: 174.



BY CAROL  
OLECHOWSKI

# EXCELLENCE AT A GREAT VALUE

Mark McCarty

Many UAlbany programs and facilities enhance the student experience and provide “excellence at a great value.” Here are just a few.



## Performing Arts Center

As “the jewel in the crown” at UAlbany, the Performing Arts Center, or PAC, has hosted more than 10,000 drama, dance, and musical performances – and 500,000 guests – since its opening in 1969. The home of the departments of Music and Theatre, the PAC houses five performance spaces; the Stokes Music Library; and the Futterer Lounge, named for theatre program founder Agnes Futterer.

Web site: [www.albany.edu/pac](http://www.albany.edu/pac)

## University Art Museum

With three galleries and 9,000 square feet of space, the University Art Museum hosts six to eight changing exhibitions annually, including the Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition each May. Among the museum’s collections are more than 3,000 works by such contemporary artists as Willem deKooning, Richard Diebenkorn, Grace Hartigan, Ellsworth Kelly and Robert Rauschenberg. Programming also includes Art and Culture Talks, which bring artists, critics, writers and scholars together to address key issues in contemporary art and culture. Web site: [www.albany.edu/museum/home.html](http://www.albany.edu/museum/home.html)

## University at Albany Athletics

Committed to support the University’s educational mission, the Department of Athletics and Recreation also

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## Get a UAlbany Education, Then “Get Rich”

UAlbany graduates with 10 to 20 years’ work experience are among the highest-salaried employees in their chosen professions, according to a recent study. PayScale.com analyzed the salaries of U.S. college graduates who are now full-time employees with at least a decade of work experience. “Top Public Colleges for Getting Rich,” published by Forbes.com in July, ranked the University at Albany No. 19, with graduates who had 10 to 20 years of experience in their fields earning a median salary of \$92,200. The highest paid of this group earned a median of \$209,000.

UAlbany was listed between the University of Michigan and SUNY Stony Brook, which tied for 17th place, and No. 20 Rutgers. The University of California at Berkeley topped the list for public schools. Dartmouth was No. 1 on a separate study, “Top Colleges for Getting Rich.”

strives to achieve excellence with in intercollegiate competition at the highest level, while emphasizing fairness and integrity. Student-athletes, the Great Danes, represent UAlbany at NCAA Division I level, competing in 19 sports and earning postseason tournament berths (men's basketball) and championships in several sports, including women's volleyball. The University's sports facilities are outstanding venues, as the 2008

Super Bowl-champion New York Giants can attest: The team trains each summer on the uptown campus. **Web site:** [www.ualbanysports.com](http://www.ualbanysports.com)

**New York State Writers Institute**

Founded in 1984 by Pulitzer prize-winning author and UAlbany Professor of English William Kennedy (*Ironweed*, *The Cotton Club*, *O Albany!*), the New York State Writers Institute offers a host of cultural and educational literary activities for

University and community audiences. Events include the Visiting Writers Series; Writing Workshops, non-credit writing classes conducted by professional writers for members of the community; the Classic Film Series; the annual Burian Lecture; biennial State Author and State Poet Awards; and the Summer Writers and Young Writers institutes, held at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. **Web site:** [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst)

**University Libraries**

Ranked among the top 100 research libraries in the U.S., the University Libraries encompass more than 2 million volumes, subscribe to 5,200 research journals, afford access to more than 32,000 print and electronic serials and 2.8 million microforms, and offer an impressive array of electronic resources and services. Between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008, the University Libraries welcomed 1,481,106 visitors. **Web site:** [library.albany.edu/](http://library.albany.edu/)



## HIGHLY RATED

UAlbany is one of the most highly rated public universities in the United States.

In its listing of the "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" for 2008, *Kiplinger's Magazine* ranked UAlbany 66th nationally for in-state students, and 28th for out-of-state students.

In 2007, the University placed 77th in National Science Foundation-funded research, just behind Carnegie Mellon University.

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* ranks the University's programs in criminal justice, educational administration and social welfare among the "Top 10" nationally within their respective disciplines.

A random sample of other UAlbany programs recognized for their excellence includes:

Nanoscience and Engineering: No. 1 (source: *Small Times* magazine)

Reading: No. 2 (*Academic Analytics*, 2007)

Information Technology/Management: No. 2 (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2009)

Africana Studies, graduate program: No. 2 (*Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, 2008); undergraduate program: No. 6 (2006)

Public Finance and Budgeting: No. 7 (*U.S. News*, 2009)

Public Management/Administration: No. 8 (*U.S. News*, 2009)

Archives and Preservation: No. 9 (*U.S. News*, 2009)



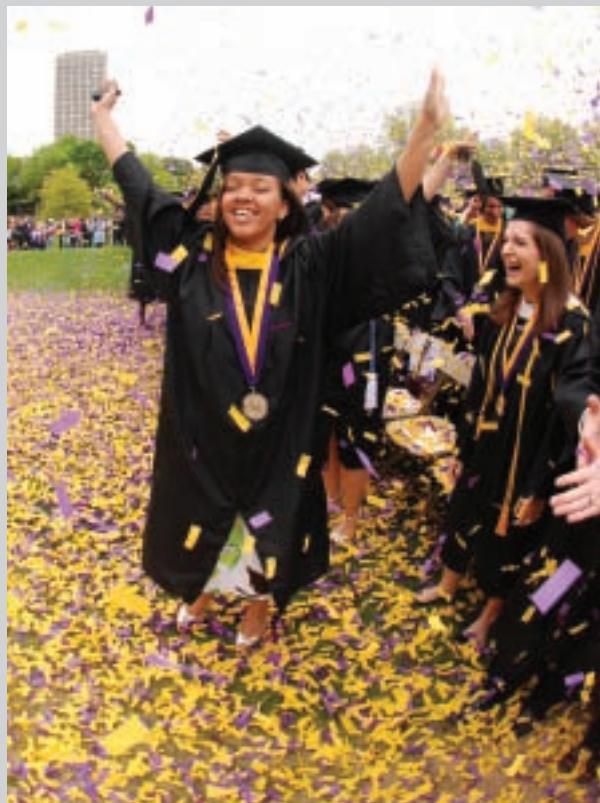
# Out and About

By Christine Doyle, M.B.A. '04

*Right: Nearly 2,800 bachelors, master's and doctoral students joined the University at Albany alumni family upon receiving degrees at Spring Commencement Weekend, May 17-18.*

*Below: More than 120 donors and volunteers gathered June 18 on the 87-acre East Campus to learn more about the latest advances in cancer and heart disease research, public health initiatives, and the University's thriving bioscience and high-tech community across the Hudson River. In this photo, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Research Douglas Conklin talks with a group of visitors.*

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Marty Heiner



## School of Business Metro NY Alumni Reception

Paul A. Leonard, Ph.D., '75, '76, former dean of the School of Business, poses with graduates from the classes of 2000-2008 at the May 1 reception at Sardi's Restaurant in Manhattan. These young alumni won the Decades Challenge, in which the decade with the most event attendees received UAlbany gear – as well as this magazine display!

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*U.S. Rep. Michael R. McNulty spoke about his nearly four decades of public service during the 24th annual Burton Lecture. Provost Susan D. Phillips presented the Burton Medallion to the retiring congressman during the April 28 event, which was attended by more than 200 guests and also honored Distinguished Public Service Award recipients Edwin D. Reilly, Jamie Fellner, Dennis P. Whalen, Ward B. Stone and Harry Rosenfeld.*

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*UAlbany graduates and students really do get around! Nam-Joon Kim '95 (second from left) recently gathered a group of UAlbany friends for an informal get-together – in Tokyo. With him are (left to right) his friend Aaron, Debbie Conway, Steven Nantista, Jenny Staunton '07, Nickeshia Watson '07, Brendan Hamill, Charles Frederick '07, and Andrew Edsall '02. Debbie, Steven and Brendan will graduate in 2009.*



*A tradition started by the late President Kermit Hall, the Valedictorian Celebration held on May 8 recognized the best and brightest of UAlbany's graduating class, along with the professors who inspired them to excellence. College deans, favorite professors, students and their families enjoyed conversation over afternoon tea. Six of this year's valedictorians had cumulative 4.0 averages; five others had 3.99.*

**35** *A note from your class*

**councilor:** Is it possible that 75 years ago we were beginning our junior year at State? The memories of our introduction to professional courses such as Ed Psych are still so vivid. **Edna Wright Smith**, our co-councilor, winters in Hawaii, and then winters for the rest of the year in Cobleskill. She did a great job for our class in selecting a memorial bench for the foyer of the library we knew as Hawley. **Edith Estabrooks Wilson** recently made the journey from Ohio to familiar territory, to attend a family wedding in Lake George. **Lorraine Loder Constable**, though confined to a wheelchair, is still active with her church work in Florida. **Hilda Heinz Runz** still travels by air, but her accounts of security problems are hilarious. When metal parts of a knee replacement set off all the alarms, special procedures were invoked before Hilda and her two daughters could take off for Sandwich Island. And all Hilda was trying to do was to visit her cousin, the Bionic Woman! **Evelyn Collins**, once referred to as a "Pioneer on Education," and who last February celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends, died this past March.

*Class notes councilor: Zaven Mahdesian, 21 West Neck Ct., Huntington, N.Y. 11743-2656*

**36** *A note from your class*

**councilor:** This year, your councilor did

not attend class day events. However, in June, I traveled in a wheelchair to the East Campus in Rensselaer for discussions by faculty on cancer, heart disease, etc. I have contributed money for cancer research in memory of my mother, father, husband and companion of many years, and for my great education at "State." My mother died at 55 from cancer, and I have had some, also. Recently, I heard from **Peg Martinko**, who is doing fine at 93 (I am 92). Her daughter Terry retired from teaching, and her daughter Amelia is an M.D. at Vassar Hospital. Peg says we were good students and are good retirees. She says that the Class of '36 is so special!! Our writing may have suffered, but our spirit carries on! How inspiring. I'm so glad she wrote. **Harold Shapiro**'s wife (of 65 years), Betty, died in March 2008. Harold's new address is: 8030 East Girard Ave., #111, Denver, CO 80231.

*Class notes councilor: Carol Viall, 131 Shaker Road, Albany, N.Y. 12211-2033*

**39** *Cornelius "Neil" Fogarty*

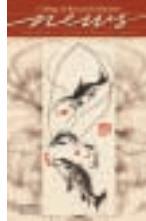
died Feb. 7, 2008, at the age of 90. Neil and his wife, **Catherine Maloney**, who survives, were regular attendants at the Florida '30 class reunions. **Harriet Green Cogger** and her friend Barbara took a 10-day bus tour from Edinburgh, Scotland, to the Orkney Islands and Glasgow last year. Two months later, they

went to Russia and took a river boat from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

*Class councilor: Ken Doran, kkencon@aol.com*

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**Fred Weed** and his wife, Ruth, both suffered serious illnesses in February and were very fortunate to have their children and granddaughter assist them with around-the-clock help until they recovered. *College & Research*



*Libraries News*, a monthly publication with well over 13,000 subscribers, featured an illustration by **Marcia Brown** on its June cover. The illustration selected was a valentine in the Chinese Manner. Marcia is a noted children's illustrator and

writer and a three-time winner of the American Library Association's prestigious Caldecott Medal.

*Class councilor: Joseph Capiello, 2511 Bills Rd., Macedon, N.Y. 14502-9322*

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*A note from your class*

**councilor:** I sent out 20 e-mails to class members and received some news to report. **Arthur Collins** continues his work with Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic two hours a day in Lenox; is still secretary of his condo's board of managers in New York City; and has been elected to his fifth consecutive term on the board of the Alumni Association, chairing the Arts & Culture Committee. Art recently took part in "Ireland Sings," a tribute at Berkshire Community College to the four Irish winners of the Nobel Prize for Literature. **Justine**

**Maloney McConaughy** has downsized from a big house to a small cottage in Orange City, Fla., a Lifecare facility, which she points out is not a nursing home for old folks. **Ruth Seelbach**

**Elmore** and her husband have moved to the same facility, and they also are enjoying the numerous opportunities offered. They are anticipating viewing the beautiful fall colors when they attend our reunion in October. **Clare Creeden**

**McCracken** writes from Arizona about her fabulous trips to Yosemite Park and Baltimore. She also attended the 59th reunion of the high school where she



*Students enjoyed free food, T-shirts and a lot of Great Danes spirit when the Alumni Association's Varsity Club hosted Spring Stomp at the men's lacrosse game April 26.*



# Alumni News and Notes

## “Reaching Higher. Achieving More.”



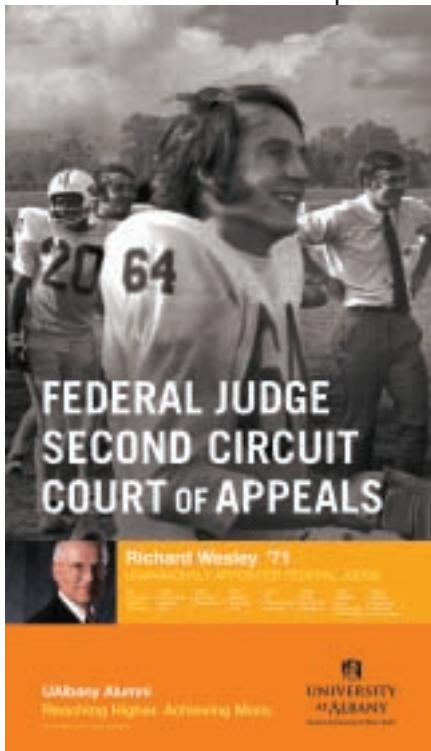
The achievements of alumni are a major chapter in UAlbany's story. In 2003, the idea for a campaign that would spotlight accomplished alumni as a way of bolstering school pride and supporting student recruitment and fund-raising objectives was conceived. The program evolved into a poster campaign, with the theme “Reaching Higher. Achieving More.”

Fourteen alumni are currently featured in the campaign, and more are regularly added. The central image on each poster is a photo of the featured graduate from his or her days as a student. In reviewing different campaign concepts, students made clear they are drawn to photos of UAlbany alumni as young people, more easily seeing in those faces models for their own futures.

The eye-catching posters are displayed in kiosks around campus; on the walls of the area where the main Lecture Centers are located; and in the atrium of University Hall, which is the first stop of prospective students visiting for information sessions and tours.

A Web site – [www.albany.edu/reachinghigher/](http://www.albany.edu/reachinghigher/) – also was created to advance the campaign. Students say they are proud to see what UAlbany students who came before them have accomplished. And the alumni themselves have been pleased to participate and do their part to build school pride and help recruit students.

Each Homecoming Weekend, those featured in the campaign are invited to campus for a luncheon with their fellow alumni, students, and faculty and staff to talk about the role UAlbany played in their lives. Please consider joining us for this year's luncheon on Friday, Oct. 24. To register, visit <http://www.albany.edu/alumni/Reunions08.htm> or call 1-800-836-ALUM.



Lee Serravillo, Executive Director  
UAlbany Alumni Association

taught in Cottonwood, Ariz. Having served 25 years, **Sam Dickeson** has been appointed trustee emeritus to the board of directors of the National Women's Hall of Fame, located in Seneca Falls, N.Y. **Jane O'Brien**'s son, Brendan, and his wife and five-year-old daughter, Mina, traveled to China in June to bring back a little sister for Mina – 10-month-old Saya. Jane anticipates being a grandmother to 11 children, the oldest about to graduate from college. Remember to e-mail or call your class councilors with news, especially any changes that may occur.

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**A note from your class councilor:** After suffering from injuries received in February 2007 in a tragic auto accident, **Jean Ineson**

**Ebbert** died Jan. 8, 2008. She was buried Feb. 22 with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Jean demonstrated a tremendous amount of determination and courage while battling her injuries but was unable to overcome them. She will be sorely missed at our October 2009 60th class reunion.

**Bonnie Totten Adkins** and husband Lee made a sudden trip to Atlanta to lend support to a family with whom they had been close since the family resettled in the United States from Laos. The mother of the family was under hospice care and since this was not a familiar process, Bonnie and Lee were of tremendous help in answering questions. According to Bonnie, spending about 30 hours with 25 of

the family remembering many happy times was a very precious time. **Larry Appleby** attended a cocktail/beer reception sponsored by Norm Snyder Jr. '83, owner of the High Falls Brewing Co. in Rochester. The reception included a tour of the brewery. Larry's garden club hosted a speaker, **Joan Alverson Baden '47**, who is an expert on roses. **Don Dickinson** has just completed 10 years as the volunteer librarian at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Ariz. Four of Don's six daughters are either

working in libraries or bookstores.

Congratulations go to **Gloria**

**Herkowitz** and her husband on the birth of their first great grandchild, a girl named Kayla, born in February 2008.

**Bob Kittredge** was elected in Spring 2008 to the board of North Fresno Rotary Club, where he serves on the Program Committee, which is responsible for bringing in weekly luncheon speakers. Bob and wife Diana were invited as guests of San Francisco's mayor to a gala reception at San Francisco City Hall. The reception was the kickoff for a weeklong series of workshops and seminars to assist and promote small businesses in the city. Bob's connection to City Hall is his son, David, who is part owner of Triptych, one of the restaurants featured at the City Hall reception. In January 2008, Bob and Diana attended an Elderhostel program featuring an International Film Festival in Palm Springs, Calif. They heartily recommend this program. Bob keeps active, playing tennis two or three times per week. He and Diana hope to make the trip back east in October 2009 to celebrate our 60th class reunion. **Jerry Reisner** maintains that it pays to teach at Allegheny College (he has taught there for 38 years). Why? Well, between himself and Estelle, they have had three surgeries within the past year (compressed vertebrae fracture, cataract, root canal), all performed by Jerry's former microbiology students. **Abe Trop** continues his volunteer work with the local Habitat for Humanity. Habitat has an ambitious agenda to complete another five houses by the end of 2008. In March, Abe made a quick trip to Bonn, Germany, because the mother of his German exchange student was dying. Abe said that the mother, 98, was a brilliant woman, and they had great discussions in three languages – English, French and German. **Joe Zanchelli** and wife **Joyce '52** attended a unique Elderhostel program in St. Petersburg, Fla., in March 2008. The subject was "Baseball Madness" and featured speakers in the fields of coaching, sports casting, journalism and authorship. Also included were three Yankee spring training games, in one of which Billy Crystal appeared as a batter (he struck out on a 3-2 pitch!). Loads of fun! Just a reminder that our 60th class reunion will be in October 2009, so please clear your calendars (no date set at time of this news deadline).

## KEEP THE NEWS COMING!

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**50** After serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars, **Donald Hoyt** attended the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his doctorate in clinical psychology. He practiced in several venues, including a Poughkeepsie hospital, New York City and in private practice. He served as Loudonville's school board president. For the past 12 years retired, **Bill and Suzanne Dumbleton** have been living in Chicago, where Suzanne is a dean at DePaul University. Bill has been leading seminars at the Newberry Library. After a career in the retail business, **Adele Gerow Sherry** and her husband moved to a condo in Delray, Fla., in 1987. Their older daughter, living in Ohio, received her master's in social work at Albany and works with dialysis patients. Adele is recovering from multiple hip surgeries. **Ken**

**George** retired in 1984 from teaching at Voorheesville Central School, where he "enjoyed every minute of it." The Georges continue to live in the home they built many years ago, close to the high school and SUNY. In retirement, Ken conducted walking and trolley tours of Historic Albany, his hometown, and led a church choir for 15 years.

**Malcolm Slakter**, one of our two classmates living in Hawaii, has been enjoying his "lifelong sabbatical" since 1992. Malcolm taught high school math and science for seven years and taught at various universities, including Syracuse, UC Berkeley and SUNY Buffalo, for 34 years. With my help, he has connected with **Mildred Nakasone Achima**, our other classmate living in Hawaii, and they plan to meet. **Ruth Mattison** and **Al Holiday** divide their time between Florida and their camp on Great Sacandaga Lake. Al served 12 years as an adjunct professor before becoming a full-time professor in the computer science department at Siena College. Ruth substituted at Clyde and North Colonie until all their children were in school, and then worked as a librarian at North Colonie. There was a big family celebration in Saint Augustine, Fla., Feb. 4, 2008, for **Eileen Hayes**' 80th birthday. Despite her blindness, it was clear to me in our telephone visit that Eileen manages very well.

Eileen has taught at the Florida School for the Blind and Deaf and has an excellent support network. She keeps in touch with 49ers **Juanita Evans** and **Kay Grant**. **Ben and Gloria Jackson** of Silver Springs, Md., attended an Elderhostel in Natural Bridge, Va., with **Dave and Marie Jack** of Glendora, N.J. Ben and Dave were roommates with **Dick Feathers**, at Sayles Hall Annex. Ben spoke at Dick's memorial service in September 2000. Others from SUNY attending the memorial service included the **Prochilos**, the **Vaughns**, the **Rices**, the **Jacks**, and the **Zanchellis**. Ben works part time as a medical indexer for the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda. **Audrey Hartman White** and Bill had their regular annual visit to Florida; they saw Bill's family and son Scott and family. En route home, they visited widow **Elly Rapacz**. A granddaughter, Autumn, graduates from University of Utah School of Medicine and will begin her residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. **Charles Margolin**, a World War II veteran, was married and a father when he attended State. After receiving a master's in 1951 from Albany, Charles began a 44-year career in education in Sayville, L.I. Charles served as superintendent of schools for 22 years in Fairview, N.J. He and his wife of 14 years, **Lollie Whitman**, enjoy an active life in a New Jersey retirement community filled with bridge, tennis and travel. **Rhoda Riber** and **Mel Mones** moved to San Diego some 20 years ago and, after passing the California Boards, Mel resumed his career as a pharmacy consultant to a long-term health care facility company. Professor emerita of Ulster County Community College, Rhoda has taught at San Diego State University, Mesa College and at Miramar College for 11 years. Their two sons live on the East Coast. One is an attorney; the other is a management trainer with the Homeland Security Agency. Rhoda and college roommate **Renee Harris Barger** are able to keep in close touch, since Renee lives in Huntington Beach. Married for 55 years, **Grace Scism Cole**, who earned two master's degrees, was a school librarian for 24 years. In "retirement," Grace is active in automating the libraries (45 and growing) in her district. In 2000-01, she was named "Outstanding Volunteer for Media

## EOP Reunion Oct. 24-26, 2008

Come celebrate the 40th anniversary of the EOP program at UAlbany and tribute reception for Dr. Carson Carr.

Reconnect with EOP alumni and friends, participate in the many fun activities and attend the reunion reception. Register today at [www.albany.edu/alumni/Reunions08.htm](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/Reunions08.htm).

Services in New York State!" **Lynn White** was department chairman of the business education department at Camden Central High School, and for several years also served the Bureau of Business Education of the New York State Education Department as the area leader for four counties. **Shirley Wiltsie Dunn**, who retired from the New York State Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, is currently at work on her third book about the Mohican Indians. She has written books and articles about early Dutch architecture and Dutch farms in upstate New York. Shirley and her husband, **Jerry '51**, live in East Greenbush, where he enjoys playing golf. This fall they will

tour Nova Scotia. As to all of her classmates, Shirley notes that "the members of the Class of '50 were good examples of the greatest generation – we are lucky to have attended college then." **Irwin Baumel**'s diverse interests range from managing industrial buildings to cultivating orchids. For the last five decades, Irwin and his wife have lived in California, where he was a partner in an electrical contracting company and where he continues to own and manage several multi-tenant industrial buildings he built. Irwin's passion for orchids inspired him to build greenhouses to grow them and to travel to Brazil and New Zealand for orchid shows. Several years ago, he donated his 800 plants to



Bill Zhe '69 and wife Cindy prepare for an exclusive tour of the High Falls Brewery during an Alumni Association reception in Rochester, N.Y., in March. CEO Norm Snyder Jr. '83 hosted the event, where alums enjoyed sampling a variety of beers and ales.

# Alumni Association Recognizes Outstanding Achievements

At the 2008 Excellence Awards Gala May 3, the University at Albany Alumni Association honored 14 alumni and friends of the University for their outstanding achievements and service.



Terry McGovern  
B.A. '83, J.D. '86



Carol L. Meyer  
Ph.D. '06



Walter L. Robb



Kimberly Welsh  
M.B.A. '89



Michael A. Arcuri  
B.A. '81



Michael S. Weiss  
B.S. '88



Kimberleigh Elwell  
Phelan B.A. '89



Richelle Nanci  
Konian B.S. '95



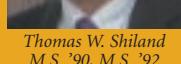
Thomas E. Brooks  
B.A. '71



Susan Van Horn  
Shipherd B.S. '64



Donald Cohen  
B.A. '51, M.A. '52



Thomas W. Shiland  
M.S. '90, M.S. '92

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Honors an alumnus or alumna for an extraordinary achievement – one recognized nationally and/or internationally – or an individual who, over the course of a decade or more, has exemplified outstanding success in a chosen profession or outstanding service to society.

**TERRY MCGOVERN, B.A.'83, J.D.'86**, program officer, Human Rights Unit, the Ford Foundation

**THOMAS E. BROOKS, B.A.'71**, principal, Arlington High School, LaGrangeville, N.Y.

**DONALD COHEN, B.A.'51, M.A.'52**, co-founder, The Math Program

**CAROL L. MEYER, Ph.D.'06**, director of Bennington College's Isabelle Kaplan Center for Languages and Cultures and of the Center of Creative Teaching

## EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Recognizes alumni for outstanding achievement in public service

**MICHAEL A. ARCURI, B.A.'81**, congressman, New York's 24th Congressional District

**KATHRYN ZOX, B.A., M.ED., C.S.W. '83**, host, "The Kathryn Zox Show"

## BERTHA E. BRIMMER MEDAL

Celebrates alumni for excellence in teaching K-12 and for dedication to their profession

**THOMAS W. SHILAND, M.S.'90, M.S.'92**, chemistry teacher, Saratoga Springs High School; adjunct professor at UAlbany, Union College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

## EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in science and/or technology

**BRIAN NEIL LEVINE, B.S.'94**, associate professor and director, NSA Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance, University of Massachusetts Amherst

## EXCELLENCE IN ALUMNI SERVICE

Recognizes sustained leadership and service to the Alumni Association and the University by alumni

**SUSAN VAN HORN SHIPHERD, B.S.'64**, University at Albany Foundation board member, UAlbany Benevolent Association board member, former UAlbany Alumni Association president

## EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in business for profit.

**KIMBERLY WELSH, M.B.A.'89**, managing director, Morgan Stanley

## EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pays tribute to alumni for exceptional volunteer community service

**KIMBERLEIGH ELWELL PHELAN, B.A.'89**, vice president, M&T Bank

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Honors alumni for extraordinary distinction in the field of education, including pre-K through post-secondary classroom teaching, school services and administration/supervision.

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI

Recognizes early outstanding achievements in a chosen profession or field and/or service to the community by an alumnus aged 35 years or younger

**RICHELLE NANCI KONIAN, B.S.'95**, co-founder and CEO, Careers On The Move

## MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR 2009:

If you are interested in nominating someone for a 2009 Excellence Award, contact the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080 or [alumni@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:alumni@uamail.albany.edu). The deadline is Oct. 26, 2008. Visit [www.albany.edu/alumni/Awards.htm](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/Awards.htm) for more details.

# Wouldn't it be great if . . .

the Los Angeles County Arboretum. Irwin, who has two daughters, has stayed in touch with some Kappa Beta fraternity brothers and with classmate **Elise deSeve Brown**. Acting has remained a great love for **Marj Lyons**, who was in Miss Futterer's acting classes with **Tony Prochilo** and **Rhoda Riber**, and who now lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She has recently appeared in two comedies in the Boca Raton Theater Guild and also directed "Don Juan in Hell." For the past 18 years, she has been on the adjunct faculty at Nova Southeastern University in the graduate education department.

Currently, she is dissertation chair for doctoral students and finds it amazing that students do all their work via computer. Marj, who lost her husband in November, has established a business, Telling your Story Inc.; she writes and publishes books of life stories and just had two stories accepted for anthologies. **Vivian Steele Ehrhardt** and her husband have been living at their Vestal, N.Y., home for over 50 years. Though retired, they keep busy with family, church and community. Their eldest grandson, a Navy Seal, has returned from service in Iraq. A group of sorority sisters – **Marilyn Allen '51, Joyce Barr '52** and **Dotty and Juanita Evans '49** – meets twice a year in centrally located Cobleskill. **Joyce Dubert Everingham** and her husband, Neil, recently moved from Tucson, where they enjoyed the area's genealogy libraries, symphony orchestra, restaurants, hiking and baseball spring training. They have relocated to Memphis, Tenn., to be near a son. Their ninth new house, which they built "long distance," has presented them with huge headaches. "The shower wouldn't drain, the lights kept going off, the kitchen cupboards emitted the pungent odor of 'fish glue' . . ." Joyce writes that "last month when the sirens warned of an approaching tornado, I secretly hoped that the 'house of horrors' might be blown away." **Basil Karpak**, a Navy veteran and awardee of a Victory Medal, taught for 36 years in high school and at Farmingham College. A charter member of Long Island Business Education Committee, he served that organization as vice president and president. On sabbatical in 1965-66, Basil and his family rented a home in Barcelona and Basil traveled extensively throughout Europe.

Basil and his brothers designed and built a golf course in Columbia County. Basil, now divorced, lives on his 97 acre property in Gallatin, N.Y., where he is an assessor and a neighbor of Eliot Spitzer.

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**Bert Jablon** received an award for 30 years of service from Empire State College in March 2008. **Joan Bennett Kelly** and Charlie have been on the move this past spring, journeying to dance recitals, diving meets at West Point, track state sectionals at Kingston, her sister's 80th birthday and a granddaughter's musical production. Joan sadly reported the death of **Peter Telfer '53**. Pete had been a great leader in junior-high education in New York, Florida and Pennsylvania and was a good friend to many members of the Class of 1952. **Terry Porta Sportelli** has never been back to "State" but very much enjoys getting news of former classmates. Terry has lived in Vienna, Va., for 25 years, though previous to that, the family also lived in New York and Alabama. It was nice to hear from her. **Jerry Firth** and wife Doris spent the month of March cruising around Australia. The trip was 7,000 miles long and included 14 ports of call. They have traveled to 80 countries. They attended three graduations in Spring 2008: two at high schools and one at college. **Al Stephenson** reports that the next edition of his broadcast performance textbook is at the publisher's, and he has signed up for another year at **John Carroll**, his college. He keeps going like the Energizer Bunny! **Vickie Eade Eddy** writes that she winters in Yuma, Ariz., but returns to her hometown of Olean, N.Y., for the summer. She has two children with spouses and three grandchildren living there, and has a total of 11 grandchildren. She also expressed her thanks to **Joan Barron** for all the work she's done over the years, and I'm sure we would all echo those sentiments. **Helen Pilcher Terrill** and husband Bill were busy each weekend in May traveling to Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia to attend two college graduations and track and soccer games for grandchildren. In July, they had their family reunion at Deep Creek Lake, Md.,

which Helen says is her favorite week of the year. **Kitty Kloser Irons** wrote of their exciting adventure in March 2007, when the cruise ship they were on in the Aegean Sea sank, taking all their luggage to the bottom of the sea. Thankfully, it did not take them! They had already abandoned ship, which they did not have to do when they spent a day boating during a visit with **Joan Bennett Kelly** and hubby Charlie in Vermont. They have spent quite a bit of time in Fair Haven, Vt., where their son and family live. On their way home from one of their forays, they stopped in Albany and had lunch with **Bob Donnelly** and his sister Delores. They attended a family reunion in Wisconsin in July and plan to attend an Elderhostel in Washington, D.C., in October. **John Bowker** and wife Alice wrote a Christmas letter detailing their whirlwind lifestyle, which leaves one breathless. Some of their perambulations in 2007 took them to Cancun, San Diego, San Francisco, Chicago, Miami, Amsterdam, Budapest, Dresden, Salzburg, Munich, Cartagena, Vancouver, Sarajevo and Bury St. Edmonds, England. Cruising trips included a cross-oceanic trip on the Queen Mary and a two-week sailing cruise starting in Barbados. Whew! They conclude their letter by saying, "Our most precious treasure remains our 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter, Jodi."

**Joyce Zanchelli** and husband Joe attended an Elderhostel on baseball in March and got to see the Yankees play three times. Happy days for Yankee lover Joe. A cruise and land tour of Alaska was scheduled for August. **Joe Persico** has a new book out which is making headlines. He has continued his research into FDR's life following his last book, *Roosevelt's Secret War*, with an account of Roosevelt's relationship to Lucy Mercer in his latest book, *Franklin and Lucy*. He discovered five previously unknown letters from FDR to Lucy that offered specific details in them, which Persico believes was Roosevelt's technique for mapping out assignments. Do pick up a copy of the book and learn more. **Jean Greenshields Burns** shared a two-hour lunch with **Anne Sullivan Morgan** and **Helen Padoba Donovan**. Remembering their times together at State provided lots of laughs. Jean has just returned from visiting her kindergarten-aged grandson in



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Colorado. She is very active as a volunteer with the Friends of New York State Library Association in Albany. **KEEP THE NEWS COMING!!!**  
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**53** *A note from your class councilor:* **Lyn and Ed Bonahue** are enjoying the "Good Life" in balmy North Carolina. They live near Chapel Hill and participate in many of the campus activities at the University of North Carolina. They have traveled extensively throughout the world. They enjoy playing tennis and bridge, and reading. Ed remains in contact with a good number of friends from our class. **Irene Breszinski McDonald**, who lives in Mobile, Ala.,

writes a column titled "Reading and Renewal" for *CatholicWeek*. Retired, she teaches adult-education classes and is a docent at an art museum. **Alvin Brown** is still giving presentations about World War II Pacific Theater of Operations military campaigns to various veterans' groups, senior facilities, etc. While an Air Force officer, he had opportunities to visit these locations, including Japan, many times. Grandmother of 17, **Millie Foote Sheerin** is staying active in community theatre on Cape Cod. Millie has appeared on stage in "Over the River and Through the Woods" at Chatham and "24 Charing Cross Road" at Harwich; and has stage managed "Arsenic and Old Lace." She is happily in touch with **Joan Allen Balfe** and

**Ruth Dunn Reed. Evie Iglauer** continues to work two days a week as an administrative law judge. She enjoys traveling and hiking. **Carroll Judd** is still traveling the Western states, enjoying hiking, scenery and brewpubs at day's end. Carroll has been an active flight instructor for 44 years, permitting him to meet some fine people. He has spent about 7,000 hours aloft. **David Gardinier**, a resident of Wisconsin since 1966, has not been back to Albany since the '70s. He serves as organist for the oldest church (1846) in Milwaukee. Since retiring from teaching, **Tina Nicastro Beck** is enjoying traveling with her husband, Roy; doing volunteer work; and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Both **Bob Hughes and Rose Mary Keller Hughes** are involved in genealogical research. In 2007, they traveled to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. While in Auckland, N.Z., they met up with more than 50 relatives in the Hughes line, all descendants of Bob's grandfather's brother. It was the first time these two branches of the family had come together in 138 years. The New Zealand families found Bob and Rosie via a family tree posted on the Internet. **Doug Neilson** sent pictures of Brubacher's construction, which he took from the back of the former KB house, to the University Archives. The photos appear to be the only pictorial record. Doug lives in Syracuse year round, and teaches at Onondaga Community College. His oldest granddaughter is an engineering major at Clarkson University. **Janet Norton DeFabio** enjoys living in "Paradise," Ft. Meyers, Fla. **Jean Ogden Hardick** still travels as much as possible and spends summers on Sacandaga Lake. Since finishing his career teaching at SUNY, **Frank Hodge** is spending all his time at his children's bookstore, Hodge-Podge Books. Frank is still active as a speaker at schools and conferences. He had double bypass surgery and reports that his new plumbing works very well. Since the death of her husband, **Joyce Leonard Bolas** splits her time between a condo in St. Pete and her summer home in the Adirondacks. Her four children live in Virginia, Georgia and Florida. She is grandmother of nine. Although she will be unable to attend the reunion, she says it would be wonderful to see college friends again.

**Helen Osborne Platt** writes that her husband had a triple bypass in October. One of the bypasses failed two days later. He was resuscitated and spent time in a local nursing home; he is now at home and doing well. Widowed for four years, **Beverly Pranitis Railey** keeps busy with the activities of her children and grandchildren. Retired from teaching, she volunteers as a tutor at the Maryland School for the Blind and as a guide at the Sports Legends Museum in Baltimore. **Herbert Thier**, emeritus academic administrator at the University of California, Berkeley, is co-director of BioMARS E/PO at the Center for Integrative Planetary Science. **Jordine Skoff Von Wantoch**'s husband died Aug. 1, 2007. They were married 40 years and have a daughter, Lian, who is a diplomat assigned to the American Embassy, London. Jordine would enjoy hearing from any 1953 classmates in the San Diego area. **Bob Taber** and **Margaret Ruck Taber** write that they are both in good health and able to enjoy life to the fullest. They will be unable to attend the reunion because of previous commitments. **Joyce Turner Ogden** reports that **Virginia Vogel Walsh**, who transferred to Oneonta after her sophomore year, retired Dec. 31, 2007, from the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Virginia lives in Olympia, Wash. **Art Weigand** reports from St. Helena Isle, S.C., that he is alive and well.  
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**54** *Patricia Byrne Manning* has another great trip to Italy planned for late fall — eight nights in Venice (at a convent) and 31 nights in Rome. This will be Pat's fourth stay in Rome in five years. She also volunteers with the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, working with patients and families in their homes. Pat goes once a week to an early education center to do picture-book story times, which she says is a great balance to the often sad work with Hospice. Pat still enjoys reviewing books for *School Library Journal*. **John Cooper** and his wife are still enjoying retirement from Portland State University, where John was a professor of English for 29 years. They have traveled extensively, most recently to Mexico and Arizona. On May 18, John's

## EXPERIENCE WINE TASTING ON LONG ISLAND

Take advantage of all New York has to offer — the beautiful autumn scenery and fine New York wines — and join the UAlbany Alumni Association at the Long Island Wine Tasting Event.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27, 2008

The day will highlight two Long Island vineyard tasting experiences. First, enjoy a vineyard walk at Martha Clara Vineyards at the Entenmann's Family Farm and lunch amongst the vines. The second stop will be Castello di Borghese, Long Island's oldest winery, where you will enjoy a winemaker's walk and tasting.

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daughter Jennifer gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Samantha Cooper-Gross. John's book on 17th-century English poetry is scheduled to be published in 2009 under the title *Wit's Voices*. **Phyl Weaver** traveled to the Amazon jungle, Machu Picchu and the Galapagos, and also to Turkey. He tries to get back to California as much as possible. Phyl is still quite active at the local live theater, working as a house manager and scheduling the theater house manager coverage. **Joan Mackey Stronach** continues to keep busy with family, volunteering and travel. Joan volunteers with her local hospital and also with a program called Outdoor Adventures, which makes trips available to the disabled. Joan spent November in Spain and came to New York for a few days in January, then went on a Caribbean cruise. Joan also took a trip to the Scandinavian countries and to Russia in July. **Diane Wheeler Ozkum**'s e-mail, if anyone would like to contact her, is [lakelily@roadrunner.com](mailto:lakelily@roadrunner.com).

Now 76 years old, Diane feels the trip back to the reunion is out of the ques-

### RENÉE LEE ROSENBERG, B.A.'67, M.A.'69

## Not the Retiring Type

As a UAlbany undergraduate, Renée Lee Rosenberg majored in history, minored in art – and acquired a love of storytelling that would serve her well in her chosen careers.

Albany was an “exciting place to be,” the New York City native recalls. She and other members of the first graduating class from the new campus “walked all around the city. We lived in the [Alumni Quad] dorms and had classes in warehouses and storefronts; an annex on Central Avenue; and buildings near Lark Street and Western Avenue. I got to know the city really well.”

Rosenberg remained in her adopted hometown to complete a master’s in vocational rehabilitation counseling. Her classes with Professor Sheldon Grand and other faculty helped her to discover that she “really liked working with people, helping them transition and navigate change.” Rosenberg also worked briefly at the University Gallery [now the University Art Museum] and led tours at the state Capitol, her love of New York State history inspired by Professor Harry S. Price, whose course on the subject had been her favorite.

She later lived in Japan, off and on, for several years, studying Japanese metal-making techniques and jewelry making, and then worked as an assistant to fashion designer Kansai Yamamoto, who designed costumes for David Bowie. For a decade, she worked for the New York City Department of Education and the city’s Teachers Union, retiring four years ago as the outplacement counselor in the award-winning Peer Intervention Program.

Rosenberg wasn’t retired for long. Now a full-time career counselor – she’s been a Five O’Clock Club career coach for more than 20 years and now facilitates two Five O’Clock Club career groups – she is also an internationally known motivational and business-management speaker who uses her storytelling skills in her work. She also prepares people for retirement: “With many people looking to retire at younger ages, and living longer, they need to plan not only financially, but emotionally, for the next stage of their lives.”

– Carol Olechowski

### Rosenberg’s Rules for Retirees

Retirement is “a time for rejuvenation, renewal, revitalizing and reinventing,” says Renée Rosenberg, author of *Achieving the Good Life After 50* (Five O’Clock Books, 2007). Here, she offers three tips for potential retirees:

- Σ• Hone skills you enjoy while you’re still employed. If you love to write, volunteering to work on papers, proposals, reports and other writing projects will give you “a head start toward developing a skill you can use when you retire.”
- Σ• Get out of the house and do something “new and exciting.” Take classes. Explore free programs at your neighborhood library, community center or college. And surround yourself with young friends, who will “energize and inspire” you.”
- Σ• See a career counselor. Says Rosenberg: “Career counseling support can assist you in developing a realistic plan and taking the steps to meet your retirement goals.”



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tion, but wishes all a "happy" reunion. February 2008 marked **John Parson's** 20th year of retirement from the New York State Civil Service System. John and his wife, Kimie, are interested in attending the 55th reunion in autumn of 2009. December of that year will also mark their 40th wedding anniversary.

**Beverly Weiner Neumetzger** enjoyed seeing Bunny while she was at her time share in Florida and would love to see others if they are in South Florida on vacation. Beverly's number is (561) 451-3635. **John Centra** is grateful for his good health, which allowed him to take a trip to Russia this past July. After visiting Utah in May for her great-niece's graduation from medical school, **Joan Hartman** took a family trip to visit the Grand Canyon's north rim. **Shirley Callahan Dillon** enjoys

retirement and is now treasurer of the Framingham Garden Club. Shirley's husband, John, is doing quite well with all his health problems. The Dillons took their 18 children, spouses and grandchildren to a dude ranch in New York in July to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Last year, at a Potter reunion in Cooperstown, **Jim Finnen** saw **Gerry Holzman's** official Empire State Carousel. It is housed on the grounds of The Farmer's Museum, and is a magnificent structure, with all hand-carved animals. The entire masterpiece, originally conceived and supervised by Gerry, is on permanent display, and in use, in the historic village of Cooperstown. Jim states, "It has to be seen, and ridden, to be believed." **Frank Giannone** and his



*Wilma Thornton '55 enjoys time at port in Egypt during a 28-day Mediterranean cruise.*

wife, Laura, will be touring India this September. For the past eight years, they have been spending March and April in Maui. If any of our classmates plan to spend any time in Maui during those months, they would love to say "Aloha" to them and do a little luau. The Giannones live in Rochester, where they spend most of their time maintaining their 115-year-old Georgian Revival home. Their Web site is [www.berkeley-mansion.com](http://www.berkeley-mansion.com), and Frank's e-mail is [Frankdgia@aol.com](mailto:Frankdgia@aol.com). **Lynn Lewis** is still in the land of the living, enjoying life and being mostly retired. Lynn recently visited Helsinki, Finland, where she toured Lapland and sailed from the North Cape of Norway to Bergen and Oslo. She took part in her oldest granddaughter's wedding in August. **George and Arline**

**Lacy Wood** have six grandchildren – three girls and three boys – all of whom live in their area. George does tax preparations in the AARP program; Arline teaches driver safety for AARP and is on church and neighborhood boards. They both work the monthly book sales sponsored by Friends of Yonkers Public Library. They do not travel much anymore, as their dog is elderly and needs TLC, but they do summer at Babcock Lake in Rensselaer County. **Naoshi**

**Koriyama** retired from Toyo University in 1997 after teaching English and poetry for 36 years. He is one of the four translators of the anthology *Against Nuclear Weapons: A Collection of Poems by 181 Poets*. He has been writing poetry and translating classical Chinese and Japanese poetry into English. Some of his poems have been reprinted in about 26 literature textbook anthologies for primary, junior high and senior high schools in America, Canada, Australia and South Africa. **Louise**

**Button Eggleton** took a trip to Ireland

with **Dody Phoenix Button '69**. In June, Louise and Don attended their oldest grandson's wedding in South Carolina. **John Dengler** is serving as New York State Council chairman for the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. **John** and **Dolores White Granito** live in Florida in the winter and on Keuka Lake in New York in the summer. Both do consulting work for the fire service and will travel to Cambodia and Thailand this October. This year will mark their 55th wedding anniversary. In July, John received the first Dr. John Granito Award for Excellence in Fire Leadership and Management Research from Oklahoma State University's *International Fire Service Journal*. The award, named in his honor, recognizes service to the fire service and to academia. **Fran Hopkins Freeman** is a member of the Hyperion Outfall Serenaders. Fran gets to play the washboard, whistles, sirens, bells and generally work the crowd. **Jean Aceto** spent three weeks in Colorado and Utah this past spring.

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**55** Last fall, **Wilma Thornton** took a 28-day cruise to 11 Mediterranean countries with stops at 19 ports. Unfortunately, rough weather on the Black Sea prevented her visiting Russia. Since 2006, **Dee Montalbano** has had two stories published in the *Chicken Soup* series: one in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Stories for a Better World*, the other in *Chicken Soup for the Beach Lover's Soul*. During Spring 2007, Dee spent two and half months in Lucca, Italy, her fourth visit to Tuscany – "a home away from home," she states. Back home in Boulder, Dee is working on a memoir about her experiences in Italy. In

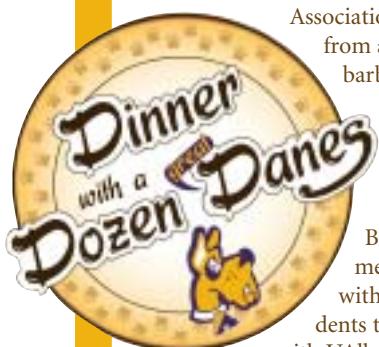
## Dinner With Whom?

You can help connect current students with alumni, adding a personal touch to their UAlbany experience. How? As part of Dinner with a Dozen Danes, alumni host students for small dinner parties, bringing Great Danes together in a warm, friendly environment for good food, conversation and camaraderie.

"These gatherings can be as formal – or as casual – as the host desires, and can take place in the alum's home, outdoors or at a restaurant," points out Lee Serravillo, executive director of the Alumni Association. The dinner can range from a catered affair to a backyard barbecue to an informal buffet. Alumni who aren't in the Albany area can host dinners in the summer or over the winter break.

But it's much more than a meal, Serravillo noted. "Dinner with a Dozen Danes gives students the opportunity to network with UAlbany alumni, learn more about life after college, and see how they can stay involved and connected with UAlbany after they graduate."

To find out more about hosting a dinner, visit [www.albany.edu/alumni/Dinnerwithdanes.htm](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/Dinnerwithdanes.htm).



# Brotherly Success Stories

April, **Ed** and **Anne Franco** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a 15-day Caribbean cruise on the Queen Mary II. From Nevada, **Lorna Galbraith** writes that after leaving the business world in California, she moved to Las Vegas, where she spends part of her retirement as an adjunct professor at the College of Southern Nevada. **Jean Morris** retired from retail management last year and now divides her time between home activities and teaching theater history and English at Columbia-Greene Community College. With her son Lon, she has formed an interior design firm, serving clients in New York and Palm Beach. In May, **Ada Gollub** and **John Orser** took an Alumni Campus Abroad trip to Italy's Lake District for a week's tour of the lakes Maggiore and Como area; the trip also featured highlights of Milan. Also part of the UAlbany group were **Mel Gollub** and **Valerie Yule '62**. In the spring, **Dottie** and **Custer Quick** joined a 16-day river cruise from the Netherlands to Switzerland.

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**56** *A note from your class councilor:* Please don't forget to support the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. **Matt McMahon** notes that after earning a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from RPI, he spent his working career doing chemical and energy-related research. Retired for the past 12 years, he has tried to balance his time and efforts between enjoying his senior years and contributing usefully when he can, including working on environmental problems and town and school committees. **Judy Vimmerstedt Morell** still enjoys reading, hiking, swimming, participating in a book club, many church activities, concerts and ballets. Judy also serves on the Westmoreland County (Penn.) Children's Bureau Advisory Board, the Westmoreland County Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster, and the Greensburg Ministerium. After teaching for nine years, **Theresa Barber Page** served as chief financial officer for a corporation in the leather industry, for a large municipal government agency in Albany County, and for a large not-for-profit organization. Now retired, Theresa



**Harold (Hal) Cramer, M.B.A. '73**



**Clifford Cramer, M.B.A. '75**

**H**arold (Hal) Cramer and Clifford Cramer can attest to the value and versatility of a University at Albany M.B.A.

Hal, who majored in industrial engineering at Syracuse University, enrolled in the M.B.A. program at UAlbany. Offered a fellowship that "allowed me to earn money and pay my tuition," he also gained practical work experience on a project that helped to automate the New York State Government Accounting Office. In addition, he taught "Fortran and Basic computer programming" to undergraduates.

Hired "right off campus through the Career Development Center," Hal started work at Mobil Oil's regional headquarters outside New York City. He has been with Mobil, and with its successor, ExxonMobil, for 35 years, working "around the world" and having responsibility, at various times, for financial, supply and marketing operations. Now based in Fairfax, Va., he is a corporate vice president, and president of ExxonMobil's worldwide marketing business.

Hal credits UAlbany with teaching him to "analyze problems, communicate well and leverage group dynamics." Although distance and frequent work-related travel preclude his participation in campus events, he supports the UAlbany Fund because "I appreciate the opportunity the University afforded me."

Cliff graduated from SUNY Binghamton with a bachelor's in accounting. "Not satisfied with the

job opportunities at the time in that field," he decided to pursue an M.B.A. in finance at UAlbany, attracted by "the school's strong reputation and the excellent value it represented for New York State residents. And my brother Hal had just received his graduate degree from Albany and had a favorable experience there," recalls Cliff.

Professor Ron Forbes "had a significant impact on my learning and my career. I was an assistant for him, and he provided me several contacts that resulted in my first full-time position after graduation, in the municipal-bond business at L.F. Rothschild in New York City." Subsequently, Cliff spent 25 years in senior-level positions in the healthcare/pharma and investment banking fields with such firms as Merck & Co., Inc.; J.P. Morgan; and Blyth Eastman Paine Webber Healthcare Funding, Inc. He also co-founded American Health Capital, serving as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

After retiring from Merrill Lynch in 2001, the father of two "decided to work with young people as a way to give back." Today, as an adjunct professor and director of the Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Management Program at Columbia Business School in New York, he works with "exceptionally bright young professionals who have the capabilities and connections to change the world for the better." Cliff is also board president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mercer County (N.J.) and mentors a 12-year-old.

— Carol Olechowski

### Sharon Potoker Liese, B.A.'80, M.A.'81 COMMUNICATING IN A NEW WAY

Marketing and communications expert Sharon Potoker Liese is fresh into a new career. Her documentary series "High School Confidential," which aired last spring on WEtv, followed 12 girls through four years of high school. In this age of reality-based programming, Liese has been praised for offering a window on the girls' lives without being voyeuristic.

A Saratoga native, Liese initially attended SUNY New Paltz and transferred to her first choice, the University at Albany, once her grades improved. After completing undergraduate work and a master's degree, she settled in Kansas, where she pursued an M.B.A. Liese was marketing director at a bank, then at a hospital. When her daughter, Justine, was 5, Liese started her own business, SL Marketing and Communications. Her clients' needs for video work led to her eventual leap into filmmaking.

"I really got into the storytelling aspect of video production," Liese explains. "When my daughter was about to enter high school, I remembered my journey, and because I had a marketing background, I think in ideas. I wondered if there was a documentary that followed girls through high school."

There wasn't, so Liese decided to produce one. The girls who appeared in the eight-episode series attended the same high school as her daughter; her main cameraperson agreed to work without payment until the film sold. During filming, Liese maintained her marketing business. She still works with a few clients as she researches other documentary ideas, including one on diversity in higher education.

Professor of Communication Robert Sanders, who recently retired, played a pivotal role in Liese's education and career.

"I was a TA [teaching assistant], and he was my advisor," Liese recalls. "When I was an undergraduate, I would avoid classes where I had to speak. Here I was a communication major, and finally, when I was doing my master's, I had to come clean."

Sanders worked with Liese in an empty lecture hall for a whole semester, coaching her. When the teaching day arrived, she felt well prepared and had a great experience. Who would believe the woman who discussed "High School Confidential" on "Good Morning America" was once terrified of public speaking?

"A communication degree is so versatile," says Liese. "I've never had a course in filmmaking or television production, so I think that my degree gave me a great foundation for being able to explore other disciplines."

— Amy Halloran, B.A.'90



Jean-Claude Dhien

serves as president of the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, N.Y., and enjoys gardening and participating in a reading group, a Sunday-night reflection group, and the Troy Lions Club. Last October, **Phyllis Bialow Levitt** received the first-ever 2007 Mayor Arts Award for more than 15 years of volunteer work for the Dover Art League, as well as for serving on the Delaware Arts Council, Delaware Humanities Forum and Delaware Theatre Company. **William Rock** serves as a member of the Foundation Board of SUNY Brockport, a member of the board of Dance Rochester, and head of the Retired SUNY Professors Organization for Western New York. After teaching high school English in the Sayville, N.Y., schools for many years, **Mary Smith** and husband Bob spend much time visiting children and grandchildren in North Carolina and Arizona and have also traveled extensively throughout the rest of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Europe. After retiring from teaching, **Roberta Stein Sobel** has been enjoying travel, theater, ballet, newspaper reading, Tai Chi and exercise.

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#### *A note from your class*

**councilor:** Some of the 1938ers — Class of '60 — celebrated birthday time in Albany, highlighted by a dinner at Jack's and a fun-filled André Rieu concert at the Times Union Center in May. Attending were **Charles Fowler**, **Paul Hooker**, **Lee Upcraft** and wife **Lil '62**, **Phil Shepherd** and wife **Fran '62**, **Neil** and **Sheila Doyle Jurinski**, **Dave Feldman** and wife Tina, and **Joan Cali Pecore** and hubby Vic. So many who received the "word" once this mini-reunion was conceived were unable to attend, so we hope that planning well in advance will bring ALL classmates out for our 75th!! **Nancy McGowan Clinton** and husband Pete are enjoying their senior community home in Pennsylvania. Among other activities there, Nancy is finding time for bridge, probably honing those skills learned at State! **Paul Reagan** often gives of his time and spirit to the American Red Cross, when needed for emergencies. **Liz Aceto Bunch** spends much of her time racing sailboats with an all-women's team in North Carolina. Liz also

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Standing in front of Shanghai's modern skyline are (L. to R.) Helen Penna, Frank Pouliot, Mel Horowitz '61 and Larry Jones.

is an avid supporter of her husband Don's barbershop chorus. **Phil Shepherd** is active in national politics and is engaged in Walkway Over the Hudson, a group administering the renovation of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge. **Neil and Sheila Doyle Jurinski** completed building a home for their pleasure on the picturesque Northern Fork of the Chesapeake Bay. **Charles Fowler** continues to be successful in his Manhattan consulting firm, which recruits school administrators. **Bunny Silverstein Calabrese** traveled to Portland, Maine, to attend a "Braid-In" with about 50 other rug-braiding enthusiasts. **Doris Hische Brossy** and **Sunny Sundstrand Mullen '61** drove down to meet Bunny for a mini-reunion. The Yellow Jackets' 50th Class Reunion is scheduled for Homecoming Weekend during Fall 2010, as all Alumni Weekends have been moved to that time. Please let us know what ideas you may have for our reunion activities. Also, would you still like to have a get-together in the springtime, as well? Your thoughts would be most welcome. Write us, call us, or e-mail us. Joan, Doris, and Paul.

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**61** **Sandy Kempton** lives in Hurley, N.Y. Sandy has a grandson, age 15, and two granddaughters, 5 and 3. Sandy's husband, Keith, died 11 years ago from cancer. She would like to hear from fellow graduates and from the girls in the classes of '63 and '64 who lived in Brubacher Hall. **Elaine Romatowski Frankonis** is still caregiving for her 92-year-old mother, who has dementia, and Weblogging ([www.kalilily.net](http://www.kalilily.net)). This past April, Elaine lost her friend and once-husband, **Bill Frankonis '63**, who succumbed to lung cancer. Elaine is making plans to move to Springfield, Mass., to be near her daughter's family. **John Sullivan** just completed his first

semester of teaching a course, Intelligence and National Security, at Anne Arundel Community College. As enjoyable as the experience was, the lack of basic communications skills he encountered among his students was alarming, and applying the standards of excellence as espoused by Drs. Colby, Grenander, Burian and Collins was an exercise in futility. Futile or not, the experience gave him a new appreciation of the education he received at Albany State. John has also been invited to participate in two writers' forums and to continue to do lectures for Elderhostels. **Mel Horowitz** has been actively pursuing his interests in travel, Rotary and China. He has initiated and helped to organize a Rotary Pure Waters Project for a desert area in Ningxia Autonomous Region and led a team there this past April. Mel featured this project in his presentation at the Wharton China Business Forum in March.

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**64** **Ted Dusenenko** retired for the second time in December 2007, this time after 32 years as a Rockland County legislator. Ted will now be devoted full time to real estate in Piermont, N.Y. He'd love to hear from former Yellow Jackets via [James4301@optonline.net](mailto:James4301@optonline.net).

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**65** **David Simons** retired from the IBM Corp. in March 2008 after 42 years of service. With the exception of

two years on assignment at the IBM lab in LaGarde, France, all that time was spent at the Research Triangle Park, N.C., facility. During his career, David had a wide variety of assignments, both technical and in management. The last five years were devoted to capital asset management in the Systems & Technology Group, which is responsible for all hardware product development within IBM.

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**68** **Michael Goldych** has been appointed to the SUNY Oswego College Council.

**69** **Richard Longshore, Ph.D.**, retired from Novartis Pharmaceuticals after almost 27 years. One of Richard's proudest achievements during that time was launching the antihypertensive product Diovan. Since then, Richard has created his own consulting business, advising pharmaceutical companies.

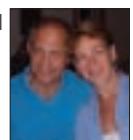
**71** **Mark Goor** was appointed dean of the College of Education & Organizational Leadership of the University of La Verne (ULV), in La Verne, Calif. Mark, who

enjoyed a 35-year career in education, joins the ULV after 13 years at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. During his tenure at George Mason, Mark served as a professor of special education, coordinator of the university's Special Education Program, and assistant and associate dean for Academic & Student Affairs. **Barry Eckert** became dean of the School of Health Professions

at Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus, in September 2007.

**72** **Bruce Siennick, CFS, CLTC**, celebrated his 35th anniversary with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Over the years, Bruce has received several prestigious industry awards, including the National Quality Award, the National Sales Achievement Award and the Oppenheimer Funds' Preferred Partner Award. He has been a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors throughout his career and has offices in Brookfield and Farmington.

**73** **Marie Miknavich** of Utica was appointed director of Institutional Research for Herkimer County Community College. Marie will conduct research and data analysis; manage and maintain various databases; and complete state, federal and internal reporting requirements. After



John Lupe and wife Kathleen

40 years of classroom instruction, **John Lupe Jr.** has retired as professor of building systems technology at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y. John and his wife, Kathleen, reside in a lakeside home in Schoharie County, N.Y.



Gerard Ring

**74** **Gerard Ring**, chair of the department of Paper Science and Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been named a fellow of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry. The honorary title is given to individuals who have made extraordinary technical or service contributions to the industry and/or the association. A faculty member in the College

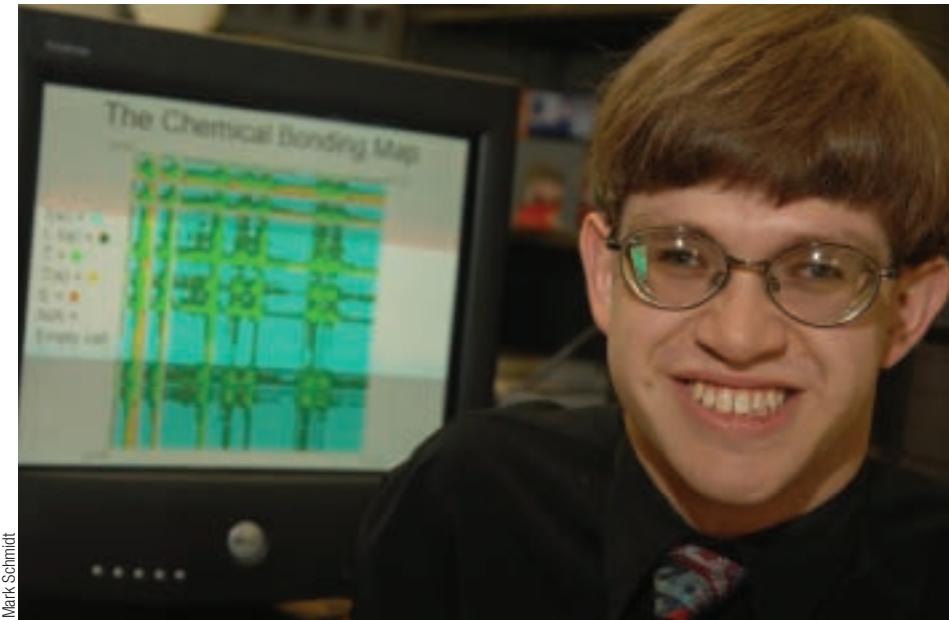
## WCDB/WSUA Reunion

Don't miss the WCDB and WSUA reunion on **Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 24-26!**

Highlights include live broadcasts, open mic and dinner reception. Register today to come back to see the newly renovated station and reconnect with your UAlbany radio family!

[www.albany.edu/alumni/Reunions08.htm](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/Reunions08.htm)





Mark Schmidt

## Christopher Wells

# “A Force to Be Reckoned With”

Christopher Wells describes himself as “a force to be reckoned with when immersed inside the quantum realm of atoms and molecules, yet a tender soul when helping people find their way through humanity.” It’s an apt description of “a deaf and blind chemist” whose burning ambition is to help others through his research.

Wells, 29, has been pursuing graduate studies in inorganic and physical chemistry at UAlbany since 2002. As a youngster, “I wanted to be a mathematics teacher,” recalls the Lake George, N.Y., resident, who “had accelerated through the grade-school mathematics curriculum.”

In high school, however, Wells discovered chemistry; “the astonishing diversity of compounds and species really drew me in. I am planning to become a computational chemist or a professor – or maybe both! – since chemistry enables me to use my natural gift for teaching and longtime experience with computers.”

The Siena College graduate enrolled at UAlbany for advanced study, attracted by “the large variety of research interests and the significant technological integration used in the research,” as well as the University’s proximity to his home. The hourlong commute with his interpreter, Donna Kosloske, at the wheel affords Wells additional study time. His day includes several hours in a third-floor lab in the Chemistry building, using the computer and his “lightning-fast hands” to perform experiments, write reports or reviews, and communicate with lab mates or faculty. After a break for lunch, he returns to the lab, often remaining on campus long after sunset to attend seminars or University events.

With his mentor, Professor of Chemistry John Welch, Wells is exploring “strategies of using aromatic molecules such as benzene in pi-stacked structures for molecular wire architectures. This structure has the aromatic molecules overlapping with their planar sides, much like the layering of graphite sheets found in pencil lead. The pi-stacked structure is not the most stable geometry for a pair of benzene molecules in space, but it is found in naturally occurring harvesting complexes that help with photosynthesis or vision.”

On his own, Wells studies chemical compounds derived from living organisms (such as herbs, bacteria, sponges and fungi) in the hope that they might have medical or pharmaceutical applications. “These compounds are also being preserved as three-dimensional models for future reference when a chemical-producing organism becomes extinct,” he adds.

Wells has co-authored papers for the journals of *Applied Physics*, *Organometallic Chemistry*, and *Biomacromolecules*, and other scholarly publications. A participant at several research conferences, he also completed a Summer 2007 internship at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, “where I studied carbon nanotubes modified with water fragments on their sidewalls.” He aims to complete his studies by 2009.

Wells credits Welch for “helping me to develop the mechanisms of expressing research and explaining it to others. He has assisted me in fine-tuning the ‘engine of the future’ within my own mind.”

— Carol Olechowski

of Natural Resources since 1986, Gerald became a full professor in 1997 and was named department chair in 2006. **David Pratt** was appointed vice president and exploration manager of Rex Energy Corp. David will lead the company’s exploration, geological and geophysical activities from Rex Energy’s corporate headquarters in State College, Penn.

**76** **Christina DeSanctis** is a new board member of the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce in Utica, N.Y. Christina is a business development officer for Empower Federal Credit Union. **Larry Rabinowitz** is a senior fiduciary officer with JPMorgan Private Client Services in Rochester, N.Y. Larry is a CPA/PFS, CFP, CTFA and has an MBA from Hofstra University. He also is president of the Estate Planning Council and treasurer of the Jewish Home of Rochester, and he coaches his daughter’s sixth-grade lacrosse team.

**77** The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) Council has appointed **Jeremy Boss** as editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Immunology*. Jeremy, an AAI member since 1994, is a professor in the department of Microbiology & Immunology at Emory University School of Medicine and director of Emory University’s graduate program in genetics and molecular biology. **Larry Bowman** was appointed president and CEO of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce, which serves his hometown of Lebanon, Pa. Larry also was recognized by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce Executives for 30 years of service. In 2008, **Bob Gluck** recorded “Sideways” (FRM Records, England, 2008); had a gallery showing, “Layered Histories,” an interactive video and sound installation relating to the imagined journey of the Marseilles Bible; and performed “Concert with Purple Vishnu” in Belgium. He was promoted to associate professor of music and director of Electronic Music Studios at UAlbany. **Michelle Simon** has been appointed dean of Pace University Law School in White Plains. A member of the faculty since 1985 and a full professor since 2003, Michelle served as interim dean since June 2007.

**78** **Gail Rigler** is senior vice

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president and chief marketing and communications officer of VHA Inc., the national health-care alliance located in Irving, Texas. Gail came to VHA from Electronic Data Systems Corp., a leading global technology services company based in Plano, Texas, where she served as vice president of global marketing from 1999 to 2006.

**79** The Friends of Albany Public Library honored **Frankie Bailey** as Author of the Year at the annual Book & Author Luncheon in December 2007, for *You Should Have Died on Monday*. Jeff and **Terry Layton Rosner** are proud to announce the May 2008 graduation of their son, **Evian**, from UAlbany with a degree in sociology and the May 2008 graduation of their son, Scott, from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, with a degree in kinesiology.

**80** As editor for *Upstream Technology*, **Jeanne Perdue** was presented the Award of Distinguished Magazine from the Society for Technical Communication, based in Houston, Texas. **Joseph Bowker** retired from federal service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Social Work Department in August 2005. **Deidre Lupoli** has been a licensed clinical social worker employed by a school district in Hudson, N.Y., for the past 22 years. In addition, Deidre provides social work therapy to families with young children with developmental disabilities, and evaluates prospective and post adoption families.

**81** **Susan Brenner Anderheggen** was promoted to vice president for Verizon Information Technology, Service Assurance and Mobile Workforce Systems. Susan is responsible for all customer care and dispatch systems for Verizon Telecom and Verizon Business. She has been with Verizon (formerly NYNEX and Bell Atlantic) since 1990, and her office is in Rye Brook, N.Y.

**82** **Paul Turner**'s first jazz album as lyricist and producer, "Such is Love," was released in February 2008 on

cdbaby.com. **Will Yurman**, photographer for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, exhibited his work at the world-renowned George Eastman House from January to March 2008. **Joshua Dicker** is general counsel and corporate secretary of Getty Realty Corp. **David Salzberg** is on a six-month assignment in London for the Capital District software development firm Autotask, as executive director of International Sales.

**83** **Dave Kreczko**, commercial vehicle specialist at Gendron's Truck Center in Troy, N.Y., was honored by General Motors as a Silver Level



David Kreczko

Winners' Circle recipient. Kreczko was one of 95 nationwide honorees for sales excellence across GMC's Medium Duty truck line. **Ellen Santasiero**'s essay "Giving Weight" appeared in the May 2007 issue of *The Sun*. Her interview with the late historian **Terrence O'Donnell** is forthcoming in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, and her essay, "Second Thoughts," will be published in *The Gleaners: Eco-Essays on Recycling, Re-Use, and Living Lightly on the Land*, an anthology from the University of Oklahoma Press, in Spring 2009.

**84** **Lauren Block**, professor of marketing at the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College at the City University of New York, is the winner of the 2008 Pollay Prize at the Sauder School of Business, honoring intellectual excellence in research on marketing in the public interest. Lauren presented the Pollay Prize lecture, "Salad Daze and Frappuccino Focus: What Influences Our Food Choices?" at the University of British Columbia's Sauder School in March, in Vancouver, Canada.

**Robert Stokem** was voted 2007-08 Educator of the Year at Spartanburg Community College, Spartanburg, S.C. Sculptor and inventor **Steve Hollinger**, who lives in the Fort Point Channel in downtown Boston, has a patent pending for the Hollinger Improved Umbrella. One of Steve's first highly successful inventions was PosterWorks, a program which allows images as large as five hundred feet by five hundred feet to be produced, in sections, on an ordinary printer.

**85** **Peter Dini** was named partner of Lahive & Cockfield, LLP, in Boston, Mass. Peter specializes in patent counseling and strategic planning.

**C. Gregory Sharer** has been named vice president for Student Affairs at SUNY Cortland. **Martin Sanchez** was appointed director of Human Resources at Polytechnic University in New York. Martin, who lives in New Rochelle with his wife, Wendy, and two sons, is an elected member of the New Rochelle school board. **James Van Nostrand** was appointed executive director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center at Pace Law School in White Plains, N.Y.



C. Gregory Sharer

**86** **Jack (John) Glaser** was promoted to associate professor of public policy at the University of California, Berkeley. **Ava Reich Jordhamo** is executive vice president and director of national broadcast at Zenith Media USA. Ava's new broadcast assignment includes all TV, including network, spot and related video in new media, plus radio. **Ian Spelling** is now class councilor, along with **Jacklyn Bernstein** and **Michael Volkman**.

*Class notes councilor: Ian Spelling, ianspellin@aol.com*

**88** **Eric Stravitz**, a partner at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Mesirow & Stravitz, PLLC, has been named an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. Eric teaches trial advocacy. **Pauline Brennan** received an Alumni Outstanding



Eric Stravitz

Teaching Award from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Alumni Association in honor of distinguished teaching in the classroom. Pauline is an assistant professor in UNO's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. **John Crane** has been living in the Czech Republic for 20 years now, teaching history and psychology. John currently is writing a textbook for beginning psychology students for Oxford University Press. **Christopher Celenza**, a professor in the Department of German and Romance Languages and Literatures at The Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, is among 190 artists, scholars and scientists who have been named 2008 Guggenheim Fellows. Christopher, a historian and Latinist who studies European intellectual history, will use his fellowship to examine humanism, language and philosophy from Petrarch

(1304-74) to Angelo Poliziano (1454-94).

## Fall 2008 Calendar

### September

27 Experience Wine Tasting on Long Island

### October

2 Sixth Annual Metro-NY Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic, Bethpage State Park

24-26 Homecoming/Family Weekend & Reunion

25 Presidents' Legacy Reception

### November

11 Culinary Institute of America Tour and Lunch, Capital Region Chapter

25 UAlbany vs. Columbia University Basketball Pregame Party

### December

6 UAlbany vs. Siena Basketball Pregame Party, Broadway Joe's, Albany

For additional events and details, visit [www.albany.edu/alumni](http://www.albany.edu/alumni).

# Alumni News and Notes



Student members and alumni of Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service gather to dedicate a tree and memorial plaque in memory of the group's departed members, marking Five Quad's 35th anniversary.

**89** **Dwight Putnam** is a physics teacher and Science Department chair for the Whitesboro Central School District in Yorkville, N.Y., where he has taught for 23 years. Dwight lives in Utica with his wife, Maryanne, and sons Chris, 16, and Tim, 14. In June 2008,

**Daniel Baker** was honored at the 12th Annual South Shore Invitational Golf Outing for the Long Island Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of which Daniel serves as a trustee. Daniel is also an active member of the Touro Law Center Alumni Association.

**Audrey Toussaint** was promoted to vice president of First Niagara Bank Trust and Investments.

**90** **Abbe Ruttenberg Serphos** is director of public relations for The New York Times Company. Abbe, husband Michael, and their son live in Manhattan. **Michael Rosenblut** was honored by the

Association of Jewish Aging Services of North America with the 2008 Young Executive Award. Michael is president and CEO of the Parker Jewish Institute, one of the nation's preeminent health care and rehabilitation centers for older adults, which is located in New Hyde Park, N.Y. **Jeffrey Boyce** was named

assistant vice president at the Research Foundation of the State University of New York.



Michael Rosenblut and wife Hedy



Jeffrey Boyce

**91** **Mary Ellen Mallia** received her Ph.D. in ecological economics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in August 2006 and began as director of Environmental Sustainability at UAlbany in January 2008. **Gary Goldman** was elected partner at the historic law firm of Cullen and Dykman. Goldman will remain at the firm's headquarters on Montague Street in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

**Ellen McCabe**, senior assistant librarian at SUNY Cortland, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship during the 2008 Undergraduate Commencement.



**92** **David Bentley** has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the Fairfax County (Va.) Fire and Rescue Department. **Mark Stone** has been

installed as president of the Nassau Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. Stone is a senior manager at Margolin, Winer & Evans LLP, a certified public accounting and business advisory firm in Garden City, N.J. **Demetrius Murphy** is assistant vice president for First Niagara Bank and also sits on the boards of more than half a dozen organizations in Auburn, N.Y. Demetrius also is vice president of the Kaleidoscope Dance Theatre; a volunteer assistant lacrosse coach for the Auburn modified team; and a founding member of Change International, a local organization that facilitates communication across cultures.

**93** **Marcia Collins Stella**, a Five Quad alumna, passed away Feb. 3,

2008. Marcia served as secretary and was qualified as a senior driver and a crew-chief-in-training upon graduation.

**John Bagyi** has been named deputy managing attorney of Bond, Schoenbeck & King, PLLC, Albany office. John also

serves as general counsel to the New York State Society for Human Resource Management. **Robin Schoenfeld Olson**

climbed Mt. Hood in June 2008 to fight breast cancer. Robin and 17 other climbers took on their quest for the Mt. Hood summit as part of Climb to Fight Breast Cancer, a fundraiser for the Seattle, Wash.-based Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Robin now lives in Seattle, where she is an orthopedic manual physical therapist at Manual Therapy International.

**94** **Alicia Fernandez Dicks** was appointed regional executive for the Mohawk Valley and Northern regions of National Grid. Alicia will manage customer and community relationships in the company's Utica-based Mohawk Valley Region and Watertown-based Northern Region. After completing a two-year consular position in Taipei, Taiwan, in June 2007, **Brian Kressin** returned to the United States to study Russian and, in June 2008, left to work at the United States Embassy in Moscow for a two-year consular tour. **Paul Cohen** has been promoted to assistant vice president of Utica Mutual Insurance Co.

**Nicole Levin Mesard** has become partner of Ebevoise & Plimpton LLP. Nicole, based in the firm's New York office, is a member of the firm's Corporate Department. **Gia LaRuffa**, a clinical psychologist specializing in neuropsychological assessment, recently opened a private practice in Latham, N.Y.



Nicole Levin Mesard

**95** **Pamela Dutcher** joined TD Banknorth as the business development and sales manager in the Delmar, N.Y., branch. She is a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Bethlehem Business Women's Group, the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce, and vice chair of the Bethlehem Women's

Business Council. A Delmar resident, Pamela volunteers as a Junior Troop 1732 leader and in her local PTA. **Jay Alicandri** is partner of the firm Dechert



Jay Alicandri

LLP, based in the New York office. Jay is a member of the corporate and securities group, whose practice involves leveraged finance and mergers and acquisitions work. **Jonathan Kanter**, a member of the Antitrust Group based in Washington, D.C., has been elected to the partnership of Wickersham & Taft LLP. **Luke McLaren** is associate general counsel of Genworth Life Insurance Legal Department. Luke is a former U.S. Marine Corps Officer.

**Pamela** and **Todd Prusin** now reside in Decatur, Ga.

**96** **Chrishan Wright Trojan** has joined Wellpoint Inc. as the director of Government Relations in New York City.

**97** **Michele Estep** has been named executive vice president and chief

administrative officer of Sun National Bank in Atlantic City, N.J. **Lauren Fernandes** has been named account director for Lauren Fernandes Avenue A Razorfish in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Huntingdon Valley, Pa., resident **Jonathan Moore** has joined the newly created Middle Market/Emerging Co. practice group of Dilworth Paxson, LLP.

**98** **William Mastro** is a medical malpractice defense attorney with a litigation firm in Staten Island, N.Y.

**99** **Hong Kim** is currently fund manager at Dong-Yang Investment Trust in Korea. **Joseph Dragone** has been selected for the 2008 *Capital District Business Review's* "40 Under Forty" award. Joseph became superintendent of schools of the Ballston Spa Central School District in Ballston Spa, N.Y., in August after serving as the assistant superintendent for Secondary Education in the City School District of Albany since 2005. **Eva Tam** is a court attorney with the Richmond County State

## THADDEUS PINCKNEY, M.B.A.'01

# “The Muffin Man”



Supreme Court in Staten Island, N.Y. **James Webber**, research scientist at the Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Health, Albany, N.Y., has been named new chair of ASTM International Committee on Air Quality.

**00** **Beth Ciszak** has recently joined The Schwartz Group in Amherst, N.Y., as manager of Project Quality-Assurance. **Christina Esposito** has been named assistant professor for the Macalester College Linguistics Department in St. Paul, Minn.

**01** **Christopher Chung** has finished his Ph.D. in English at the University of Texas at Austin. **Gina Ferrusi** is attending UAlbany's masters in Social Work program. **Jason Fox** has launched his own company, Initiate Commerce, based in Albany. **Kevin Grossman** was honored as Scoutmaster of the Year for the Twin Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Kevin's Troop 413, an inner-city troop in Albany, has collaborated on various community service projects with UAlbany's Presidential Honors Society. Kevin is an assistant counsel with the New York State Governor's Office of Employee Relations. **Kristy Hanley** finished her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa in Geoscience. She will be starting at BP in Houston, Texas, in September as an operations geologist in their Wamsutter, Wyoming team. **Tontaleya Ivory** received her doctorate from Nova Southeastern University and is working as a professor in Georgia at Troy University and Axia College. She is also employed at Newton County schools as a special education department chair. She is celebrating five years of marriage, and has a five-year-old daughter. **Jonathan Lujan** has finished the first year of his M.B.A program at Harvard University. He

recently made a sailing excursion to the British Virgin Islands, specifically, Norman Island, which served as the model for the epic *Treasure Island*. He spent his summer at JPMorgan, working in Mergers & Acquisitions. **Amina Mahmood** will complete her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Iowa this September. **Erin McCampbell** graduated Washington and Lee School of Law in May 2006, cum laude. She is married to

**Ashwani Prabhakar '99**, and is working as a law clerk to the Hon. Dora L. Irizarry, U.S.D.J., N.Y.E.D. **Ryan McGovern** is working at JP Morgan in New York City as a trader on the commodities proprietary trading desk, primarily dealing in currencies, metals, agriculturals and energy. **Debbie Miesing** graduated from UAlbany's master's in social work program in May. Previously, she served as a village-based development volunteer in Samoa, through the Peace Corps. **Caitlin McNamee Mohr** received her master's in education from the College of Saint Rose. She has relocated and is now enjoying life in Charlottesville, Va. Under the name E.Q. Jonez, **Eric Neuman** is busy recording his second album, due out in September. He recently became engaged to

**Cheri Ulman. Benjamin Palancia** owns and operates the Albert Palancia Agency in Westchester County, N.Y., a property and casualty insurance agency specializing in commercial business and building insurance. **Jennifer Raheb** is practicing law, specializing in personal injury and insurance, in Queens, N.Y. **Christina Ramos** is busy advancing her career in fashion, having recently been promoted to a design position working on the "Baby Phat" and "Apple Bottoms" lines of Kimora Lee Simmons and Nelly, respectively. Christina is based in New York City and fondly recalls sewing clothes for her friends at UAlbany. **Virginia Ramos** is living in Florida with her spouse and three children. She teaches

**T**haddeus Pinckney, also known as "The Muffin Man," has lived another food-related alias: the Kool-Aid Kid.

"I said I wanted to make Kool-Aid for a living," Pinckney said in a phone interview from his Schenectady, N.Y., bakery, "and I got to do it."

Pinckney attended Rutgers University on full scholarship and received a B.S. in food science in 1999. He was hired by Kraft straight out of college, but four months into his dream career, he realized he didn't want to sleep on a cot in the lab during project deadlines. He contacted UAlbany Assistant Dean of Student Services Albina Grignon, who had scouted him when he was at Rutgers, and told her he wanted to study marketing at the University. Grignon helped Pinckney get a full scholarship, including a teaching assistant's position with Assistant Professor of Marketing Valentin DeMarco.

At the University, "I had to learn the textbook for marketing principles," noted Pinckney, who is pursuing an FTD-like network that will allow customers to order foods from local bakeries. "Also, I learned that communication – the ability to relate with others in a group atmosphere, to present, and to be able to captivate – is not easy."

In addition, he developed his presentation skills – and his muffins. "I perfected a recipe with her [Grignon]," Pinckney said, laughing at the memory of his mistakes and Grignon's endurance, "and I gave her muffins that really tasted horrible each day. We evolved the muffin recipe from trial and error."

Pinckney's career has taken as many different shapes as his recipes. He began making Luvins Muffins in October 2001 and eventually opened a muffin stand in a mall. Customers kept calling him "The Muffin Man," and the name stuck. Pinckney commissioned a local artist to do a caricature of him, and that image has taken on a life of its own. "The Muffin Man," who now presents healthy eating tips on the local PBS station, WMHT, is also teaming up with area schools to talk about the subject. In fact, Pinckney seems to be doing more entertaining and educating than baking.

He also donates both baked goods and his time to various causes. "I want to help others," Pinckney said, "and 'The Muffin Man' is a cool character to do so."



You can find Pinckney and his alter ego on the Web at [www.luvinsmuffins.com](http://www.luvinsmuffins.com).

– Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

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Your Alumni Association is

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middle school science at Oasis Charter Middle School in Cape Coral. In October 2006, she earned her master's in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University. Eventually, she hopes to become an assistant principal.

**Kelly Roses** has been accepted to the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University for her M.B.A. **Nick Santomartino** has been an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, Long Island, since 2006. He married **Faith Lovell** in May 2008. **Michael Schnipper** is an associate at Nixon Peabody Attorneys at Law in Jericho, N.Y. He is engaged to **Amanda Carlson**, and they plan to wed in June 2009. **Kristy Stolow** was married in 2005 to **Shaun Amiruddin**. **Kathleen Bracken** has been promoted to director of College Counseling at the Doane Stuart School in Albany. She is also working toward her masters in school counseling at Goddard College in Vermont. **SPC Hafeez Waheed** has returned to the States after an eight-

month tour of duty in Iraq with the Army National Guard, serving as a radio/telephone operator. He plans to pursue graduate studies at UAlbany.

**02** **Shayna Smith** is a senior portfolio analyst at GE Commercial Finance in Scottsdale, Ariz. Shayna recently received her M.B.A. from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. **Michael Holland** works at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, evaluating federal agencies' information technology modernization efforts.

**03** **Quinning Grace Ma**, an associate with Goldman Sachs, has been named Princeton Premiers Honored Member in Business. Quinning is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and resides in Jersey City, N.J. **Cindy Chan** is employed in human resources at the regional distribution center for the Target

Corporation in Wilton, N.Y.

**04** **Shawn Noel** was named assistant director of Athletics/Stadium Operations manager at Herkimer County Community College. Previously, he was a program examiner for the Office of the State Comptroller. **Kristin Cappone** headlined in the Black Door Theatre Company's first fully conceptualized and original work, "Sunrise at the Quarry," which ran off-Broadway in April and May 2008.

**05** **Jason Fuleihan** is a payroll analyst with a division of the General Electric Corporation in Schenectady, N.Y. **Amanda Stein** is environmental planner of Wildlands Conservancy in Emmaus, Pa. **Jessica Rossman** is the public health network coordinator for Sullivan County, N.H. **Diane Fowler**, CAE, executive director of the Professional Insurance Agents of Connecticut, N.H., N.J. and New York



Thomas Picardi

Oliver James DiBernardo

Charlotte Markey

Jackson Delaney and sister Keira

Hayley Casella

Julia Schmidberger

Skylar Rose Kraut

Benjamin Mann

## Births

1979 – **Ed Woehr** and wife Deborah, a daughter, Gabrielle, April 30, 2007  
1982 – **Shelly Goldman Black** and husband Johnny adopted, on Dec. 5, 2007, a son, Jason Alexander, born May 2, 2006  
1988 – **Allyson Caeti-Glaser** and Gary Glaser, a daughter, Blaire Julian, Dec. 18, 2007  
1990 – **Christina Picardi** and husband Vincent Quattrochi, a son, Thomas Anthony, April 11, 2007  
1991 – **Mary Jo DiBernardo** and husband Rob Emard, a son, Oliver James, Jan. 30, 2008

**Caroline Marchina Conaty** and husband Joseph, a daughter, Alyssa Gianna, March 29, 2007  
**David Jackson** and wife Jenny, a daughter, Lauren Samantha, March 11, 2008  
1992 – **Jennifer Acerra-Markey** and husband John, a daughter, Charlotte Addison, Oct. 11, 2006  
1994 – **Gia LaRuffa** and husband William DeFranza, a daughter, Annabella Rose, Jan. 10, 2008  
1995 – **Pamela Sussin** and husband Todd, a daughter, Cleo Nadine, Nov. 28, 2007

**Jessica Semmel** and husband **John**, a son, Jonas Noah Calarco, Jan. 24, 2008  
1996 – **Jill Rigney-Delaney** and husband Michael, a son, Jackson Thomas, Feb. 4, 2008  
**Andrew Casella** and **Nicole Plambeck '97**, a daughter, Hayley Drew, Jan. 30, 2008  
1997 – **Jennifer Ciavirella Schmidberger** and husband Joseph, a daughter, Julia Rose, Jan. 17, 2008  
1998 – **Jonathan Davis** and wife Kelly Geary, a son, Cash Everett, Sept. 13, 2007

**Matt Kraut** and wife Lindsay, a daughter, Skylar Rose, June 2, 2008  
1999 – **Graig Harr** and wife **Samantha**, a son, Max Julian, May 3, 2007  
2000 – **Seth Fenster** and wife **Julie Mittleman '01**, a son, Sean Andrew, Feb. 17, 2007  
**Cristy Carey** and husband Aaron, a daughter, Aileen Elizabeth, Feb. 6, 2008  
2001 – **Scott Mann** and wife **Gelena Goldin**, a son, Benjamin Shawn, Oct. 9, 2007  
2002 – **Michael Holland** and wife Allison, a son, Graham Jacob, Oct. 5, 2007

State, has been named to serve on the Risk Management and Insurance Advisory Committee for Utica College.

**06** **Joe Praino** was chosen as an honorary member of the Discovery Pro Cycling Team May-July 2007. Joe also won a casting call for Discovery and from May till July was filmed for a Discovery HD special that premiered in January 2008.

**07** **Kevin Dobies** wrote a play titled "Battles of the Band," produced in April 2008 by Proctors Theater in New York as part of its New Play Festival. Another play included in the festival, "110 Flights," was written by **Nahal Navidar '05**.

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 or call the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080.

## Young Alumni Reunion Planned

Good friends ... free food ... free beer.  
 It doesn't get better than this.

Plan to come on back to UAlbany and be part of the first ever GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Reunion October 24-26, 2008. Meet up with old friends and see what's new on campus.

**These exciting events and more await you ...**

- ❖ GOLD Friday night get-together at Sutters – enjoy drink specials and free hors d'oeuvres at this favorite UAlbany bar
- ❖ GOLD Tailgate Party with free beer, food, music and a special gift for all GOLD alumni

- ❖ Great Danes Football vs. St. Francis followed by fireworks
- ❖ Great Danes Great Bash at Washington Tavern with free food and drinks for all alumni
- ❖ Nanotech, Weather Center and Cancer Center tours



Check the Web at

[www.albany.edu/alumni/homecoming08.htm](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/homecoming08.htm) for all the details.



Jill Schumacher and Joseph Borrero

John Sette and Kerry Cole

Jessica Insel and Wayne Kelly

Amie Zordan and Sean Maguire

Danielle Fineout and Terrence Montanye

## Weddings

1995 – **Anthony Camisa** and Marlene Pacheco, Nov. 24, 2007

**Jessica Semmel** and **John Calarco**, May 12, 2007

1997 – **Rebecca Gordon** and Mark Nutley, July 21, 2007

1998 – **William Mastro** and **Eva Tam '99**, Nov. 23, 2007

2000 – **Joseph Borrero** and **Jill Schumacher**, March 28, 2008

**Cindy Chan** and **Jason David Fuleihan '05**, April 19, 2008

**Kerry Cole** and **John Sette '01**, July 7, 2007

**Sean Maguire '00, '04** and **Amie Zordan '02**, Jan. 5, 2008

2001 – **Wayne Kelly** and **Jessica Insel '03**, June 25, 2006

2004 – **Danielle Fineout** and Terrence Montanye, Nov. 3, 2007

# Authors and Editors

**Gerry Holzman**, B.A.'54, M.A.'59, master craftsman and woodcarver, has written *Us Carvers: An American Woodcarver and his English Mentor Chip Away at the Tree of Knowledge*. Making use of letters, journals and conversations, Holzman describes his 20 years with sculptor Gino Masero. "Gino generously opened a window into his soul. And what I saw there, combined with what I learned at his workbench, made it possible for me to become a professional woodcarver." For information, contact Holzman at escarousel@aol.com.

**Sallie Haven**, B.A.'68, has written *The Life and Loves of Alexandra, a tale of deep family love, generosity, kindness and the darker side of human nature*. For more information, contact Xlibris books at (888) 795-4274 or [www.Xlibris.com](http://www.Xlibris.com).

**Ray Starman**, B.A.'68, has written *TV Noir: The Twentieth Century*. Starman can be reached at [ray.starman@gmail.com](mailto:ray.starman@gmail.com).

**Richard Matturro**, B.A.'68, M.A.'69, Ph.D.'73, M.L.S.'82, has published his third novel, *Leslie*. It is the story of a 43-year-old

librarian at Troy Public Library who goes on a quest to find the boyfriend she hasn't seen since she was 18 – 25 years before – and risks trading the myth she has woven around him for a reality that might destroy her. After 16 years at the Albany *Times Union*, Matturro now teaches part time in the English department at UAlbany.

**Mary Schoenecker**, Ed.D.'70, has a second novel published. *Finding Fiona* is a contemporary story with a turn-of-the-century twist. A multi-layered tale of romance and suspense, it mixes mysticism and faith, with surprising results. Since retiring from SUNY Oneonta, Mary and her husband, Tom, now live in Placida, Florida. She spends her time writing, speaking and presenting workshops at public libraries in Sarasota and Charlotte counties.

**Mary Vigliante Szydlowski**, B.A.'71, is the author of a new children's book, *The Duck In The Hole*. The story follows a little girl named Keesha who must use all her best problem-solving skills to figure out a way to free a duck trapped in a hole in her yard. The book, published in July 2007 by

Operation Outreach-USA, a non-profit literacy program that provides books to children and teachers in schools around the country, is being used in first-grade classrooms. After reading the book in class, students are given the book to take home. It also is available on Amazon.com.



Plaza Hotel in New York while overseeing the construction the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. Hession, an architectural historian and president of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, lives in Alexandria, Va.

**Edward Moser**, B.A.'77, is co-author of *The Armchair Reader – World War II, an innovative approach to World War II history*. Learn why the Nazis feared the Freemasons, and what became of Japan's balloon bomb program set to destroy the Western United States. You'll read about Heavy Gustav and Mighty Dora, the Nazis' stupendous siege guns; America's thoughts behind the "bomber" plan; and how the comic book heroes went to war.

**Deborah Teitelbaum Galiley**, B.A.'83, has published two biblical/historical fiction novels: *Polished Arrows* and *Yohana*. *Polished Arrows* (March 2007) is set against a backdrop of Ancient Israel in the 14th century B.C., and follows the stories of two women, Devorah from Ramah, destined to become a great leader; and Yael, wife of Hever, unwilling bride. Both women have very different lives, yet are used as polished arrows by God in order to bring about His plans and purposes for Israel. *Yohana* (January 2008) is set in Jerusalem in the first century, where Yohana enjoys a life of luxury at Herod's palace until she comes down with a debilitating disease. Hearing of a new miracle worker, Yeshua of Nazareth, she seeks him out, only to find her life changed forever.

**Patricia Salkin**, B.A.'85, has edited *Pioneering Women Lawyers: From Kate Stoneman to the Present*, which documents Kate Stoneman's legislative triumph to become the first woman admitted to practice law in New York. The book's release coincided with the launch of a Web site, [www.katestoneman.org](http://www.katestoneman.org), which celebrates the rebellious spirit of Stoneman and those who have followed her tradition.

**Joseph Serio**, B.A.'86, who worked in the Organized Crime Control Department of the Soviet police, has written *Investigating*

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*the Russian Mafia.* In the 1990s, he was the director of the Moscow bureau of a New York-based global corporate investigation firm overseeing investigations across the former USSR. For details, go to [www.cappress.com/books/1720](http://www.cappress.com/books/1720).

**Donna E. Schultheiss, C.A.S.'86, P.h.D.'93**, has written *Psychology as a Major*. This book provides a comprehensive strategy aimed at helping undergraduates use self-exploration tools to decide if psychology is the right major for them. Schultheiss offers a detailed, reader-friendly explanation of psychology and its sub-fields, and an examination of the importance of diversity and multiculturalism in present-day practice.

**Suman Joshi, M.S.W.'91**, has published *Children with Autism and Their Allies in Action: Who Are They? What Do They Think? How Do They Help?* The book is about hope and wisdom for those dealing with autistic spectrum disorder and about a community of professionals, parents and friends who stand together to support and learn from one another.

**Kathleen LeBesco, B.A.'92, M.A.'93**, has co-edited the book *Edible Ideologies: Representing Food and Meaning*. Kathleen is a member of the communication arts department at Marymount Manhattan College.

**Hal Crimmel, M.A.'93, Ph.D.'97** has written *Dinosaur: Four Seasons on the Green and Yampa Rivers*. This new edition to the *Desert Places* series invites readers to partake in the beauty of Dinosaur National Monument's remote, rapids-filled canyons and wonder at the unique ecological niches found in this high desert oasis. Crimmel is a former river guide who currently teaches writing and literature at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Crimmel is also the editor of *Teaching in the Field: Working with Students in the Outdoor Classroom*.

**Dionne Boissière, B.A.'94**, has contributed a sermon featured in *Those Preaching Women: A Multicultural Collection*. The collection is the fifth title in the Those Preaching Women series, which saw its first volume published in 1985. This resource uniquely reflects the rich ethnic diversity of the United States in the 21st century, including African American, Cuban, Native

American, European American, Puerto Rican, South Korean, South Vietnamese and West Indian.

**Felicia Richardson-Battle, B.A.'94**, released her new non-fiction book, *Feel Good, Girl!* in April 2008. It encourages pre-teen girls to open their minds, expand their horizons and explore what's inside. [www.myfeelgoodgirl.com](http://www.myfeelgoodgirl.com).

**Mark Turner, M.B.A.'95**, a promising new American poet, has released his first compilation of original poems, *Across the Universe*. A harmonious blend of traditional and experimental forms, the subject matter is as varied and intense as the poet's style – touching on nature themes, human emotion and philosophical musings. *Across the Universe* is available in an 84-page e-book format at [markthepoet.com](http://markthepoet.com).

**Nancy Castaldo, M.A.'97**, has written a new book, *Leap into Space*. Upper elementary and middle-school readers will learn the interconnectivity of the universe through experiments and facts, as well as spectacular photos of space. Castaldo is a member of the Sierra Club's National Education Committee and the recipient of the 2007 Art and Literature Award from the New York State Outdoor Education Association. Later this year, *Keep the Earth Green* also will be released from Williamson Books.

**Michael Owens, Ph.D.'01**, assistant professor of political science and religion at Emory University, has published *God and Government in the Ghetto: The Politics of Church-State*.

**Mary Catherine Moran, M.S.'03**, has published *Differentiated Literacy Coaching*. This book presents a solution for meeting the diverse needs of literacy coaches and their charges. It is an exploration of the Literacy Coaching Continuum, a series of professional learning formats that coaches can use singly or in combination to design and deliver the most effective support.

**Patricia Hatch-Wallace, M.A.'04**, has published *Cutting and the Pedagogy of Self-Disclosure*, co-authored with UAlbany Professor of English Jeffrey Berman. Hatch-Wallace is an English teacher at Hoosac Valley High School in Cheshire, Mass.

## Welcome New Alumni Association Board Members!



**Joseph N. Garba '02, '05**  
Staff secretary and special assistant  
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**Tracy Metzger '83**  
Owner, TL Metzger & Associates



**Stacy Newman '86, '89**  
Senior staff assistant to the chair  
UAlbany's Department of  
Mathematics and Statistics

# Alumni News and Notes

## Deaths

### 1920s

**Catherine Oleary Branthaver** '26, Dec. 31, 1992  
**Mary Morrisey Heverin** '26, Feb. 16, 2008  
**Frances Moeller** '28, Aug. 17, 1999  
**Anne Stafford Harrigan** '29, March 10, 2008

### 1930s

**Mildred Hawks Warren** '30, Feb. 23, 2008

**Rachel Galbraith Bird** '31, Feb. 4, 2007

**Alice Fasoldt Walsh** '31, Sept. 30, 2007

**Mary Kubran Fuller** '32, Oct. 26, 2007

**Ellis A. Kolodny** '32, Oct. 5, 2006  
**John C. Detlefson** '33, July 5, 2007

**Dorothy Rockwell Edwards** '34, July 29, 2007  
**Helen Gottschalk** '34, March 27, 2008

**Julia Fullerton Irwin** '34, April 30, 2008

**Rita Brownhardt Robinson** '34, May 28, 2007

**Celia Shapiro** '34, June 09, 2007  
**Ruth Finkelstein Yaffee** '34, Jan. 4, 2008

**Evelyn Collins** '35, March 17, 2008

**Evelyn Staehle Sall** '35, March 28, 2008

**Rosa V. Petruska Dela** '36, Nov. 1, 2004  
**Dorothy M. Dutcher** '36, Aug. 22, 2007

**David Nelson** '36, Feb. 26, 2007

**Margaret Burnette Stevens** '36, Feb. 29, 2008

**June Winegar Hagadorn** '37, Dec. 3, 2007

**Ruth B. Mitchell** '37, June 14, 2007  
**Dorothy Mulcare Morrill** '37, Dec. 7, 1987

**Roy C. Swingle** '37, April 11, 2007  
**Ruth Schurick Blendell** '38, Feb. 1, 2008

**Cornelius M. Fogarty** '39, Feb. 6, 2008

**John W. Neuhs** '39, Jan. 26, 2008  
**Edgar B. O'Hora** '39, Oct. 9, 2007

**Catherine Callias Ottenot** '39, Aug. 6, 2007

**J. Odell Scott** '39, Oct. 17, 2007

### 1940s

**Jean Phillips Seymour** '40, Nov. 20, 2007

**Rose Ritter Vanderwood** '40, Feb. 19, 2008

**Kaarlin Tervo Bumps** '41, March 29, 2007

**Ruth Finkle Hall** '41, Feb. 18, 2008  
**Goldy Clopman Finkelstein** '42, Jan. 4, 2008

**Edward Foley** '42, March 22, 2007  
**Harry Bora, Jr.** '43, Dec. 3, 2007

**J. Gordon Hastings** '43, March 30, 2008

**Dolores DiRubbo Johnston** '44, Dec. 1, 2006

**Ruth Colvin Getty** '45, Feb. 2, 2008  
**Elnor Shaw Flock** '46, Dec. 29, 2007

**Marjorie Novak** '46, Sept. 4, 2007  
**Patricia R. Russell Burgin** '47, Aug. 12, 2007

**Gloria M. Baker Dixon** '47, Jan. 7, 2007

**Helene D. Kramer** '47, Dec. 7, 2007  
**Elaine Acker Sappington** '47, April 13, 2008

**Sylvia Fisher** '48, March 3, 2007  
**Margaret Daly Luciano** '48, Feb. 22, 2008

**Lillian M. Salani Mahoney** '48, March 30, 2008

**Suzanne H. Hildreth Wagner** '48, March 18, 2008

**Jeanne P. Bassett** '49, June 4, 2007  
**Jean Ineson Ebbert** '49, Jan. 8, 2008

**Cathal Halloran Kennedy** '49, Jan. 23, 2007

### 1950s

**Jerome P. Coleman** '50, Dec. 7, 2007  
**Norma Miller Edwards** '50, Jan. 20, 2008

**Virginia Mason Williams** '50, May 22, 2007

**Lawrence J. Wolfman** '50, March 3, 2007

**Constance Cardinale DeFeo** '51, Jan. 24, 2008

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• Enjoy an evening performance at the Mirabell Palace's Marble Hall and at Volksoper, the largest venue for operas, musicals and dance theatre, and tour the Ancient Music Instruments Museum and the State Opera House, which offers a repertory of an impressive range of operas.

• Enjoy some free time to visit the Spanish Riding School, home of the famous Lipizzan dancing stallions, and other fascinating sites in Vienna.

For additional information, contact the Alumni Association at 1-800-836-ALUM or visit us on the Web at [www.albany.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/travel).



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Feb. 19, 2004

**John R. Lannon** '53, Dec. 16, 2007

**Aliki Papastrat Makar** '53,  
Sept. 10, 2006

**Jean Stebbins Stebbins-Hellkamp** '53, April 9, 2008

**Esther Mayakis Taylor** '53,  
Oct. 15, 2007

**Peter B. Telfer** '53, May 27, 2008

**Bernice Procita Wander** '53,  
Dec. 7, 2007

**James A. Conway** '54, June 28, 2007

**Olga Fedich Dwyer** '54, July 15, 2007

**Lawrence Naylor** '54, Jan. 10, 2008

**Marion Vanallen Signor** '54,  
July 6, 2007

**Harold Schwager** '56, March 30, 2008

**Alexander R. Bednarek** '57,  
March 19, 2007

**Margaret E. Hamilton** '57,  
Feb. 18, 2008

**Norman Sweet** '57, Nov. 2, 2007

**Nora H. Warwick** '57, March 24, 2008

**Walter L. Clements** '58, Dec. 2, 2007

**Thomas A. Sullivan** '58,  
April 14, 2006

**Claudia F. Czaban Welch** '58,  
Sept. 5, 2007

**John L. Fudjack** '59, Aug. 7, 2007

**Margaret Knowlton Schultheis** '59,  
May 5, 2008

### 1960s

**Roberta L. Dosh Lower** '60,  
Dec. 10, 2007

**Josephine M. Pietruch**

**Markowski** '60, Sept. 9, 2006

**Richard B. Altemus** '61, Jan. 7, 2008

**Mary Vandetta Nadeau** '61,  
Jan. 14, 2008

**Paul Shaffer** '61, April 5, 2006

**Gerald T. Mitchell** '62, Nov. 27, 2007

**Cora Lazarus Frederick** '65,  
Feb. 15, 2001

**Ekkehard J. Piening** '65,  
Jan. 15, 1990

**Paul Simmons** '65, April 19, 1994

**Virginia Bangert Gilbertson** '66, Feb.  
10, 2008

**David A. Schenck** '66, Sept. 30, 2007

**Janet Kupfrian Poland** '67,  
March 2, 2008

**Beverly Sprackland Provoncha** '67,  
June 21, 2007

**Robert Berroyer** '68, July 19, 2006

**James W. Darbyshire** '68,  
March 4, 2008

**Mary A. Fiorenza** '69, Jan. 16, 2008

### 1970s

**E. Victor Boyd** '70, Jan. 17, 2008

**Martha A. Drake** '70, Oct. 8, 2007

**Sophia C. Carroll** '71, May 6, 2007

**Lia M. Catalano** '71, April 1, 2008

**Thomas M. Nathan** '71, Aug. 7, 2007

**Gerald S. Talatinian** '71,  
May 17, 2007

**Andrew W. Walser** '71, Nov. 11, 2007

**Katherine M. Babbitt** '72,  
Oct. 28, 2007

**Vlasta M. Fanta Finch** '72,  
April 2, 2007

**Susan P. Brown Schmitt** '72,  
Oct. 08, 2006

**Erma R. Chestnut** '73, Feb. 27, 2008

**Carole L. Cupples Deheart** '73,  
Feb. 22, 2008

**Dominick M. Eannello** '73,  
Jan. 21, 2007

**William S. Griffith** '73, July 20, 2005

**Richard P. Mossman, Jr.** '73,  
Oct. 16, 2005

**Robert A. Garee** '75, Sept. 16, 2007

**Joseph E. McDonald** '75,  
July 14, 2007

**Micki Nevett** '75, Dec. 17, 2007

**Larry W. Rowland** '75, Feb. 26, 2008

**Louis A. Schultz** '75, Dec. 17, 2007

**James T. Holloway** '76,  
Feb. 13, 2008

**Michael Kleinert** '76, June 6, 2007

**Marjorie Baum Maney** '76,  
July 13, 2007

**Steven M. Zych** '76, April 2, 2007

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Dec. 22, 2007

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Aug. 11, 2006

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Nov. 24, 2005

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Oct. 9, 2007

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April 22, 2007

**Glenda Zimmerman** '79,  
Sept. 14, 2007

### 1980s

**Jay L. Gottlieb** '81, Nov. 9, 2005

**Franklyn R. Smith** '81,  
March 19, 2008

**Michael L. Devinney** '82,  
June 19, 2007

**Gail E. Frankel McFarland-Benedict**  
'82, Oct. 12, 2007

**James M. Capozzola** '84, July 2,  
2007

**Kenneth W. Lux** '84, Nov. 26, 2007

**Richard A. Silverman** '85,  
Aug 18, 2006

**Alan D. Beardsley** '86, May 15, 2007

**Nelson E. Mayorga** '87,  
April 11, 2006

**Anne M. Miller** '87, Jan. 31, 2008

**Jane C. Neale** '88, July 12, 2007

**Mary C. Memrick Hawkes** '89,  
Jan. 26, 2008

**Michael A. Strenk** '89, Dec. 29, 2007

### 1990s

**Joseph A. Bartlo** '91, Aug. 12, 2007

**Russell J. Tapler** '91, Aug. 21, 2007

**Patricia P. Pine** '93, May 2, 2004

**Marcia L. Stella** '93, Feb. 3, 2008

**Eric J. Barden** '96, May 3, 2008

**Robert D. Smith** '97, Oct. 1, 2007

**Dennis E. Dooley** '98, Oct. 18, 2003

**John L. Polnak** '98,  
May 7, 2007

### 2000s

**Jason Kraycer** '01, June 29, 2007

## Rita Levine

who served as Student Association  
director of operations from 1977  
to 1995, passed away in May 2008.

Rita had great passion for her  
position and loved mentoring  
successive generations of Student  
Association officers and staff.

The Student Association and  
University are grateful for her  
many years of service.

## Faculty/Staff

**Lois Gregg Auclair**, Associate  
Dean of Students/Vice President  
for Student Success, 1965-1976,  
Oct. 9, 2006

**Philip Foster**, Professor, Educational  
Administration & Policy Studies,  
1981-1999, March 10, 2008



# The Last Word

by Zakhar Berkovich, B.S. '08

## UAlbany – The World Within Reach and the Ocean of Opportunities



Mark Schmidt

**Zakhar (Zack) Berkovich graduated from UAlbany's Honors College last May with a degree in biology and Judaic studies. A Belarus native who moved to the U.S. with his family in 2001, he was one of the University's first Presidential Scholars. Berkovich, who plans to become a physician, returned to the University this fall to begin studying for a master's in educational administration.**

**T**ime flies. It seems just yesterday I was writing a graduation speech for high school commencement, and today I am writing "The Last Word."

I wrote this column because I feel it is important to remind alumni, and to let new students know, how important the University at Albany was, is and will become to them. It is very important to me.

My first experience with the University was my first tour, when I met several friends I had worked with during high school. I was also introduced to UAlbany's Jewish community.

Last weekend, when I visited my parents, I found my door tag from orientation. It brought back the memory of 250 freshmen screaming: "I am excited! I am excited! I am excited!" We were truly excited about being at the orientation and becoming members of the University family.

I settled into Mohawk Tower at Indian Quad for the Project Renaissance Program's Pre-Health Track. Dr. [Jonathan] Post's lectures were creative and memorable; learning about the AIDS epidemic and Hepatitis B in Haiti still keeps me interested in medicine and HIV/AIDS research. Freshman-year highlights included the mini-wars between suites 2101 and 2103, my first Broadway show ("Rent"), meeting Christine Bouchard [now

vice president for Student Success], and Fountain Day.

There were other highlights, too: shadowing President [Kermit] Hall for a day; watching the Great Danes score points in the NCAA games; representing UAlbany at SUNY Day and meeting alumni and politicians; welcoming hundreds of potential students to the University; and racing competitively against some of the largest and most prestigious rowing teams in the U.S.

The institution that created these memories truly places "The World Within Reach." Although that motto was announced one month before my graduation, it has been the University's operating principle for 164 years. UAlbany made countless opportunities available to me, particularly the wisdom outstanding faculty generously shared with my classmates and me.

I would like to congratulate the Class of 2008 on a job well done! You have made it, and all doors of opportunity are open for you. As you read this magazine, think about the memories you acquired at UAlbany and cherish them. Go back and visit, and be a proud graduate. I will look for you at the next Big Purple Growl or at our reunion!

# Giving Back

As students, **Martin Kenosian, M.P.A.'69**, and his wife, **Joyce McCollum**

**Kenosian, B.A.'49, M.S.'50**, appreciated the “opportunities” the University at Albany presented them. Firm believers in “giving something back,” the Loudonville, N.Y., residents have established charitable gift annuities that will make those same opportunities available to future students.

Joyce, a retired New York State civil servant, is grateful for the education that made her career possible. Marty, who was already established in his career at the state Department of Civil Service when he enrolled at the University’s Graduate School of Public Affairs, found that the courses he took “broadened my work in government administration.”

The proceeds of the Kenosians’ gift annuities will establish a scholarship fund in their names – and assist students with college expenses for generations to come. “It’s worthwhile to give back,” says Joyce, “and the Charitable Gift Annuities Program is a great way to do that.”

*To learn how you can join the Kenosians in “giving something back” to UAlbany, please contact:*

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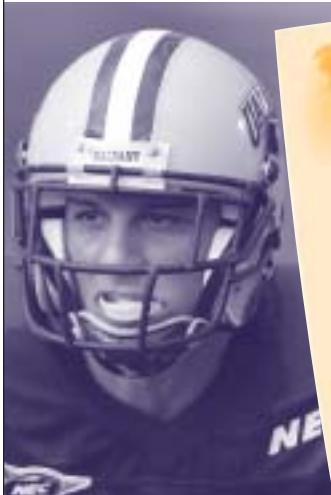


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Oct. 24-26, 2008



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- Touchdown Tailgate, Football vs. St. Francis, and Fireworks
- Aqua Ducks Tour, Little Danes Workshop and Comedy Night
- Theatre Department and Performing Arts Center Events
- Academic Demonstrations, Campus Tours, Farmers' Market and more
- School of Criminal Justice 40th Anniversary Gala
- 1844 Society Champagne Brunch, Student Scholarship Celebration (By Invitation Only) and Presidents' Legacy Reception

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For details on Homecoming and Reunions, visit [www.albany.edu/alumni/homecoming08.htm](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/homecoming08.htm).



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