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News and notes for alumni and friends





Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you read this edition of *CANOPY*, I encourage you to consider how alumnus Aldo Leopold (Yale School of Forestry, 1909) captured the collective spirit of F&ES in “The Land Ethic,” in which he wrote:

“All ethics so far evolved rest upon a single premise: that the individual is a member of a community of interdependent parts. The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants and animals, or collectively the land.” *A Sand County Almanac*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1949

Like the ecosystems that Leopold observed, the F&ES community thrives through active engagement in the life of the School by all members of the community, including our friends, alumni, students, faculty and staff. As president of the F&ES Alumni Association Board, I’ve been inspired by the sheer diversity of actors and opportunities.

As of the beginning of May, more than 116 alumni had returned to campus this academic year through our Alumni on Campus initiative to speak in classes, conduct career roundtables and meet with student interest groups, with more scheduled to come. The newly created “Alumni Association Speaker Series” will bring more alumni to campus to speak about leadership, and the launch of the Environmental Leadership Mentoring (ELM) program in summer 2014 will match alumni mentors with current 2nd-year students.

Our community increasingly connects where our friends and alumni live. Recent events have centered in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, New York, Seattle, Louisville and Nashua, N.H. I encourage you to celebrate our community: explore opportunities where you live; host student field trips, a Yale Day of Service or summer interns; or organize gatherings of local alumni and/or Yale Clubs.

The legacy of the School is secured by the continued support of friends, alumni, faculty and staff who contribute to scholarships and the Annual Fund. Thanks to these gifts, the School annually launches approximately 150 new graduates into environmental leadership, and welcomes an incoming class from countries around the globe.

Thank you for your contributions of time and resources. Let’s continue to enlarge the boundaries of engagement with the School and strengthen this vibrant F&ES community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Goldberg".

Brian Goldberg M.E.M. '03
President, F&ES Alumni Association Board of Directors



REUNION WEEKEND 2014 • October 10–12 • *Celebrating the '4s and '9s – All Invited!!*

Socializing, networking, learning, reconnecting: Reunion Weekend is about all of these and more. Class committees have been building momentum, so jump on board by contacting classmates and making your plans. Online registration goes live on June 1. Watch for announcements and register early so your classmates know you're coming!

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT THE SCHOOL . . .

Forests as Capital: Financial Mechanisms for Tropical Forest Conservation

20th Annual Conference hosted by the Yale Chapter of the International Society of Tropical Foresters



The first-ever ISTF Innovation Prize for outstanding ideas in forest conservation, sponsored by the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, was awarded to Honduras nonprofit Fundación Madera Verde and the U.S. nonprofit GreenWood, partners in the "Green Broker Network."

Hosted in Kroon Hall, the three-day conference drew representatives from international organizations, governments, financial institutions and nonprofit groups involved in the crucial enterprise of building mar-

kets for conserving tropical forests. Experts addressed questions of what tools are available, where these tools have been implemented and how communities and conservationists can gain access to them.

Fire Ecology of the Northeast Restoring Native and Cultural Ecosystems

Cohosted by F&ES and the Florida-based Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy



"Flaming Pines," Fort Polk Military Reservation in Louisiana, by Ann Camp M.F.S. '90, won a place in the Fire Ecology photo exhibit. Ann is a research scientist and lecturer in stand dynamics and forest health at F&ES.

Leading scientists and land managers convened at F&ES in February to discuss fire's importance to the ecology of northern ecosystems and the historic use of fire as a management tool from Appalachia to Canada. In anticipation of the event, the Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, directed by Mary Tyrrell M.F.S. '97, sponsored a fire-ecology photo contest. An exhibit of the best 15 photographs graced the ingathering of forest professionals (*see above and cover*).

Environmental and Social Risk Management of Chinese Transnational Corporations

Cohosted by F&ES and the World Wildlife Fund, organized by F&ES students



Panel on Corporate Environmental and Social Risk Management: Implications, (l to r) moderated by Jennifer Rogan, CBEY; with panelists, Fengqiu Liu, Sinohydro; Larry Jiang, International Finance Corporation; Jason Zhang, World Economic Forum; and William Miao M.E.M. '14 (at podium)

Seeking a platform for interaction and future collaboration, a team of F&ES master's students organized an all-day workshop, bringing together a range of experts that included academics, pol-

icy makers, NGO representatives and Chinese business leaders. The discussion focused on the steep challenges to meet environmental and social standards facing Chinese companies

operating on a global scale—and the consequences of not doing so. The organizing student team received partial funding from the Class of 1980 Student Project Fund.

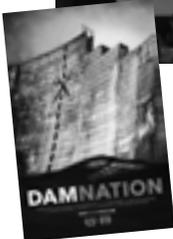


Sixth Annual Environmental Film Festival at Yale

Sponsored by F&ES at Yale, entirely F&ES student-run

EFFY is acclaimed as the premier student-run festival for environmental films, raising awareness and facilitating meaningful discourse on some of the most pressing and intractable environmental issues of the day. The films dramatically portray the complexity of conflicting concerns, unexpected outcomes and contested solutions that lie at the heart of environmental leadership. The Class of 1980 Student Project Fund and a number of other sponsors helped underwrite the project this year.

"DamNation" won EFFY's top honors for its breathtaking cinematography, investigative journalism and real adventure. The film traces the story of a country torn between hydropower development and the need to restore healthy rivers that are presently stifled by over 85,000 dams throughout the United States.



F&ES AND THE YALE HIMALAYA INITIATIVE

HIMALAYA STUDIES CONFERENCE

Yale University engages with the Himalaya as “a significant transnational space for research and practice” and has created North America’s first university-led, comprehensive and interdisciplinary initiative. The initiative brings faculty, students, alumni and professionals together to explore the region’s significance and its diverse ecology, cultures and politics. F&ES is playing a significant role in Yale University’s endeavor.



In mid-March, the third Himalayan Studies Conference brought together research scholars, health practitioners and artists for a three-day round of 33 panels and six roundtables. F&ES Dean Peter Crane, a member of the conference’s organizing committee, collaborated with professors from Yale’s departments of religious studies, anthropology, forestry and environmental studies, and South Asian studies to organize the conference with the central theme of ‘Communities.’ “Meaningful study of the Himalayas cuts across disciplines and regions, and ties together challenges that are of great ecological, social and economic importance,” said Dean Crane. “We are proud to be part of an event bringing together so many experts dedicated to understanding the complexity of this region and who are committed to helping secure a better future for its diverse peoples.”

THE KUSHOK BAKULA RIMPOCHE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

In honor of the 19th Kushok Bakula Rimpoche, whose 10th anniversary of his death was observed on November 4, 2013, Jonathan F. P. Rose B.A. '74 endowed the Kushok Bakula Rimpoche Scholarship Fund at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Beginning in the 2013–2014 academic year, the Fund supports master’s students who are from the Himalayan Buddhist Region, encompassing an area stretching from Bhutan, Nepal and northern India, over the Himalayas and across the high plateaus of Asia to Mongolia, Buryatia and beyond. Each student who receives support from the Fund is called a “Kushok Bakula Rimpoche Scholar.”



Doctoral Research in Nepal

Doctoral candidate Anobha Gurung M.E.Sc. '10, a native of Nepal, participated in the Himalaya Studies Conference and spoke during one panel discussion about her research there. In 2009 Gurung returned to Nepal to collect data on air quality and city workers' pollution exposure in the urban center, Kathmandu. She published her findings, including extraordinarily high levels of exposures, in the *Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology*. This has led Gurung to numerous additional projects seeking to understand the possible public health effects of rising pollution across Nepal's Kathmandu Valley. "Although air pollution and human health have been extensively studied in the West," she says, "there are important limitations to extrapolating health effects based on Western cities to developing Asian cities."



Gruber Fellowships

This spring, alumna Hilary Faxon B.A. '11, M.E.M. '13 received one of two Gruber Fellowships in Global Justice and Women's Rights awarded to F&ESers. These fellowships support projects that implement environmental programs in vulnerable parts of the world. Faxon will spend one year in Myanmar working with the NGO Local Resource Centre to implement the environmental component of Myanmar's first National Strategic Plan for Advancement of Women. She will also act as technical advisor to the Gender Equity Network with the aim of collaborating toward women's empowerment and sustainable development. (Lia Nicholson M.E.M. '14 also received a Gruber Fellowship this year, the first to be awarded for work in the Caribbean.)

VIEW SCHOLARSHIP at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Newly established by David P. Loseff B.A. '78 and Dr. Deborah McCauley, the VIEW Scholarship at F&ES supports an F&ES student from Bhutan, Nepal or Myanmar. Dr. McCauley—an accomplished wildlife veterinarian engaged in worldwide conservation efforts through the VIEW Wildlife Foundation (www.viewwildlife.org), WWF and other organizations—explains that the idea for the scholarship first arose when she discovered that nearly every leader she met in the Bhutanese environmental and forestry ministries was an F&ES alum. Building upon her work in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, Dr. McCauley is focused on wildlife health, especially as it relates to declining populations of wildlife, and the VIEW Scholarship's preference for Bhutan, Nepal and Myanmar reflects her current efforts in the Himalayan migration corridor.

WHEN FORESTERS GO SOUTH

Katie Beechem M.F. '15 and Frances Sawyer M.E.M. '15



Southern Forestry Field Tour students with hosts from Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge and Crossett Experimental Forest

In 1912, Professor H.H. Chapman—a man so tough that when he was bitten by a water moccasin, the water moccasin died—took a group of Yale students to southern Arkansas to inventory trees for the Crossett Lumber Company. In a time when old-growth forests were rapidly being depleted, Chapman made the unpopular yet far-sighted suggestion to rehabilitate second-growth stands. Chapman's work helped to launch a new era of southern forestry and initiated a long-standing relationship between Crossett and Yale. Soon students made yearly pilgrimages to the piney woods to witness the silvicultural techniques they studied in class, first at the Yale Camp at Crossett Lumber and later at the USFS Crossett Experimental Forest.

The face of southern forestry has changed dramatically since then, and this spring break, 16 budding foresters—

led by adjunct faculty and full-time forest certification auditor, Mike Ferrucci M.F. '81—returned to Arkansas to survey this dynamic physical, social and cultural landscape. In addition to a tour of Crossett's historic experimental "forties," students visited forests managed for pulpwood and sawlogs, biodiversity, recreation, water quality and carbon. They covered four unique ecoregions and engaged with more than two dozen forest professionals, including alums Doogie Darling M.F. '58, Jim Guldin M.F. '77 and Bruce Westerman M.F. '01. They encountered a spectrum of forest ownership and management styles, ranging from the intensive scientific plantation management of Plum Creek to the unmanaged wilderness areas of the Ozark-Saint Francis National Forest.

Students Katie Beechem M.F. '15 and Ben Hayes M.F. '15 were particularly intrigued by the Ross Foundation's



Left: Forests in management for endangered red cockaded woodpecker habitat, Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge; Above: Grapple skidder at an active harvest site, Green Bay Packaging

future-focused multi-use management strategy. The 63,000 forested acres provide recreation opportunities and support research while generating revenue to fund educationally oriented philanthropic initiatives. "It is a unique form of impact investing," Ben noted, "providing recreational land, drinking water and good forest management along with all the benefits from the foundation's [monetary] gifts."

Hailing from across the United States, Ghana and Bhutan, these student foresters possess a breadth of passions and concerns, encompassing education, finance, silviculture, environmental history, ecosystem services and recreation. These unique backgrounds and interests reflect the complexity of modern-day forest management within an increasingly interconnected global ecosystem and marketplace.

As Yale continues to train foresters as custodians of our natural heritage, students emphatically agree on the value of trips such as the Southern Forestry Field Tour. "By necessity, our class work in silviculture focuses on theoretical methods, so we're aware of different types of forestry machinery, for example. But after Arkansas, I will always remember what a feller buncher looks like because I saw one cutting down trees like a knife through butter," Cary Simmons M.E.M. '14 said. "The concepts make sense when you are out there in a stand. You see how it doesn't always look perfect. It's complicated. Knowing that is invaluable as you take on projects yourself."

WITH YOUR HELP . . .



INTRODUCING . . . THE GREAT MOUNTAIN SOCIETY

The Annual Fund's newest giving society

Each year, our dedicated alumni and friends contribute over \$250,000 in unrestricted donations through the Annual Fund. Their gifts directly support the newest generation of environmental leaders at F&ES, helping to attract top talent to the School and ensuring that these scholars, many of whom go on to meaningful though less-lucrative careers in the nonprofit sector, do not graduate with undue debt.

To inspire a spirit of giving among recent graduates, F&ES has established the **Great Mountain Society**, recognizing consistent Annual Fund giving from alumni in the last five graduated classes. Harkening to the place to which alumni return for their 5th Reunion, and to Aldo Leopold's enduring words to "think like a mountain," Great Mountain Society members benefit and stay connected to the F&ES community through their annual support for future classes of students. Individuals in the last five graduated classes become and remain members by contributing to their Class Gift and making an Annual Fund gift (of any amount) for five consecutive years following graduation.

In addition, F&ES's **Sand County Society**, which recognizes leadership giving to the Annual Fund, has expanded its membership to include individuals from the past 10 graduated classes who make gifts of \$500–\$999 in a given year. Alumni who graduated more than 10 years ago will continue to be designated Sand County members for annual gifts of \$1,000 or more.

It's not too late to make your gift to the Annual Fund this year! Your support, at all levels, makes it possible for our bright students to receive a world-class education at F&ES.

Members of the Sand County Society and the Great Mountain Society will be recognized in the annual honor roll featured in the fall edition of *CANOPY*, and will have an opportunity to participate in an exclusive yearly webinar featuring an F&ES faculty member or administrator.



"I've watched with great interest over the years as F&ES has embraced environmental sciences and policy curricula and emerged as the leading environmental school in the United States, drawing students from throughout the world. I strongly believe that the knowledgeable and creative leaders graduating from Yale F&ES will be essential to addressing the world's monumental environmental problems. So I am pleased to be able to increase my support to the school and plan to do more in the future."

— JOANNE POLAYES M.F.S. '77



Consistent Annual Fund supporters in the five most recent graduated classes

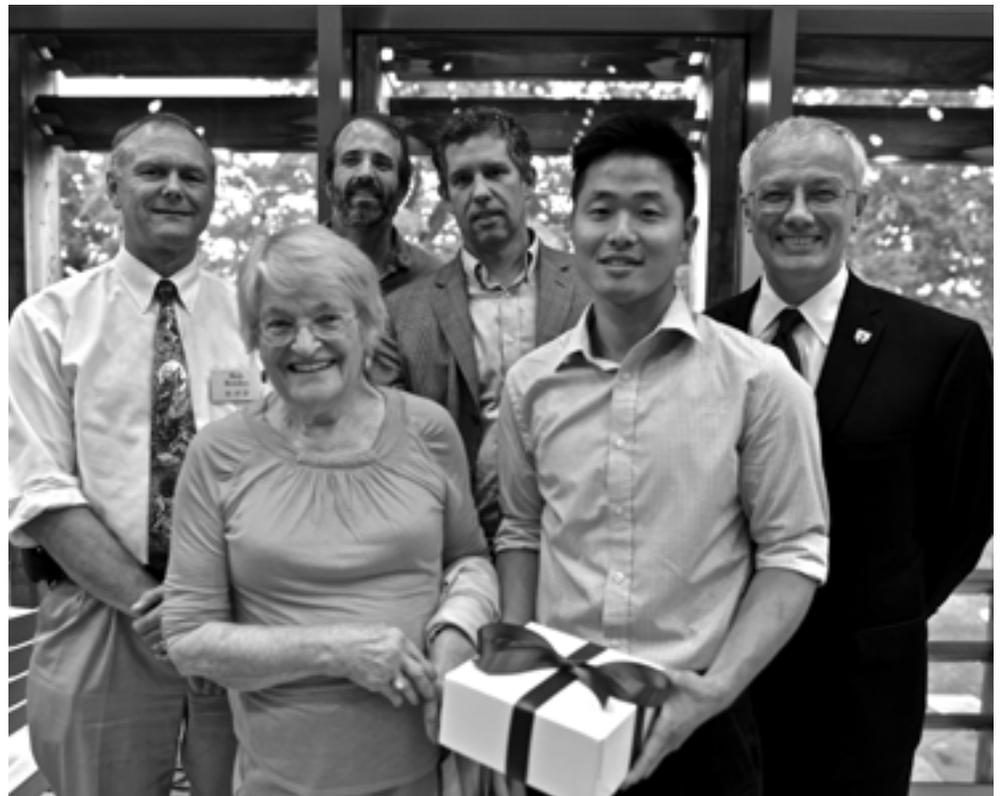


**\$1000 or more to the Annual Fund
\$500–\$999 for the last 10 graduated classes**

REUNION WEEKEND 2013

OCTOBER 4-6

PHOTO:YIYUAN QIN



Reunion Weekend 2013 had its start with the day-long F&ES doctoral conference, featuring 20 doctoral student presentations and capped by keynote speaker and The Nature Conservancy chief scientist, Peter Kareiva.

Bryan Yoon Ph.D. '17, second from right, receives the inaugural F. Herbert Bormann Prize at the start of TGIF. Also shown are Rick Bowden, Peter Raymond, Chris Bormann, David Skelly and F&ES Dean Peter Crane.



Peter Kareiva, Chief Scientist, TNC, speaking on "Conservation that can make a difference: Choosing Gifford Pinchot over Grizzly Adams."



Alumni TGIF attendees reconnect in Kroon Hall before heading out to small group dinners at various New Haven restaurants.



TGIF (Thank God I'm a Forester), an historic mainstay of the School, expands at Reunion Weekend to include alumni, current students, faculty past and present, and staff. In October, the record-breaking alumni crowd mixed freely with students to produce some great networking opportunities, as well as the reconnections that make Reunion a not-to-miss annual event.



Clockwise from top left: Immediate past president of the F&ES Alumni Association Board, Holly Wells M.F.S. '88 (center), meets and greets; A few faves return: (l to r) Star Childs B.S. '76, M.F.S. '80, and professors emeriti, Bill Burch and Steve Kellert; Reunion Weekend attendees put their heads together to share electronic communications from missing classmates; Class of 2008 in force; Families and future foresters are welcome!



REUNION WEEKEND 2013

Reunion Saturday packed a lot of substance into a compressed period of time, with four simultaneous talks by featured alumni followed by a plenary keynote address by William K. Reilly, Sixth Administrator of the U.S. EPA, Chair of Global Water Challenge and ClimateWorks Foundation, and Chair Emeritus of the World Wildlife Fund.

The seminars approached the larger issue of sustainability from multiple perspectives, focusing on research, remediation, conservation and sustainable development. This compelling assemblage highlighted the diversity and quality of F&ES environmental leadership around the world.



Arthur Middleton M.E.M. '07, Gaylord Donnelly Environmental Postdoctoral Fellow presents "Ecology and management of large carnivores in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem"



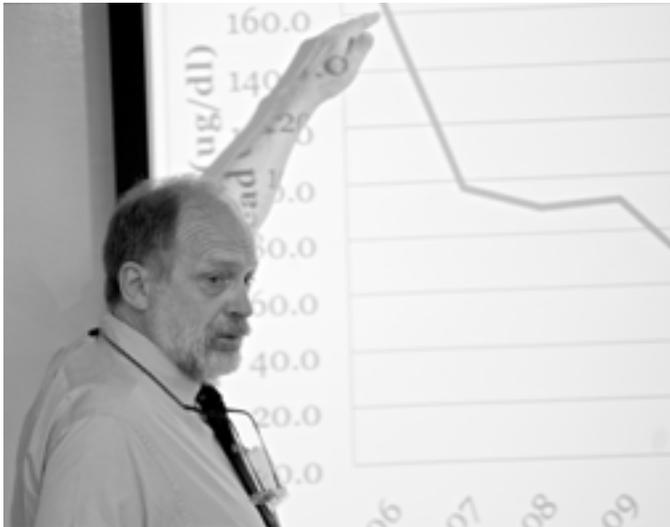
Margaret Williams M.E.S. '93, Manager of Arctic Region, World Wildlife Fund discusses "Conservation at the Top of the World: News from the Arctic"



Chris Rogers M.F.S. '91, Founding Partner & CEO, Point32, on "Seattle's Bullitt Center: The world's first commercial building designed to meet the Living Building Challenge"



There was something for everyone – alum left Reunion Weekend with ample food for thought and hope.



Ian von Lindern M.F.S. '73, Ph.D. '80, Founder & Co-Owner, TerraGraphics Environmental Engineering on "Following the Lead Ore: Cleanup of Childhood Lead Poisoning Epidemics from A to Z (America to Zamfara, Nigeria)"



Alumni engaged the topics of the morning with insightful questions and reflections drawn from their own real-world experience.



William K. Reilly makes the keynote address, "Turning Points: Life Altering Choices in a 50-Year Career."

"There are many...promising measures of a culture undergoing a significant conversion to a new and greener future."

William K. Reilly is no stranger to Yale. Twice a returning Zucker Fellow, husband and father to Yale College graduates, and an "Eli" himself, Reilly has a deep and lasting respect for the high calibre of leadership that Yale produces and sends into the world across time, geography and specializations. His comments on his own career—not only its stellar trajectory over 50 years, but also its challenges and seeming disappointments—served to highlight the less tangible qualities of leadership that exercise a deeply significant impact on all aspects of human culture and experience.

Most specifically, Reilly focused on turning points that had demanded a strong and hopeful response from him. He remembered those times in history when culture had driven politics (the '60s and '70s generations), and when politics had driven culture (the U.S. civil rights movement). Culture, not politics, he emphasized, ultimately determines a society's success. The need to unify our culture and politics has been a persistent theme throughout his career.

Reilly's message was a compelling and sometimes moving one. Scanning the audience of alumni, current students and faculty, it was clear that he spoke both to history and to the future.

SATURDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Service and Honorary Alumni Awards were created by the F&ES Alumni Association to recognize graduates and leaders of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies for outstanding contributions to the fields of forestry or environmental science, policy or management. At Reunion 2013, Distinguished Alumni Awards went to Ian von Lindern M.F.S. '73, Ph.D. '80 and Margaret Williams M.E.S. '93. The awards were presented at the Saturday luncheon by immediate past president Holly Welles M.F.S. '88, professor emeritus Stephen Kellert and current professor John Wargo.



The best part of every Reunion Weekend is the mingling and reconnecting of alumni and their former teachers and student support professionals. 2013 proved the point once again on a beautiful Saturday, with sunlight streaming in to the Knobloch Environmental Center on the third floor of Kroon Hall.



Above: Smart devices help attendees preserve their memories of a great ingathering – until next time!

Far left: Brian Goldberg M.E.M. '03, current Alumni Association Board president offers some preliminary remarks.

Left: Another future F&ESer? Reunion Weekend is definitely family-friendly.

Below: It was a packed house and the conversations never stopped.





IAN VON LINDERN M.F.S. '73, PH.D. '80
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2013

Ian, as a scientist and activist you have been a force for public health and environmental integrity, interweaving their shared challenges to find lasting, life-serving solutions.

As founder of TerraGraphics Environmental Engineering, you have taken the lead to clean up hazardous waste sites, advising and demonstrating to governments, communities and individuals the reparation of contaminated lands and the regulation of extractive industries for the health and wellbeing of vulnerable communities and the safety of their children.

Over decades, you have applied your expertise in health risk assessment and lead poisoning to dramatically reduce the toxic blood lead levels among children living in Idaho's mining and smelting regions.

You have exported the lessons learned at home to design and execute critical clean-ups of mining sites in Russia, smelteries in the Dominican Republic, and arsenic sites in China. You have empowered local peoples and regional industries with education, proven methodologies and best industry practices, and revived natural environments for a sustainable and healthful future, earning the United Nations Green Star Award for your remarkable efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to environmental emergencies.

For your work in Nigeria, where you spearheaded the remediation of an epidemic of lead poisoning that was killing thousands of goldminers' children, and your rapid mobilization of medical resources and health organizations to treat the critically ill ...

For your unstinting efforts to repair contaminated landscapes and heal communities, for the leadership and integrity you inspire in industrial practices, government policies and local understanding ...

For your decades of dedication to clean land, wholesome air, clear water and vital communities at home and abroad ...

We proudly recognize you as our Distinguished Alumnus.



MARGARET WILLIAMS M.F.S. '93
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2013

From villages of a hundred people, to streams that swell with millions of salmon each year, from Bristol Bay and the Bering Sea, to Kamchatka, Siberia and points west, you have served and protected the natural world and human societies of Alaska and Russia.

You have reached across boundaries to preserve and perpetuate Alaska's wildlife, wild places and natural resources, joining with individuals and communities to protect what matters most to them; giving voice, dignity and respect to tribal leaders, local NGOs and citizen activists.

As Managing Director of the World Wildlife Fund's U.S. Arctic Program, you have empowered and inspired a broad sweep of stakeholders to take action, conserving Alaska's rich and diverse ecosystems and enacting policies that will serve the region for decades to come.

Through your ability to span cultural and linguistic divides, you worked with colleagues in Siberia to bring a successful polar bear patrol to the northernmost cities of the United States, mitigating human-polar bear conflict in North Slope Borough.

Under your leadership, the U.S. Arctic Program earned the Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization, in recognition of your office's commitment to pragmatism, innovation and international collaboration.

You founded the first English-language publication on nature conservation in the former USSR, and you directed the Center for Russian Nature Conservation, working *pro bono* to ensure that members of the government, media and scientific communities have reliable information about biodiversity conservation in Russia and Eurasia.

You have been recognized for your spirit of innovation, your depth of knowledge, your ability to cross boundaries both real and invented, and your dedication to a sustainable future for our planet.

Margaret, for your stewardship of things irreplaceable, your initiation of deep cultural exchange, and for your leadership, your courage and your dedication,

We proudly recognize you as our Distinguished Alumna.

A program-free Saturday afternoon gave alumni plenty of time to explore, with trips to the newly renovated Yale Art Gallery, a beer tasting at New Haven's local brewery, BAR, and the Yale Farm, which is run under the auspices of the Yale Sustainable Food Project.



New Haven and Yale University continue to grow and evolve, with plenty of cultural, educational and fun opportunities for all on a lovely Saturday afternoon. After the Awards Luncheon, alumni disbursed across the Yale-New Haven environs to explore old haunts and discover new options. Some class groups chose to hang out and catch up, with many people reconnecting face-to-face for the first time since leaving F&ES. There's no substitute for a close encounter, and Reunion Weekend provides them in spades.



Reunion Weekend Sunday mornings would not be the same without the traditional family-friendly breakfast. This year, the autumn brunch included brick-oven apple scones made in the wood-fueled oven at the Yale Farm. Mark Bomford, Director of the Yale Sustainability Project, joined the group to shed some light on the activities and goals of the project. A delicious and enjoyable time was had by all!



CLASS NOTES

We heartily welcome volunteers for class years currently without Secretaries: 2007, 1972, 1964, 1957, 1955, 1952. Just send a message to alumni.fes@yale.edu indicating your interest. Your help can make a difference!

1953

Class Secretary

Stanley Goodrich

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Owen Beenhouwer writes: "I just turned 83, 60 years out from Yale. Studied under a special program led by Paul B. Sears, Conservation of Natural Resources—this was later absorbed into F&ES. We could take pertinent courses beyond the core group in the Graduate School as well as Forestry, which I did. Had some great professors. I was going into rivershed planning, to bring greenways into cities and towns, and ended up instead in a career in architecture. My time at Yale helped me enormously in understanding sites and then designing appropriate development. I am forever grateful to Yale."

Eric Ellwood, Ph.D. '54 writes: "I have reached the age (91) when things happen to the body. I am still practicing my art and science of photography and was all packed up and set to leave in my camper for a photo expedition to the Canadian Maritimes when a call came from my dermatologist that a biopsy showed a very significant malignant melanoma on my nose, so that put a full stop to that expedition. For the last nine months I have been undergoing a series of operations to remove a large portion of my nose and the ensuing rebuilding of that organ, now thankfully nearly complete. Incidentally, resulting from class notes of last year, I learned that fellow classmate **Jack Mulholland '54** is also attracted to photography and has taken some fine shots of our great Southwest. There may be others of you out there who are also addicted. I'm still active in the Rotary Club of Raleigh, which is the oldest civic club in North Carolina, and seem to be fully engaged in a variety of activities that keep me hopping. To my classmates: send me a note." ellw@earthlink.net

1958

Class Secretary

Ernest Kurmes

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Rolf Benseler writes: "Spinal surgery has slowed me down...yet hobble along...mostly in a forward direction...two steps forward, one step backwards. Not much happening. Still wander (slowly) and wonder (slowly), look (blurred vision) and listen (mostly deaf ears), often with (old) dog on the go. Yet ballet and opera, Bach and Shakespeare, usually with wife in tow."

Orville "Doogie" Darling writes: "I was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame on March 7, 2014, in Little Rock, Ark. I am the first forester to be in that select group. This was in honor of my work for Fordyce Lumber Company and its successor, Georgia Pacific Corporation, over a period of 44 years, managing company lands and management agreements with private landowners, as well as logging mills. I also served for 12 years as a member of the Board of Directors of Deltic Timber Corporation. I am a native of Fordyce, live now in Crossett, and Deltic Timber is headquartered at El Dorado, all in Arkansas."

1961

Class Secretary

Scott Wallinger

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Scott Wallinger writes: "With my 75th birthday and a decade since retiring from MeadWestvaco comes the realization that time marches on. In recent months I've been on a steering team with the Lowcountry Open Land Trust to successfully acquire about \$7 million to purchase 34 acres adjacent to the legendary Angel Oak on Johns Island, S.C. The land was approved for construction of 600-plus high-density multifamily units at the main crossroads. Now, it will combine with 11 acres on which the oak is located to conserve the existing forest and wetlands. Over 12,000 people sent

contributions, and the oak will continue to be the gathering place for Johns Islanders as it has been for centuries. I'm also on a taskforce that is working to retain the rural ambience of Johns Island itself, which is larger than Manhattan Island and has caught the attention of developers as the Charleston metropolitan area rapidly expands. A variety of interests are working to use conservation easements and other means to minimize development, conserve forests and wetlands, revitalize agriculture and protect cultural and historic sites. I'm on the Board of Trustees of the College of Natural Resources at North Carolina State University where we're working with Dean Mary Watzin to develop an imaginative strategic plan for the college. As if that weren't enough, Dr. Mason Carter (Professor Emeritus from Louisiana State University), Dr. Robert Kellison (Professor Emeritus from N.C. State) and I just finished a two-year effort to write a book to document the factors behind the huge increase in the productivity of the Southern forest from the end of World War II to the end of the last century. We're now discussing it with publishers. Phew! And I'm retired!"

1962

Class Secretary

Larry Safford

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John Zasada writes: "I am teaching at the John C. Campbell Folk School near Murphy, N.C., this week. **Roger Belanger** stopped by to say hi. We were at F&ES together, but he went south and I went north. This was our first meeting in more than 50 years."

1964

50th Reunion Year

Frank Bock writes: "Dorothy and I are planning a trip to Little Cayman soon. We'll be visiting her brother, who has a place there. We'll take along a copy of *Wild Trees in the Cayman Islands* by Fred Burton, with its useful identification key,

to help us recognize the many unfamiliar tree species there.”

Stephen Hanover writes: “Hello, ’64 classmates! I hope to see many of you come to Reunion Weekend in October. I have made plans to come. Remember, it is our 50th! So that said, you should try to come and dwell upon that famous time in the past. OK? I write this while in China with my wife, who is visiting family and friends on 22.6 degrees north latitude—this is very near the Tropic of Cancer.”

A.V. Revilla, Ph.D. ’78, writes: “I was truly glad to receive the Annual Fund letter from Professor **Herb Winer ’49, Ph.D. ’56**, and more so to know that he remains well and active. He must be in his late 80s by now! [Herb is 92.] I took a logging course under him in the fall term of 1963, and Prof. Winer was with us at the 1964 Spring Camp in Crossett, Ark. We did a field (time and motion) study in logging under his supervision. Professor Zeb White was also with us at the Spring Camp. We undertook field studies in forest inventory and forest management planning under Prof. White, who was also instrumental in my being offered a Yale scholarship to pursue doctoral studies. I wish to congratulate our Class of 1964 on its golden anniversary this year. I wish I could attend the celebration, but that is wishful thinking at this point.”

1969

45th Reunion Year

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1970

Class Secretary

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Mike Gawel remains in Guam in his fourth year as Integrated Cultural and Natural Resources Manager for the U.S. National Park Service, conserving and interpreting the tropical forests and coral reefs in the War in the Pacific National Historical Park. He currently is battling invasive Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles and Little Fire Ants attacking the park's resources and its visitors and is supporting the Tylenol Mouse Parachute Drop to control invasive Brown Tree Snakes.

He competed on the Guam National Dragonboat Team in the quadrennial East Asian Games in China last year with most competitors one-third his age.
http://www.nps.gov/wapa

1971

Class Secretary

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Michael Finkbeiner writes: “Social Security made me an offer I could not refuse: keep working to age 70. Here's some of what we've been up to at EarthImage.Net. In 2013: Provided hydrographic survey and precision GPS location services for baseline grid and datum determination in Cayman Brac under work permit from Cayman Islands government; established permanent 2000-meter rowing course in Greenwich Cove for AlumniSprints.org as annual April event; specialized in FEMA mapping revisions to the post-Sandy coastal hazard mapping in New York and Connecticut; performed 160 new surveys and serviced on-going pool of 500-plus projects since 2003, including 40-plus hydrographic surveys. In 2012: Added training in stormwater quality and management; joined International Erosion Control Association for training by EnvironCert in MS4 permitting, stormwater management practices and Federal Clean Water Act enforcement and performance standards, including environmental justice laws; continued to provide professional services for land surveying in New York and Connecticut, with hydrographic and underground capability. I am a member of the New York State Department of Transportation Real Time GPS Network for high-precision mapping and location. I provided hydrographic mapping for the New York City water system at Schoharie Reservoir and the East River Esplanade Project to connect 34th Street to 62nd Street over the water in front of the United Nations and under the 59th Street Bridge.”

Rory Harrington writes: “After 43 years of working in the public service, including the last three and a half in local government, I have moved to the private sector—Vesi Environmental Ltd.—so work continues. Our youngest obtained

his Ph.D. in November. The conferring provided an opportunity to visit the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, old friends and colleagues and the city's inspiring Botanic Garden (it has some of the most beautiful yew trees I know). Recent ‘adventures’ include helping the small rural community at Chathair Donall in S.W. County Kerry in ecological reanimation, and engagement at national and EU levels in animal diseases and welfare issues. At home we planted three ha of Scots pine/oak (along with other native tree species) on the least productive part of our family's small farm. It's an area that had remnant woodland species. I am hoping that it will encourage me to stay fit by tending to its needs. I got to visit Madison, Wis., last October to attend the World Congress of the Society for Ecological Restoration, presenting work on Integrated Constructed Wetlands, which continues to take most of my time. Hearing more about **Aldo Leopold M.F. 1909** and seeing the restored prairie there was particularly nostalgic; remembering wildlife management classes and Peter Jordan at F&E.”

Tom Nygren writes: “These past six months have flown by—volunteer activities with the local watershed council, small woodlands association and woodland cooperative and a lot of consulting work doing forest stewardship plans have kept me busy! Spring is coming, and I'm looking forward to getting out in the woods more often. A trip with other woodland owners to see small private woodlands in Sweden and Norway is coming up in May—I'm sure it will be a great learning experience!”

Jim Okraszewski writes: “Greetings from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This has been an old-time winter similar to, but even colder and snowier than those of the 1970s when we first arrived here. In mid-March it was still –34 F at night, and the ice on the lake is 40 inches thick. Our four children are scattered from Chicago to Boulder to L.A. and as far as Hawaii. One son, Matt, works as a NOAA contractor and travels to cold, far-away places such as Ellesmere Island, Canada; Tiksi, Siberia; and Summit Station on

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Greenland working on the instrumentation for climate measurements. Son Vance is a musician, daughter Teresa is a physical therapist and daughter Leah is a trained drama therapist exploring for work in Honolulu as her husband does marine microbiology research at the university there. Our two grandchildren are, of course, smarter and better looking than any others, and we see them several times a year. I remain active with hospice and other volunteering, which I find to be the basis for my faith and spiritual life. My wife, Clare, is an active volunteer with the local library, and she's continuing her efforts to train me while I train Buck, my fourth English pointer pup. Not sure who is having more success. I at least heel reliably and come when called. Not many Yalies in these parts. If you are in the area, give a call, and we'll float around the lakes and renew acquaintances."

Doug Sprugel, Ph.D. '74, retired from the University of Washington in June 2013 after 28 years as a professor of forest ecology. He had both knees replaced in the fall and is now enjoying retirement and hoping to get back to hiking again.

1972

Matt Rosen "In December 2013, I was awarded the title of 'People's Friendly Envoy of Shijiazhuang' by the Shijiazhuang People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. I am only the 12th person to receive this honor. In March 2014, I was named an 'Honorary Professor of the Shijiazhuang Preschool Teachers College' by the College."

Steve Wells writes: "Last June, several partners and I bought the Maas Boat Company, and I've spent almost a year learning very much about running a manufacturing company. We're committed to maintaining the qualities that have made our shells among the premier open-water racing shells in the world."

1974

40th Reunion Year

Class Secretary

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R.A. Lautenschlager writes: "I live and work in southeastern New Brunswick (near the Nova Scotia border), but will be retiring in June. I write and record songs and play a variety of gigs and instruments, recently adding a small accordion to the mix. In early March, I posted videos of me playing 10 of my songs and three songs written by others on YouTube. Most importantly, however, **Liz Mikols** and I are organizing a Class Reunion in New Haven for October 10–12. Hopefully, some or many of you have already contacted us with your ideas about what would make that reunion interesting and fun for you. We would appreciate any help you can provide, and it would be great working with you again! I am looking forward to seeing many of you again in New Haven in the fall." https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6oeJHu4l_WIzOi9gvE-lzg/videos?shelf_id=1&view=o&sort=dd

Liz Mikols writes: "Good wishes from New Mexico! I am typing this from my laptop as I recover from hip surgery #2. Already walking and exercising so I'll be ready for my big trip to Central Asia this May. Going on one of those Yale alumni educational trips, so I'm busy getting through the reading list (it's a Yale trip, after all). Can you spell Kyrgystan? We'll travel along parts of the Silk Road, so it ought to be about the most exotic place I'll ever visit. My house remodel (and green retrofit) is winding down. It's nice to use hot water generated by photons from the sun. I placed my husband in a Memory Care unit last October. It's a great relief to know that he is getting excellent care and is content. I also ended my term as president of the Silver City Museum Board last November, so I am anxious to do some long-delayed traveling. Off to the steppes of Asia! I hope to see all of you at our 40th (gasp!) reunion next October."

1975

Class Secretary

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Terry Chester writes: "My company Adbiz is off to a great start this year by winning a bid to assist the City of

Gainesville's Regional Transit System in all aspects of its marketing across all media. We will be creating campaigns designed to get more people to ride the buses, rather than depend solely on their vehicles. It is a nationwide challenge, and we are looking forward to doing our part to push for more participation in mass transit. Adbiz also continues to do all the marketing for the first and only USDA-certified organic butterfly farm! Check it out!" <http://www.butterflyfarm.com/>

Alyn Caulk is in the midst of a major home rehab while also getting ready for her son's wedding in Spain this spring.

Evan Griswold writes: "I am involved with F&ES through my work as chair of the Annual Fund and Class Agents. I just met with the Class of 2014 agents and am mightily impressed with their ideas about how to jumpstart their class gift. Such enthusiasm as well as great ideas! I am encouraged by the engagement of the younger classes who seem to be more involved in the School and its future than we were. On a personal note, I work in the real estate field in Old Lyme, Conn., and at the same time, work closely with The Nature Conservancy and the local Land Trust on several conservation projects. We also added a new grandchild to the family in January, bringing the total to four, evenly distributed between boys and girls. Very fun. The arctic cold continued here well into March keeping the sugar houses of the Northeast shuttered. We were usually hearing spring peepers by this time."

Hallie Metzger writes: "When it comes to 'arctic cold,' no one can challenge my chops. Here in Chicago, I survived several months of an unrelenting Polar Vortex! I study voice, sing in a chorus, manage a family woodland back in Connecticut, and until recently got up early to take pictures of sunrise over a nearly frozen Lake Michigan. This was truly 'the greatest show on earth' and never failed to awe and delight me with spectacular colors and lighting effects."

1977**Class Secretary**

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Bob Arnold writes: "I've been feeling remiss lately about not using the wonderful environmental science education I received at Yale. So I have a new, overly optimistic project: <http://www.clubearth.org/>. The idea is to help equip the kids aging out of the foster care system to work and live in harmony with the ecosystem, rather than contributing to its destruction in the normal American fashion. I'm setting up ClubEarth housing. The prototype is in Birmingham, Ala. The next to roll out are three in Detroit. The first step is to train these young folks in the green building trade. Once they have personal economic security, we'll have field trips to the parts of the world with the least food security. They will plant food forage forests like the one we have here in Seattle. Who knows? It might work!"

Jim Guldin writes: "I've hit the ancient age of 60, I hate to say. Here's hoping y'all behave Sagely (for God, for Country and for Yale, after all) as you approach this or similar milestones in your lives. I have to say I did cuss the day rather disgustedly as it happened last summer. But, thanks to a membership in a local 'fatness' center for the past few years, I am doing well enough to wet-wade after smallmouth bass in Arkansas creeks, hike cross-country after my best friend's dogs chasing bobwhites in the pine-woodland habitat of the Ouachita Mountains of western Arkansas during the winter quail season, and pass the U.S. Forest Service moderate-duty Pack Test. Here's hoping you and yours are happy, healthy and active insofar as y'all are able."

James MacKie writes: "I'm working hard trying to beat the benchmarks indices in the investment business. I'm traveling more and to more interesting places. I toughed out one long winter by enjoying tons of skiing. Now I can brag of having six grandchildren. It is a wonderful blessing."

Howie Neufeld writes: "I've been working as a consultant member of the U.S. EPA Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee

(CASAC). It is our responsibility to recommend to the Administrator whether or not the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone need revising in light of any new scientific findings from the past five years. This year, the committee is considering an EPA risk analysis suggesting that human health effects and welfare effects (plants, ecosystems) are not being adequately protected and that the standard should be lowered. The committee is considering adopting a secondary standard for welfare (plants, ecosystems) that is a cumulative exposure index (called the W126); this weights higher ozone concentrations more than lower ones. If approved, this would be the first time that the secondary standard will differ from the primary (or human health) standard, which represents a step forward for those of us who deal with the ecological side of things. One of the CASAC committee members with whom I serve is Michelle Bell, who is the epidemiology expert on CASAC and a professor at F&ES. Her work has been highly influential in the standard-setting process. Lastly, I'm beginning a research project on Christmas trees (Fraser firs), using elevation as a surrogate for warming to test for impacts on this industry should this region warm up."

Joanne Polayes writes: "Greetings from the urban-wildland interface, where the City of Prescott, Ariz., meets the Prescott National Forest! I never thought I would live in a fire-prone area, let alone in Arizona, but here I am. Although our house is within the city limits, it's a short walk from our Firewise Community to trails in the national forest. My husband moved here from Seattle about a year and a half ago. We are enjoying the sunshine (which powers our house and car via rooftop solar collectors), moderate climate, outdoor recreational opportunities, being in a small, artsy town away from big-city problems and a whole new part of the country to explore. I can't believe I retired from the Washington State Department of Ecology almost six years ago. My best friends are still in Washington, and the mountains of Arizona can't compare

with those of the Pacific Northwest, so I am returning every summer to visit and hike and kayak. I will always be a Pacific Northwesterner at heart and politically, but for now, Prescott is a nice place to be and a good base for travels here and abroad."

1979**35th Reunion Year****Class Secretary**

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Chris Brown, from his sickbay vantage point (recuperating from a knee replacement), has been keeping an eye on the local utility's (D.C. Water) plans to spend \$100 million on green infrastructure projects in Washington to mitigate storm water run-off. Chris is on the Board of River Network, a national organization supporting the watershed movement across the country.

Deborah Burke writes: "Life has been busy since leaving New Haven. **Bob Burke '80** and I settled in Vermont, and I began working at a startup company that specialized in new technology. I was hired to assist on a project that International Harvester hired the company to complete. It was the design of a walking smart hydraulic tree harvester that could walk up and down difficult terrain. Other projects followed, and we settled on a biotechnology process to do continuous fermentation with cells immobilized in a matrix contained in a reactor that we designed. The company grew from four people to 140. During that time we had a daughter and son. Our daughter is a criminal defense attorney, and our son works in the businesses that Bob started, Vermont Forestry Associates and Log Pro. I now work with Bob. We do real forestry and broker logs. We also have had the joy of sharing our many years together with three beautiful golden retrievers. The present one is Cabot, and, yes, he is named after the Vermont cheese company. We have moved across the Connecticut River and now live in Hanover, N.H."

John Carey wrote about the restoration of wetlands (inclining mangrove forests) in the December 2013 issue of *Scientific American* and recently traveled through

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West Virginia and Pennsylvania talking to forest land owners about the potential promise and peril of leasing their mineral rights to gas frackers.

Dorie [Karl] Faulkner writes: “I work outside my original field of training as the Director of Volunteer Services for Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Central Florida. My daughter and I lived at this Ronald McDonald House 12 years ago when my three-year old grandson Michael was being treated for cancer. Michael is a huge football player now, so I am on a gratitude mission of sorts. My environmental side is nurtured by living in a cabin with my husband, Gerry, surrounded by forest on the edge of a small, spring-fed lake. I’m enjoying the rowdy calls of Sandhill Cranes and wayward Canada Geese at the lake. I can also see a nesting pair of Great Blue Herons in a pine tree high above my kitchen window. My 10 grandchildren love hiking through our 10 undeveloped acres, just 25 miles east of Gainesville, Fla. Several take after Grandma and love swampin’ through the mucky wetlands and catching frogs, gopher tortoises and an occasional snake.”

Vicki LaFarge writes: “I stepped down as Department Chair of Management at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass., and am working now as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, essentially focusing on accreditation issues and faculty. This takes me completely out of the classroom and further into the realm of administrivia, but working with faculty satisfies my need to interact with something besides spreadsheets and accreditation standards. I was able to travel to Ho Chi Minh City with a group of 38 MBAs last January, so I am not always stuck in the office.”

Robert McKinstry writes: “**Betsy Rich** and I welcomed our second grandchild, Graham (Spencer’s son) on February 8. His cousin, Sylvia McKinstry-Wu (20 months), Andrew’s daughter, was very excited. I am working at Ballard Spahr. I have been working with a number of clean energy utilities supporting new tough, cost-effective rules regulating conventional, toxic and greenhouse emissions from power plants, both in

comments and in litigation in the D.C. Circuit and, in one case, in the Supreme Court. I have been studying issues relating to the proposal to utilize a rarely used section (111[d]) of the Clean Air Act to address greenhouse gases from utility sources and have spoken and written several articles on the topic. I work on projects involving use of green infrastructure for adaptation and to deal with combined sewer overflows, as well as more traditional environmental law topics.”

Bob Perschel, executive director of the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF), has been in *The Wall Street Journal* and other national press for a legal battle he’s waging in Massachusetts aimed at getting property tax exemptions for lands set aside in land trusts for conservation. NEFF decided to seek a full tax exemption on a property it owns in Hawley, Mass., as a test of the idea that conservation lands provide a public good by preserving nature. The case is now before the Massachusetts Supreme Court, with a ruling expected in June, and other states are watching closely as it is a legal question of national interest. NEFF has also been working hard on other fronts to preserve forestlands. NEFF now has full fee ownership of 140 community forests, totaling 26,000 acres, and holds easements on 1.1 million acres of forestland. One out of every eight protected acres in New England has been protected by NEFF. The nonprofit’s long-term goal is ensuring that 30 million acres in New England are conserved within 50 years.

Chuck Peters ’79, Ph.D.’89, reports that his book, *Systematics, Ecology and Management of Rattans in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam* (written with Andrew Henderson) has been published. The book, which is available in English, Khmer, Vietnamese and Lao, was made possible by a generous subvention by IKEA, who buys sustainable rattan from the villages that are following the protocols outlined in the book. There are currently about 100 villages in the greater Mekong that are managing their rattan. http://cambodia.panda.org/news_cambodia/press_releases/?216070

Martha Tableman writes: “Colorado had an incredible year of snow with incredible powder days for skiing and avalanches in areas not seen in many years. I have been enjoying the abundant snow for skiing and avoiding the traffic messes that result. At work, I am overseeing the construction of a \$4-million, two-mile segment of the Peak to Plains Trail in Clear Creek Canyon, which is located just west of Denver. It is a difficult project from a design and engineering perspective, which explains its high cost. I have also been successfully fundraising for the project. On the fun side, I traveled to Costa Rica with my daughter and mother to explore the volcanoes, cloud forest and the coast. What a wonderful place!”

1980

Class Secretary

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Ellie Lathrop writes: “By the time you read this, I will have returned from a long-anticipated trip to the Galapagos. My daughter, Emily Deichsel, is in Cusco, Peru, doing public health research on a Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowship and met my husband and me in Guayquila. The second part of our trip was to Arequipa and the Colca Canyon.”

Tom McHenry reports that he spent a very pleasant two weeks bunking and eating granola at the Echeverria/Pratt youth hostel in Strafford, Vt., while teaching a course at Vermont Law School on “Environmental Issues in Business Transactions” and acting as chauffeur to law professor **John Echeverria ’81, J.D. ’81**. His goddaughter, Charlotte Rand (daughter of **Curtis Rand**), characterized this course description as “perhaps the most boring title ever.” High points included a visit to neighboring Superfund site, a former copper mine, the cleanup of which many local residents opposed as a waste of money, and a field trip with John and Gus Speth to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Hubbard Brook Experiment Station where **Steve Hamburg ’77, Ph.D. ’84**—now head of science at Environmental Defense Fund—denied all knowledge of the Class of ’80 Terri-Eco field trip.

Laura Snook, D.For. '93, is leader of a 20-member research team working on the conservation of Forest Genetic Resources (tree diversity) around the world at Bioversity International, one of the CGIAR research Centers, in Rome, Italy (where she enjoys frequent get-togethers with **Suey Braatz**). This year she is concluding four years of research with national partners and students on the conservation and management of trees for wild honey production in the Miombo woodlands of Mozambique and of timber and food trees in the forests of the Congo Basin countries of Cameroon, Gabon and Democratic Republic of Congo. In January she launched a new project in the community-managed mahogany forests of Guatemala and Nicaragua, following up on her doctoral research, completed more than 20 years ago, in Mexico.

1981

Class Secretaries

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Mike Ferrucci teaches one course in the spring term, this year in “Managing Resources” with **Chad Oliver '70, Ph.D. '75**. Mike’s teaching focus is forest operations, much of which is taught during the Southern Field Trip each spring. The March 2014 trip was in Arkansas and included two days at the Crossett Research Forest where generations of Yale foresters received training in field forestry skills. Fourteen students ably led by Teaching Fellow **Tommie Herbert '14** were hosted by **Jim Guldin '77** and learned about the history of the trip, which dates back to 1907. The students held a cookout at the station for the local trip hosts and were joined by **O.H. “Doogie” Darling '58, Don Grebner '92**, on the faculty at Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss., and **Brian Lockhart '88**, a research forester with the U.S. Forest Service Center for Bottomland Hardwoods. **Bruce Westerman '01** visited with the students in his hometown of Hot Springs and joined a portion of the field tour at the Felsenthal wildlife refuge. Bruce is a principal with

Mid-South Engineering in Hot Springs, is Republican Majority Leader in the Arkansas House of Representatives and is running for the Republican nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives for the Fourth Congressional District seat from Arkansas.

Louise (Forrest) Davis and Joth Davis

'82 were thrilled to be married on September 15, 2012! They now have five amazing 20-somethings between them and continue to bounce between Montana and Puget Sound—are Rocky Mountain–Puget Sound oysters in the making?

Thea Weiss Hayes is an educational consultant after retiring from Portland Public Schools. She and her husband Angel were thrilled to attend her 40th(!) high school reunion in Glen Cove, N.Y., last summer. She is substitute teaching, tutoring, supervising graduate intern teachers, teaching at Beth Israel and writing/editing curriculum and lessons as a contractor for Oregon State University. Thea is on the board of the Oregon Invasive Species Council, the next president of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa and is proud that next year Rachel (her youngest) will be working toward a degree in International Studies at University of Oregon.

Gail Kalison Reynolds suggests that if you are a Facebook user, you friend **Fred Hadley** and **Thea Weiss Hayes**. Both are frequent posters with lots to say! Fred is a thespian—who knew back in the day? Gail’s role at the University of Connecticut Extension has expanded to include field research on the exotic lily leaf beetle pest and education outreach about the forest pests emerald ash borer and the Asian long-horned beetle.

Keith Tait writes: “I’m presently deep in ADK Life with Chelsea, NYC, still in play. Loving/parenting my daughter (9), feeling so blessed after years ‘married’ to my career. Glad to be liberated at age 57 with new beginnings—21 years at Pfizer Corporate Environment, Health and Safety (NYC and global), then five years at SUNY Plattsburgh (EHS/Sustainability) with ADK Life/NYC weekends, a short consulting gig, a stint as Hospice Volunteer/Coordinator with

ADK Life/NYC...what next? My daughter is top priority, just took me a bit longer.”

1982

Class Secretaries

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Ada Ndeso-Atanga writes: “I am in Accra, Ghana, working as a deputy editor of a peer-reviewed, open-access, international, bilingual (English and French), flagship publication of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations’ Regional Office for Africa.

Nature & Faune is an online and print magazine dedicated to the exchange of information and practical experience in the field of wildlife and protected-areas management and conservation of natural resources on the African continent. Current and past editions of the publication in French and English can be accessed from our website. The central theme for the next edition of *Nature & Faune* is ‘Sustainable natural resources management in Africa’s urban food and nutrition equation.’” <http://www.fao.org/africa/publicationso/nature-and-faune-magazine/en/> <http://www.fao.org/docrep/019/as290e/as290e.pdf>

1983

Class Secretary

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Haven (Barbara) Cook retired on April 30 after 33 years of Federal service.

Domenic Forcella writes: “I am director of the Central Connecticut State University Office of Environmental Health & Safety. We joined with the Athletic Department once again to participate in the EPA Gameday Recycling Challenge. And once again CCSU was crowned ‘Waste Minimization Champion.’ We are the only state university taking part in this event, joining more than 80 schools, large and small, across the nation. On the blues side of life, my blog carries a weekly blues schedule and periodic articles on happenings around the state and my blues travels.” bluesbeatnews.wordpress.com

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Jennifer Cross Peterson writes: “I am working at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. I presented a program on New England’s Geologic Past at the National Science Teachers Association’s national conference. I worked with two educators from our old neighbors, the Yale Peabody, showing teachers a virtual field trip they created for classroom use. I just finished filming a lesson on primate phylogenetics and human evolution, which will go online on the MIT website in a few weeks. I keep in touch with **Susan Foster** and get to see her once in a while. It’s always fun!”

Lindsey Rustad reports that she enjoyed Reunion Weekend 2013. She is a research ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service in Durham, N.H., Forest Service Team Leader for the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, N.H., and co-director of the USDA Northeast Climate Hub for Risk Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change. She lives in Maine with her husband, Lou Zambello, and has launched her three children to various corners, colleges and universities of the world. She is looking forward to giving a Yale F&ES alumnae seminar next fall and getting more involved in alumnae activities.

1984
30th Reunion Year

Class Secretaries

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1985
Class Secretary

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Gay Alling is out there in Sri Lanka. But then she’s off to Bali, when she is not in Mirissa studying the distribution of pygmy blue whales. Oddly, she’s back on the same project as in 1985 when the civil war broke out, and she was unable to complete the work. Clearly tenacious, she’s back on invitation of the government. Her partner in all this is Mark Van Thillo, captain of the whale-watching vessel *Raja*.

Dorene Bolze writes: “I moved to the Nashville area in 1999 and am the founding executive director of a watershed conservation nonprofit. The Harpeth River Watershed Association is now about 15 years old, and I have been the board president and then executive director since 2001. It is a challenge to institute watershed scale planning for growth to maintain water-quality standards and to protect contiguous rural/forested lands in the middle of the fastest growing area of the country. In 2012, I got to remove a lowhead dam as part of a large multi-agency and local government project that I coordinated with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grant funds. This project has returned the State Scenic Harpeth River to a completely free-flowing river, only one of two or three free-flowing rivers in all of Tennessee! The project was recognized by Secretary Salazar as one of the national Rivers Initiative projects of the President’s America’s Great Outdoors efforts. That was a career high moment in the summer of 2012, watching the backhoes tear down this 6-foot-tall sheet metal and concrete structure. My two kids, born in New York City, are now in college (out in California) or nearly out of high school. Come have fun on the lovely southeastern rivers that are aquatic biodiversity hotspots (darters, mussels and aquatic insects), check out some great live music, or taste the huge variety of locally brewed beer and distilled whiskies.”

Chris Bozek is celebrating 28 years with Edison Electric Institute, mostly working on Clean Water Act issues for them. Most interesting, over the past dozen years he’s become an avid student of bonsai, a hobby shared with **Louise deMontigny**. Chris also notes his son Justyn (13) lives for football and lacrosse, and Nikki (11) has discovered horses.

Jane Ceraso just launched her second career as an environmental attorney. Focused mostly on hazardous waste, she plans to start her own practice. Her kids keep them on their toes, with daughter Sage planning to graduate college next year and their youngest Rory heading out next year. Her talented husband, Steve Lowe, continues his work as a

special education advocate, helping families get special services for their children. Such advocacy takes a bit of a “pit bull” personality, and Steve fits perfectly. Living in Massachusetts, they are fortunate and often see **Bob Clausi, Caroline Eliot, Dave and Shelley ’84 Gagnon-Dresser, Tara Gallagher, Brenda Lind ’86, Cathy McConnell, Caroline Norden ’86, Sarah Clark Stuart ’86 and Steve Young**. And when they can, they head to their place in West Glover, Vt., where Steve enjoys his “manly” power tools, she enjoys digging in the organic garden, and together they enjoy biking the dirt roads.

John Earhart writes: “I work with the company I co-founded nearly 25 years ago, the Global Environment Fund. We now have offices in six countries and manage private equity funds totaling nearly \$1.5 billion of investors’ capital. Our focus is clean/efficient industrial technologies, environmental infrastructure and sustainable forest management. I spend most of my time on our Africa Sustainable Forestry Funds in which we own several FSC-certified integrated forest products companies in South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique, Tanzania and Ghana. I live half the year in Uruguay and the other in Portland, Ore., and would really like to retire.”

J.B. Friday noted that he was recently in Costa Rica, visiting their son Nathanael, who was there with Dartmouth. J.B. also commented that they were delighted to host **Ed Backus** and his wife, Jess, a couple of months ago in Hawaii, and “it was great to see him.” J.B. says, “I have been posting photos of our work in Hawaii, so go see them.”
www.flickr.com/photos/jbfriday

Katie Friday, after a decade of work, went from Hawaii to Micronesia to celebrate the signing of the country’s first conservation easement, protecting a unique freshwater swamp forest. She’ll be in the Marshall Islands helping them adapt to climate change, which for them means sea-level rise and increased droughts.

Jonathan Nute writes: “I attended our NESAF conference in Nashua, N.H., and was pleased to see Professor **Mark**

Ashton '85, Ph.D. '90, and discuss his lovely dipterocarps in Sri Lanka that he researches each year. This is my 25th year as a University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension forester in Hillsborough County, but my big news is that I finally placed a conservation easement on some of my forest. The woods themselves are not anything special, but they go back in my family to 1850, so it really gives me comfort that it will remain as forest for many more years to come. My wife and daughter were enthusiastic for the project—the paperwork only took a year to do, and the local conservation organization that received the donation of the easement thinks I am a cool dude! Best wishes to you all.”

Molly Harriss Toyne just finished six years on the International Board of Fairtrade, the last few as the chair. She has now been appointed CEO of Fairtrade Australia & New Zealand, coordinating supply-chain markets and linking producers across the whole Asia-Pacific. Molly writes: “Our teenage boys Atticus and Aaron are more wonderful every day, but my husband’s cancer has become worse, which is very sad.”

1986

Class Secretary

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Tom Duffus enjoys his work as a vice president of The Conservation Fund with expanded leadership, project and conservation finance work in Canada, New York and New England, in addition to his duties in the Midwest. He also chairs TCF’s Land Conservation Loan Program committee. In addition to large-scale forest conservation projects in the forested north, he’s trying to help tackle the extremely rapid loss of native prairies and prairie pothole wetlands in the Canadian prairies and the Dakotas. He had the pleasure of seeing **Melissa Paly '87** last summer as part of his work on the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, where Melissa has been consulting. Tom’s son Iain (24) has fallen not too far from the apple tree and is working on Capitol Hill in the environmental and land conservation

policy arena. His daughter Bridget (21) is headed to law school in the fall, and Tom and his wife, Nell, enjoy their Cape Dory sailboat on stormy Lake Superior.

Daniel Hellerstein, Ph.D. '89, is living in D.C. and working for the USDA Economic Research Service; these days getting into experimental/behavioral economics, which means not doing so much valuation of ecosystem services. It still needs to be done if there is any hope for accurate and complete cost-benefit analysis, but it seems to be a bit too difficult for common practice. The kids are seniors in college—what will they do when they graduate? Otherwise, a Sox fan and mildly depressed about the state of world politics.

Bob Unsworth returns to Ghana, West Africa, in May with a small contingent of the Yale Alumni Service Corps (YASC), part of the Association of Yale Alumni. The group will be checking on progress on the Computer Information Center YASC is helping to build. Forty-plus members of the Yale Band will also be in the village to lend a hand to the construction effort. Bob, his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Fiona, will be headed with YASC to India this summer. When not traveling on service trips with other Yale Alumni, he continues to serve as a principal at Industrial Economics, Inc., in Cambridge during the week, and on weekends does his best to manage a 100-acre woodlot in Marlboro, Vt.

1987

Class Secretaries

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Christine Coon writes: “I’ve been testifying at several public hearings to protect a wetland. I also have been bird watching (saw whet owl, horned grebe, snow buntings, common loon with her haunting yodel) and cross-country skiing in New Hampshire with my daughter.”

Chris DeForest writes: “I am reinventing myself at the Inland Northwest Land Trust, at my request. I am stepping down as executive director on June 1 after 17 years and will become the conservation

director as soon as the board has my successor in place. As the first executive director, I’ve orchestrated 150-plus board meetings, stocked endless committees, written too many budgets and operating plans, and personalized more than 10,000 fundraising letters and thank-yous. It’s time to get back to what I enjoy most: identifying and protecting key lands, time in the field with that snazzy orange vest and time at the kitchen table with conservation-minded landowners and their advisors. Looking forward eagerly to my ‘demotion!’”

Julie Dunlap, Ph.D. '87, writes: “I was sorry to miss Reunion last fall. I’ve still never seen Kroon Hall! Many of my recent writing projects have been for a new organization, the Interfaith Ocean Ethics Campaign. The group’s mission is to bring together many faiths and ethical traditions in the care of the world’s oceans.”

Libby Moore writes: “**Bob Moore '86** and I are planted on an old farm in Freeport, Maine, where we have been raising three children, managing a small woodlot, raising cattle (once!) and maintaining hayfields mostly for the bobolinks. I am starting to think about life after children-at-home (our oldest is now a freshman at Amherst College). I have a blog on which I muse on parenting, the changing seasons and living in a world of climate change; it’s called The Coming Season. Maybe that will lead me to my next career!”

www.thecomingseason.blogspot.com

Melissa Paly writes: “What a glorious, honest, long, hard, cold, snowy winter we had here in northern New England. Late March was still mid-winter conditions on the ski slopes. No complaints though—like any good New Englander, I loved it. It’s been interesting to serve on the Alumni Board and reconnect to F&ES. One of the priorities for this year is to build a more active speakers program for alumni who are visiting New Haven, so if your plans take you that way, please let the alumni office know. You could meet informally with students who are interested in your field or perhaps do a more formal presentation. It’s a great

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way to build relationships and give back to F&ES.”

Jim Pissot writes: “We were blamed for sending the Polar Vortex south (didn’t), but our two bouts of –25 F were quite ‘normal’ for a Canmore winter. The University of Wyoming invited me to archive my papers at their American Heritage Center, so I am going through 35 years of conservation advocacy files to separate ‘heritage’ from ‘did I really write that?’ In April, Valerie and I travel to Italy to celebrate 50 years of the Gonzaga-in-Florence program that I attended in 1967–68. *Per che miseria*, how time flies! I have stepped off the environmental center stage, but still engage when the scoundrels most deserve it...”

Chris Pratt writes: “I am in Central Vermont using my degree to make old windows really energy-efficient windows. It is a lot of fun and I am making great strides in the fourth year of the company. It is called Opens Sash if anyone wants to check the website. I also own and steward a large parcel of conserved land outside of Montpelier, Vt.”

Eric Schenck writes: “My wife, Jackie, and I live in Canton, Ill., our hometown. I just completed my 20th year with Ducks Unlimited (DU)—five years doing public policy work in Washington, D.C., and the last 15 years delivering conservation projects in Illinois as DU’s regional biologist. In the course of my work with DU I have managed to acquire or protect 5,000 acres of wetlands along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. I enjoy working with our many conservation partners (including **Tom Duffus ’86**) and DU volunteers. This past year I gave up my seat on the City Council after serving eight years as an alderman (I like to tell people I was released on good behavior!). One of the things I was most proud of was the renovation of Canton’s historic downtown square and helping to establish the Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway (which runs through our downtown). I am tired of receiving invitations to join AARP now that I have turned 50, but always am glad to hear from my Yale friends and colleagues.”

Yoel Seton writes: “We are the proud new adoptive parents of two young brothers—a rather steep (vertical) learning curve for us entering parenting in our early fifties. It’s all quite beyond us, really. I am director of a company offering Biblical study tours of Israel, and Laura is now a full-time mom. We plan to be in the United States for a short sabbatical this summer. During most of the time we will be based in Chicago (the most central place for visiting family), bracketed on both ends by family camps where we can relax and get a little rest.”

1989
25th Reunion Year

Class Secretary

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C.J. May writes: “While expanding my work as an environmental magician of Better World Magic and as Cyril the Sorcerer, I have also begun developing ‘Message Through Magic.’ This effort would be based at Yale’s Peabody Museum, not only institutionalizing the use of magic for environmental education but also teaching youth and educators how to use magic to strengthen their own presentations.”
www.betterworldmagic.com;
www.cyrilthesorcerer.com

1990
Class Secretaries

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Alan Haberstock writes: “This is my 18th year at Kleinschmidt, a Maine-based renewable energy and ecological services consulting company with offices throughout the United States that will have its 50th anniversary in 2016. We opened an office in Canada this spring to service our clients and potential clients there—also expanding into the Southeast, Midwest and Pacific Northwest. Lots of fun and relevant projects from habitat restoration to NEPA and Section 404 wetland permitting/mitigation, to wind farm development and hydroelectric project relicensing. We also do dam removal, fish passage,

green storm water and GIS. I occasionally intersect with F&ES alums like **Tom Kelsch**, who does habitat restoration (Gulf-focused now); **Dave Publicover, D.For. ’93** (AMC Scientist); **Josh Royte ’87** (TNC Conservation Planner in Maine); and **Mark Lickus ’91** (Maine DOT, Mitigation/Permitting). I live in Canaan with my wife, Carrie (New Haven native!), son Charlie (11) and cute mutt Katie. Glad to see F&ES thriving! I recently connected with Tom Siccama through e-mails with ‘the Kid,’ Carolyn Siccama—Siccamas are in Vermont these days. Toast to Bormann—anyone remember ‘Patterns and Processes in Terrestrial Ecosystems’? Thanks Herb, Tom and other quality F&ES professors for your ideas and inspiration.”

Bob Russo writes: “I live happily in Ivoryton, Conn., and recently got together with F&ES lecturer **Ann Camp** to lead her natural history and taxonomy of trees class through a local Atlantic white cedar swamp. It was great to see Ann and get caught up. I continue to do wetland consulting in Connecticut.”

1991
Class Secretary

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Gwen Thomas writes: “I am currently pulling together a conference on ecological restoration issues focusing on the great range of ecosystems in West Texas. We will be looking at restoration needs and projects from the Chihuahua desert to the plains of the Llano Estacado reaching into New Mexico, and from the border region of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo to the high peaks of the Chisos Mountains in Big Bend. I am looking forward to a site visit out West and have decided to take a week to hike, explore, enjoy the abundance of spring wildflowers and soak in hot springs. We are also looking forward to two family gatherings for weddings this spring in Colorado and Washington, D.C. I can’t quite believe the next generation is starting to get married! Weren’t we just at F&ES a few years ago?? Additionally, we have an exciting three-generation girls trip to Turkey this summer with

my mom, stepsister and daughter. On the agenda are the many mosques and bazaars of Istanbul, a boat trip on the Bosphorus, several ancient Ottoman towns, the Black Sea and finishing up on an island in the Aegean Sea.”

1992

Class Secretary

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Lisa Kircher Lumbao started a new job as Deputy Chief of Party of the USAID-funded Water Security for Resilient Economic Growth and Stability Project, known as “Be Secure,” in the Philippines. The project supports local stakeholders to improve sustainable water supply, advance wastewater treatment and increase resilience to climate-related water stress and hydrological extremes. Lisa’s children Sophia (13) and Aaron (9) are doing very well.

1994

20th Reunion Year

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Matt Black writes: “I’ve been in Paris with my family for almost 10 years now, which remains a fascinating and invigorating life change. My daughter (13) is growing up as an international citizen but remains connected to her American roots through a few weeks every year at a summer camp in Norfolk, Conn., just up the road from Great Mountain Forest. My career continues to evolve as a blend of science and music teaching, with a little music-making thrown in (I’m no Alexis Harte but busy enough to cover beer money, at least). My latest project, Rock U., a performance-based rock music program for kids and teens, is a lot of fun—thanks to **Ken Pruitt ’95** and his wife Teresa for coming up with the name!”
www.rock-u.fr

Javier Dominguez has been busy doing contract work for Barclays as a database

analyst. On the side, he keeps doing photography, especially of corporate events, music concerts and New York landscapes and details. He is still trying to find the right partners to create an organization that will work to provide multiple-use forest stands to support communities, sequester carbon, restore habitats and more. *www.JavierDominguezPhotography.com*; *www.ProTierra.com*

Nicola Robins is co-founder and director of Incite—an international advisory firm focused on emerging markets and based in South Africa. Incite helps clients build competitiveness by delivering social value. She’ll be in New York in May 2014 to attend the Shared Value Summit. Nicola lives in a small cabin in the mountains of Glencairn, close to Cape Point (where the Indian and Atlantic oceans meet). She and partner Steve share a passion for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Melissa Spear writes: “Hard to believe, but I have FOUR kids in college right now (my two kids and two stepkids). The oldest is about to graduate—hallelujah! I have been executive director of Common Ground High School in New Haven for almost five years now and am in the thick of a \$9-million construction project that will bring many positive changes to our site and many improvements to our programs. The work includes the addition of a beautiful new building that will compete with Kroon Hall for greenest building in New Haven. Well, maybe I exaggerate but not by much! In addition to living and breathing my work at Common Ground, I am committed to identifying, acknowledging and addressing racism and its impacts within the communities with which I work. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 20th.”

Nick Shufro writes: “Son, Zach, is a freshman at Tufts, majoring in French and International Relations; daughter, Julia, is soon to enter high school, singing, dancing, studying and being social; wife, Jen, is substitute teaching everything from Latin to chemistry at a local high school. I spent seven weeks in Astana, Kazakhstan, last year helping to develop an implementation roadmap for making their capital a Smart City. I toured

Moscow and hitchhiked across the Kazkh steppes...lots of fun.”

Jane Whitehill writes: “Professionally, I have stepped out into freelance consulting in drug development. It means that when I’m working through the night it’s not because somebody said I had to—it’s because I said I would. See you in October in New Haven!”

Ted Wong writes: “I’m living in Philadelphia with my partner, Michelle, and our daughter, Tilia (8). I work at the community college, teaching people about Hardy-Weinberg and the Krebs cycle. In my spare time, I write fancy web apps and fret about global warming.”

1995

Class Secretaries

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Dwight Barry writes: “I’m doing stats work in health care in Seattle, and have a beer from time to time with fellow Seattleite and classmate **Andy Cooper.**”

Sarah (Cole) McDaniel has joined with a few colleagues to found a new law firm, Douglas McDaniel Campo & Schools. Sarah focuses her practice in property law, boundary disputes, easement issues and land conservation, while her new partners bring a breadth of experience in personal injury, family law, bankruptcy and immigration services to clients throughout Maine. Located in the historic Dana Warp Mill in Westbrook, Sarah gets to watch bald eagles and otters play along the Presumpscot River that flows outside her window!

1997

Class Secretary

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Jon Kohl moved to Manhattan, Kan., where his wife is getting her Ph.D. in environmental interpretation at Kansas State University. Jon has been busy promoting his new PUP Global Heritage Consortium, an organization that promotes emerging paradigms in protected-area management and planning that emphasizes plan implementation. He

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also has a number of projects in different countries dealing with the value of heritage interpretation for protected-area management. His blog on this topic just turned three. Jon would like to know of any alumni interested in alternative approaches to heritage planning and doing. www.facebook.com/heritageinterpretation; www.pupconsortium.net

Martin Medina, Ph.D., worked on two projects for UNDP: a waste management plan for Sierra Leone, and a commissioned paper on waste management, poverty and green growth. He also presented a paper at the Inclusive Growth in Africa conference, organized by the United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research in Helsinki, Finland.

Alden Whittaker writes: "Big changes in my life these days. I have decided after a decade of living in Africa to relocate back to the United States! I have rented an apartment in Arlington, Va., and am enjoying the comforts of life in the first world. No job yet but will begin looking shortly for something related to wildlife conservation in Africa. I have changed my address already on the Yale website and look forward to attending some alumni events and catching up with those in the D.C. area. Please write to me if you are up for lunch, drinks or whatever. Looking forward to seeing many of you." alden.whittaker@juno.com

1998

Class Secretaries

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Elliot Mainzer writes: "I am enjoying life in Portland, Ore., with my wife, Margaret, and twin sons, Matt and Ben (5). I was recently named administrator and CEO of the Bonneville Power Administration, so work remains challenging and very interesting. Wishing all of my fellow alumni well!"

1999

15th Reunion Year

Class Secretaries

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Denise Burchsted writes: "I am finishing up my first year as an assistant professor of environmental studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire."

2000

Class Secretaries

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Ashley Prout McAvey writes: "I am excited about the work I'm doing to ban ivory. Elephants are in desperate need of our help. Please feel free to email me if you want to find out how you can get involved." ashleyg6@aya.yale.edu

April Reese writes: "In February I started a new job as an associate editor at *Discover* magazine. It was a big change moving from New Mexico to Wisconsin (especially in the middle of winter), but it's a great gig and I'm looking forward to exploring the Great Lakes region—preferably by boat!"

Harry White, ecologist, is working on large-block Forever Wild acquisitions and stewardship projects across Northern New England for Northeast Wilderness Trust of Montpelier, Vt.

2001

Class Secretaries

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Leigh Cash writes: "I finished up my doctorate from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and took a few months off before starting a postdoc back at my current location—Los Alamos National Laboratory.

As part of my postdoc, I am working on a *Diplôme d'université* in International Nuclear Law from the Université Montpellier 1 in France. I also recently decided it would be amazing to try out a new language, Russian. James and our dogs—Luke (7), Lola (2) and our oldest, Tango (18) who was in our F&ES class photo—are living large in the warm New Mexico sun and doing just great!"

Adam Chambers writes: "I had a great opportunity to go out with a fellow F&ESer, **Jay McLaughlin '02**, over the Christmas holiday and go razor clamming. It sure wasn't an enviable 74 F in the Pacific Northwest but the clamming was fun!"

Katina Hanson writes: "It has been an exciting year at the Hanson House. I am with the Department of Agriculture and have been on a six-month detail as the budget officer for the Risk Management Agency. After more than seven years without a baby in the house, our house is baby-centric again. Big brother, Atticus, is excited and a little ambivalent. After a few months with baby, I will likely head back to my job with the Farm Service Agency, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division."

Jeff Luoma writes: "I haven't been able to find a paying job in Central New York as a forester or land manager, so I've made a jump to doing home inspections and insulation upgrades/installations. (It's all part of saving the world by lowering our collective footprint...) I know there are jobs elsewhere in the country, but a great girlfriend and a small, fun, liberal community are keeping me hunkered down in the Land of Waterfalls for a while yet."

Bruce Westerman writes: "I'm finishing up my term as the first Republican House Majority Leader in Arkansas since Reconstruction. I'm also running for U.S. Congress for Arkansas's 4th Congressional District, which includes parts, pieces and all of some 33 mostly forested counties in south, west and northwest Arkansas. The primary election is May 20. Also, my son, Eli, has been accepted to Yale for his undergraduate studies beginning next fall."

2002**Class Secretaries**

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Becky Tavani writes: "I should have reported on this wonderful news months ago! Regeneration is going strong here in Rome, Italy—pleased to report to my F&ES family that my second daughter, Giorgia Iacovoni, was born August 14, 2013. Her older sister, Elsa, has yet to demand that we send her back, so things are looking up. I'm a forestry officer working on national forest inventories within the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. We're starting an F&ES happy hour on Fridays because our alum presence here has reached critical mass. I suspect my keg stands of the past (e.g., Jersey girl date auction) might be frowned upon in this crowd, though! *Baci e abbracci* to my beloved class of 2002."

2003**Class Secretaries**

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Ryan Bennett writes: "I'm living in Marin County, Calif., with my wife and two young beautiful girls. I am with SunEdison where I run the North American project finance group."

Ian Cheney writes: "In September, in Maine, I got hitched to a lovely lady named Amanda Murray, who loves the north country despite being an Alabama native; forester and journeyman **James Lucas** showed up and raised a Canadian ruckus before disappearing into the night. Amanda and I have just finished a new film, *The Search for General Tso*, which premieres this spring at Tribeca. I owe a special thanks to **Justin Pollard '05** and **Hahn-Ning Chou '04** for composing, some years back at one of the Yale Forest retreats, an early rendition of 'Who Was General Tso,' a smart and sensitive theme song that sadly didn't make the final cut. I'm hard at work on two new films, *North Stars* and *Bluespace*, and

living in western Massachusetts with Amanda and several aloe plants."

Daniela Cusack is in her fourth year as assistant professor in environmental science at the UCLA geography department. Daniela has research projects on the potential for increased and long-term carbon storage in tropical forests and effects of increasing pollution on these forests. Her projects are in Panama, Puerto Rico and Hawaii. She is recruiting a recent F&ESer to come work with her as a doctoral student (more to come...). Her husband Daniel also works at UCLA, and her little girl, Gabriela, just turned 1!

Alison Forrestel is working as a vegetation ecologist for the National Park Service at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (think Muir Woods and Alcatraz). Her big projects over the last year have been finishing her Ph.D. and planning a BioBlitz with National Geographic. She loves living by the beach in San Francisco with **Kabir Peay**, baby Essy and dog Blue. She recently dreamed that **Pete Land** was pregnant.

Brian Goldberg recently returned from Kenya where he led a *pro bono* water resources team who trained a Maasai community in micro-well construction. Brian is helping to grow this pilot program through AECOM and Engineers Without Borders in support of the Maasai Wilderness Conservation Trust.

Bishop Grewell moved to Denver with his wife and their two daughters. He continues to work in the U.S. Attorney's Office handling appeals for the federal government.

Kat Hall writes: "I just completed a Permaculture Design Certification course in Costa Rica and am incorporating concepts from it into the high school outdoor education program I run at The Lands Council."

Ben Hodgdon and **Margarita Fernandez '04** and their two daughters are living in Richmond, Vt., which saw a good old-fashioned New England winter this year. Luckily, he's had a number of escapes to the tropics for work, one of which included a sighting of the ever-elusive **Kevin Woods '04** in Myanmar.

Pete Land recently took on a new volunteer role as president of Wild Gift, a

fellowship program that selects extraordinary leaders, takes them on a deep wilderness trip and gives them start-up capital and mentorship to accelerate their better-world ideas. Pete was the very first Wild Gift fellow back in 2003 and has been actively involved in the program ever since. If you know anyone who might be interested in applying or serving as a mentor, contact Pete. *wildgift.org*

Carlos Linares writes: "The past two years, 2012–2014, have brought many changes. I've been working as a Consultant at the Environmental Safeguards Unit of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., responsible for ensuring compliance of IADB's environmental policies in health and housing sector loans in Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua and Uruguay. The best news is that my wife, Peggy, and I will be celebrating our second wedding anniversary on May 20. My goal for 2015 involves another change: Stop traveling and start teaching (my lifetime dream)."

Fuyumi Naito writes: "I am relieved that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury, held in Japan last year, was a great success. The Convention was adopted and signed by more than 90 countries. Now I am working on national legislation to ratify the Convention as soon as possible!"

Kabir Peay writes: "After an exciting couple of years, things are starting to settle down. **Alison Forrestel** and I live in San Francisco with our daughter, Eslyn, and dog Blue. When it's sunny we're on the beach, and when it's rainy we look for mushrooms."

Liz Roberts has moved north in search of mountains, heather, whisky and renewable energy opportunities, after a great year in London working on building energy management technology development with **Catherine Bottrill '02** and her company Pilio Ltd. Liz is newly ensconced in the great Scottish capital of Edinburgh.

Abdallah Shah writes: "The last three years were professional nightmares; all our projects were ending and the

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ones we brought in were very small. Serendipitously, and of course with hard work, 2014 has been a revelation. We have two big projects in tow and now the challenge is to implement. While that is no mean feat, I am reveling in the success of getting them going.”

2004

10th Reunion Year

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Philippe Amstislavski writes: “I took a detour from academia, and we moved from New York City to northern Alaska. It has been an incredible and moving journey for Tashia, Benya (3) and me. Tashia is working as a social worker in the fledgling hospice movement here, and for the last half year I have been working at the Alaska Division of Public Health, where I lead a small public health team. We work in the native villages in the Interior, Western and Northern Alaska. I am lucky to be able to fly to the subsistence-based villages, most of which are off the space-road network, and I’ve learned a lot from the residents. I also get to see for myself the massive changes sweeping across the rapidly warming Arctic. Our Benya is becoming an expert cross-country skier and dog musher! Next fall we will move to Anchorage, where I accepted a teaching/research position at the University of Alaska. I will focus on climate change and circumpolar environmental health.”

Jonathan Cook writes: “**Caroline (Simmonds) Cook ’06** and I welcomed Gabriel David Cook to the world last August and look forward to showing him off at Reunion. I joined USAID’s Global Climate Change Office in 2012, where I work on adaptation.”

Ona Ferguson writes: “My husband, Garth Goldstein, and I welcomed our baby boy, Bjorn, in August and have been enjoying the transition to parent-

hood. Bjorn is a sweetheart (of course). Professionally, I’ve been at the Consensus Building Institute in Boston doing environmental dispute resolution and public policy facilitation for the last decade. My time is currently focused on managing stakeholder engagement for ocean planning activities in New England and working with interdisciplinary teams working on estuary health. I’m also working with an engineering team to manage community outreach on a climate change vulnerability assessment for the City of Cambridge, Mass., and enjoy teaching a collaboration professional development skills course at F&ES for the fourth time.”

One Intarakomalyasut has just moved to her new business in real estate in Bangkok. She is a business partner and also working as a business development project director. The name of the company is Fragrant Property Ltd., a “green” developer that conceived projects that were among the first eco-friendly properties in Thailand.
www.fragrantgroup.com

Cindy Kushner writes: “2013 was a big year. I married Tony Mancebo in April in Brooklyn, N.Y. **Melissa Aikens, Philippe Amstislavski, Jennifer (Vogel) Bass ’05, Sarah Charlop-Power ’09, Sarah Davidson, Tasha Eichenseher, Jen Molnar, Kara Murphy ’05, Dani Simons, Corrina Steward** and **Laura Wooley ’05** all joined the salsa-filled celebrations. In November, we welcomed little Theo to our new family. After a blissful four months of maternity leave, I am now back at UNICEF, where I work on the global partnership, Sanitation and Water for All.”

Liz Martin Perera is in the wonderful world of green NGOs in Washington D.C. She is a senior Washington representative for Sierra Club’s Federal Policy Team, where she focuses on climate change policy and preparing for climate impacts. She resides in Bethesda, Md., where she can walk her two- and four-year-olds to preschool, jump on the Metro and be at work in a half hour. She loves having drinks or doing play dates with all of the F&ES folks in the D.C. area! How times change!”

Shona Quinn is exploring and sharing best practices within the apparel industry through work at EILEEN FISHER. Relocated to Los Angeles a year ago for her husband’s job at Disney, she misses the seasons and community of friends and colleagues of the Northeast but is learning to embrace the sun!

Abigail Weinberg writes: “I’m heading into my 10th year at OSI, now as director of conservation research. I’m deep into water quality and climate change in the eastern United States. It’s great to learn more about water, which I wish I’d studied more while at F&ES. My new curiosity: so much is determined by geology and abiotic factors. Jack (4.5) is doing a deep dive into horticulture. He plants all the seeds he can and we have some interesting things growing, including a grapefruit tree and corn stalks!”

2005

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Sharifa Crandall writes: “I’m in the final stretch of my doctoral work on forest fungal ecology and management at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Eric is working on salmon conservation genetics as a research scientist for NOAA. In other news, we welcomed daughter, Mira, into our lives this past year. We are really enjoying being new parents! Overall, things are great for us on the central coast of California between work and play in the redwoods and the ocean.”

Andrea Johnson writes: “I am working at the Center for Agriculture & Forestry Research and Training (CATIE), based in lovely Turrialba, Costa Rica. I’m focused on a project to strengthen value chains for wood products from community-based forest enterprises, and travel frequently to various corners of Central America. I’m also trying to develop a stronger relationship between CATIE and F&ES.”

Michelle Lichtenfels writes: “Still living the Portland dream! This spring I celebrate seven years at PECl, where I’m a senior product manager. I consult with utility clients on data-center efficiency and IDSM solutions and kicked off a few data center-focused utility efficiency programs in early 2014—staying content and busy! Meanwhile, Matt is heading into his second year with a local school district as their energy manager. Our baby girl, Arley, was born last July and is rapidly approaching a year old, and our little girl, Lowe, is almost five.”

Victoria Thompson writes: “Let’s see... got married in September—that was the big thing. The wedding was in Amherst, Mass., with F&ESers **Radha Kuppalli** and **Emily Levin** in attendance, as well as Dee Siegel. Chris and I are living in Minneapolis and I’m attempting a career change to become an interpretive naturalist—there are a ton of great nature centers around here, and it’s a lot more fun than being behind a desk all day.

Amir Nadav ’09 and I recently started up a Twin Cities F&ES alumni group and have had a few fun happy hours so far.”

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Aravinda Ananda writes: “I was pleasantly surprised to discover that I was sitting three seats away from former F&ES classmate, **Mohamad Chakaki**, at a Boston Symphony Orchestra performance in January. It was fun to run into him and catch up a little bit. In other news, my husband and I were two of the founding business members of the Climate Action Liaison Coalition (CALC), a newly founded organization of small businesses that hire a part- or full-time employee to work on internal sustainability and climate advocacy. If you own a small business (or know anyone who

does) you should check out the great work CALC is doing.”

Joel Creswell writes: “I’m working at Brooks Rand Instruments on developing new mercury analyzers. The Department of Energy renewed funding for our biggest project, a field-deployable instrument, which should be ready for release next year. In September, I married Sibyl Siegfried, my long-time girlfriend, in Minneapolis. **Kristen Welsh Unwala**, **Jen Adler Mathers** and **Kerry Dooley ’07** were there to shake it on the dance floor with us.”

Mary McNealy Czarnecki writes: “Our family is keeping busy in the heart of the Willamette Valley, Ore. Like many people these days, I manage several roles: director of strategic alliances for WebMD; co-owner of our family restaurant, the Joel Palmer House; and mom-preneur/owner of White Table Crafts. My husband, Chris, a fourth-generation chef and restaurateur, and I are planning to open our second restaurant, The Barlow Room, in June—we welcome any F&ESers in the area to drop in for a bite! We are also expecting our second son to arrive at the end of June, so it will be an exciting summer for the Czarnecki household. Baby Boy will be welcomed by our oldest, Emmett (2). Best regards from Oregon Wine Country!”

www.joelpalmerhouse.com;

www.whitetablecrafts.com;

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Gonzalo Griebenow writes: “Over the past year I have been living between Oxford, U.K., and Cape Coast in Ghana working hard to finish my long delayed Ph.D.! As I send this brief note, I am enjoying the nice afternoon breeze coming from Kakum National Park in Ghana’s Central Region, finalizing my fifth and last fieldwork trip to this wonderful country. I return in mid-April to Oxford to start the writing part of my thesis, but I will not stay long in Oxford because I need to resume my work. In late March, I met with a few F&ESers for a new version of the ‘Accra TGIF’ (the previous one was in August 2010). **Rebecca Asare ’03**, **Ph.D. ’10**, **Hugh Brown ’10**, **Patricia Buah** and I enjoyed a get-together with tilapia and yam!”

Rachel Gruzen writes: “I started teaching science at a private high school on eastern Long Island in 2013. My curriculum includes marine ecology and environmental sciences. Teaching is heaven! I also independently consult in environmental planning with projects in the tri-state area and as far away as Peru. Thanks to my F&ES teachers for showing me how the best teachers teach!”

Christina (Zarella) Milloy works as an administrator for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. While her position is based in Washington, D.C., she teleworks from her home in Burlington, Conn. In her personal time, Christina is writing a memoir about her experience as a homeless teen. Her draft manuscript won a scholarship to the San Francisco Writers Conference in February.

Jason Rauch, Ph.D. ’10, writes: “As part of my work for the Maine Public Utilities Commission, I traveled to Moldova at the end of March 2014 as a part of a NARUC USAID program to exchange utility regulation experience and knowledge. I was able to share Maine’s experiences with implementing renewable energy policy as Moldova works to implement its own renewable energy policies. Millie and I had our third child, Thomas Declan Rauch, in February 2014. Mom and baby are doing well!”

Jill Savery writes: “After 2.5 years serving in the role of head of sustainability for the 2013 America’s Cup in San Francisco, I’ve moved to Reno, Nev., and have started my own sustainability consulting firm called Bristlecone Strategies Inc. I’ll also be teaching an MBA sustainability seminar at the University of Nevada at Reno starting fall 2014. It is exciting to see so many MBA programs focused on or interested in incorporating sustainability.”

2007

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Amanda Moss Cowan completed her doctorate at Oxford University’s Said Business School in 2013, and she holds a post-doctoral fellowship at the Oxford University Centre for Corporate

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Reputation. Her research focuses on the rise and evolution of the sustainable seafood movement.

Tanja Srebotnjak, Ph.D. '07, writes: "My family and I enjoy living in the vibrant but drought-stricken San Francisco Bay Area. I've shifted my attention fully to studying the health risks associated with hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') and joined a wonderful team at the Natural Resources Defense Council."

Kate (Woodruff) Tipple writes: "I am on our College of Law's Green Team—promoting sustainable behavior in the College before we move into our new LEED Platinum law school building. Scheduled to open in May 2015, this building brings back memories of touring Kroon Hall before it was finished. Check it out to see the innovative cooling system and bird-friendly glass. I also co-hosted an event with the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Spring Conference chaired by **Sean Dixon '09**. Still a student, still skiing in Utah and still working on the house with Brett!"
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2008

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Kelsey (Kidd) Wharton writes: "I'm with Arizona State University and recently accepted a position as a writer and editor for the online magazine *Research Matters*, which covers all research at the university. I love it! In May I'm looking forward to hosting **Angela Lott-Aguilera**, **Jamie (Spivey) Quigg**, **Korinti Recalde** and **Terry Unger** in my hometown of Austin for a mini reunion."

2009

5th Reunion Year

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Panah Bhalla married Eric Stauffer of Washington, D.C., in October 2013. She is now Panah Bhalla Stauffer. Panah works at EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs. There, she leads the International E-Waste Management Network, which enables environmental officials from around the world to directly exchange best practices on e-waste management.

Sarah Charlop-Powers writes: "I am living in New York City, where I serve as the vice president of the Natural Areas Conservancy, a young nonprofit dedicated to conserving and managing New York City's forests and wetlands. I am thrilled to be getting married in June to F&ES alum **Dani Simons '04**."

Sean Dixon started work in February as a staff attorney in the Hudson River Program at Riverkeeper, working on Hudson River and New York City water and energy issues, based in Ossining, N.Y.

Haley Gilbert married SOM alum and soccer star, Jorge Hinojosa, this past March. The intense soccer rivalry between F&ES and SOM has finally been squashed. The wedding weekend included a shirts-v.-skins *fútbol* match, but then everyone bonded over mescal and general merriment!

Molly Howard has relocated to Boston to help expand a charter school in Dorchester. She remains in the classroom teaching her kindergarten students to appreciate nature.

Andre Mershon writes: "I am working on climate-change adaptation for USAID in Washington. In February I got back to F&ES for the first time since graduation, thanks to Professor Rob Bailis, who invited me to guest lecture at his class. It was great to see old friends and meet

new ones. Big changes coming this year: my wife and I are expecting our first child in May. We just purchased a house in Takoma Park, Md., to accommodate our growing family."

Claudia Octaviano is working on her Ph.D. at MIT, thinking about renewable energy futures for Mexico and developing methods that bridge engineering and economic science for policy design on the climate issue.

Joseph Orefice writes: "In the years since winning for the largest rutabagas in the Adirondacks, I have added a new focus to my farming endeavors: family heirloom figs." *www.adkfigs.com*

Meg Selby writes: "I've begun my new job as part owner, trustee and curator of a small zoo in Nelson, N.Z. We are working toward turning it into a native wildlife conservation center, with community conservation projects, wildlife rehabilitation and education as our primary goals."

Jude Wu moved to Hong Kong in April for a year to start a new office for Conservation International focusing on corporate environmental sustainability partnerships and freshwater/marine conservation. She's looking forward to reconnecting with alums in China and the Asia-Pacific region.

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Jen Baldwin writes: "I have been working at Forest Trends for a year now on project management for pilot payment for ecosystem services projects on the ground (mostly in Latin America), and exploring new work on sustainable commodity agriculture in South America. I recently organized one of Forest Trends' global

Katoomba meetings in Iguazu Falls, Brazil, which brought together private sector companies, government agencies, NGOs and academics to discuss how to move toward low-deforestation commodity agriculture. As you can imagine, a destination like that attracted a lot of F&ES interest, so I had a chance to see **Michael Jenkins '88, Sarah Lowery, Ryan Sarsfield '12 and Heather Wright '04!**

David Burns writes: "In March I got engaged to my amazing and beautiful fiancé, Jessica. I'm teaching her about sustainability and deforestation-free commodity chains, while she's training me to stop procrastinating and go to bed earlier."

Chelsea Chandler left Seattle in 2013 for Madison, Wis., to start a small community-supported agriculture farm with **Scott Laeser '08** called Plowshares & Prairie Farm. When not harvesting garlic and canning tomatoes, she certifies products that meet lifecycle-based sustainability standards for Green Seal. She is also getting some exposure to local politics by serving on the Sustainable Madison Committee. plowsharesandprairie.com

Freddie Helmiere and her husband, John, welcomed a daughter into the world on Winter's Solstice, December 21. Charis Kathryn Helmiere was born at home and has glorious hair. Freddie continues to teach courses on religion, ecology and social justice at colleges and universities in Seattle, most recently Seattle University. John serves as Convener of Valley & Mountain, a neighborhood church at the intersection of spiritual growth, community building, social and environmental justice, and creative expression. Whenever possible, they spend time in the Cascades and mountains around Seattle. valleyandmountain.org

Nathan Karres writes: "I'm no longer unemployed, and my baby has almost outgrown toddler-hood. Woo-hoo! After a year with a consulting firm, I landed a sweet gig with TNC's Global Freshwater team working out of our Seattle office. I spend my time scheming about corporate water sustainability and daydreaming about the amazing **Kristin Tracz.**"

Kathayoon Khalil writes: "I'm hunkered down at Stanford, preparing for my dissertation defense. I'm extremely excited to be finishing up my academic career and thrilled to be moving forward toward my dream of being a zoo director (someday). I also have taken a position as an instructor for a master's program through Miami University of Ohio, teaching online courses in the academic year and international field courses in the summer. I haven't decided on a post-graduation job yet, but expect to very soon. I've loved being able to see F&ESers both in the Bay Area and beyond and hope to continue these reunions in the coming year!"

Berkley (Adrio) Rothmeier writes: "I relocated to Chicago last fall and am now working with Edelman's Business + Social Purpose Group, helping companies launch and deepen sustainability campaigns that create positive impacts for their employees, communities, supply chains and customers."

Kristin Tracz writes: "By the time this goes to print, I will have started my new job as Gulf of Mexico Program Officer at the Walton Family Foundation's D.C. office. I'm looking forward to continuing the challenge of balancing economic development and environmental needs, this time in the five Gulf States as they look to implement the RESTORE Act funds for coastal restoration...and to eating some great seafood in the process! Hope to keep seeing F&ES'ers in D.C. or in the Gulf!"

Meg Byerly Williams writes: "I recently moved from Connecticut/New York to Charlottesville, Va., to be near family and friends. I'm working for the Land Use Law Center at Pace Law School from afar, but I've been networking in Charlottesville, Va., and D.C. to integrate into the professional community here."

2011

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Margaret Arbutnot writes: "I celebrated my two-year anniversary at WWF in January and am working on strategic planning and impacts research for the global Market Transformation Initiative, which focuses on sustainable production of agricultural commodities, seafood and forest products. I worked on projects this year with **Dania Trespalacios** and **Taís Pinheiro '13** and look forward to engaging with more of you down the road as our personal and professional lives intersect!"

Eliza Cava has been working on renewable energy policy at Defenders of Wildlife for 2.5 years. She and Rachel Shorey live in Petworth, where they have added solar panels to their house and a dog named Trout to their menagerie and are regularly visited by neighbor **Rich Press '12** for pizza, movies and to trade hardware.

Lotta Chan writes: "For the past seven months, I've been working in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, with the Bolivia Nature Foundation, an NGO that helps communities protect their water sources through the conservation of their forests. I've been working with **Maria Teresa Vargas '04** and even got a visit from **Jennifer Baldwin '10** for a training session. I wrapped up my last day at work and headed out to travel Bolivia before moving back to California. I'm looking forward to reuniting with all my F&ESers there!"

Efrie Friedlander writes: "I'm wrapping up the final year of my architecture degree at University of Michigan and trying to figure out whatever (and WHEREever) the next step is going to be. Meanwhile, I'm working on my master's

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thesis, which is about the problematic effects of the aesthetics of wilderness in the Age of the Anthropocene. Good times!”

Alyssa Go works on energy efficiency policy at Southern California Edison during the week and escapes to Joshua Tree, Santa Barbara and Bishop on weekends. One of the best parts of her recent trip to D.C. was enjoying the F&ES community and eating handmade arepas at the home of Monica and **Gabriel Mejias**, who live in Washington, D.C. (with a big couch!).

Christopher Kieran writes: “Coming off a stint as Entrepreneur-in-Residence at GSF in Bangalore, I’m back in the States creating a new research and development lab with Kevin Jones, the founder of Social Capital Markets.”

Gina Lopez writes: “I enjoyed a season of teaching forestry and environmental science to youth in the spectacular Rocky Mountains as lead program facilitator for JPII Outdoor Lab, a nonprofit environmental education program. In my free time this winter, I enjoyed snowshoeing and snow camping in the Rockies. In January I took a trip to New York City and stopped by F&ES for a visit. My professors and the staff remembered my name after all these years! This is another reason why I love F&ES and am so grateful for my two years there! It so happened that my flight back to Colorado was canceled because of snow, which allowed me to extend my New Haven visit. I thus had the pleasure of participating in the SAF accreditation process as an M.F. alumna, attending the Urban Resources Symposium and a TGIF, where I purchased a nifty F&ES flask. Thanks to **Molly Roske ’14** and her roommates for their hospitality at short notice! I am happy to report Silviculture Breakfast is alive and well! Now I have some good permanent forestry positions to choose from in California, Colorado and Wyoming.”

Gabriel Mejias writes: “Monica and I are living in Washington, D.C. I’m working for the International Finance Corporation (IFC), which is the private lending arm of the World Bank. I work on environ-

mental and social risk assessment and mitigation of advisory services projects, mainly on public-private partnerships, using the IFC Sustainability Performance Standards. By chance, I get to sit next to **Lisbet Kugler ’01**! I’m on full training mode, hoping to finish a triathlon sometime this year—and missing my Treebuilt (RC) pals.”

Danielle Miley has been working at Chemonics International on USAID environment and natural resources projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. She has been lucky enough to collaborate with **Pablo Reed**, **Elyzabeth Earnley**, **Jen Baldwin ’10** and **Sarah Lowery ’10** on projects and proposals worldwide.

Campbell Moore writes: “I am working for the Rainforest Alliance, based in D.C., as a carbon specialist. My work includes managing our global forest carbon auditing service.”

Daniel Oppenheimer is living in Grand Junction, Colo., where he coordinates a public-private partnership to restore the riparian corridor of the Dolores River, which flows from the beautiful San Juan Mountains of Colorado into southeastern Utah, before merging with the Colorado River. All is well from the land of mesas.

Angela Orthmeyer is working as a contractor with CSS for NOAA’s Biogeography Branch. She feels lucky to be working on marine and coastal management projects in warm places like the Florida Keys and St. Croix. While living in St. Croix last year, she was visited by **Elyzabeth Earnley**. Angela’s kitten loves to play with **Eliza Cava’s** cats.

Pablo Reed enjoys life out in the San Francisco Bay, working for DNV GL in aiding Latin America with low emissions and inclusive development strategies, while playing music, taking advantage of the beautiful outdoors and enjoying time with friends and family as much as possible.

Lauren Richie is living in San Francisco with **Michael Coren ’09**, working as a freelance consultant and enjoying sailing on the Bay and spending time with the rest of the Bay Area F&ES family.

Randy Strobo writes: “I’ve been sitting here wondering why **Chris Cooke** doesn’t contact me anymore. That’s okay, he probably is too busy chasing alligators in Fayetteville, eating cacti in Tucson and whatever else he does down there.”

Juan Pablo Vallejo writes: “I work at the Inter-American Development Bank Country Office in Bogotá, Colombia, in the Climate Change and Sustainability division. I am coordinating energy efficiency and renewable energy projects—great experience and learning.”

Debbie Wang and **Jonathan Labozzetta ’10** welcomed the arrival of their first child, Oliver Xian Labozzetta, in March 2014! Mom, Dad and Baby are healthy and happy, living in NYC.

Steve Wood writes: “I’m at Columbia, working on my Ph.D. in ecology. I lived and wrote in France this past semester and moved to Madison, Wis., for the fall semester (more writing). I’ll move on to Senegal in January 2015 (though I’ll still be at Columbia).”

2012

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Alex Barrett writes: “I am the forest manager for the Yale School Forests. Things are going well and I get to stay in the thick of things at F&ES. Our son, Rowan (1), will be spending his second summer at the Morse House at Yale-Myers starting in June!”

Kevin Barrett writes: “I work in Boulder as a biological technician for the National Ecological Observatory Network. I am getting really excited to take on 15 seasonal technicians to monitor changes in plant, small mammal, insect and soil patterns in response to invasive species, global change and climate change. I have done extensive

traveling up and down the East Coast for work, getting sites ready in Georgia, Virginia and Massachusetts for ecological monitoring during the past year. I enjoy my life in Colorado, taking advantage of skiing, fishing, climbing and backpacking whenever I can.”

Matt Browning writes: “I’m living in Blacksburg, Va., with my wife, Lara, and our small dog, Zelda. I’m working on my Ph.D. at the Virginia Tech Department of Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation. I’ve switched from the natural sciences (what I did at F&ES) to the social sciences, and I feel the latter is a good fit for me. My dissertation is on how different ethnic/racial populations visit and support informal education leisure settings (like nature centers, museums, zoos and aquaria) differently. I’m hoping to graduate in one year and to get a job in a federal agency or in a liberal arts college.”

Shereen D’Souza writes: “I live in Washington, D.C., and work at the U.S. State Department. I focus on climate change adaptation and the UNFCCC negotiations. I travel a bunch for work, and the most interesting trips this past year were to Fiji and the Marshall Islands.”

Simon DeStercke writes: “I’m doing very fine. In contrast to the United States, here in Europe I’ve had the better deal of the extreme weather, with a wonderfully mild winter. I’m finishing up my research at IIASA in Austria, and in six months will be moving to the New York of Europe for a doctorate at Imperial College London. I’m looking forward to that, to being a little closer to home (Belgium) and to hanging out with a good F&ES crowd that is forming there. I will also miss Vienna.”

Rita Effah writes: “I am in Ghana, enjoying our short rains in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where I have been living for the past year. Last year I joined The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) as the Africa Programme Coordinator in Ethiopia. I am working on a clean energy access project for rural household energy needs in Ethiopia and Kenya. We have already started dissemination of improved cookstove technologies and

solar lighting systems. We hope to disseminate 30,000 ICS and 20,000 solar lighting systems.”

Brian Kauffman writes: “I proposed to Stacey Kallem on December 21 on the Philadelphia Museum of Art (also known as the *Rocky*) steps in Philly. We are planning a summer 2015 wedding in Philadelphia. As things would go in this crazy world, we met at GPCSY speed dating and dated for two minutes.

Simon De Stercke, Theo Varns ’13, Randy Caruso and **Lily Zeng** get supreme credit for wing-manning that evening. Who would have thought that you’d actually find love in a hopeless place? Stacey and I hope to get some free drinks on GPCSY when back in New Haven.”

Sameer Kwatra writes: “I have a new love in my life! Our daughter, Ajooni, was born last October and is doing a great job in training Suparna and me as parents. I work with ACEEE on advancing energy efficiency in buildings and am always happy to catch up with other F&ESers visiting the D.C. area.”

Margo Mosher writes: “As part of my work for SustainAbility I’ll be spending three months working from our London office, April through June. I’ll conduct research on the role of transparency in driving internal integration at companies, interviewing businesses and other stakeholders to explore how transparency can foster the embedding of sustainability into corporate objectives.”

Jaimini Parekh writes: “I am a second-year student at UCLA School of Law. This summer I will be working with the Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Section in Washington, D.C.”

Rich Press works at NOAA Fisheries, and if you’re interested in the environmental stuff you should listen to his podcast. www.fisheries.noaa.gov/podcasts

Sebas Ramirez writes: “I’m back in Guadalajara, Mexico, having fun making ViveSolar a relevant company in the Mexican photovoltaic landscape. Ale is also starting a venture—she is opening a restoration workshop that will take care of public works of art. We are happy and optimistic but sometimes get a little overwhelmed. Last winter we went to India for the wedding of **Alark Saxena**

’07 and **Alder Keleman** ’06. It was really, really fun. We had the chance to see F&ESers from different cohorts, and we are craving more: **Tina Schneider** came to visit shortly afterwards.”

Danielle Rappaport writes: “Since moving back to my hometown of Washington, D.C., from São Paulo, I’ve been working remotely with the University of São Paulo on some forest restoration research. I was recently accepted into the University of Maryland’s Ph.D. program within the Department of Geographical Sciences, where I’ll be working with remote sensing techniques to monitor and model vegetation, carbon, habitat and biodiversity dynamics within the context of land-cover and land-use change. Life in D.C. is great, and it’s wonderful to have the vibrant F&ES community around!”

Tina Schneider is living in Laos after finishing her Fulbright grant there and is scheming on how to return to the Western Hemisphere by exploring doctoral programs and jobs. If these don’t work out, she’ll pursue a career in professional couch-surfing, which consists of cooking four dinners a week for the host in return for free lodging, while looking for paid employment and starting a global forest policy discussion group with **Tania Ellersick** ’11.

Sharon Smith writes: “I have been working in Berkeley as campaign manager for the Tropical Forest & Climate Initiative at the Union of Concerned Scientists, running a campaign focused on transforming the palm oil sector responsible for tropical deforestation. In the past few months, we’ve seen enormous successes. Public pressure has convinced Wilmar, the world’s largest palm oil company (controlling some 45 percent of the global market of palm oil), to make a deforestation-free, human exploitation-free policy for all oil it grows and trades. Since that announcement, Colgate-Palmolive, General Mills, Mars and Kellogg have adopted similar commitments. In my free time I’ve been exploring the Bay Area by bike, camping and salsa dancing, in equal measure.”

Lauren Sparandara writes: “In spite of the record drought, things are

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going really well in sunny California. I recently joined Google full time as their Sustainable Operations [e]Team lead. In that role, I recently traveled to Dublin and Zurich for the first time to kick off a couple LEED EBOM projects. I am looking forward to helping Google reach its sustainability goals across its large portfolio of real estate.”

Pablo Torres writes: “I trained for my first Ironman triathlon this year! On August 24, Gabi and I swam 2.4 miles, biked 112 miles, and ran 26.2 miles in Louisville, Ky. This was the toughest physical and mental challenge I have ever embarked on. On a different note, I am interested in getting involved in fisheries/oceans-related work and would love to talk about it with anyone interested.”

Andrew Zingale writes: “I live in Oakland, Calif., and in February accepted a position as GHG Verification Program Coordinator at SCS Global Services.”

2013

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Jessica Aldridge writes: “I am working at the New York Green Bank, a state-sponsored investment fund dedicated to overcoming current obstacles in clean energy financing markets and increasing overall capital availability. Over the last eight months, it feels like I have had 10 different jobs all in one. In 2013, we established the fund with \$220 million (primarily public benefit charges). In 2014, we are working to build our balance sheet to \$1 billion and completing transactions that will significantly accelerate clean energy deployment in New York State. I am very happy with life otherwise—though I miss New Haven a lot!”

Judith Ament writes: “As a Yale Fox Fellow, I am at the University of Cape

Town conducting geospatial research on the socio-ecological resilience of South Africa's public and private nature reserves. My research explores the relationships between land cover change and population increase on the borders of protected areas. I'm looking forward to fieldwork in the Eastern Cape and a conference in France later in the year. In the meantime, I'm loving the city's mountains, beaches and cultural events, and enjoy an active life of road and trail running, road and mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking, camping and even surfing.”

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Ellen Arnstein writes: “As an International Development Fellow with Catholic Relief Services in Nicaragua, I dabble in designing coffee agroforestry projects and dally with disaster risk reduction proposals. Since graduating I've broken my ankle, survived my first earthquake, hiked my first volcano, gotten to an intermediate level in French and eaten more *gallo pinto* than any person should. I have no clue where I'll be in a few months, so keep in touch!”

Adedana Ashebir writes: “I launched #AfricaSees in January, which examines mainstream media coverage of 'Africa.' In addition, I'm working on a media startup with two friends from college and not working on that book I've been working on about my travels. I just co-wrote and produced a spoof of the viral 'First Kiss' video. Any of this F&ES related? No, but life is funny that way.”

Corinne Bell writes: “I recently started as a legal and policy research assistant for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.”

Jaclyn Calcagno writes: “I am an associate attorney with the law firm Seiden & Schein, P.C., in Manhattan working on affordable housing development and commercial abatement for both new construction and rehabilitation projects throughout New York City!”

Mathew Dagan writes: “In December 2013 I finally finished my tri-degree program between F&ES and Vermont Law School. Now in addition to the M.E.M.,

I earned a J.D. and a M.E.L.P. in Energy Policy, a Certification in Climate Law and a Certification in Energy Law. I am now done with school FOREVER! In January I was admitted to practice law in New York and am just now starting my job hunt. I hope to be working in environmental law in New York or D.C. soon.”

Liliana Dávila Stern writes: “I am pursuing an MBA in Universidad de los Andes as a Moore Fellow. I am exploring different urban ecology practices and how these can become sustainable long-term businesses.”

Rebecca de Sa is working in sustainable agro at PepsiCo, enjoying the occasional rendezvous with **Lindsey Larson, Maria Ortiz, Luke McKay** and **Rocio Sanz**, and the occasional phone call with **Tori Lockhart** when she sees Rebecca's *doppelgänger*. Instagramming and reply-alls and a Google Hangout (go on, conjugate that)—it's all fantastic. Is it summer yet? Can it be MODs again?

Catherine Doyle-Capitman writes: “After F&ES, I headed to Cornell University where I am a doctoral student in the Department of Natural Resources. I am a member of the Human Dimensions Research Unit and my research focuses on the social dimensions of implementing landscape-level ecological conservation. Living up in Ithaca is a fantastic experience—there are gorges and lakes and forests everywhere! But the weather is gray much of the time (at least in the winter months), and I find myself missing the sun and shores of Connecticut!”

Ariana Gonzalez writes: “I work for the Natural Resources Defense Council as an energy policy analyst working on energy policy in the state of Michigan, the EPA 111d carbon pollution standards, energy efficiency in multifamily affordable housing and utility reform. I've been playing soccer here and representing Hardwoods FC proudly, and am happy to report that I did do a repeat performance of the 'Thriller' dance (level of accuracy debatable) and brought the good ol' Jamaican bobsled suit back out. Please know I will always be drunk in F&ES love <3.”

Rui He writes: “I am working with an NGO called the U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development (BCSD). I help manage the China-U.S. EcoPartnership, in which U.S. BCSD is actively participating, and works to build effective By-Product Synergy networks in both China and the United States.”

Naomi Heindel is an environmental analyst/researcher at Stevens Historical Research Associates, investigating historical land use, natural resource disputes, water rights, Superfund cleanup, navigability, forest history and more.

Bonnie Frye Hemphill writes: “**Aaron Paul** and I are living the dream in Portland, Maine. During the workweek, we structure deals in Maine-based renewable IT and energy and run Maine Businesses for Climate Action, respectively. On the weekends, we play at (or are fixing up) the lake house, the island house, on ski mountain trails and/or on boats. F&ESers in groups of 1 to 94 are always invited!”

Patrick Hook writes: “I moved to Portsmouth, N.H., in October 2013 and accepted a position as decision support manager for Conservation Forestry, an Exeter, N.H.-based timber investment management organization. I love what I do and am excited to go to work each day. When I get home, I love to cook and am learning classical guitar, German and yoga.”

Vijeta Jangra writes: “I am working as a Senior Energy Consultant at Navigant Consulting. I miss fellow friends spread all over the world. All F&ESers—keep rocking!”

Laura Johnson writes: “I recently accepted a job as an environmental planner at ICF International in Denver. I am thoroughly enjoying the beautiful views of the mountains here and love getting outdoors into the warm sunshine. I've used the break between school and career to enjoy life—learning new recipes, making friends and catching up on books!”

Devin Judge-Lord writes: “I've been doing research with universities, the FAO and The Nature Conservancy. Maybe I'll see you at the Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences conference this

June in New York, themed ‘Welcome to the Anthropocene.’ Some of us have been mobilizing alumni to support better endowment management, and the Yale Corporation is now seriously debating if it will consider climate change impacts under Yale's ethical investing policy.”

AESS.info; FossilFreeYale.org

Tristan Kessler is in a Ph.D. program in resource economics at the University of Maryland.

Andrew Kraczkiewicz writes: “I recently moved to upstate New York and have been working at GE as part of a management rotational program called the Renewable Energy Leadership Program. I just finished my first rotation, during which I managed the installation of wind farms throughout the U.S., including the pilot space-frame-tower in Tehachapi, Calif. I'm now part of the marketing & strategy team, and I am leading our competitive intelligence effort in the energy storage space. I'm really enjoying the work and, surprisingly, living in Saratoga Springs as well! Megan and I are engaged and she recently moved back closer to home, to Brooklyn, N.Y. (from South Africa).”

Maxime Lambert writes: “I've stayed on at F&ES to do my Ph.D. Just like I was at MODs in 2011, I am still jumping into ponds and catching all the frogs.”

Vanessa Lamers writes: “Graduated! Engaged! Moved to Europe! Enjoying traveling, travel writing and a nine-to-five schedule.”

Lindsey Larson writes: “Drinking mezcal with Lucia and Lara in Mexico City!”

Victoria Lockhart writes: “I moved to Wilmington, N.C., in August after a wonderful summer on Forest Crew at Yale-Myers! I am now working on silviculture and managing hunting leases for Resource Management Service, a timber investment management organization focused on southern pinelands. Shortly after moving to Wilmington, my boyfriend Jerome proposed, and I am now planning a wedding based around ‘Thriller.’”

Jocelyn Mahone writes: “As part of the Michigan Forestry Assistance Program, I work with private, non-industrial land-

owners to help them better understand and manage their forestland.”

Omar Malik writes: “In the daytime, I worked on the 2014 Environmental Performance Index from YCELP, which got a nice shout-out in *Nature*. By night, I have been working closely with friends, colleagues and F&ES alums to launch a new environmental storytelling website (a quarterly).” *www.encircl.net*

Aparna Mani writes: “I joined the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, (CIAT) as their program coordinator for Asia. I coordinate both the strategic visioning and day-to-day management of CIAT's research and development programs across Asia. I'm also responsible for identifying and cultivating partnerships with a wide variety of research, academic and donor institutions. I'm based in Hanoi but travel frequently to Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. I have a pretty packed schedule but always find the time for a long run and to cook!” *http://ciat.cgiar.org*

Karlynn McIlwain writes: “After a brief time in Minneapolis, we made the move down south to Austin, Texas. I'm continuing my work with the oceans program of the Environmental Defense Fund.”

Jose Medina Mora De Leon writes: “I've been working for the National Forestry Commission of Mexico in the research and development area. We've been implementing research projects in collaboration with different universities all over the country. The topics include forest growth modeling, conservation of forest genetic resources and a comprehensive analysis for the needs of technology transfer in the forest transformation industry, among others. On the personal side, we're expecting our first daughter this May!”

Kristin Merony writes: “I am a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Forest Service acting as the environmental coordinator on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests in Western Colorado. I will be completing a 120-day detail assignment at the Forest Service Washington Office this spring, serving as the special projects manager for the

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State & Private Forestry Division. I have a one-year old puppy named Luna, who is eager to climb six 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado with me this summer.”

María Ortiz writes: “I work for the New York City Department of Sanitation, in the Bureau of Waste Prevention Reuse and Recycling. I am the program manager for e-cycleNYC, the city’s new electronics recycling program. Got married the summer after graduation and am finally learning how to cook!”

Aaron Paul writes: “I’m enjoying living in Maine with **Bonnie Frye Hemphill** and Sawyer (the poodle). I work for a tech venture in Portland where I split my time between economic development consulting and doing project finance for industrial biomass operations in the region. Still cooking a lot and spending weekends helping friends with various carpentry projects.”

Pablo Peña writes: “I’m sort of an environmental law and policy specialist at the Peruvian nonprofit Peruvian Society for Environmental Law. I work on forest and conservation policy issues in Peru, mainly in the Amazon. I’m also working on a project idea to increase green areas in poor neighborhoods of Lima. I’ll be in Lima for the COP20, so feel free to contact me if you are planning on coming, have questions or want to visit us. Oh, and my F&ESer son Camilo (1.5) is running around like crazy!”

Tais Pinheiro writes: I got married and moved from D.C. to Copenhagen. Looking for new opportunities and friends in Denmark!”

Lucía Ruiz Bustos writes: “Since I came back to Mexico I have been doing some consultancy jobs for small NGOs and the government. I was recently hired as an adviser to the Minister of Environment on issues related to biodiversity, forests and natural protected areas. Can’t wait to hear from others.”

Philip Santiago writes: “I’ve been working at a small NGO called the Association of Climate Change Officers since December, and I really like it. We work on networking and info sharing among professionals working on climate change in industry, government, academic and nonprofit

organizations. I get to do a little bit of everything—research and writing, client engagement, communications and event planning. I am also meeting lots of people doing interesting work all over the country. We just finished an event centered on the EPA’s Climate Leadership Awards in San Diego. On the personal side, I am living in a great apartment in Takoma Park with my girlfriend Page, and we are very happy there—Takoma is a funky little neighborhood! I have taken up the ukulele this year and recently acquired an upright piano, though right now it is only in slightly better condition than the jalopy in Sage. Looking forward to getting that fixed up and hosting a few sing-alongs.”

Rocio Sanz Cortes writes: “I’m working for BSD Consulting, a sustainability consulting firm. We provide solutions for the private and public sectors wanting to advance their sustainability agenda, with a special focus on Latin America. The range of project types is very wide, so I always get to learn something new (microfinance, solid-waste recycling, social development through micro-franchising, carbon accounting, green building, sustainability certification...). Miami is a great city to live in! I have a lot of fun doing water sports and spending time outdoors.”

Xiangying Shi is in Beijing, working for an NGO called Shan Shui Conservation Center in China on conservation in the Mekong River Watershed. Missing fresh air and sunshine in New Haven!”

Teodora Stoyanova writes: “I spent a few months in the States before returning to my home country of Bulgaria. I moved to Sofia to get a job at a small but elite energy consulting company. After six months at the job I decided to take a different road and am starting as a campaigner for Greenpeace Bulgaria. I am excited for this new challenge and looking forward to having an exciting, fun and adventurous 2014.”

Wen Wang writes: “I’m working as a research analyst at the Environmental Defense Fund in its New York office. My job is to support environmentally responsible development of natural

gas resources in China. I’m enjoying living in the city and always discovering new things.”

Mona Wang writes: “I started a new job at the World Wildlife Fund within the Market Transformation Initiative Department, and although it’s a new area for me, I am absolutely energized and motivated by this new approach of reforming agricultural supply chains as the mechanism toward reducing tropical deforestation. I still dance as much as I used to, surprisingly even to me. It was at F&ES where the GPSCY beats first possessed my body, and it was with the uninhibitedly flamboyant F&ES students that the rhythm in me came alive. Every step from commencement forth has been inspired and influenced by the experience at F&ES. May we continue to parade the streets with our energy.”

Lisa Weber writes: “This year, I have enjoyed working at Yale on various research projects to improve phosphorus reduction in Connecticut inland waters, enhance state coastal resilience efforts and develop campus water management strategies. I am excited to be starting the doctoral program at Yale F&ES this fall and to be able to continue studying watershed management here.”

Stefanie Woodward is a research associate at the Pacific Institute.

Kathryn Wright writes: “I’m doing climate adaptation and energy consulting at Meister Consultants Group. Having a blast. Also, still dancing in competitions and for fun in my spare time.”

Ke Yang writes: “I work as a front-end designer at an e-commerce company. My job task, in short, is to create responsive e-commerce websites for companies. P.S: I miss F&ES a lot: the crew, the parties, the seminars, the brilliant or crazy minds. I had a fantastic time there!”

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Bostjan Anko M.F.S. '75 (1939–2013) was serving as chairman of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations — Landscape Ecology Working Group, of which he had been a founder, at the time of his death. A man of extensive accomplishments, Bostjan was born in 1939 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. After graduating from the Forestry Department of the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana in 1963, he continued his studies at F&ES, then returned home to earn his Ph.D. from the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana in 1983. He joined the faculty at the Biotechnical Faculty in 1984, becoming a full professor of landscape ecology, natural heritage conservation, forest functions, forest resources and management of forested landscapes in 1994. His research and work focused on changing attitudes toward nature and the location of forests in past and present landscapes. More recently, he had become increasingly interested in forestry history, environmental education and nature conservation. In addition to his research work, he participated in the training and education of 21 generations of forestry students, and served as supervisor for 70 graduate students, including 17 master's students, six Ph.D. students and 47 post-doctoral specialists. He participated in numerous professional workshops and conferences both at home and abroad, some of which he also managed and organized. In particular, he organized a series of conferences dedicated to the different functions of forests. In the 1980s and 1990s, he paved the way for an interdisciplinary integration of forestry with other disciplines such as nature conservation. He edited a series of monographs on historical forest laws and the history of forests and forestry in Slovenia, as well as a series of symposium proceedings on forest functions. In 1993 and 1994, he was head of the Department of Forestry, Biotechnical Faculty, and was also the

first head of the faculty's Department of Landscape Ecology. He was a member of the International Association for Landscape Ecology, a member of the IUFRO working group on forest history and served as chairman and vice-chairman of the IUFRO — Landscape Ecology Working Group. He also represented Slovenia in a COST (European Union) program for the forestry sector. Later in his career, he focused on the protection of nature. He was the initiator of an inter-faculty postgraduate program for the protection of Slovenia's natural heritage. This program has attracted many individuals from a range of fields to share their knowledge and experience, thereby deepening and broadening research on nature conservation. Even more important than the academic degrees attained by participants in this program is the interdisciplinary and integrated focus he taught to generations of students. This program led to the founding of DONDES-Slovenian Association for Conservation of Natural Heritage. According to Janez Pirnat, University of Ljubljana, his colleagues recall him as a "pleasant, unobtrusive and sophisticated interlocutor," a scholar and leader dedicated to forestry issues and education who strove to see the forest from more perspectives than timber production, and to share that vision with generations of students.

Robert Brooke M.F. '59 (1934–2014) died on March 3. Born on January 22, 1934, in Salmon Arm, B.C., Robert's early education was in a one-room school, and he completed high school by correspondence. He graduated at the top of his class in forestry from the University of British Columbia (UBC), continued at Yale for his master's and received his doctorate from UBC. He was one of the charter professors at Simon University where he taught until his retirement. While retired, he compiled a comprehensive family history, traveled in Europe and enjoyed bird watching and walks around Deer

Lake. He is survived by his sisters, Patricia Hodge, Betty Petricia, Lynda Siggers, Rosanne Pazarena and Darlene Keeley; nieces, Brooke Hodge and Clare Hodge; and nephews, Adam Hodge, Dustin Keeley, Ben Siggers, Danny Siggers and Jay Siggers.

Arthur "Art" Davis M.F. '48 (1922–2014) of Camp Hill, Pa., died peacefully at home at age 91 on March 9, surrounded by his family. Art was born on June 20, 1922, in New York City. He received his B.A. in forestry from the University of Maine, interrupted by service in the U.S. Army as a 1st lieutenant in WW II. After earning his master's in forestry from Yale in 1949, he worked for the next 20 years in the U.S. government—first at the Department of the Interior, then the Bureau of the Budget and, finally, the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1974, he joined the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in Pittsburgh, where he worked for 10 years before being named as the first professor to hold the Goddard chair at Pennsylvania State University. He taught forestry and environmental resources and directed a university program on environmental problem solving. He held this position until being appointed secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER) by Pennsylvania governor Robert Casey in 1987. Casey stated that he chose Davis because: "He knows the problems, he knows how to find solutions that take into account different interests and perspectives, and he knows that it's time to take action to protect our land, our water and our air." Art served as secretary through November of 1994. One of his proudest accomplishments was establishing Pennsylvania's mandatory recycling program that is among the most progressive in the nation. He fought for funding for State Parks. DER, under his leadership, was a particularly tough enforcer of illegal pillar removal in

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old coal mines, and he worked to ensure surface mining cleanup and reclamation. On the 20th anniversary of Earth Day in 1990, he made his way to work by canoeing across the Susquehanna River. This river "commute" made front-page news in several newspapers. In accepting his resignation, Governor Casey wrote in part: "Your leadership has been of a unique kind: firm but even-tempered in the face of incredible provocation, a willingness to compromise without sacrificing principle, and a dogged persistence until the job was done." Art was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of almost 69 years, Neen Davis; daughter, Nancy Rizor; sons, Don Davis of NYC and Bill Davis; grandsons, Alex Rizor of Silver Spring, Md., and Colin Davis of Madison, Wis.; granddaughter, Amanda McDougall, of Charleston, S.C.; brother, E. Donald Davis; and niece, Linda Davis of Camarillo, Calif.

Robert Farrar Jr. M.F. '58 (1935–2014) passed away quietly at age 79 on January 28, at home in Starkville, Miss. A native of Macon, Miss., Bob received his B.S. from Auburn University in 1957, continued for his master's at Yale and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 1978. He spent his entire career with the southern forest Experiment Station of the USDA Forest Service, starting as a forester with forest inventory and analysis in New Orleans to work in the Station Biometrics unit. In 1978, he was assigned to a new research unit in Monticello, Ark., where he spent more than a decade developing the quantitative aspects of even-aged and uneven-aged silvicultural systems in mixed loblolly-shortleaf pine stands in the upper West Gulf Coastal Plain, centered on long-term studies on the Crossett Experimental Forest. In 1991, he moved to Starkville, continuing his work on growth and yield of even-aged naturally-regenerated southern pines. He retired in 1994, and served for a number of years as a senior research associate and Beadel Fellow with Tall Timbers Research Station in Tallahassee Fla. He will be remembered as not only a superb mensurationist and biometrician, but also as an outstanding practical field forester.

Robert "Bob" Gregory M.F. '54 (1927–2014) died on February 25 after a brief illness. Born July 27, 1927, Bob grew up in Hudson Falls, N.Y. After enlisting and serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned a B.S. degree in botany at Cornell University, then master's and PhD degrees at Yale University and Oregon State University respectively. He was also a Bullard Fellow at Harvard University. He spent the first 10 years of his lifelong career with the United States Department of Agriculture as a forester and research plant physiologist at the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Alaska. He went on to pursue research at the Northeastern Forest Experiment laboratories located in Beltsville, Md., and Burlington, Vt. Additionally, he taught as an adjunct associate professor of forestry at the George Aiken School of Natural Resources, University of Vermont. He authored and co-authored numerous scientific publications addressing, among other things, the anatomy and physiology of sugar maples. An experienced hunter and outdoorsman, he was a licensed private pilot and, in his later years, crafted elegant shaker style furniture and made all the cupboards, woodwork and doors for his home in Charlotte. He is survived by his daughter, Katherine; stepdaughters, Robin and Shelley; grandsons, Matthew and Zachary; and nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Alvin Hallgren M.F. '50 (1919–2013) of Cloquet, Minn., passed away at age 93 on June 27, 2013, at his son's home in Stillwater, Okla. Alvin was born August 24, 1919, in St. Paul, Minn., to Jennie (Gustafson) and Gustaf Hallgren. He is survived by his son, Stephen, of Stillwater, Okla.; daughter, Katherine Liverman, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; five grandchildren; and brothers, Edward and Roy.

Glen Mabe M.F. '56 (1927–2013) passed away at age 86 on October 31, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Glen was born in Greenville, Tenn., son of the late Earl and Pauline Hughes Mabe. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, was a graduate of the University of Georgia and received a master's from Yale University. A 38-year Union Camp Corporation

employee, he retired as a superintendent in procurement and land acquisition. He was instrumental in starting the Franklin Little Theater in Franklin, Tenn., and directed and acted in many of the plays. A dedicated Rotarian, he was a past president and former sergeant-at-arms of the Franklin Rotary Club and had been a member of Rotary International in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. He was a member of the High Street United Methodist Church where he had been a former Sunday School teacher and choir member. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barham Mabe; son, Jeff Mabe; daughters, Jill Mabe Scheible and Cindy Peak; numerous grand- and great-grandchildren; and sister, Fannie Kate King.

Phillip Reynolds M.F.S. '71, Ph.D. '74 (1947–2013) died peacefully at the Sault Area Hospital on December 19, 2013, at 67. Phil worked for Natural Resources of Canada as a research scientist for 30 years. He served as the principal investigator for the Fallingsnow Ecosystem Project (alternative vegetation management strategies), Thunder Bay, Ont., headed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. He was also adjunct professor of environmental biology and botany (forest ecology/agroforestry) at the University of Guelph, Ontario, and conducted cooperative research with INRA Labs (France), the Institute of Silviculture (Dresden, Germany), the U.K. Forestry Commission and the University of Bayreuth (Germany). Author of numerous international publications (Canada, USA, Europe) relating to weed science, vegetation management, herbicide use, silviculture and sustainable forest management, agroforestry, forest microclimate and climate change, he will be fondly remembered by family, friends and colleagues. He is survived by best friend, Judy Thiessen; and sons, Trevor and Ben, both of British Columbia.

Robert George Steinhoff M.F. '55 (1928–2014) of Santa Fe for the past 42 years, moved from this world to the next on April 4. Robert was born in Sargent, Neb., on September 5, 1928, graduated from the University of Nebraska and married his high school sweetheart, Iris Wells, in

1951. He served in the U.S. Army Artillery during the Korean War. Returning to the United States and using the GI bill, he attended and graduated from Yale School of Forestry. He and Iris started their life together in the Northwest, where Bob worked for the U.S. Forest Service in several national forests, eventually moving to New Mexico in 1969. He retired and started his second career, preparing income taxes for H&R block for 30 years, into his 80s. He was a lifelong Methodist. He loved singing all kinds of music and sang in church choirs most of his life, and sang for many years with the Santa Fe Harmonizers barbershop chorus. He loved any sport and watched all Cornhusker football games and Lobo basketball games. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Iris Steinhoff; daughters, Cynthia Rector, Carol Bennet and Cheryl Jones; son, Craig; grandchildren, Crella, Hayden, Stuart, Lydia, Walker, Garrison, Kathryn and Silas; and sister, Marilyn McComb.

Clifford Stevens M.F. '47 (1919–2014) died on April 30 at the age of 94. Clifford was born on March 29, 1919, in Lincoln, Maine, to Harry and Dorothy Ayer Stevens. He married Mary Lynn Victory on October 2, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from the University of Maine and earned his master's at Yale. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps B29 pilot in World War II in the Pacific Theater, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is survived by his second wife of 21 years, Nelle Preston Stevens; son, Alan; daughters, Lynn Stevens and Nancy Verses; grandsons, Matthew Verses and Jeff Verses; and great-granddaughter, Julia Elizabeth Verses.

William "Bill" Waters, Ph.D. '58, (1922–2014) passed away on March 14 in Greensboro, N.C. Born on July 2, 1922, in Springfield, Mass., Bill was the son of the late Francis M. and Grace E. (Alden) Waters. He grew up in Englewood, N.J., and enrolled in the University of Maine in 1940. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and served in Italy. He graduated from Syracuse University, earned his master's from Duke University and his Ph.D from Yale. His career was in forest entomology, and he spent 28 years with

the U.S. Forest Service and was later the Dean of the School of Natural Resources at the University of California. He moved to Greensboro in 2000. He loved the outdoors and was happiest when he was hiking, canoeing, camping or fishing. An explorer, he was always eager to encounter new places and new ideas. He is survived by his daughter, Ellen, of Swanzey, N.H.; sons, Will of Quito, Ecuador, Frank ("Butch") of San Diego, Calif., and Rick of Ramona, Calif.; and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

FROM THE OFFICE OF: ADMISSIONS

Help cultivate the next group of F&ES alumni! If you know someone who has the passion and drive to pursue a career or research in the environment, speak with them about F&ES. Our office is always happy to follow up with leads or offer guidance as you speak and interact with the future leaders in this field. **According to our Class of 2015, more of our applicants learn about F&ES through a colleague or mentor than any other outlet!**

We are currently planning our fall recruitment calendar...please let us know if you are interested in attending one of our events across the country or in South America. Please contact us if you would like to get involved—either hosting or serving as an alumni speaker. The calendar of events is constantly being updated and is available here: <https://apply.environment.yale.edu/register/?c=&country=>.

You can contact Danielle Curtis, Director of Enrollment Management, via email if you would like to get involved (danielle.curtis@yale.edu). Thank you for your continued support!

FROM THE OFFICE OF: CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New Alumni Mentoring Program beginning with Class of 2015

The CDO is excited to be partnering with the Alumni and Development Office to establish a mentoring program for F&ES students. Named ELM (Environmental Leadership Mentoring), the program offers F&ES alumni the opportunity to mentor a graduating student during their final year at F&ES. The program is in early stage development; details and information on becoming a mentor for a graduating student will be provided in early summer. At this time, give some thought to your interest in helping prepare a graduating student to succeed in entering your career sector. For additional information on the ELM program at

F&ES, contact the CDO Director Ladd Flock and Alyssa Student, the office's new mentor program manager.



Job listings for alumni

The Career Development Office posts hundreds of jobs and internships in the F&ES GeO listing service each month. Many of these opportunities require post-graduation experience best suited to our alumni. As F&ES alumni, you will always have full access to our job listing service. If you haven't created an account, log in to www.yalefesgeo.experience.com and register.

Post jobs and internships to our students and fellow alumni

It is easy to post a job or internship. Forward listings in any format (.pdf or Word document, Web link, etc.) to Alyssa Student, and the CDO team of graduate student assistants will upload the information to the GeO jobs listing service within 48 hours.

F&ES Resume Books

The career counselors at the Career Development Office have been busily working with our incoming and current students to update and fine-tune their resumes and CVs. In November, resume books will be available for alumni to download and share with their organizations' hiring managers. If you want a resume book of current F&ES students, contact Alyssa Student and she will forward the latest resume book as a .pdf.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF: DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI SERVICES

In the Office of Development and Alumni Services, we work to keep the connections strong and the opportunities lively among F&ES alumni, friends and the School. We sponsor annual Reunion Weekends, regional events and receptions, and on-site occasions for continuing education, student mentoring, and social and career networking. To this end, you'll find here a number of convenient avenues to connect and communicate with the F&ES extended community:



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<https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=147435>

ANNOUNCING! Alumni Association Speaker Series: *What Does Leadership Look Like?*

The Alumni Association Speaker Series originated from conversations among master's students, who noted that F&ES trains "environmental leaders" but offers little formal leadership training. As a student representative to the F&ES Alumni Association Board, Susannah Harris brought the idea of an alumni speaker series on leadership to the Board for consideration and they happily joined forces with her to promote the initiative.

For the next calendar year—and hopefully far beyond—the alumni office will be welcoming F&ES alumni back to campus with the express purpose of giving students a leg up in understanding how to be most effective in implementing the environmental knowledge they learn while on campus as working professionals after graduation. Speakers in this series will shed light, through their own stories and



Terry Baker M.F. '07, District Ranger for the McKenzie River Ranger District, located in the Willamette National Forest in Oregon, was the inaugural speaker in this series with his talk on "The Challenge of Being Yourself."

experiences, on challenges they have faced in different sectors, geographies and professional levels, and how they rose to those challenges for effective leadership.



BRANCHES is an F&ES initiative to connect alumni with current students around summer internship, project and employment opportunities.

If you want to connect with current students to begin a conversation about engaging them in your research or project work, or an internship or employment opportunity, then go to <http://environment.yale.edu/special/branches>.

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