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# From the president

*“The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.”*

Of course, we all remember President Abraham Lincoln’s iconic Gettysburg Address, but with this humble phrase, President Lincoln reinforced that action means more than rhetoric.

Here at Gettysburg we understand that actions matter. In our strategic plan ([www.gettysburg.edu/plan](http://www.gettysburg.edu/plan)), we lift up the theme of Impact—our commitment to preparing students for lives of purpose by enhancing opportunities for experiential learning that will advance their intellectual development, their sense of social responsibility, and their ability to pursue meaningful change.

Our nationally recognized Center for Public Service (CPS) teaches students to think critically and act compassionately through community-based learning and research. This spring, our CPS students led and participated in immersion projects around the world, including in Puerto Rico, where they offered their service to communities near the Cabezas de San Juan Nature Reserve in Fajardo and learned about hurricane recovery, trade policies, the debt crisis, and Puerto Rican culture.

Undergraduate research and creative activity under the direction of a faculty member has become an integral part of our academic experience. In 2017, 278 students presented 186 research projects at our annual Celebration event, and 80 students carried out summer research projects. Capstone projects are required of every major, and nearly 70 first-year students presented their research and creative activity at this year’s CAFÉ Symposium.

While hands-on research remains critical for student growth, research shows that mentorship offers tremendous benefits as well. The vast majority of our students report finding one or more mentors at Gettysburg, and our Task Force on Mentoring has recommended that we expand this mentoring network to include faculty, peers, staff, alumni, and parents.

The Garthwait Leadership Center (GLC) has begun that approach by pairing Gettysburg students with leadership coaches, many of whom are members of our administrative and support staff. These coaches help our students develop new leadership skills through reflection on their campus activities. This year, nearly 150 students will complete the program to earn a Leadership Certificate.

In addition, our Center for Career Development has enhanced their efforts to help students connect with alumni and parents through job shadowing, panel presentations, externships, and internships—and, of course, valuable mentoring relationships.

I should also note that over the last couple of years, I have been pleased to see a resurgence of student activism on campus focused on topics ranging from the campus climate for students of color to residential facilities issues to freedom of expression to support for our LGBTQA community. In each situation, students are not just raising the issue; rather they are working constructively to generate positive solutions.

In short, Gettysburg strives to provide an exceptional education in the liberal arts and sciences, paired with high-impact experiential activities and excellent mentoring—all of which provide our students with outstanding preparation for effective and engaged civic, professional, and personal lives. Gettysburg students understand that actions make a difference. And when they graduate, there is no doubt in my mind that they will be well-prepared to address the “unfinished work” still before us.

Sincerely,

Janet Morgan Riggs '77  
President

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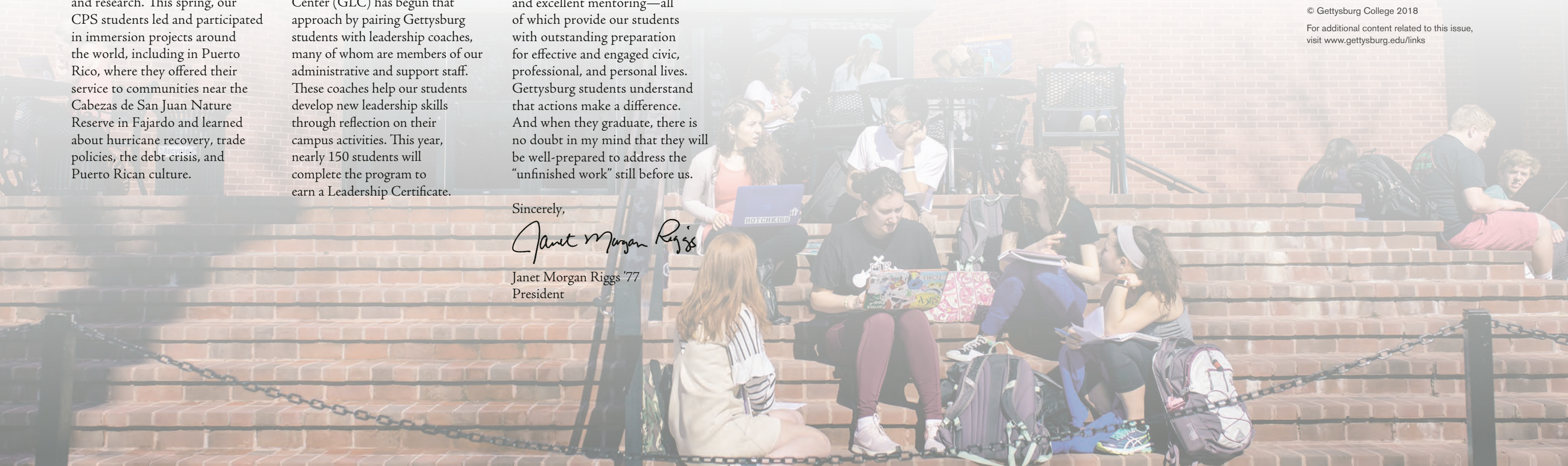
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# MAJESTIC NEARS 100



As a child, **David LeVan '68** would sprint to the edge of his family's lawn in Gettysburg in his favorite—albeit oversized—cowboy hat. Like his movie idols John Wayne and Gary Cooper, he dreamed of saving the day.

He associated the stars of movie Westerns with loyalty, honor, and steadiness—and he watched their movies at the Majestic Theater.

"As a kid, the Majestic was the heart of entertainment. I'd go there with my parents and older sister," said LeVan.

In 1998, after a 30-year career in the railroad industry, the former CEO of Conrail returned to Gettysburg and discovered that the Majestic was in need of saving.

"The Majestic was such a special place to me, and to see how it had deteriorated was really difficult," said LeVan.

LeVan was the College's chair of the Board of Trustees at the time. He and College **President Gordon Haaland** began to envision the Majestic's return to prominence.

"Gordon recognized the Majestic's potential as a performing arts center," said LeVan. "I understood the price tag for a restoration like this would be steep, but I also saw it as a great opportunity for us to create a stronger bond between the College and the town."

LeVan agreed to head the fundraising effort. His lead gift and determination rallied generous donors around a bold 16-month, \$16.5 million restoration project.

Today, the Majestic Theater—owned and operated by Gettysburg College—is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and has been cited by the League of Historic American Theatres as a model for college and community partnerships.

"Every time I walk through these doors, I feel a sense of pride in the role I played for the Majestic Theater," said LeVan. "It is really one of the top five endeavors I have ever undertaken."

In November, LeVan was the underwriter of an event to celebrate the theater's legacy and kick off the Centennial Endowment Campaign,

a multimillion-dollar fundraising effort to ensure that programming at the Majestic remains entertaining and relevant for future generations.

"In many ways, the Majestic Theater is the cultural heartbeat of our historic town—and really all of south-central Pennsylvania," said **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77**.

"It's up to all of us to ensure that it keeps beating strong for years to come."

LeVan agrees.

"The arts are what enriches people's lives. Singing, acting, dancing—we have a responsibility to expose a new generation to the arts. I think that is critically important," he said.

"That's why this endowment is essential to the future of our Majestic Theater. It will provide the kind of security that will allow us to take risks in our programming into the future and showcase many art forms here in Gettysburg."

For further information, contact **Jean LeGros '73**, gift officer for the Majestic Theater, at [jlegros@gettysburg.edu](mailto:jlegros@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6481. ■

## Prof notes

English

# CHRISTOPHER FEE

### Stories

I read *Bulfinch's Mythology* when I was seven or eight; I read Dante at age 11. So, I'm that guy. I love literature. I love literature from all ages. I like a good story with some action. One of the beauties of mythology is that the stories are fun to read. Students will enjoy them, and then you can get them into the heavy lifting, like examining archetypes and making comparisons across traditions.

### Teaching and research

For me, the focus is twofold: what I am working on that will make sense to my students in the classroom and how I can structure a project so that I can engage students as collaborators. In every one of my book projects are acknowledgments of students, some by name and some by class. I am very proud of that.

### Teaching and theater

I was also a theater minor in college, and that can be very useful in the classroom. My Viking helmet (pictured) was forged for me by **Will Baylor '09**. He gave his final presentation on the Danelaw in my History of English course, completely outfitted in authentic Viking garb that he had made himself. He used his spear as a pointer during his slide presentation. It was, truly, a different age.

### Mentoring

I was always drawn to great teachers, and I sought great teachers as my mentors. Prof. Graham Caie at the University of Glasgow was an important influence on me. Graham, or "Dad" as my cohort of graduate students called him, had a way of having an intensive mentoring relationship with someone that was almost always supportive. Even when he had something critical to say, he could frame it in a way that was a sort of revelation. To be able to do that and treat someone as an adult, an equal, even in a hierarchical relationship, is a real gift.

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*Prof. Chris Fee is a specialist in Old English language and literature. His recent published works include *The Goddess: Myths of the Great Mother* and the *Encyclopedia of American Folklore*. His two forthcoming publications are a book on *King Arthur* and the *Encyclopedia of Conspiracies*. ■*





# What to explore in computer science?

## Thy Do '19 goes where her curiosity leads her.

Thy Do '19 was apprehensive about her first computer science class.

"I felt nervous because it was my impression since high school that IT-specialized classes were always for boys. It was super intimidating, but I talked to **Prof. [Todd] Neller**, and he encouraged me a lot and mentioned how the first code programmers were female."

Do left Vietnam to enroll at Gettysburg College for the rigorous liberal arts education it provides.

"When I came to the United States, I made sure to keep an open mind," said Do, who is pursuing a double major in computer science and mathematical economics.

"I've found that at Gettysburg, you get these kinds of opportunities to interact with and explore new perspectives."

One opportunity arose her sophomore year, at a seminar presented by a visiting expert from the U.S. Geological Survey, Maurizio Battaglia, a research geophysicist working on software that would help forecast volcanic eruptions and reduce their impact.

A marriage of computer science and volcano research? Do was intrigued.

Neller introduced her to Battaglia and the two spoke at length. Soon, Do was offered an internship with the U.S. Geological Survey.

She began to build an interface for the dMODELS program Battaglia developed.

"The interface helps the volcano geologists to accurately input a set of collected data to visualize the specific deformation of a volcano," said Do, who also spent a summer in Hawaii as Battaglia's teaching assistant.

"I got to...see the volcanoes firsthand. I also got to see how the geologists actually measure the data and how they used my software."

She plans to explore her field more while studying in Copenhagen.

"I am taking courses that I never really got a chance to learn about—just because I am curious about them.... Computer science has many subfields like artificial intelligence, computer security, and back-end and front-end development, which is why I want to have a small peek at each. This will help me know which subfield I might want to pursue in the future as a possible career." ■

—Jordan Marks '18

Do describes her Gettysburg College Leadership Certificate experience in a video, online.



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**Most likely found**  
 In a stadium or arena for NBA, NFL, MLB, or boxing events or in Napa with family, friends, and wine.

**Listening to**  
 Hip Hop music—it was just becoming mainstream when I was a freshman blasting Run DMC's Raising Hell album in Stine Hall, and now it is a global influence. One of my closest friends, **Dion Liverpool '93**, is a manager for A Tribe Called Quest, so thanks to him I have access behind the scenes to one of my favorite groups.

**Today Gettysburg is great(er)**  
 The College is making great strides in diversity and inclusion—the student body is more reflective of the world that we live in today than when I was a student. And I am impressed by the unique opportunities students have, such as the Garthwait Leadership Center, The Eisenhower Institute, and robust study abroad options.

**Thanks to the people**  
 Several professors made a lasting impact—political science **Profs. Donald Tannenbaum** and **Shirley Anne Warshaw**, just to name a couple. And my brother, **Kelvin Datcher '92**. We are closer today because of the experience we had on campus and share as alumni.

**Supports Gettysburg because**  
 It is an expression of my gratitude. The lessons I learned through my College experience are keys to my personal and career success. The leadership traits I developed there are the foundation of my leadership approach today. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I know how important it is to have the appropriate resources for the College to remain a relevant first choice for prospective students.

Last seen on campus: February 2018



Photo by Jason Minick





# DAY TO *lead* CONSERVATORY



**Prof. James Day** has been appointed director of the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College. He joins Gettysburg in July, following the retirement of **Prof. Kay Hoke**, head of the Conservatory since 2008.

Day earned his Bachelor of Music in Performance from North Carolina School of the Arts and his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music. He has led guitar studies at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) since 1997 and was appointed assistant dean of the TCNJ School of the Arts and Communication in 2012.

“This certainly is an exciting time for our Sunderman Conservatory of Music and for all of Gettysburg College,” said **Provost Christopher Zappe**. “We are confident that Prof. Day will build upon the stellar work of Prof. Hoke, and help the Conservatory continue to distinguish itself as an ideal setting for undergraduate performance and creative inquiry.”

Gettysburg College is one of the few institutions in the nation that combines a professional conservatory experience with a premier liberal arts education. ■



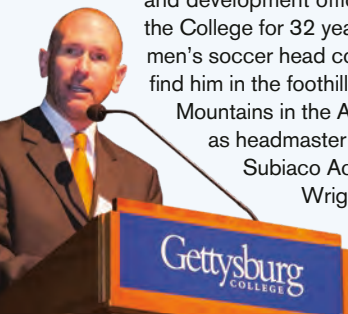
## Scholars and Authors

Forever curious and persistent in exploring their fields, Gettysburg College faculty are dedicated teachers and scholars. In 2017, a total of 19 published books were written or edited by College faculty. The diversity of subjects include philosophy; cinema and media studies; environmental studies; sociology; English; French; history; Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino studies; German studies; Spanish; music; women, gender, and sexuality studies; and art and art history. Each of the titles and their descriptions can be found online.

### Snapshots

#### Headmaster Wright

**David Wright P '08, '13, '16**, assistant vice president for athletics and development officer, has served the College for 32 years—18 of them as men's soccer head coach. Next fall will find him in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains in the Arkansas River Valley as headmaster of the prestigious Subiaco Academy. Details of Wright's distinguished tenure at G'burg are online.



#### Lincoln Prize

The 2018 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize went to Edward Ayers for his book *The Thin Light of Freedom: The Civil War and Emancipation in the Heart of America*. The prize is awarded by the College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

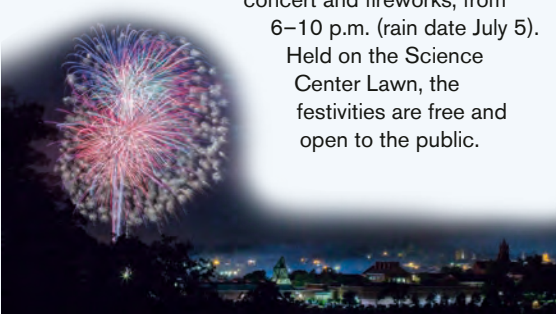
#### 400th LAX win

With a win over Swarthmore, **Hank Janczyk**, head coach for men's lacrosse, became the second NCAA men's lacrosse coach to win 400 games at one school. Janczyk now has a career record of 400–116 for his 31 years at the College.



#### Fourth of July events on campus

In G'burg over the 4th? Mark your calendar for the annual community concert and fireworks, from 6–10 p.m. (rain date July 5). Held on the Science Center Lawn, the festivities are free and open to the public.



#### First-year learns firsthand

He began working in biology **Prof. Nikki Shariat's** lab his first year, and **Jacob Marogi '19** discovered more than bacteria—he changed his career goals. Learn more about the benefits of student-faculty research in a “90 seconds with...” video, online.



#### Petrie retires

After a tremendous 45-year coaching career, Gettysburg College men's basketball and men's golf head coach **George Petrie** will retire at the end of the academic year. Petrie has spent his entire 29-year head-coaching career at Gettysburg, where he is the longest-tenured and all-time winningest men's basketball coach in school history.



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# Discovery, diversity, and excellence in music prized

Gettysburg College's Sunderman Conservatory **Prof. Avner Dorman** was awarded the 2018 Azrieli Prize for Jewish Music for his composition *Nigunim for Violin and Orchestra*. The award recognizes a composer who has written the best new major work of Jewish music. In addition to a cash award, the prize provides a world premiere gala performance and a professional recording of the prize-winning work.

Dorman said of his work, "When writing *Nigunim*, I was most interested in exploring the music of various Jewish traditions from around the world. The diversity and wealth of musical traditions I discovered astounded me, ranging from North African cantillation to Central Asian wedding music, and from Balkan rhythms to ancient prayers. I tried to embody both the unique features and deep commonalities of these traditions in my composition."

The Israeli-born composer has been teaching music theory and composition at the Conservatory since 2010. Recipient of numerous international and prestigious awards, he serves as Music Director of the CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra. Dorman earned his doctorate in composition from the Juilliard School. ■



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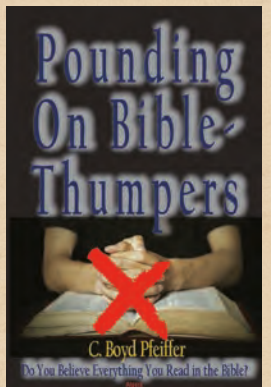
## Media Notes

### *The Oddling Prince*



A tale of brothers whose love and loyalty to each other is such that it defies impending warfare, sundering seas, fated hatred, and the very course of time itself. In her long-awaited new fantasy novel, **Nancy Springer '70** (*The Books of Isle* series) explores the darkness of the human heart as well as its unceasing capacity for love.

### *Pounding on Bible-Thumpers*



If the Bible is the infallible word of God, why is it full of stories that strain credulity? In his collection of short essays on religion, Christianity, faith, belief, dogma, doctrine, and the Bible, **C. Boyd Pfeiffer '60** attempts—through Socratic teaching and questioning—to evaluate the concepts and strongly held beliefs of religions, specifically Christianity.



# Litigating for GOOD

Among the high concentration of attorneys practicing in the greater Washington, D.C., area, **Julius Redd '07** stands out.

He was named a "40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocate" by the National Bar Association and a 2017 Washington, D.C., Super Lawyer Rising Star. His passion for positive change sets him apart.

"The most rewarding part of being a lawyer is having the opportunity to use your skill set and knowledge to be a positive force in people's lives—you really have every opportunity to do so," Redd said.

An environmental and commercial litigator with Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., Redd is deeply involved in his local community, from mentoring underprivileged youth and educating them about the law to his pro bono work for the Clemency Project 2014 during the Obama administration. In a recent pro bono success, Redd helped a client obtain asylum and escape persecution and certain death at the hands of the Gambian government, after the client's husband had been captured and killed because of his sexual orientation.

In part, Redd's values are rooted in his College experiences. Redd feels it's important to help others because others supported him—including many faculty and staff at the College.

"There were so many people who helped me along my journey," he said. "I feel it is my obligation to pass along that help to those who are less fortunate than I am."

Redd came to Gettysburg from Gaithersburg, Maryland, and majored in political science with a minor in religious studies. He also played varsity

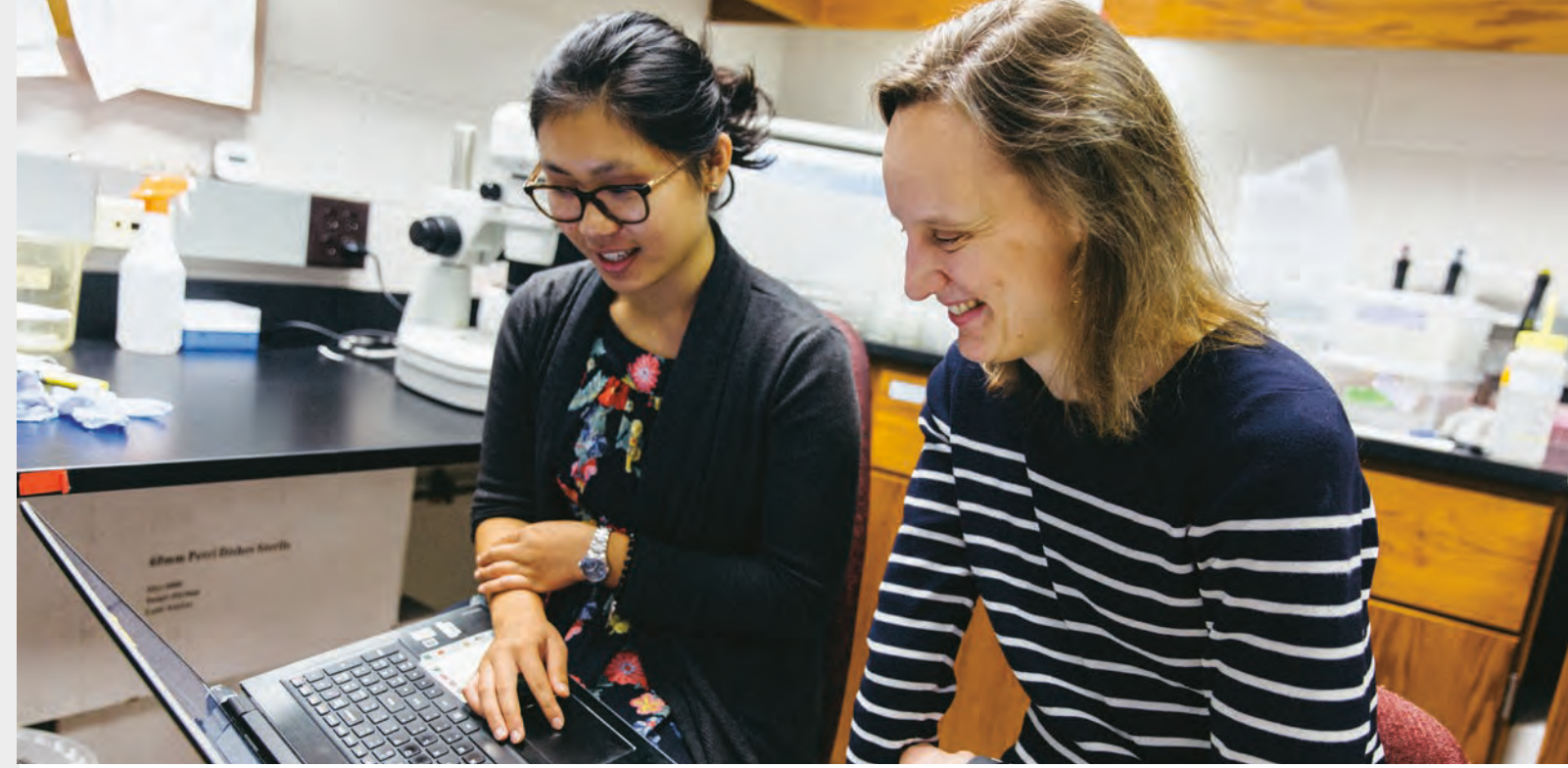


basketball, was active in Student Senate, the Black Student Union, Phi Delta Theta, and volunteered with the NAACP. After graduation, he pursued his law degree at Rutgers University.

"I thought law could be used as a powerful tool to effect change and help people," said Redd. "We all have talents, gifts, and skills that we can share—that we can use to be agents of positive change. Whatever makes your heart beat, pursue that, and use that to find a way to benefit others." ■

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— Julius Redd



## Dichotomies illustrated

"People have stereotypes of what a lab should be and what art should be; I want to attempt to turn that on its head," said artist and scientist **Zoe Yeoh '18**.

Yeoh, a biochemistry and molecular biology major, came to Gettysburg to continue her art, but she was attracted to science. Not willing to sacrifice, she declared a studio art minor and used her art to explore interconnection.

"These paintings attempt to make sense of the dichotomy between man and nature," said Yeoh. "In almost all the spaces we occupy, humans live as though we are fighting a war with nature. What would happen if we simply learned to live with nature rather than against it?"

"One of Zoe's strengths as a scientist is her creativity and her ability to think across scientific disciplines," said biology **Prof. Jennifer Powell**, Yeoh's mentor. Together they are examining the innate immune system and oxidative stress responses in *Caenorhabditis elegans*, a type of nematode.

"Zoe has spent two years in my lab studying the connection between an animal cell's response to bacterial infections and its response to chemical stress," said Powell.

Through genetics experiments, they've discovered that two proteins, FSHR-1 and SKN-1, may share a role in activating the oxidative stress response.

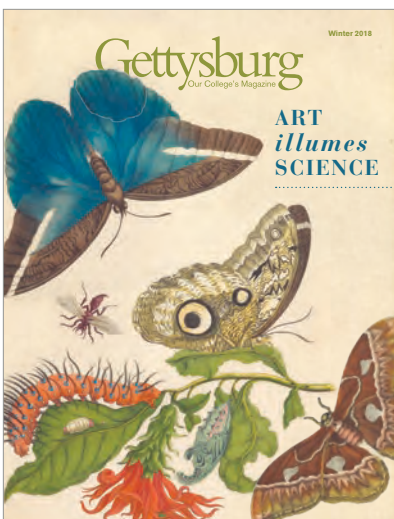


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—Zoe Yeoh

Yeoh plans to pursue her doctorate in immunology or molecular biology and work in the biotechnology industry. At Gettysburg College, the freedom to discover new possibilities in chemistry, biology, and art expanded her perspective.

"It's improved my skills in seeing the connections between seemingly disparate fields," Yeoh said. ■





The winter issue's cover story on Maria Sibylla Merian's blend of art and science—and the images—brought some relief from the season's chill:

For **Susan Smitten '64**, the story connected to her Peace Corps experience, "Just writing to say I really enjoyed your article on Maria Sibylla Merian. I'm a G'burg class of 1964 history major. When I spotted the original NYT [*The New York Times*] article "A Pioneering Woman..." I emailed it to my counterpart in Suriname. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Suriname in 2002–2003 with my husband, and we have many great memories of our time there. Now I have this Gettysburg connection and wish Professor Kay Etheridge much success with her future research."

And from the professor whose research inspired the story, came this note to writer **Carina Sitkus** from biology **Prof. Kay Etheridge**, "Your article on Merian does a wonderful job of introducing her work to a new (mostly!) audience. I have already heard from a couple of people how much they enjoyed the way you wrote the piece. Thank you for taking such care with a subject near and dear to me." ●

# Conversations



Coach George Petrie

**On social media**

Hot topics on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:

The mid-March mailing of the news high school students had been waiting for—letters from admissions. The Class of 2022 was selected from more than 6,200 applicants from 49 states and 99 countries.

The story of the Anatomage 3-D interactive dissection table published in the winter magazine and online. **Alex Harper '11** wrote, "It's not often that my socks are truly blown off, but I'm incredibly impressed. As an occupational therapist and previous gross anatomy instructor, I can vouch for how beneficial these will be for student learning. I wish we had technology this advanced when I was a health sciences student! Anatomy is so kinesthetic, and

this is a great way to combine contemporary and traditional learning styles. These will set our students light years ahead of their peers. You're doing great work, Gettysburg."

**Centennial Conference championships for Women's Basketball, Men's Swimming, and Women's Golf** and the bittersweet news of head **Coach George Petrie's** retirement of men's basketball and men's golf. Shaun Gutting tweeted, "A true legend in Gettysburg!" My dad [**Stephen Gutting '72**] loved the time he spent under Coach Petrie. **Paul Redfern '00** also tweeted, "Good luck to George Petrie in his final game as head coach...he has been a tremendous mentor and friend." ●

**And in the news**

A research collaboration between scholars at North Dakota State University and Gettysburg College found that not only do we think people with a sweet tooth are friendlier than people who prefer other tastes, but tasting something sweet makes all of us kinder. The study by psychology **Prof. Brian Meier** was mentioned in *Female First*.

**Prof. Shirley Anne Warshaw** was quoted in an article from PBS, "From presidential nominee to freshman senator? Romney would make history if he runs."

**Biology Prof. Ryan Kerney** provided expert insights in "The Smiling Axolotl Hides a Secret: A Giant Genome," an article published in *The New York Times*.

"The History of Reconstruction's Third Phase" by **Prof. Allen Guelzo**, the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and director of Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College, appeared in the *History News Network* published by George Washington University.

Historians gathered in Richmond, Virginia, in February to present talks on the lives of ordinary Americans during the Civil War. C-SPAN provided coverage, including Director of the Civil War Institute **Prof. Peter Carmichael's** talk, "Will the Real Common Civil War Soldier Please Stand Up."

In "What can your CMS do for you," a writer for *Forbes* made an example of the College and the



Deputy Secretary Robert J. Dallesandro (left) and Secretary Matz at the swearing-in ceremony.

Amazon Alexa skill developed by **Rod Tosten '85**, vice president of information technology, and a team of Gettysburg College students. The Gettysburgians built a suite of skills that draw upon the College CMS to communicate the campus dining menu, phone numbers, and campus news via Alexa.

**Gloria Mendoza '14** was interviewed on CBS *Sunday Morning* about her accomplishments in the workplace at the SAP company and her journey with autism, complete with video of her receiving her College diploma.

**Maj. Gen. William M. Matz Jr. '61** is Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission

(ABMC), the authority responsible for the overseas military cemeteries, memorials, monuments, and markers that commemorate the service, achievements, and sacrifice of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Matz holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the second-highest military award to the Medal of Honor. He has worked on behalf of military members, veterans, and their families since his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1995 and is a member of the Eisenhower Institute National Advisory Council. ●

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## And on Instagram



"Two seasons, one window" brought back fond memories as well as more fearful flashbacks of long hours of studying for finals and writing papers for Gettysburgians who frequented Musselman Library.





# DETERMINED TO TRAVEL

## REJECTION DROVE DAVID ZAPATA '94 WORLDWIDE

During his senior year at Gettysburg College, **David Zapata '94** lined the walls of his room in Ice House with rejection letters. They were from every non-governmental organization (NGO) he could think of, in response to his letters asking for work.

The political science and history double major knew he wanted to work internationally. He thought that an NGO was the logical next step. As the rejection letters streamed in, it became clear that it just wasn't going to work out.

More than 20 years later, Zapata is glad it didn't.

Instead, those rejections offered him the opportunity to explore career paths that took him to Washington, D.C., New York City, and eventually Chicago. He has worked internationally and impacted global economies.

"I've always followed the beat of my own drum," said the founder and president of Zapwater Communications. "I knew at some point that I would work internationally, but I certainly wasn't the type of graduate who knew exactly what he wanted to do when he graduated. It may have taken a while to get there, but it finally came full circle for me."

Zapata founded the Chicago-based company nearly 15 years ago and has built it into an award-winning public relations agency specializing in lifestyle brands and covering everything from consumer services, fashion, retail, hospitality, and tourism.

Not only does his work allow him to travel, but it fulfills his desire to impact international development, as tourism is often a driver of economic growth for many industries in any community. Recent client work has taken Zapata to Finland, the Maldives, Mexico, and Serbia. And his international client list continues to grow.

Zapata first became interested in travel as a kid. Growing up in what he describes as an "airline family," he had endless opportunities to be exposed to different communities and perspectives. It was an interest he further explored and refined at the College.

"For a small school, Gettysburg does a great job of instilling a global perspective in its students," Zapata said. "There were quite a few classes I took on a whim that expanded my worldview and inspired me in many ways."

He recalls a course he took with Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies **Prof. Emelio Betances**, who encouraged him to participate in a summer program based both in Cuba and Nicaragua. Zapata eventually declared a minor in what was then known as Latin American Studies. In his free time, he worked as a program coordinator for the Center for Public Service (CPS), leading immersion trips to Nicaragua and Russia.

On one of the CPS trips he led to Moscow, Zapata met with then-U.S. President Bill Clinton, who was in Russia for a summit.

"It was totally coincidental, not planned at all," Zapata recalled. "It turned out to be one of the highlights of my College career, a very memorable moment. I still have the picture we took, hanging on the wall of my office." (See photo, upper left.)

After graduation, Zapata worked on political campaigns in Washington, D.C., and around the country. After working in various public relations roles, he came up with the idea to launch his own agency.

"I often joke that if I knew then what I know now, I probably wouldn't have done it," Zapata said. "It's been a learning experience, and I've been blessed to work with some brilliant people who have been open to learning together."

The company has since grown into a public relations powerhouse with over 100 awards and distinctions to its credit for local, national, and international achievements. Zapwater is consistently recognized as one of the top agencies to work for. But the effort had its struggles early on.

"Any small business, regardless of industry, deals with a lot of the same challenges. How do you deal with cash flow? How do you retain human capital? How do you scale?" Zapata explained. "One of my strengths is knowing what I'm good at and what I'm not. I brought in people who rounded out those strengths because, at the end of the day, you are only as good as the team you are on."

His experiences are at the core of the advice he'd give to current students and young alumni: take time to discover what you're passionate about (and don't worry if it takes you time to accomplish it), find a team you enjoy working with, and remember to count your blessings.

"Gettysburg was the right place for me because of what it taught me in the classroom and outside of it. I became a much more well-rounded person than I would have anywhere else," Zapata said. "Now, I do something on a day-to-day basis that I am incredibly passionate about, and I get to fulfill my lifelong dream of traveling around the world through the business I've created. I am incredibly blessed and thankful for the opportunities Gettysburg has given me, the work I get to do, and the people I get to work with." ■

—Kasey Varner '14





# COMPLEX MEMORIES: THE VIETNAM WAR ERA

It was a time of intense political discord, both on campus and across the nation:

- ♦ Movements for social justice, women's rights, civil rights, gay rights, and the environment;
- ♦ Unpopular foreign policies hotly debated within the United States;
- ♦ A president who championed a "silent majority" of socially conservative voters;
- ♦ And polarizing politics entangled with a newly emerging American identity.

Current commentary? Maybe. But it is also a reflection of the 1960s.



## A PLACE FOR EXPLORATION

Then, as now, the College was a place for thoughtful disagreement, civil discourse—and purposeful action. Students and faculty who challenge each other to ask meaningful questions and rethink assumptions in serene times are well equipped to do the same when times are turbulent.

By all accounts, the 1960s were marked by conflict, but Gettysburg College was not a hotbed of political activism in those years. Students were aware of the Vietnam War—it was actively discussed and debated in the *Gettysburgian*—and there was an occasional demonstration at the Peace Light to speak out against it. But for some, it appeared that Gettysburg College remained untouched by the anti-war protests and political turmoil that defined the decade.

“It is apparent that student unrest is prevalent on many college campuses throughout the country,” **Sandy Treen ’70**, president of the Women’s Student Senate, wrote in a pamphlet distributed on campus in 1969. “In light of this it is perhaps not surprising that Gettysburg College is involved in this general attitude. That is, not unless you are a student at Gettysburg College. Because, up until recently, this College could possibly have been recognized as the most apathetic of all such institutions. Then one Saturday morning, the campus awoke.”

That stirring was inspired by the larger culture of social activism intertwined with anti-war protests. Students occupied the student union building overnight in early March 1969, calling for a greater voice in the policies that governed them on campus. They petitioned **College President Carl A. Hanson** for a daylong moratorium to address their concerns.

Hanson approved the event and cancelled classes for two days in April in order to accommodate it.

“I support the idea of a gathering of all parts of the College for serious discussion of our problems and opportunities,” Hanson wrote in a memo on March 16, 1969. “Thus, the proposal for a ‘moratorium’ has my support under the assumption that its formulation includes all parts of the College and permits serious exploration and follow up of matters of concern and interest.”

Topics brought forward by students included the College’s dry campus designation; differences in policies governing male and female students; the desire for a racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse student body; and integration of academics that covered more interdisciplinary and politically relevant topics. Faculty members, campus administrators, and students were asked to speak about these issues and how they impacted the future of the campus.

*“The primary story we want to preserve is the one of countless young men who were students one day and soldiers soon after leaving college.”*

—**Susan Colestock Hill ’67**

Many of the outcomes became integral to what Gettysburg College students experience today—others, such as diversity, are continued works-in-progress. At the time, the participants weren’t certain of their legacy. Reflecting on the moratorium, **Jim Henderson ’71** wrote, “The moratorium did succeed in producing the dialogue and communication which it set out to promote, but, of course, the question of ‘how much?’ can really only be adequately answered by resultant action.”

## HONORING ACTION AND SACRIFICE

While students played a role in effecting cultural and policy changes on campus, a number of Gettysburgians joined the national discourse about foreign policy through their service in the Vietnam War.

The exact number of Gettysburgians who enlisted or were drafted into service is not recorded. What is known is that 14 alumni made the ultimate sacrifice—each gave their life during the course of their service.

This fall, a memorial listing the names (see page 21) of these Gettysburgians will be dedicated outside of the newly completed College Union Building renovation. Many of them were not much older than most current students are now—calling into sharp focus the cost of war and the individual stories that are often lost to the war’s narrative.

That, according to **Susan Colestock Hill ’67**, is the exact reason she feels this campus memorial is so important. One of several alumni who have spearheaded this effort, Hill lost both her brother, **Lieutenant JG John M. Colestock ’65**, and her first husband, **Captain Robert L. Morris ’66**, to the war.

Colestock had been actively involved on campus—he chaired the College judicial board, was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, played on the soccer team, and excelled academically as a biology major. He went to work for

a pharmaceutical company before the draft prompted him to enlist in the Navy.

Even then, he stayed in close contact with his sister, inviting her to visit while he was in flight school in Texas.

“At that time, the pilots were able to take family members into a Navy jet and onto the runway for an aborted takeoff,” Hill recalled. “John arranged to let me join him in the plane. I suited up, climbed in the back seat, and off we went to the end of the runway!”

Morris had a lifelong dream of being a pilot in the Air Force. He was a member of the campus Air Force ROTC, which helped him prepare for his service. Morris excelled athletically as a member of both the baseball and the basketball teams. He majored in health and physical education, joined Tau Kappa Epsilon, and served as the chapter’s president.

Both men died during their service, leaving behind wives and children—Colestock, a son, and Morris, two daughters.

Hill shares these stories not to mourn her family’s losses, but to underscore the importance of remembering what was lost for so many people of her generation.

“The primary story we want to preserve is one of countless young men who were students one day and soldiers soon after leaving college,” Hill said. “This is where we planned and prepared for our futures and tested our wings in campus life. We grew up together on the campus. It’s from here that we were launched to make our way in the world.”

Of the many names that appear on the memorial, **First Lieutenant Stephen H. Doane ’70** stands out as the College’s only Medal of Honor recipient. As a student, he was on the wrestling team and became a member of Phi Kappa Psi, despite never finishing his initiation before he withdrew from the College and fulfilled his lifelong ambition of serving in the military.

He kept the lessons he learned on campus close to mind during his service, using them as motivation to work hard and achieve well, as his father once wrote to then **Dean of the College Basil Crapster**. To Doane, that often meant looking out for his fellow soldiers, especially once he was promoted to platoon leader. He took great pride in his platoon’s low casualty rate.

He died two years into his service—at age 21—when he carried an activated hand grenade into an enemy bunker in order to save the lives of the men in his platoon.

“The memorial will preserve these stories and will record the character of these men in hopes

of remembering and studying extraordinary times and responses to those times,” Hill said.

**Lieutenant Colonel Bill Bock ’66** is a member of the alumni committee working with Hill, **Tom Delavergne ’66**, **Tom McCracken ’66**, and **Dave Reichert ’66** to fund and establish the memorial. He views these stories as an integral way to access the larger narratives of Vietnam while also learning some critical lessons.

“History is people,” Bock said. “With this memorial, we are sharing a piece of history, but also the stories of the young men who were students one day and soldiers the next.”

Bock gives the example of **Stephen Warner ’68**, an alum well-known for his service in the Army’s public affairs office. Warner was killed in Vietnam in 1971, three days before his service was done. He left the College his \$10,000 servicemen’s group life insurance policy, as well as two footlockers of photographs, journals, diaries, and letters.

“You see his name on this memorial, and you know he served—and died—in Vietnam,” Bock said. “But then you see his picture, and he’s this serious-looking guy staring out at you in his black-rimmed glasses. You learn his story and realize he was a committed student who went on to Yale Law School. He was opposed to the war, actively spoke out against the war, and yet lost his life in it. His photographs capturing the lives of soldiers will be viewed and appreciated for generations.

“Once you learn their stories, there is a sense of humanity...of connection...current students may realize these young men from another time weren’t so different from themselves.”





## REMEMBERING A COMPLEX TIME

While the memorial will stand outside of one entrance to the College Union Building, an exhibit building on the stories of the men identified on it will be housed in Musselman Library. **Gettysburg College Archivist Amy Lucadamo '00** has been working with the families and classmates of these men to acquire the materials needed to tell their stories—both as students and as soldiers.

“It matters, the farther away we get from historic events, that we are able to humanize the people involved in them and not look at them as people who are wholly different from us who lived in wholly different times,” Lucadamo said.

It’s all about how you access the past, she claims. Not only can it help you understand the complexities of another time, but it can also give you a sense of how to move forward in your own time.

“It’s not about casting a moral judgment on what happened,” Lucadamo stated. “You don’t have to agree with the war to be able to respect their experience in the war.”

In fact, the national memorial located in Washington, D.C., was built 10 years after the Vietnam War concluded. Much of the turmoil of the times and the nation’s need to heal festering wounds can be found in the symbolism of the memorial—from the shape of the wall to the reflection of visitors when looking at the names of the soldiers who were killed or missing in action.

“It’s starkly different from the way in which other war memorials were built and created,” said Civil War Era Studies **Prof. Ian Isherwood '00**. “There is no overt heroism or triumphalism in that monument, just a deep feeling of sadness and tragedy. It’s a very poignant symbol to go back to—a symbol of tragedy and mourning for a generation of American soldiers.”

According to Isherwood, the Washington, D.C. memorial captures a shift in the American narrative surrounding the war as they moved away from the political divides of the time and tried to construct a consensus about the long-term meaning of the war.

“You see a shift from the poles of radical anti-war feelings and dogged patriotism toward a more nuanced approach in how we look at the war,” Isherwood continued. “For the first time, you see this idea of the soldier as someone we can still honor regardless of our feelings of what the war was waged for. Veterans start to reclaim a sense of agency as people come to grips with what it means to be anti-war and pro-soldier.”

Professors are challenged to capture the complexities of the era and our shifting views about it. Both Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies **Prof. Emerita Janet Powers** and history **Prof. Tom Dombrowsky**—who have taught

courses on the Vietnam War since the early 1990s—say they observed a notable shift in the level of awareness students have about the war when they arrive on campus.

“For a while after the war, people conveniently didn’t want to talk about it. That often included high school teachers,” Powers said.

Whenever she taught a course on the Vietnam War, she would always ask students about their connections to the war and how they’ve learned about it.

“Overwhelmingly, the answer was that their father or their uncle had fought in the war, but that they never spoke about it,” Powers recalled. “For many of them, that was it. It was a divisive time, and generally, people avoided the topic.”

Both she and Dombrowsky were adamant in their charge to have students critically examine the war from many different perspectives in the first-year seminars they offered.

For Powers, that meant balancing course literature with American and Vietnamese authors, all of whom had some connection to the war or discussed the war in their work. She would also take students on a field trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the Vietnam War Memorial, lay flowers underneath Warner’s name, watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and learn about Vietnamese culture through their cuisine before returning to campus.

Dombrowsky used films, guest lectures, and debates that examined many different aspects of the war—from key policy decisions leading up to the war to the anti-war movement across the country, as well as the ordeal of soldiers long after they returned.

“Essentially, I wanted them to understand as much as they could about the war from a factual basis—not a political viewpoint or Hollywood narrative,” Dombrowsky said. “You’ve got to address the fact that there were incredible protests and polarization—you can’t glamorize the anti-war people who advocated for an end to the war, just as you can’t glamorize the soldiers who fought in it. The reality, as with most things, is mixed up between all of these various perspectives, but I want my students to reach that conclusion through their own analysis.”

Today, there are plenty of classes that incorporate lessons about Vietnam, even if the focus of the course isn’t wholly on the war itself. One example that stands out: political science **Prof. Caroline Hartzell’s** course, Political Economy of Armed Conflict, in which she connects students with veterans of many different wars to discuss related policy issues.

“While we don’t spend too much time on any particular conflict, all of my students choose a research topic and complete an oral history where they talk with

a veteran,” Hartzell said. “What I’ve found is that students just really appreciated getting to know veterans and hearing their stories.”

According to Hartzell, some students continued to stay in touch with the veterans they worked with after their projects were completed or found new ways to examine the issues that surfaced through their conversations.

While there are no easy answers or simple narratives about the Vietnam era—or any period of conflict, Gettysburgians stand on the historical past as they debate, remodel, and contemplate the future.

“I don’t believe that history repeats itself, but if there are no lessons to be had from the past, then my job would be redundant,” explained Isherwood. “We can always extract lessons from events in the past, and I think there are many great lessons we can learn from Vietnam.”

Among them, he claims, are lessons about credibility and transparency from elected officials

and the government as a whole, especially when mandating a draft or rapidly escalating a war.

For Hill, she hopes the College memorial and engaging in the stories of those who served in the war will inspire students to ask meaningful questions about how they lead their own lives.

“In creating this memorial, I’m constantly wondering about the questions and conclusions that will generate in current and future Gettysburg students regarding their [personal] devotion to duty and ideals,” Hill said. “Will those students reflect differently on freedom, courage, and responsibility because students of an earlier time—just like them in age and dreams—approached adulthood with a draft notice in their pockets? Will the losses and sacrifices of our generation make a difference now and in the future?”

—Kasey Varner '14

## GETTYSBURG REMEMBERS



Captain Ronald F. Thomson '60

Corporal Edgar B Burchell III '62

Captain Joseph P. Murphy '63

Lieutenant JG John M. Colestock '65

Ensign James M. Ewing '65

Ensign Andrew L. Muns '65

First Lieutenant George A. Callan '66

Captain Robert L. Morris '66

First Lieutenant Charles H. Richardson '66

First Lieutenant J. Andrew Marsh '67

Specialist 4 Stephen H Warner '68

Captain Daniel W. Whipps '69

First Lieutenant Stephen H. Doane '70

Captain Millard R. Valerius,  
ROTC Instructor 1962–1964



# MAKING IT IN MARKETING

A STRATEGIC BLEND OF MAJORS HELPS  
**ELISE SONDHEIM '15** DRIVE BIG BRANDS.

Not merely told and heard—brand stories are experienced and felt. Every touch point, every customer interaction sends a message about a company's values, products, and services. **Elise Sondheim '15** knows firsthand. A digital marketer, first for the popular clothing retailer Vineyard Vines and now for Under Armour, Sondheim has seen how important it is for companies to create authentic and meaningful interactions with their audiences.

"It's a lot of understanding what people are looking for," Sondheim said. "You really have to understand each and every engagement you have with your audience and how each one can ladder back into building a relationship that in turn creates value for you."

Sondheim held a double major in psychology and organization and management studies. Digital marketing wasn't a career outcome that she expected—but it is one that she first began exploring as a student. She started seeing subtle connections between her major courses of study.

"Being able to study both psychology and organizations at a comparable level with a critical thinking mindset allowed me to see how I could apply human behavior to the business world and learn how businesses interact with consumers," Sondheim said. "It was never something that I thought I would do professionally, but it ended up being something that I was really passionate about, which I continue to examine today."

Sondheim's realizations reflect the liberal arts education and emphasis on exploration for which Gettysburg College is known. The curriculum is designed to encourage students to ask questions, challenge assumptions, and connect their academic classes and other experiences.

She built on the thoughts she was having about psychology and organization management by seeking related internships. She worked in an international trade and development company while studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark, and on campus in the College's Office of Communications and Marketing.

After graduating from Gettysburg College, she worked with Connecticut-based Vineyard Vines. There, her keen observations led to an innovative solution that generated more sales. After recognizing a gap in the company's marketing to existing consumers during an otherwise peak shopping time, Sondheim came up with an email strategy to engage them. It paid dividends.

"When I pointed out this gap to my team, we were able to come up with executional steps to leverage technology that we are already using and interactions we are already having to bridge the gap and get the most value out of our assets," Sondheim said. "As a result, we had an incredibly successful cyber week. That is one of my biggest success moments, one that I now use as a starting point for all campaigns I create."

She left Vineyard Vines for a position at the Baltimore headquarters of Under Armour, a brand known for its relentless pursuit of innovation in athletic performance apparel. The company's character appealed to Sondheim. She recognized similar traits in herself—in the ability to think in new and unconventional ways, to be constantly learning and innovating—muscles she flexed while at Gettysburg College.

Those traits and the ability to put solid reasoning into action serve her well at Under Armour. While marketing—specifically digital marketing—was not a career she anticipated, it satisfies her need to keep learning.

"Everything in the industry is always changing," said Sondheim. "Staying up-to-date and ahead of the trends is essential. I've become really interested in the digital landscape of human interaction and the blend of social and media. I'm constantly applying what we are already doing and what we are good at to what's coming next and where the trends are going. That's what keeps the work so exciting and rewarding." ■

—Kasey Varner '14



# A HORSE Of course



Prof. Koren Lipsett

CONNECTING A STUDENT'S LOVE OF HORSES WITH HER OWN ONGOING STUDY ALLOWS A PROFESSOR TO OFFER MENTORED RESEARCH EXPERIENCES TO A SUCCESSION OF STUDENT INVESTIGATORS.



Students at Gettysburg College are practiced at finding connections between their most passionate personal interests and their coursework—and professors know how powerful those connections can be for learning.

Take chemistry **Prof. Koren Lipsett**, whose research focuses on genomic studies to better understand human disease. Lipsett has owned and rescued horses for many years. Today, in part because of a connection made by one of her students, horses are a focus of her research on deafness in humans.

## Horses to humans

By researching genetic diseases in large mammals, Lipsett and students in her lab hope to help researchers better understand how to treat human genetic disorders, such as congenital blindness and deafness. They've worked with cats (blindness), cattle (fibroblast growth factor-hair length), and—for the past eight years—deafness in horses.

The inspiration for the horse project came from **Suzanne E. DiNello-Schleicher '10**, a biology and chemistry double major—now a veterinarian. While doing some preliminary research for Lipsett's lab, she came across a story about a deaf colt.

"Because she's a horse person and a vet person, she said, 'Maybe we can pursue this,'" said Lipsett. "It turned out that the family that owned that deaf colt also had the parents and siblings in this pedigree of Spanish Mustangs. Not just one offspring was deaf—there were two deaf offspring that came from the same stallion and two different mares. So that started the project."

In addition to having an affinity for horses, working with them has benefits. They are longer-lived than mice or rats, allowing for long-term studies. The research is humane: Lipsett uses hair plucked from the horse's mane. Access to the subjects is convenient: her horse and horses from the SPCA are the experimental controls; the deaf horses in the study are in nearby Virginia.

The deaf horses have white coats and blue eyes which, studies have shown, correlate with deafness in other animals—Siberian Husky dogs, for example. This knowledge helped Lipsett's lab narrow down its focus to a candidate gene called the KIT gene.

"That particular gene is complex, but that's not the only one that has been found—there are five or six genes that we identified as candidate genes. And our job is to methodically sequence those genes to see if we can find the mutation," said Lipsett.



## Resolute and ongoing

The process involves examining the gene's exons, the segments of the DNA that contain the coding information, or set of instructions, which translate to the protein of interest.

**Benjamin Gantz '16** was responsible for examining exon-21 in the KIT gene. They ran into several issues when designing primers, which is the first step to sequencing a gene.

"Ben would say, 'Wow, I'm doing real science,' and I'd say, 'You've been doing real science the whole time!' Because you need to think outside the box. There's no canned answer," said Lipsett.

"Ben got to a point where we understood where the problem was, and by the time he graduated we had a good understanding of what to do next."

That's important because—though dedicated to the work while they are here—students graduate. Faculty inquiry is ongoing—high-quality teaching and research opportunities will greet the next group of Gettysburg College students.

"Many students had worked on this project before me. It was amazing to be able to pick up where they left off and continue this research," said Gantz. "In independent research labs like Prof. Lipsett's, you are determining the answers to questions that no one on the planet knows. Other scientists may use our research to further their understanding or study, but our findings will be a starting point for them."

Lipsett said they have narrowed down which genes to focus on and are consolidating the data order

to identify a putative gene mutation. The next step will be to explore the mechanism of pathology that will help define how the gene mutation translates to disease symptoms—like blindness or deafness.

"We can directly correlate it to human studies," said Lipsett. "The more we understand the gene function in a mammal model, the more likely we can understand the equivalent function in humans. Then we can apply that knowledge to characterize and potentially treat the genetic disorder."

## Continuing connections

Findings from the research have already been made available to the greater science community through publications coauthored by students such as **Kaytie Innamorati '14** (a doctoral candidate in molecular and cell biology at Drexel University) and **Alecia Achimovich '16** (a doctoral candidate in biophysics at the University of Virginia). Publishing or making presentations in professional settings are measures of the quality of work of Gettysburg College students.

Another related outcome of benefit to other researchers resulted in a patent award. Lipsett and her colleagues at the National Institute of Standards and Technology designed a technique using what is described as "optical tweezers," by using an infrared laser to trap and then isolate a single mitochondrion.

Lipsett explained that one characteristic of mitochondria is that each contains multiple

copies of the mitochondrial genome—and each cell can contain many mitochondria.

"If there is a mutation in one copy of the genome, and there are 100 copies total, the other 99 copies are fine," she said. "So why should one copy interfere with the cell?" Lipsett and her colleagues devised their solution to study how one modified copy becomes the predominant version.

The idea to apply for the patent came after a conversation Lipsett had with a former student.

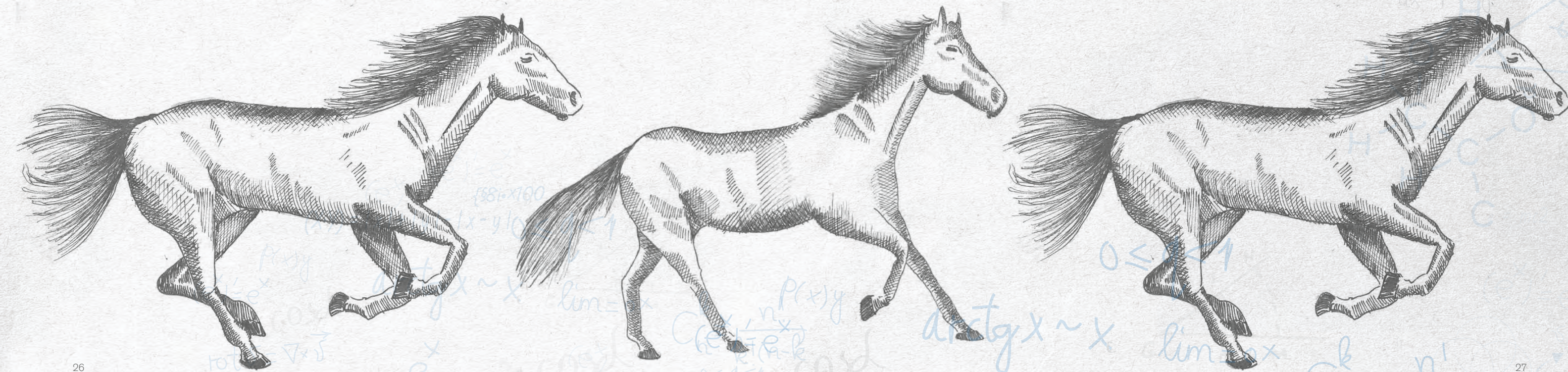
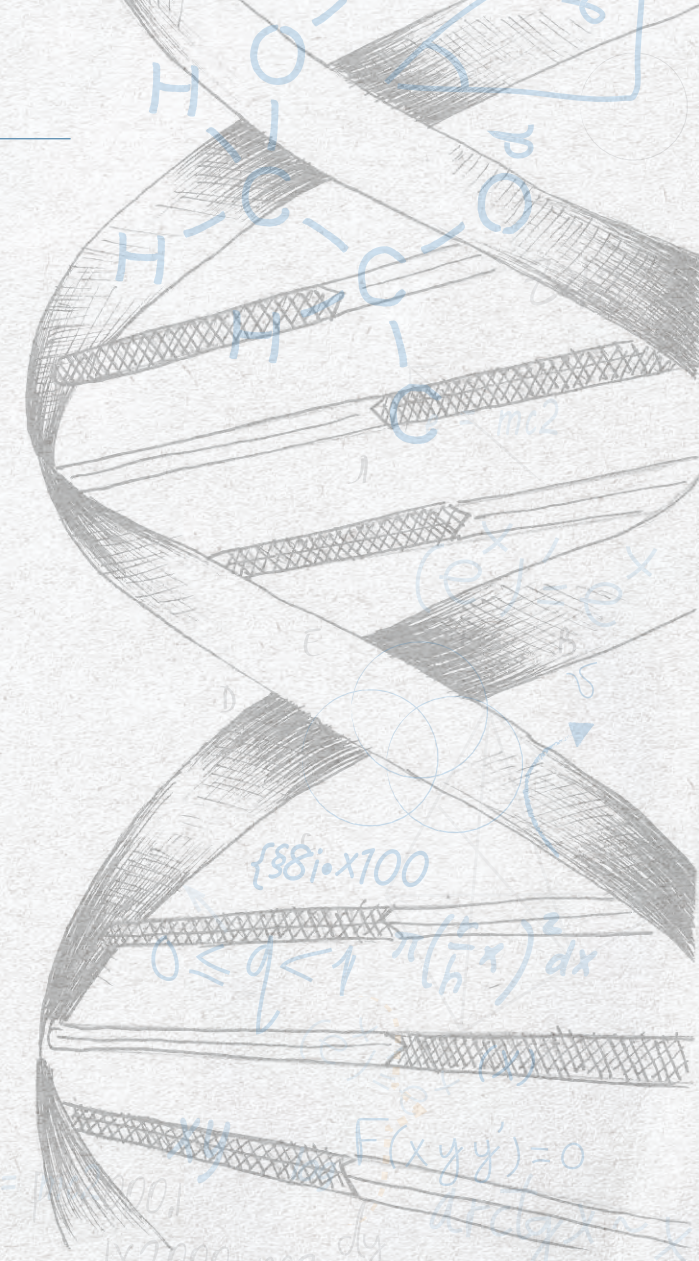
"**Christian Bauer '97**, a biochemistry and molecular biology major, went on to get his master's degree in forensic science," said Lipsett. Bauer continued his education and became a patent attorney. "He was visiting to speak with students for a career panel, and he said, 'Apply for a patent—that's intellectual property!'"

Though her interests are in studying biological pathways, her willingness to explore diverse paths have served Lipsett well. In fact, she didn't start working with DNA until she came to the College.

"I loved biochemistry in college," she said. "I didn't do genomics; I did protein studies. It's related to the biological system, and that's what's exciting to me. My work evolved slowly, as in any research career. You don't necessarily stay in the same track, but your research takes you down new tracks and lets you solve cool new problems."

"I like learning new tools for finding that needle in the haystack, that Eureka moment." ■

—Carina Sitkus





## SPEAKING ARABIC

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) program allows alumni of the CLS program to apply for grants to support projects that will extend the impact of their language learning to others. CLS scholars **Spencer King '19** and **Marley Dizney Swanson '18** received a grant to create an Arabic Learning Center on campus. The center provides a speaking-intensive opportunity for students to expand their vocabularies, practice—and get comfortable making mistakes—while they play word games, read *Harry Potter* books in Arabic, or otherwise socialize with others who are at differing levels of proficiency in Arabic. Next year students plan to form an Arabic Club to continue the activities. ■

# Do

What students

## Great

What makes Gettysburg



## STUDYING *salamanders*

A three-year, \$1.03 million, collaborative research grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation will support biology **Prof. Ryan Kerney's** investigation into the infection of salamander embryos by algae—including how such infection occurs and whether the algae transfers certain chemicals to their hosts.

Kerney will work with collaborators from Stony Brook University and Columbia University, as well as

Gettysburg College students, allowing students to “work with world-class scientists from a variety of different perspectives,” he said.

Kerney studied tropical frog embryos in Sri Lanka with the support of a Fulbright award. In 2016, his work made international news when he discovered the first tadpole belonging to *Micrixalus herrei*, the Indian Dancing frog. ■



# Work

that makes a difference



## Coming TOGETHER

Sankofa, from the Twi language of Ghana, suggests the importance of learning from the past—making those connections that ensure positive progress.

For the past five years, students and alumni of color have been discussing ways to increase such connections in a meaningful way. In February, the Black Student Union (BSU) sponsored Black Alumni Reunion Weekend—three days of social and networking events.

“We felt a need for current students to connect with alumni and for alumni to reengage with the College,” said **Chentese Stewart-Garner '18**, president of the BSU. “It is important for current students to see the sustained engagement of alumni of color and to make it easy for alumni to reach out, encourage, and mentor students.”

The BSU, Office of Multicultural Engagement, and the Alumni Office staff organized the reunion. The capstone of the weekend was the Sankofa Dinner, which highlighted the past accomplishments of alumni, faculty, and staff and celebrated the work of current students—those who came together to make the campus community Gettysburg Great for all. ■



# SAVE THE DATES

**MAY 19**  
**Spring Honors Day**  
**Distinguished Alumni Awards**  
**Baccalaureate**

**MAY 20**  
**Commencement**  
Speaker: Howard Fineman

**MAY 31–JUNE 1**  
**26th Annual Sara Lee/Butter Krust Baking**  
**Gettysburg College Golf Classic**  
Presented by the Cly-Del Manufacturing Company

**MAY 31–JUNE 3**  
**Alumni College and Reunion Weekend**  
Meritorious Service and Young Alumni Awards

**JUNE 22–27**  
**Civil War Institute (CWI) Summer Conference**

**JULY 4**  
**Gettysburg Community Concert and Fireworks**

**JULY–AUGUST**  
**Send-Offs**

**SEPTEMBER 21–23**  
**Gettysburg Great Weekend**  
**Homecoming and Campaign Celebration**

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**Legacy Admissions Experience**  
**Hall of Athletic Honor Induction**

**OCTOBER 19–21**  
**Family Weekend**

**NOVEMBER 10**  
**Vietnam Memorial Dedication**

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As promised, here is the information about the exciting 11-day trip that **Elizabeth Lott Bair** made in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation last fall. Liz writes that they were actually in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, but unable to enter Castle Church because Angela Merkel was there as well. They got a glimpse of the famous door. Traveling with a group of 45 Lutherans from Atlanta, GA, and SC, they met the challenges of cobblestones, wind, and rain in the towns of central Germany where Martin Luther studied, preached, and taught that salvation and forgiveness are not earned but received as a gift from God. He refused to recant from this position and went into hiding in Wartburg Castle, where he translated the New Testament into German. With the recent invention of the Gutenberg press, common people could read the Bible for the first time. Luther's writings were soon widespread. He returned to Wittenberg in 1522 to teach and preach again. Martin Luther married a former nun, Katherine von Bora, and had six children. Liz noted that Luther was a great advocate for music and quotes him as saying, "Music, next to God's word, is the highest treasure

on earth." He was a prolific songwriter and composer, and he wrote lyrics for 37 hymns and 14 chorales. Much of the music used in Luther's time is still used, especially the beloved "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Liz says this is the Lutheran "fight song." My admiration for her to have made this trip is boundless. When I expressed my roommate concerns for her safety and health on this intended trip, Liz replied that the group included a nurse, two doctors, and seven Lutheran pastors. I agreed that she was well covered! So, I hope this column will bring notes from other classmates who are up and about and doing other wonderful things. Please don't disappoint me.

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It has been quiet since our Reunion! How about some news? A note from **Edwin Partikian** after the Reunion tells us a bit about his life! Ed was director of radio and special programs at Consumer



## Send news!

Have something special to share? We want to hear from you. Contact your class correspondent by these deadlines:

**Fall issue, June 15**  
**Winter issue, Oct. 15**  
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Reports when he retired. Ed and his wife, Joy, have two sons, David and Drew. David lives in Seattle, is a third mate, and keeps in touch with Ed wherever his job takes him. Drew is a salesperson for an eye glass company in New York City that makes vintage frames. Ed has many fond memories of friends, fraternity brothers, his mother's baking, and living in New York City! Ed writes, "Being a staunch feminist with a strong belief that women can/will save the world." Great to talk to you, Ed! That's the news for now—please be in touch! Thanks.

### 1953 65th Reunion Year

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The AN-TEKES continue to thrive and are well supported by members of the Class of '54. Last fall, **Jay Carlbom**, **Hank Lush**, and **Ralph Fischer** attended the fall luncheon at Dock Woods Community, Lansdale, PA. Hosting the luncheon was Allen Pannell '52. **Audrey Rawlings Wennblom** has plans for a busy spring. In Apr., she is once again heading to Washington, D.C., to visit with classmate **Carolyn Rumbaugh Barger**on and her husband John. She plans to stay at the Park Hyatt "because of their fabulous restaurant, the Blue Duck Tavern, which we all enjoy." While in D.C., she also will go to a *Washington Post* reunion for those who worked at the paper in the 1980s and '90s. In May, Audrey will fly to London for a week, meeting up with her son and his wife. While there, she will see *Hamilton* and looks forward to afternoon tea at Kensington Palace's Orangery, a visit with BBC presenter and longtime friend Jane Hill, trips to Royal Albert Hall, Bar Boulud London, "and any play with Mark Rylance." Sounds wonderful, Audrey! **Al Gregson Comery** writes that he and his wife, Phyllis, are both walking a mile

each day at the mall. They're also catching up on something I bet most classmates need to do as well—they're busy putting old photographs into albums. "We are up to the year 2015 now," says Al. "Getting closer to having this accomplished before the weather turns warmer." Good luck, Al and Phyllis. You've inspired me to get working on the piles of photos I have stored in shoe boxes. **Carol Jones Watts** and I caught up recently by phone. Jonesy was one of my college roommates. She is a very busy lady, who goes to water aerobics five mornings a week, plays cards, attends movies and plays, as well as senior luncheons. She is fortunate to have eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren—many of whom live nearby—and she enjoys their visits. The Dec. 2017/ Jan. 2018 issue of the *AARP Magazine* featured "A Medical Murder Mystery," about a family dealing with frontotemporal degeneration (FTD). I was pleased to note that at the end of the story, at the top of the column on "The Other Dementias," the organization I founded, AFTD, was listed as the place to go for help with FTD.

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My mailbox hasn't had a lot of business since the last quarter. We did get a note from **Barry Maberry**, who writes that he "spent a delightful day with **Buck Beaver** and his kids." They discussed our 2020 Class Reunion, "if we're still on this mortal coil." Barry recommends that "since the class parade is three blocks long, we could each carry the '55 banner for a block, and thus not wear ourselves out." Now, doesn't that sound like Barry's sense of humor? So humor me by sending an update on your activity or inactivity. Use one of the above addresses. Is it a deal?

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Does anyone still remember the hurricanes at the conclusion of last summer? Do you remember their names—Hugo, Irma, and Maria? From the lofty, above-sea-level heights of Keene, NH, **Stu Carswell** graciously offered refuge to **Art Hendley**, an Amelia Island, FL, resident. It was due to the approach of Irma to that vulnerable island, 35 minutes off the coast of Jacksonville. Stu had previously visited there and was acquainted with its loveliness. As expected, all island residents were ordered to evacuate. A neighbor friend of Art drove him as far as Augusta, GA. Ah, but, the storm soon followed. GA was still a great distance from Mt. Monadnock, NH. Electrical power and gas pumps consequently were out for three days! Shelter had to be found there and taken. A week later, Art was able to safely return from GA to his beautiful storm-battered FL island. The ever-flowing stream that bears us all away has claimed **Judith Ann Lehn Wolfe**. Judith was a chemistry major, who a year after graduation, met and married Robert A. Wolfe, a now retired U.S. Army Colonel. Together they traveled the United States and world, living the military life. Eventually, they planted roots in Kansas City, MO. They had three sons. Judith worked 20 years at the Park Hill High School and volunteered at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO. The family has directed that memorial tributes be given to the church. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family. A second tour bus with persons from the Mid-Atlantic Hardy Plant Society has scheduled a stop in Aug. at the Cape Cod home and gardens of **Donald** and Phyllis '58 **Helfrich**. Proceeds from the tours benefit a number of nonprofit organizations affiliated with the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce.

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**Bob Harcourt** remains active in Native American exhibits and sent information on T.C. Cannon: At the Edge of America, an under-recognized artist whose works will be featured starting Mar. 3 in Salem, MA. It will then show at Tulsa, OK and close in an exhibition at the National Museum of the American Indian in NYC from Mar. 16, 2019–Sept. 16, 2019. Check with Bob as to the schedule for specifics. There is sad news of the passing of Bob Rohrbaugh '56, **Cokie Machetzki Rohrbaugh's** husband, in Jan. Our condolences also go to **Bobbie Flammer Miller's** family on her passing in Feb. 7, a few days before her turning 82. She was married to Bob Miller '56 and was active in many organizations in Lancaster, PA. Bobbie leaves behind three daughters and three grandsons. Happy memories of times together give us comfort. As the time gets closer to May, I hope all who are able will be at our 60th Reunion.

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I hope all of you checked out a Bullet Points email from the College featuring our classmate **Peter White**. Pete and his wife, June, live in a retirement community and set up a beautiful Christmas garden/train display for residents to enjoy. Pete, it sounds like you have found plenty to do, as have Bruce and I, being residents of retirement communities. Bruce and I were happy to connect with **Marge Mills Carpenter, Florence Ann Duckworth Wilson**, and their spouses when we attended a Christmas concert in which Florence Ann sang. Yes, she still enjoys singing. Marge, Florence Ann, **Dorothy Lloyd Simpson, Barbara Jane Ensor Mishler, Jean Charuhas Wright**, and I have had a "round robin" letter going for 58 years now, and believe it or not, no one has ever skipped a turn. It seems we've gone from sharing recipes

as new brides into grandchildren getting married. Bruce and I are in the process of talking Gettysburg to our youngest granddaughter, and she has applied. Bruce and I went to an 1832 Society event back in Sept. We noticed an addition going on the College Union Building. When speaking to President Janet Morgan Riggs '77, I mentioned the new addition on that "new" building, informing her how we were the first class to graduate from that building and walked over wood planks to get in as it was not finished. A fact she did not know.

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My inbox and mailbox thank you for keeping me posted about what is going on in your lives. Please keep the information coming. Ron Wood '60 wants us to know that he and **Mary Schofield Wood** are happily settled in their new abode at Sunrise at Lafayette Hill. It's nice for them to not think about the upkeep of a house. **Maj. Gen. William M. Matz Jr.** was appointed by President Donald J. Trump as the new secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Bill is a decorated Vietnam veteran and has been active in veterans' affairs since leaving the Army. According to a friend, he now has one of the highest honors in the federal government, and his duties are both awesome and sacred. Congratulations, Bill. You make us proud. Holly Achenbach Yohe '62 wrote to let us know that **Wayne “Skip” Yohe** "slipped the surly bonds of earth" in Oct. Holly wrote "just to let you know that Skip left this world with the integrity of the true fighter pilot that he was." You can't beat that! Bill Matz, **Ken Tholan**, and Irv Lindley '62 were some of the pall bearers. G'burg was well represented." Our sympathies go to Holly and the family.

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Condolences go to **Holly Achenbach Yohe**, whose husband Skip '61 died Oct. 30 at home with his family beside him, watching the World Series. Holly writes that, "He left this world with the integrity of the fighter pilot that he was! He had full military honors, was piped in to 'Amazing Grace' and our grandchildren sang 'Jesus Loves Me!' Not a dry eye!" G'burg was well represented at the funeral since three of the six pallbearers were Bullets: Bill Matz '61, Ken Tholan '61, and **Irv Lindley**. **Gale Shipman Alder** said she had just discovered her Gettysburg English literature notes (six booklets, no less) in a closet and was reading them. It reminded her of what a good education we got at Gettysburg, and she remarked that she is "now ready for a quiz." Gale and husband Tom divide their time between Springfield, MO, and Washington, D.C., with getaways whenever possible to a little vacation house on the edge of a cliff in Nova Scotia. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? Gale also asks if anyone has been in touch with Judy Buckner; she has been unable to reach her and would appreciate information. **Don Snyder** reports that he and wife Linda Giulino Snyder '63, after living in Saratoga Springs, NY, for 29 years, decided to relocate to NC. They built a house there but will wait to sell their NY house before moving south. A big issue was Don's collection of "toys," which occupied 1,100 square feet of space in NY. He is still into model trains and cars, and the new house needed adequate space to set up and display all of them. It took Don six months to pack up thousands of pieces and 12 trips to NC in the last 13 months to transport them. Don mentioned that classmates **Bo Olsen** and **Rick Rockefeller** are also model train enthusiasts. Don is a volunteer at the Saratoga Springs Museum of the Antique Automobile Club of America and is now in his 60th year of membership with AACA. When I called him, he was recuperating from a stem cell transplant for back pain.



Heal well! **Mary Lou Hoffman Swan** writes that she had a great trip in Dec. to small Christmas markets in Switzerland, France, and the Black Forest area of Germany, with perfect weather and just enough snow to make everything beautiful. She didn't buy much, but she ate lots of chocolate and drank lots of gluvine—a perfect way to start the Christmas season! **Elaine Hammond Tucker** still lives in Clarksville, TN, when she is not globetrotting to South America, England, the Canary Islands, or taking mystery bus trips or American Queen cruises with her Aunt Marion. They recently celebrated Aunt Marion's 103rd birthday on a family round-trip Nashville cruise, which culminated at the Grand Ole Opry with a standing ovation for her birthday. When not traveling, Elaine keeps busy doing slide lectures on her trips, playing cards, and attending theater functions with friends. Happy spring-time, and please send me your news!

### 1963 55th Reunion Year

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Dear classmates. I just arrived home from a meeting with **Ron Couchman**, **Don Burden**, **Oz Sanborn**, and **Joanne Thomas Robinson**, with **Walter Maust** and **Brian Bennett** on a conference call, to continue planning our 55th Reunion this May 31–June 3. We are all very excited about the weekend, visiting with all of you, and seeing the new construction and renovations on campus. Join us! Visit [www.gettysburg.edu/alumni](http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumni), click Reunion Weekend, 1963, to see who is planning to attend. Let us know if you plan to attend because the more, the merrier. Consider a gift. In honor of our milestone, the committee has set a participation donor goal of 155 classmates. We have reached 84 class donors—over 50 percent of the goal! Please consider making your gift to the College in honor of our 55th Reunion by May 31. Thank you! During that weekend, Ron Couchman will have the Class of 1963 collections on exhibit with memorabilia, anecdotes, and ephemera

at Musselman Library, 4th floor, on Friday, June 1, from 1–4:30 p.m. Save time to see this amazing display of our years in college! Ron will be there to share his expertise, as well. Also, there will be a special memorial ceremony for the Vietnam War after our class picture on Saturday at 1:30. **Joe Murphy**, as well as others from Gettysburg College who served and died in the war, will be honored. Do not miss this very poignant and well-deserved dedication. You should have received both a newsletter, as well as an informational email, sent out by the College in Mar. In addition, a postcard was sent in early Apr. to begin registration. If you are concerned about driving to the College, call the transportation department at Gettysburg, and they can arrange for a bus to take you. There are some of you from Philadelphia who asked about driving the distance to Gettysburg, and the school has offered to help by sending a bus to Harrisburg. Have a great spring, and we will see you in May! If you have any questions, you can email me, Don, Oz, or Joanne, and we can steer you in the right direction. We can't wait!

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**Jo Ann Solov** marched in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in Sacramento, CA, with the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, a Sacramento branch of the national group. The theme was to march with people who are different. The Sisterhood is an amazing group of Jewish and Muslim women. From an article in the *Sacramento Bee*: "The sisters walked side-by-side holding a purple and white banner, 'Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom.' One member, Jo Ann Solov, carried a sign reading, 'Building bridges of understanding, changing the world one Muslim and one Jewish woman at a time.'" The purpose of the group is to join forces and embrace our differences rather than hate others. Good words to live by. Anyone else involved in community action, I'd love to hear from you! I'd love to hear from you no matter what you are doing. Help a sister out!

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I'm so disappointed! I didn't get a Christmas card from you. Did the USPS mess up? Did you not see my address at the top of this column? Were you traveling around the world? Playing with your great-grandchild? Sending a generous check to the Annual Fund? Making reservations for our 55th Reunion, now only two years away? In truth, I did get several cards, and I had lunch with **Bob Trullinger** recently. After a long career in college teaching and administration, he and his wife have retired to the town where I live. He admitted what others have said, that the first thing members of our class do when this magazine arrives is to look at this column and scan the obituaries page. Wouldn't you rather see your name in the column than on the obituary page? Write me tonight, before you forget.

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**Ron Adams** was recently ordained a deacon at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, NC. For the past 15 seasons, he has been an usher at UNC home basketball games—a job he enjoys immensely. We have been informed that **Lawrence V. Kelly** passed away on Sept. 12. The dedication of the Vietnam Memorial honoring 14 'Burgians who lost their lives in the Vietnam War will be held on Nov. 10 at the newly renovated CUB. Among others, the memorial honors three of our classmates, **George Callan**, **Bobby Morris**, and **Chuck Richardson**.

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**Steve Wibberley** had a busy 2017 in publishing, building, and travel. Several of his books (*Pass-It-On Parenting*, *Canterbury, Connecticut Characters of the 20th Century*, and *Both-And: A Layman's Guide to Resolving the Calvinism/Arminian Divide*) were published last year. His first book (*Equipped!*) was also translated into German. All can be found on Amazon. He also worked on construction and reconstruction at his family farm and managed to travel with his wife to Turkey to visit their children and grandchildren, as well as to Germany to visit relatives and friends. Don't you want to find out what else Steve and others have been doing? Come to the 50th Reunion, May 31-June 3!

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The old saying, "no news is good news," doesn't always apply. Once again, I have no news from the Class of 1969, and that means no news is no news to share! I'll plead once again: classmates, send me information on your activities so we can publish it in the magazine! Have you seen old classmates? Are you planning a trip to somewhere fun and exciting or traveling with your grandchildren? Did you go to the Super Bowl? I look forward to hearing from you—many of you.

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I hope everyone survived the winter in good health! I've been "thinking spring"

since winter started! **Nancy Conner Springer** has a new book coming out in May—*The Oddling Prince*. Nancy has written over 50 novels and received the James Tiptree Award for *Larque on the Wing*, the Edgar Allan Poe Award for her juvenile series, *Toughing It* and *Looking for Jamie Bridger*, and has been a frequent nominee for the Nebula and World Fantasy Awards. Way to go, Nancy! Thanks to **John Beckvold** for sending information to the College. John is the CFO at Glenville State College in WV. He recently visited the G'burg campus and was wowed by all of the changes. I'm always impressed at our beautiful and well-maintained campus. I hope you all have a great spring, and please write!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1971 Reunion

Hello, Class and fans of the Class of 1971. By the time this comes out, we will be through this cold, snowy winter. I went from having no felines before Christmas a year ago, to seven. I adopted two from the shelter, had two more adopt us, and three more ferals (mom and two kittens) living underneath the greenhouse. So, for you *Breaking Bad* fans, we have Walter, Jessie, Gus, Badger, Skyler, Skinny Pete, and Combo. I got an email looking for **Don Smith**. **Key Kidder** was looking for him, so I gave him my latest info that he was last known to be a fundraiser for historical Christ Church in Philadelphia. Speaking of Philadelphia, how about them "lggles"? The "lggles" lost me when they took Michael Vick. Notwithstanding, I will root for anyone who can beat the New England Cheaters. **Jane Engel Gallagher** came up with a great idea. In spite of being in G'burg for four years, we knew very little about the battle. **Kelly Alsedek** had a friend who was retired from working for the National Park Service, giving private tours. So we hired Bob Prosperi to take Jane, Kelly, Janet Ritter Wheeler '70, and me on the three-hour tour. It was fascinating.

We could ask any question, and he knew the answer. **Hal McLaughlin** and I met in the beginning of Dec. to attend the G'burg Holiday Concert held in the Chapel. It was spectacular, as usual. I would recommend attending next holiday season. In Jan., Jane, Kelly, and I celebrated Kelly's birthday at Food 101. It's a great little restaurant on the corner of Washington and Chambersburg streets. After lunch, we walked down to the Gettysburg Hotel to see the Women's March speakers. We could not join the group because Jane is prohibited from this type of activity because of her job. I have been working with a group that educates people about the horrific conditions in puppy mills. PA recently passed humane legislation that greatly stiffened the penalties for animal neglect and abuse. It also included an anti-tethering law. The tide may be turning in PA for animals. We'll keep fighting. "To love another being is to see the face of God."

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I got a note from **Dennis Bleile** who made his first visit to G'burg recently and was totally overwhelmed by the advances, opportunities, and facilities his alma mater now offers. He got a full tour of the new science building from Prof. Tim Funk '00, met with chemistry faculty, and even talked with one of his professors from the '70s, Prof. William Parker. Altogether it was a wonderful visit, with many changes since running Fortran cards in Glatfelter's basement. Dennis is a 37-year resident of northern CA and a biochemist and senior director of research and development at a small company called Abaxis. He lives in San Ramon, CA, with his dog, Phoenix. I hope all are doing well. Drop me a note and let us know how you're doing.



## 1973

### 45th Reunion Year

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I reported last time that I had undergone surgery and treatment for a brain aneurysm. Since that time, I have become very active in working with the Brain Aneurysm Foundation in bringing awareness to the community. I have been notified that I am the recipient of the Champion Survivor Award for 2018 from the Brain Aneurysm Foundation on Mar. 30 at the UMASS Club in Boston. Other recipients include Governor Baker for the community award and the *Boston Globe* for the media award! Please consider sharing some news about yourself for our reunion year class notes!

## 1974

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It is an honor for me to follow in the footsteps of the late **Linda Harmer Morris**, whom I met on my first day on third-floor Huber in Sept. 1970. Since that day, “Harmer” was extraordinarily passionate about Gettysburg College. In the many years since graduation, I have enjoyed my lifelong affiliation with Gettysburg, always happy to write a recommendation letter for young people interested in the College. In the Philadelphia area, Gettysburg is well known, the alumni base is strong, and it's fun to be involved. I'm pleased to take over this column; be sure to send me your news! I live in Bryn Mawr, PA, just down the street from Villanova U. I am a Wildcats basketball fan. I married Bob Lansinger '73, who sadly passed away in 2014. We have three children—Reed (32), Peter (30), and Diana (26). Reed is director of golf at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, NJ; Peter is a CPA with PwC in London; and Diana is an occupational therapist in the Philadelphia area. I am the director of marketing and client development at

Pennsylvania Trust Company—a wealth management firm in Radnor, PA. No retirement here. Recently, I celebrated my birthday at my daughter's Philadelphia apartment (in the Fairmount section—a great location for the Eagles victory parade!). Present at the party were my freshman roommate, **Carolyn Hand McGarvie**, and **Holly Parker Monihan**. Holly is a retired guidance counselor who lives in Ocean City, NJ, with her husband. She has two grandsons with a third grandchild expected soon. Carolyn lives in Medford, NJ, with Paul '73 and has three grandchildren. At a McGarvie daughter's recent wedding, I saw **Judy Aeckerle Cunningham** and **Jane Somerville Weber**. I also see **Alison Raab Ruth** (York, PA), **Ann Roberts** (Berwyn, PA), **Pat Carpenter** (Norwich, CT), **Donna Tremble Leitch** (Bermuda), and **Barb Turner White** (Bryn Mawr, PA), whose daughter Hilary '15 works in Manhattan. My sister-in-law, **Jan Lansinger**, lives in Yardville, NJ. Grandmother of one, she teaches college-level chemistry. Our family has enjoyed spending holidays with Jan and her family, as well as her frequent guest, **Alice Murphey**—Jan's Gettysburg roommate. Congratulations to **Bill Heyman** (Locust Valley, NY), who was inducted into PRWeek's Hall of Fame in recognition of his nearly three decades as the go-to recruiter, connecting top public relations, communications, and public affairs executives with jobs at Fortune 500 companies, leading academic institutions, and major nonprofits. **Barry Letts** of Harleysville, PA, enjoys annual gatherings with some of his fellow Sigma Chi brothers and is trying to heal from rotator cuff surgery so he can enjoy this year's trip to the Mountain Sky Ranch, just outside of Yellowstone. He also hopes to return to Gettysburg in Apr. to reunite with some of the Phi Delts from the lacrosse team. Barry's son is a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving as a company commander in the 2nd Recon Battalion at Camp Lejeune (NC). I look forward to hearing from you with news for my next column.

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Hello, classmates. I have not heard from any classmates for this spring issue. Please think about sharing the latest in your life. Thank you.

## 1977

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No news from classmates this time around. So, please let us know what's happening in your life—new job, retirement, travel, grandparenting? In retirement, my husband Joe and I have become avid pickleball players. You haven't heard of the sport? Check it out on the internet! It is great fun and exercise.

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### 40th Reunion Year

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I am writing my class notes from Eagles territory after their Super Bowl win. Philadelphia anticipated the largest crowd ever to descend upon the city in celebration. Wow! **Cindy Eni Yingling**

was in Minneapolis for the game. **Jane Atkinson Crossland** retired from her long-time position as an elementary health educator. She and her husband Gene are spending their retirement taking care of their mothers and keeping up with eight grandchildren. They split their time between their PA home in the Blue Mountains, a beach house in Longport, NJ, a winter place in Venice, FL, and one daughter's home in CO. In her words, “life is good!” Also recently retired is **Milly Tome Elrod**. She worked first as staff and then as a board director for Family Lives On Foundation, which supports the lifelong emotional well-being of children whose mother or father has died. The Tradition Program provides opportunities for intentional remembrance, creating a safe haven for grief, communication, and celebration. Sue Paul is now **Sue Paul Tukey**. She and her spouse, Jack Tukey, whom she met on Sanibel Island, FL, where she lives, were married in Nov. 2016. **Carol Sullivan Taylor** has been actively involved with The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County for about eight years. The organization has preserved over 1,000 acres in the area, including five nature preserves and 12 miles of trails for public use. Among its many programmatic offerings are hawk watches, owl prowls, education series, open hive days, and nature hikes. A few months ago, **George White** was named fund development executive for the NJ Association for Justice. This move came after a long stint at the NJ Press Association, which culminated in George serving as its executive director. **Angela Antoine** is a family medicine doctor in Virginia Beach, VA. She studied at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, interned at Polyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg, and did her family medicine residency at Buffalo General Hospital in NY. **Teena Stewart Mowery** and her husband are in FL to cheer on their middle daughter, Lexis '15, who is competing for the 11th year in the internationally acclaimed Winter Equestrian Festival. Congratulations to **C. Robin Losey Alvarez** who recently published a suspense thriller set in AZ, where she lives. It is called *Memories of Blood* and is available in paperback and on Kindle. **Jill Fausold** and her husband, Ron Baroni, live in Sydney, Australia, near the zoo and the harbor. Work took

them there 30 years ago, and they never left. Jill works for the Australian National Broadband Network, which is building a new infrastructure for broadband and phone systems. She mentioned that they have lots of room for visitors from the States! Next year, we will celebrate our 40th Reunion, folks. Crazy!

## 1980

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1980

It's Groundhog Day as I write. Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow—six more weeks of winter! I heard from **Mike Weiss** who has been “sailing the Caribbean the last two years with friends and family on the S/V Valiant.” Mike's last note had his vessel somewhere between Cuba and St. Barth. He is truly a son of a son of a sailor. **Delma Rivera** made headlines in both York and Puerto Rico for her humanitarian efforts during the cleanup in Aguadilla, PR. She spearheaded the delivery of generators, toys, and needed supplies to the hurricane-ravaged people in PR. Nice work, Delma! **Megan Schaefer Curran** participated in the “Cycle for Survival Fundraiser” in Feb. to raise funds for rare cancer research. It's never too late to donate to the cause. Finally, student body president **James G. O'Dea** turned 60 in Jan. Happy Birthday to my buddy! Jim still looks marvelous and doesn't look a day over 59. There is no better relation than a prudent and faithful Gettysburg College friend. Amazing people in the Class of 1980; my classmates inspire me.

## 1981

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1981

**Dean Dusinberre** joined the Harrisburg Market Square law office of Stevens & Lee/Griffin. Dean represents financial institutions in mergers and acquisitions, capital formation, securities law compliance, corporate governance, and

regulatory matters. He also serves as lender's counsel in connection with both loan originations and loan workouts. Congratulations! **John Murphy** was named the 2018 grand marshal of the Morris County (NJ) St. Patrick's Day Parade. John and his wife Jennifer live in Morris Township, NJ, with their four children. Caitlin is a junior at the U of Notre Dame and spent summer 2017 studying in Ireland. Megan is a freshman at Gettysburg. Jack is a freshman at Delbarton School in Morristown, and Emily is in third grade at Assumption School in Morristown. A big “thanks” goes to **Lisa Ferguson Burns** for posting this information on our class Facebook page. I encourage our classmates who are on Facebook to join our group and read the full article. One of the more interesting facts in the article is the existence of the “John J. Murphy Way,” named for him in recognition of his many contributions to the county. John might be our only classmate with a street named after him! **Tom Thurston** dropped me a note to let me know that in Oct., **Jeff “Ziggy” Siegfried** hosted a group of “rapidly aging SAEs for a weekend of golf, laughs, lively discussion, and an adult beverage or two just outside of Philadelphia.” In attendance from the Class of 1981 were **Mike Autera**, **Jim Saffery**, **Brian McMonagle**, **Steve Bright**, **Tom Thurber**, **Jim Langrall**, **Jeff Lynch**, **Len Gemma**, **Tim Chatburn**, **Jay Stack**, **Craig Reigel**, **John Murphy**, **Bob Becker**, **Randy Yingling**, Tom, and Jeff—and a special guest, **John McLaughlin**, whom none of them had seen since graduation. In addition to this impressive list of '81 SAEs, there were several attendees from the Classes of 1982 and 1983. Everyone had a great time and, surprisingly, there were no arrests. The group made a donation to Gettysburg in recognition of all that Jeff has done over the years for the College. And, to add to the list of SAE updates, **Don Towe** had a crab and shrimp bake last summer in the Bethany Beach, DE, area with **John** and **Marcia Stahl Scott** and **Kevin Kiesel**. In Oct., **Kathy Hibbs Toal** and her husband **Bill Toal** visited **Stephanie Streich Blasius** at her home in NM where they took in the sights. Thanks for all of the great updates this time around. With Facebook and other means of communication today, it's hard



to get classmates to contribute to our class notes. For those not on social media, this is a great way for them to catch up. Please continue to send me your updates. The deadline for my next column is June 15.

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Hello to all! We have a short column this time...and hopefully that will inspire you to reach out to fill me in on what's up with you! In the meantime, here's the latest. **Frankie Nieves, Paul D'Ambrosio**, and **Drew Downer** got together at Swarthmore to watch the Gettysburg Bullets Swim Team (which includes Frankie's son, Francisco, who is a junior at the 'Burg), and then had lunch in Media, PA, with Frankie's mom, who has spent several months stateside in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria (you made our class notes column, Carmen!). They recalled the story of Frankie being housed by Drew's dad in Media during Three Mile Island. (Yeah—remember that lovely event?) Previously, Frankie and Drew had also met up with **Neil Bryant** to watch the Ursinus swim meet. And speaking of Bryants: **Jen Fisher Bryant** has joined the Gettysburg Board of Trustees. (Congrats, Jen!) As you probably recall, Jen is an award-winning children's author, speaker, and poet. If you'd like to be impressed, check out her website: [www.jenbryant.com](http://www.jenbryant.com). Meanwhile, **Joy Miller** and **Eric Jacobson** became grandparents for the first time to Zoe Elisabeth. Zoe's middle name is in honor of Joy's mom, a graduate of Gettysburg's Class of 1939. She would have turned 100 this June! She was a Chi Omega Tau Delta, too—and speaking of Chi O, at press time the Class of '82-ers are preparing to hit Philadelphia for a Saturday night get-together—which means I'll probably have some good updates for our next column! Don't forget to check out our Facebook group: search Gettysburg College Class of 1982. Drop me a line—and have a fabulous summer!

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### 35th Reunion Year

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There are no updates this time around, but I hope to see many of you at our 35th Reunion this spring!

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Greetings, Class of '86! I am excited to announce that **Barbara Bentz Davis** was recently elected to the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia executive committee. Congratulations to you, Barb. Well done! **Christian Miller**, **Cari Nizolek**, and I recently enjoyed an amazing Italian dinner in Ridgefield, CT, where we got caught up and shared many laughs! After dinner, we went up the street and caught an Amos Lee performance at The Ridgefield Playhouse. Great venue and even better company! Please send me your good news! It is always great to hear from you, and I know our class enjoys reading all of the latest class updates!

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**Robert Colvin** and his wife, Christina Hauf Colvin '89, worked and lived in Bangkok, Thailand, during the mid-'90s, as did other G'burg alumni, Robert Noddin '83 and Chris Tragakis '65. This was purely coincidence at the time, however, it probably represented the highest concentration of alumni in a foreign capital at that time. Some of their paths have crossed over the years in other foreign countries and capitals, literally spanning the globe, and taking the opportunity to live and work abroad is a testament to the foundation, confidence, and willingness to pursue our individual interests that Gettysburg instills. On a more personal level, Robert's family experience abroad encompasses a total of almost 15 years and includes everything from starting his family abroad to hanging out with a shaman during an eclipse in Kathmandu, visiting UNESCO sites in the jungles of Indonesia, and scaling Mt. Fuji in Japan. Hopefully everyone has marked their calendars and made arrangements to attend our 30th Reunion! The committee has been hard at work to make sure the weekend is a fun and successful one.

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Hello, all, and happy spring! I recently heard from **Tom Leader**, and we discovered we have a mutual appreciation for Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY, where Tom recently visited for an event. Tom and his partner Mike live in NYC, and they have had a second home in the Hudson Valley for about 17 years; first in Stone Ridge and currently in New Paltz. The two are thinking about moving to New Paltz full time this year as it has always felt "like home." It is a beautiful area! On Jan. 2, the Court of Common Pleas appointed **Francis Chardo** as Dauphin County District Attorney. Fran has been with the office for 24 years. The DA is the chief law enforcement officer for the county, overseeing an office of 31 prosecutors and 12 detectives. Fran's wife, Christine, and daughters, Catie (11) and Sophie (9), were present for the swearing-in ceremony at the courthouse in Harrisburg. You will do great work, Fran. This is a big year for birthdays for many of our classmates; please send on news of your celebrations and reunions.

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Big thanks go to **Greg Hoy** for sharing some exciting news. Happy Cog, Greg's company, is working on two different projects at our alma mater. One of them is wrapping up now, which is for the new admissions center addition. There's a giant video wall in there, and Happy Cog partnered with another firm to create the content (three different experiential videos) to welcome prospective students

and their parents. It will be formally unveiled in the spring. His second project is much bigger, which is the redesign of the College website. Happy Cog started with a project definition last summer and kicked off the full-scale redesign just before Thanksgiving. Greg has been on campus quite often, meeting with various stakeholders. He is having so much fun working on a project that he is so passionate about. The new site will launch in early 2019, and, no doubt, it will be worth the wait. You all know how talented Greg is if you took a look at our Reunion website last year and, of course, if you watched the G&G Show. Happy spring to all, and please send some news my way. We'd all love to hear from you!

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Hi, everyone. Please contact me if you have news you'd like to see here!

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**Andrew Leach** passed away suddenly on June 2, 2017 while exercising at his gym. An economics major whose student activities included volunteering through the Center for Public Service, studying abroad, and joining Tau Kappa Epsilon, Andrew earned his MBA in 2013 and was one day away from taking his third and final exam to become a Chartered Financial Analyst when he died. Andrew had a zest for life and loved the water, boats, and fishing. A lifelong athlete, he had a passion for sports and fitness and excelled in football, wrestling, track, pole vaulting, and golf. His parents want to ensure that students following in Andrew's footsteps have wonderful opportunities, as Andrew did, to prepare them for great lives ahead, and are setting up The Andrew Patrick Leach '98 Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

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**Giselle Cruz Colavita**, husband Mike, and daughter Adeline (6) welcomed Nora Cruz Colavita on Dec. 7 at 10:10 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 20.5 in. long. All are doing well! **Karin Olmstead** wrote, "After leaving my coaching career at the U of Louisville, I moved home to CO and stayed in swimming. I love my job and working for Streamline Brands; the largest and fastest growing franchise of swim schools: SwimLabs, SafeSplash, and Swimtastic." **AnnMarie Bielli Bouchard** started a new job as vice president of human resources at Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance. She and husband, **Kevin Bouchard**, still live in Boston with their two daughters, Kathryn (5½)



and Clara (2½). Many of us are turning the big 4-0 this year! How ever you are celebrating, I'm sure there are many Gettysburg folks celebrating together. Perhaps like **Jill MacFarland Condon** who wrote, "**Liz Beebe Hayes, Jennifer Honeyman Bridgman, Traci Bergan DeBakker, Stacey Elwood Head, Annie Pryor Brooks, Lauren Morrell Frazer, Torrey Stifel Kist**, and I are all excited for a fun weekend away in Mexico to celebrate our big birthday!" Remember to send in your news and notes!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2002

Kyley and **Jason Weida** welcomed daughter, Sailor Marian, on Dec. 12. They have two other children, Bowen (6) and Alden (3), and live in Hingham, MA.

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### 15th Reunion Year

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Hello, Class of 2004! **Alix Felix Sheakley** and husband Dan welcomed their fourth child, first son, William Reed Sheakley, on Oct. 22. William's older sisters Mary (6), Caroline (4), and Annie (2) love helping their baby brother! **Julie Good Karabudak** shares that Emily Alayna was born on June 30. She joined big brothers Benjamin and Ryan, and they are all so in love. Keep your updates coming!

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**Diana Eriksen Brennan** married Robert J. Brennan on Nov. 19. Other Gettysburg alumni in attendance included matron-of-honor **Jessica Henry Meyers, Lauren Travis Staub**, and Gary Cianni '04. **Leslie Post Langan** and Matt Langan welcomed a baby boy, Rowan Paul, on Dec. 20. Happy 2018, Class of 2005! I hope your year is off to a great start!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2007

Congratulations to **Hannah Temerlin Kurahashi** and her husband, Adam, who welcomed daughter Margaret Ayako, on Nov. 10. **Janna Diaz Erlandson** and husband, CJ, welcomed their first child, a boy named Henrik Arthur, on Nov. 17. **Moirra Rafferty Sharkey** and her husband, Brian, welcomed daughter Claire Eileen on Nov. 27. Their caboose baby is adored by siblings Rose and Patrick. Mo and Brian are thrilled at the notion of seeing graduations for the Gettysburg Classes of 2036, 2037, and now 2039. **Brittany Bloam Fink** and her husband Steve welcomed daughter Annalise Marie on Dec. 1. Annalise weighed in at 4 lbs. 12 oz. and was 18.5 in. long. Her arrival made the holidays extra special for Brittany and Steve! In Apr. 2017, **Maribeth Black** married her partner, Felix Sehi. Felix and Maribeth met while working for the United Nations in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. The couple welcomed their daughter, Vera Kmen, on Jan. 15 in MD.

**Stephanie Hafer Shaak** earned her Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) accreditation in Jan. The CMP credential, held by only 11,000 event planners worldwide, is recognized globally as the badge of excellence in the meeting, convention, exhibition, and event industry. Steph recently celebrated her seventh year at the Reading Public Museum in Reading, PA, serving as the vice president of event and exhibition rentals.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2008

**Luke Archambault** writes that he and his wife Lindsay welcomed son Lincoln William into the world this summer. Lincoln was born on July 13. Luke also started a new job this past July at Avon Old Farms School, working in the alumni and development office.

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**Carin Smith Antochy** and husband Rob welcomed their first child, Ryan Wesley Antochy, on Sept. 21. They are proud parents! Congratulations!

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Hello from Philadelphia and Happy New Year! This past fall, I began a lifestyle blog, My Darling JoJo, as a creative side project. Through the blog, I was contacted by Aerie, an American Eagle brand, to work on its holiday giving campaign, and we were able to raise \$8,000 for Women Against Abuse, a local Philadelphia charity. **Kate Forton** had the opportunity to perform in the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's production of *A Christmas Carol* this past holiday season in the role of Marian. She also held the role of dance captain. **Andrew Monthey** joined Robinson+Cole's business litigation group as an associate in the firm's Boston office. Andrew handles litigation related to real estate and title insurance matters and assists companies with financial and corporate transactions. Please continue to update me throughout the year on your whereabouts and exciting announcements!

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Hi, all. My apologies for the brief winter hiatus! Though there was a lull in updates, the Class of 2016 certainly did not slow down! **Vinnie Coletti** is a declassification analyst at AECOM. **Mackenzie Duncan** works as an ophthalmology technician at Mass. Eye and Ear in Boston, MA, working with some of the highest-ranked retina specialists in the country. **Zack Miko** coaches swimming in NJ and substitute teaches in between. **Kyle Schrafer** published a novel called *Skies of Emerald: The Inquisition*. **Meredith Tombs** is in her second year of teaching English at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, VA. She also coached her first season of field hockey and is writing college recommendation letters for some of her students who are applying to Gettysburg (and other great schools)! **Emma Okell** studies at VT Law School. **Michelle Stefanelli** and **Joshua Pettengill** both attend the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton, PA. **Emily Van Horn** is pursuing a Juris Doctor degree at Rutgers Law School. **Fergan Imbert** moved to Baltimore, MD, to work as a research technician at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Please continue to send me updates through email or Facebook!


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James I. Tarman '52

Former Penn State University Director of Athletics **James “Jim” Tarman '52** passed away at age 89 on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, in State College, PA. A native of York, PA, Tarman graduated from Gettysburg College in 1952, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees for 12 years, and in 1992 he was named a Gettysburg College Distinguished Alumnus. Tarman was a member of the U.S. Army from 1946–1948 and was a Civil War history buff.

Jim joined the Penn State intercollegiate athletics staff in 1958 as sports publicity director and served the university for 36 years. He was promoted to director of athletics in 1982, serving until his retirement on December 31, 1993.

During Tarman's tenure as director of athletics, the stature and scope of Penn State intercollegiate athletics soared nationally, facilities for Nittany Lion student-athletes expanded, and Penn State joined the nation's most prestigious athletic conference: the Big Ten. Tarman was instrumental in leading Penn State's women's varsity programs from governance by the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW) to the NCAA, which began sponsoring women's sports in 1982.

Tarman moved to Penn State from Princeton University, where he served as sports information director and assistant public information director. Prior to Princeton, Tarman was public relations director at Gettysburg College for four years. He also was on the staff of the Harrisburg, PA, *Patriot-News* for one year.

“Jim Tarman was a passionate supporter of Gettysburg College and our athletic program,” said Gettysburg College Assistant Vice President for Athletics **David Wright**. “As an alumnus, he made all Gettysburgians proud as a pioneer in the world of intercollegiate athletics. He served Penn State University with distinction.”

In 1970, Tarman was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame. He was named to Gettysburg's Hall of Athletic Honor in 1996. Jim is survived by his wife, Louise, sons Jim and Jeff, and their families.

Paul R. Andrews Jr. '64, P '00,'05

On Sunday, November 12, 2017, **Paul Andrews** passed away suddenly at the age of 74. A native of Washington, D.C., Paul attended Wilson High and later graduated from Gettysburg College, where he was a loyal member of Sigma Chi. After studying political science at Gettysburg, Paul earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He spent 40 years as a financial advisor and retired from Morgan Stanley as senior vice president.

His fondest memories were at the home he called “The Sand Trap” in Bethany Beach, DE, where he was a near-daily presence on the beach for over 30 years. His door was always open to family and friends and he enjoyed watching everyone enjoy the fun, sun, and special memories created at the shore. Known for always enjoying a good joke, Paul was also a lifelong D.C. sports fanatic.

Husband of the late Jeanne, he was the beloved father to daughters Kimberly and Kelly, sons **Paul '00** and **Brian '05**, and the proud grandfather of five grandchildren: Andrew, Grace, Ryan, Amy, and Evan. He is also survived by his sister, **Joyce Ellwanger '62**, and devoted companion and best friend, Marilu Nicholas.

Norman L. Annis, retired faculty

**“Norm” L. Annis**, age 86, of Mechanicsburg, PA passed away peacefully at his home after an extended illness on January 3, 2018. Born in Des Moines, IA, Norman completed his undergraduate degree at what is currently the University of Northern Iowa and his MFA at the University of Iowa.

Norm was a professor of art at Gettysburg College from 1960 to 1978 and then again from 1989 to 1999. He is perhaps best known on campus for the life-size bronze statue of Dwight Eisenhower, titled “Eisenhower at Gettysburg,” which was unveiled on October 14, 1970. The statue depicts Eisenhower leaning against a stone fence on the Gettysburg battlefield and represents the Eisenhower that the Gettysburg community knew, an older Ike not in an Army uniform, but a suit.

From 1978 to 1987 and prior to returning to south-central PA, Norman served as chair of the department of art and design at what is now Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

An avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, Norm never forgot his Iowa roots and his hometown of Corydon, IA. Over the years, he enjoyed golfing, sailing, and creating projects in his workshop. Norm had a passion for reading biographies of historical and political figures.

Norm leaves behind his devoted wife of 40 years, Roseann Proy Annis, his four children: Eric, Erin, Neil, Marcia, and their families.

Dates 2018 unless noted

- '40 Dorothy Dennis Stich, Jan. 15
- '45 Mary Stauffer Smith, Dec. 31, 2017
- '46 Marilyn Bauer Hedges, Jan. 11
- '47 Robert W. Homer, Nov. 26, 2017
- '49 Shirley Worth Michael, Dec. 23, 2017
- Francis J. Moore, Dec. 23, 2017
- '50 Gilbert N. Aitken Jr., Nov. 17, 2017
- Elwood H. Leister, Jan. 15
- John N. Miller, Jan. 3
- James K. Stock, Dec. 7, 2017
- '51 Richard E. Manning, Nov. 17, 2017
- John Schellhase, Jan. 27
- '52 Phyllis Coffman King, Dec. 22, 2017
- Harry R. Seipel, Nov. 26, 2017
- James I. Tarman, Dec. 31, 2017
- '53 Mary Ann Book Beckner, Jan. 23
- Robert L. Fry, Dec. 22, 2017
- William L. Meals Jr., Feb. 5, 2017
- '54 Michael Araneo, Dec. 29, 2017
- Donald A. Griesman, Dec. 27, 2017
- '56 Robert L. Rohrbaugh, Jan. 14

- '57 Joan Frech Stonesifer, Jan. 6
- Carol Taynor Williams, Nov. 6, 2017
- Judith Ann Lehn Wolfe, Sept. 5, 2017
- '58 Neil A. Hickoff, Dec. 1, 2017
- Barbara Flammer Miller, Feb. 7
- John L. Wilmot, Dec. 5, 2017
- '60 William C. Pursch, Jan. 12
- '61 Wayne “Skip” Yohe, Oct. 30, 2017
- '62 Wayne C. Chalmers, Nov. 12, 2017
- J. Peter Tullsen, Jan. 31
- '63 Robert W. Barker, Dec. 6, 2017
- Wayne D. Zajac, Dec. 7, 2017
- '64 Paul R. Andrews Jr., Nov. 12, 2017
- '65 John R. Deal Jr., Jan. 9
- Kurt Kaltreider, Dec. 17, 2017
- '66 Lawrence V. Kelly, Sept. 12, 2017
- '67 Audrey Martin Schreckengaust, Jan. 3
- '68 Thomas W. Barile, Jan. 1
- '69 John A. Wittes, Jan. 18
- '71 Samuel J. Spath, Dec. 6, 2017
- '72 John W. King, Dec. 24, 2017

- Diane Everett Kulp, Dec. 10, 2017
- Ivan L. Miller, Dec. 14, 2017
- '77 Sara Uibel Brubaker, Jan. 27
- '80 Linda Schlossnagle Thomas, March 17, 2017
- '83 Darrin Smolinski, Dec. 9, 2017
- '89 Mary M. Swan, Dec. 31, 2017
- Jay D. Wisler, Dec. 12, 2017
- '95 Jill R. Abrahamson, Dec. 18, 2017
- '98 Andrew Leach, June 2, 2017
- '05 Rebecca A. Gorodetzer, Oct. 5, 2017
- '12 Taylor J. McGrath, Jan. 23
- '14 Alexander C. Renz, Dec. 9, 2017

Faculty and staff

Norman L. Annis, professor of art, Jan. 3





# A QUESTION OF QUALITY

HALF A CENTURY AGO, AS AN ENGLISH LIT MAJOR AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, I LEARNED TO LOVE QUALITY FICTION. NOW I WORRY ABOUT ITS FUTURE.

Having become a professional fiction writer after graduation, I have an intimate perspective on how drastically the field has changed. Back then, I wrote novels by scribbling in notebooks and prepared final drafts on a typewriter, using two carbons. The process took years.

The gatekeepers of publishing were strict. Rejection slips papered every aspiring writer's office walls. Acceptance took seemingly forever, but self-publication ("vanity press") was beneath the industry's contempt and self-published books were not tolerated in respectable bookstores.

Even so, some bad books got published, but overall, a high standard was upheld. And as their works remained in print almost indefinitely, published authors wrote more and better books. Many aspired to greatness, a quality more often achieved by a lifetime's labor than by a random strike of creative lightning.

But in the United States, conditions favoring quality fiction were struck down, when, in 1979, the Supreme Court agreed that the IRS could tax publishers on their inventory. After that, publishers could no longer afford to keep slowly selling books on their warehouse shelves, and new releases rarely

saw a second printing—unless they sold phenomenally in their first six months on the market. Consequently, during the 1980s, many writers of midlist books (viable but not best sellers) found themselves out of work. Earning one's living by writing became tremendously risky.

Soon, desktop publishing beckoned—fun and easy—while a new form of essay, the blog

According to the populist message of today, any sort of selection process is elitist; everyone has the right to be published. But how is quality fiction to compete with vistas of free or low-cost verbiage? And how many Gettysburg graduates will ever again be able to make a living doing what they love best—if it happens to be fiction writing? ■

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(web log), made it possible for anyone to spread words and ideas across the internet, without editorial review. Like television a generation earlier, the internet changed everyone's lives, and like television, it offered tremendous potential for good—or harm. Television seemed to replace quality fiction in magazines, and now it seems the internet may well have the same effect on novels. New writers no longer pay their dues by learning their craft from editors; they electronically publish online. Self-publishing is no longer vanity press; it is the norm.

Nancy Springer '70 is author of more than 50 novels in genres including mythic fantasy, magical realism, women's contemporary fiction, and mystery. Upcoming feature films starring Millie Bobby Brown are based on Springer's Enola Holmes mystery series.

Writers and readers, what are your thoughts? Who is a writer? What is a book? Who is a publisher? What defines quality? Email [alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu) to add to the conversation.



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