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**Janet Morgan Riggs '77**

## From the president

I have procrastinated on writing this message, as it is my last to appear in our College magazine. By the time the next issue appears, I will be in the process of transitioning out of the role of Gettysburg College president. I have told many members of the Class of 2019 that I am graduating with them. I share their excitement about what the future holds, but I admit that I am also feeling the same sadness that some of them are experiencing—sadness about leaving a College that I love so much. I will return from time to time as an alumna, but things will certainly be different!

As I reflect on my career here, I often wonder how I could have been so fortunate to have had the opportunities that Gettysburg College has offered me over the years. I certainly never aspired to be a college president, but doors opened at various times and here I landed, much to my surprise. What a profound honor and privilege it's been!

Although so many have supported my presidency, no one has done more to lift me up than my husband, **Ed Riggs '77**. He has been with me through all of the trials and tribulations—offering a patient ear, enduring my long hours and travel schedule, cohosting numerous events, and providing the moral support that I have needed. I thank him and my three fabulous children—Brian, Rachel, and Tommy—for being my most ardent supporters.

I have also been blessed with a tremendous team of collaborators: the best office staff I could ever imagine and an experienced and wise senior administrative team who has taught me much and helped guide

Gettysburg College through some challenging and exciting times.

Over the last 11 years, I have had the privilege of engaging with all of our constituencies: students, staff, faculty, alumni, parents, friends, and our volunteer boards and councils who support us in so many ways.

I owe a special thanks to those who have served on our Board of Trustees, and especially the Board Chairs with whom I've had the honor to work: the late **Jim Weaver '64**, **Bob Duels '77**, **Jim Chemel '71**, and, this year, **David Brennan '75, P'00**.

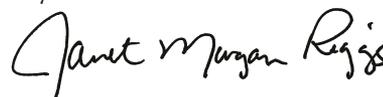
My interactions with all of our constituencies have caused me to marvel again and again over the strength of our Gettysburg community. We have received numerous accolades recently for everything from our alumni network to our great food, from our study abroad and internship experiences to our excellence in undergraduate teaching. These accolades are a result of a community that is mission-focused, that is dedicated to providing our students with the best education in the liberal arts and sciences and sending them off into their post-Gettysburg lives prepared—prepared for the workforce, prepared for further education, prepared for civic engagement, prepared for lifelong learning, and prepared for fulfilling personal lives. I have said many times that the Gettysburg experience is a personal experience. It takes a village to do what we do, and the Gettysburg village is as good as it gets.

I trust you share my pride in this great institution, in our adherence to our values and mission, in the transforming power of the

education that we offer our students, and in the achievements and impact of our alumni. Gettysburg graduates are changing the world in large and small ways every day. They are a mighty force, and they give me great hope for, and confidence in, our future.

In closing, I want to extend my thanks to all of you. Thank you for your loyalty, for your volunteer and financial support, for your advice and good counsel, and for being such great ambassadors for Gettysburg College. I know you will continue to “Do Great Work!”

My best,



Janet Morgan Riggs '77  
President

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## NEW multidisciplinary imaging suite IN SCIENCES

**Alexander Paredes '20** is frequently sequestered away in Science Center Room 359 as he makes measurements with the Jasco J-1500 Circular Dichroism (CD) Spectropolarimeter, a scientific instrument that arrived on campus in the fall of 2017.

"Because of the instrument, I've been able to ask new questions and develop my own independent research, which has helped me confidently collect and analyze data," said Paredes, a biochemistry and molecular biology major, who is studying the characteristics and applications of enzymes designed in Chemistry **Prof. Kate Buettner's** lab.

The CD was funded by a \$112,136 National Science Foundation (NSF) Major Research Instrumentation Grant, and it is one of two recent additions to the sciences at Gettysburg College.

The second, an atomic force microscope (AFM)—the most

versatile scanning probe microscope available to scientists—was acquired through a generous \$150,000 grant awarded by the George I. Alden Trust.

The grants were a collaborative effort by several faculty in the sciences. The primary investigator (PI) on the NSF grant was Chemistry **Prof. Shelli Frey**. Buettner, Physics **Prof. Kurt Andresen**, and Chemistry **Prof. Lucas Thompson** were co-PIs. Frey and Thompson were the lead faculty members on the AFM proposal.

With these instruments, the College will create a multidisciplinary imaging suite—a shared space in the Science Center—to house the AFM, as well as a transmission electron microscope and fluorescence microscope, two existing pieces of research-grade instrumentation.

"Housing these instruments in a new interdisciplinary imaging suite will put three of our most

advanced instruments in the same physical location. The close proximity in which these students will work helps them understand how the research they are doing is interrelated," Thompson said.

The instruments complement the College's dedication to scientific exploration and curiosity, and they have the potential to connect students, schools, and colleges miles away from each other.

An integral part of the grant application for the CD was the inclusion of faculty from four nearby institutions—Messiah, Lebanon Valley, Franklin & Marshall, and Ursinus colleges—who will travel to Gettysburg with their students to run experiments on this instrument.

"Having the CD located in my lab not only allows Gettysburg College students easy access to instrumentation for experiments, but has also enabled new research directions with my collaborator, Amanda Reig, at Ursinus," said Buettner. "We are working to develop new, unnatural enzymes with metal binding sites for potential use as therapeutics and catalysts. The CD enables my students to check that our proteins are well structured, so that we can begin testing them in these applications." ■



# William D. **BOWMAN**

## Current project

I am working in the field of sports history on a project that brings my diverse interests together: a study of the World Cup of soccer as world history.

I am using the World Cup as a vehicle for analyzing the relationship between sports and global trends, such as shifting political relationships, economic patterns, and race and gender in the modern world.

I like working in the place where these worlds—sports and global movements—come together.

## On sabbatical

In addition to writing on the history of the World Cup, I continued my research on a Jewish sports organization, Hakoah, that thrived in the 1920s and '30s in Vienna, Austria. My jersey (pictured) is based on a model from the interwar period.

At the time, Vienna had strong anti-Semitic undercurrents. The club was founded as a way to give Viennese Jews an opportunity to participate in sports, assert their collective identity, and fight contemporary stereotypes and prejudices.

## Teaching at a liberal arts college

I came to Gettysburg College from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, which is a big state school. I remember immediately recognizing that in a liberal arts college I worked at least five times harder than I had in Charlotte. But I enjoyed it a lot more.

I was lucky to be able to come here and work at an institution that values close contact with students. It is always fascinating to watch students grow academically and to develop their own intellectual signatures.

*Prof. William D. Bowman is the Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities. As a professor of history, for which he served the department as chair, he received the award for Distinguished Teaching in 2018. ■*



# The making of an **ENTREPRENEUR**



**Cathie Wood P'15** and her daughter, **Caroline Wood '15**, an art history major and Spanish minor

What does it take to be an entrepreneur? Head-down focus. Inspiration. Passion. The drive to make the world a better place. Take it from **Cathie Wood P'15**, who launched her \$7 billion company, ARK Investment Management.

Wood is paying her success forward, providing meaningful opportunities to Gettysburg College students who are interested in entrepreneurship. She donated to support Gettysburg's Entrepreneurial Fellowship, a summer program where students can explore entrepreneurship as a career and develop the skills vital to their success.

The Entrepreneurial Fellowship is part of the larger Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation Initiative (E-SII) at the College.

"At Gettysburg, we believe the diversity of our experience enhances our ability," said the program's Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Economics **Prof. Drew Murphy '84, P'20**. "E-SII endeavors to teach, through experiential learning, the skills of applying one's talents and educational training to tackling real-world problems."

Although Wood had no hesitancy in starting her firm, many of her friends expressed their concerns about her starting a business at this stage in her career.

There to cheer her on in the beginning were the connections she built at Gettysburg College, especially **Betsy Duncan Diehl '84, P'14**, the interim vice president for development, alumni, and parent relations, and **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77**.

"Betsy and Janet believed in what I was doing to start my business and were personally excited," said Wood. "I was equally impressed with their sincerity and desire to make a difference in young students' lives."

Just as Gettysburg offered her support, she has returned the support. Wood's dedication to Gettysburg's student entrepreneurs continues, providing a vital connection in the Gettysburg Network. ■

*E-SII is introducing an alumni-parent mentor program aimed at promoting the value of connecting student interest and alumni-parent expertise. Contact Stina Niemann at [sniemann@gettysburg.edu](mailto:sniemann@gettysburg.edu) to get involved.*

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- Benefactors Circle member
- English major
- Established The William C. Foster and John P. Lo Presti Scholarship Fund
- Distinguished alumna
- Resides in New York

### Supports G'burg because

Gettysburg offers a remarkable liberal arts education, and I strongly believe that such an education is the foundation of a satisfying and rewarding life.

### Lessons learned

Thinking in a more integrated manner—key to developing new ideas and identifying solutions to complex issues. The importance of community and contributing constructively. Expressing myself with clarity and confidence.

### Most exciting College advancements?

The ever-growing intellectual quality of students and the expansion of academic and cocurricular programs. The vast array of resources supporting an increasingly diverse student body.

### Highlight of career

Being the CEO of a firm in a dynamic, intellectually challenging industry. Working with—and nurturing the skills of—talented, committed individuals.

### Next on your bucket list?

To speak French fluently (my husband is half-French), then tackle Italian. Visit the Taj Mahal, accompanied by my husband and college roommate and best friend **Kathy Bloomfield '76**.



# VISIONARY FACULTY



## Interdisciplinary Studies Abdulkareem Said Ramadan

**PhD, University of Damascus**  
Research interests: Arabic syntax and morphology, applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, and foreign language education

*"One of my fundamental goals as a teacher is to inspire my students to make interdisciplinary connections and to develop the ability to think critically from diverse perspectives."*



## Psychology Christopher Barlett

**PhD, Iowa State University**  
Research interests: Variables and psychological processes involved in aggression

*"I strive to get students to learn the details of research studies while emphasizing how such details are used to build theory."*



## Environmental Studies Andrew Wilson

**PhD, Penn State University**  
Research interests: Birds and how environmental change impacts bird populations and distributions

*"Love and understanding of wildlife provide wonderful opportunities for lifelong learning and improving our mental health."*



## Philosophy Gary Mullen

**PhD, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale**

Research interests: Social and political philosophy after World War II; challenges posed to democracy by developments in media technology and its potential to distort public opinion and political judgment

*"I'm amazed at the level of interaction I get with my students and the energy they bring to the classroom."*

## Snapshots

### New look for [www.gettysburg.edu](http://www.gettysburg.edu)

Thank you to Happy Cog, our design agency led by **Greg Hoy '92**, and our website redesign committee of faculty, administrative and support staff, and a student representative, who were integral to the redesign of our website. The new website will enhance communication, support student recruitment, and elevate the Gettysburg College brand online.

### Dedication Day

**President Janet Morgan Riggs '77** delivered the keynote remarks at the 2018 Dedication Day ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the dedication of Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg. She was the second Gettysburg College president to do so, following **Henry Hanson** (in 1950). Familiar names who share the honor: President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Sandra Day O'Connor, Ken Burns, and Steven Spielberg. Read coverage online.



### Go abroad with Gettysburg

Join a small group of Gettysburgians in Amsterdam June 10-17. Biology **Prof. Kay Etheridge** will provide insights from her extensive research in the city. Visit [www.gettysburg.edu/amsterdam](http://www.gettysburg.edu/amsterdam) to learn more.



The eight faculty who recently earned tenure are inspiring a future generation of leaders, researchers, and professionals.



**Africana Studies**  
**Hakim Williams**

**EdD, Columbia University**  
Research interests: Structural violence of educational inequity; student, teacher, and community empowerment

*“My research feeds directly into all of the classes I teach, and I am able to give my students a very present-day sense of contemporary life in the Caribbean.”*



**English**  
**McKinley E. Melton**

**PhD, University of Massachusetts Amherst**  
Research interests: 20th and 21st century African American literature; West African and Afro-Caribbean literary traditions; ways that religious and spiritual traditions inform creative expression for Africana peoples and cultures

*“The idea of an integrative educational experience, where students are encouraged to place concepts from classrooms across campus in conversation with one another, is pretty powerful.”*



**Psychology**  
**Kathy Berenson**

**PhD, New York University**  
Research interests: Processes by which social-cultural risk factors are associated with mental health problems; experiences of people living with mental illness; ways in which cultural trends, such as overvaluing self-confidence, may be interfering with compassion for ourselves and others

*“I think my work with students, both in and out of the classroom, helps them accept that the mental health field has no easy answers, and that the complex scientific and personal challenges it presents can nevertheless be very rewarding to address.”*



**Biology**  
**Ryan Kerney**

**PhD, Harvard University**  
Research interests: Amphibian embryos and larvae; formation and metamorphosis of the skeleton; the evolution of amphibian life histories; interactions between embryos and microbes

*“I’ve been incredibly fortunate to work with some terrific students in my lab and classes, and it has been amazing to watch them cultivate their interests and directions in both lab and life.”*



**Commemorative flag atop cupola**

In remembrance of September 11, a United States Special Operations Command (SOCOM) flag was donated to Musselman Library by **Rev. Lawrence Recla**, who served as a Red Cross chaplain within a temporary morgue at Ground Zero. Recla was a campus ministry intern in the early 1970s and ordained at Christ Chapel. In honor of the day, the SOCOM flag supplanted the College’s customary “Old Glory” flag, which bears 34 stars, just as it did when Penn Hall served as a field hospital during the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863.

**Summer opportunities for high school students**

Gettysburg College is excited to offer on-campus opportunities for high school students over the summer months. Programs include psychology, creative writing, information technology, and more. Learn more and register at [www.gettysburg.edu/summercamps](http://www.gettysburg.edu/summercamps).







## CUB's new look

Visiting campus? You may notice enhancements to our facilities, most notably the renovation of our College Union Building, formerly known as the Student Union Building.

The 26,000-square-foot addition provides a central location for the Center for Career Engagement and Garthwait Leadership Center, as well as modernly designed common areas for eating, gathering, and studying.

**Not pictured:** new favorites from food stations such as the KAZUE Sushi Bar and old favorites (chicken finger Friday!) from the newly redesigned Bullet Hole. ■

# Conversa



In response to our fall feature story, “Battlefield as teacher,” **Pat Weaver Newton ’64** wrote to share her thanks for an informative issue and a suggestion: “I wish there had been courses such as those when I was in college. I would, however, suggest [additional courses about] how the battle affected the citizens of Gettysburg...an additional fertile field of study.”

In the campaign final report included with the fall 2018 issue, the name of **Sherrin Hilburt Baky-Nessler ’65, P’01** was misspelled. We are grateful for her support in continuing and strengthening our tradition of distinguished teaching and regret our error! Thanks to **Dave Reichert ’66** for catching the misordered caption on the Class of 1968 reunion photo. ●

## On social media

Gettysburg College continues to be recognized nationally for our programs: among them, new rankings highlighting our quality teaching. The Princeton Review and *U.S. News & World Report* ranked us **No. 15 for Best Classroom Experience** and **No. 28 for Best Undergraduate Teaching**, respectively. In other rankings, we were highlighted for our quality internships, study abroad programs, campus food, and athletics and sciences facilities, to name a few. On Facebook, alums reacted to the news we were ranked **No. 22 in the country for Best Alumni Network**.

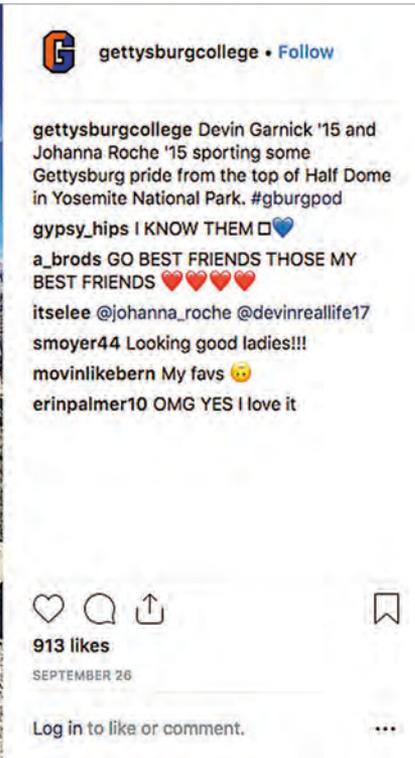
Several alums responded to our story about First-Year Seminars via Facebook and Twitter.

**Robin Roger McKenzie ’02** said, “I loved my First-Year Seminar, and I still think about the books I read for it. I took ‘Literature of the Immigrant Experience’ with **Bob Winans**. What I learned in that class is still relevant today!”

**Bill Albertson ’09** shared, “My First-Year Seminar, ‘The American Government from the Inside: The Judiciary’ taught by **Ken Mott**, was one of the best courses I took at Gettysburg. That course was such a place of discovery and growth for me—I can honestly say I transitioned from being a good high school writer to a good college writer in that class. Thanks for everything, Dr. Mott! I still remember the skills I learned 13 years later!” ●



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## And in the news

Faculty and staff contributed to several national and regional publications.

Noting a few: Psychology **Prof. Richard Russell's** research on makeup and age perception was referenced in a *Scientific American* blog, "Illusion Chasers."

*The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) published "Back-to-School Advice for College Trustees," penned by **Prof. Allen Guelzo**, the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and director of Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College.

Also in the WSJ: English **Prof. Robert Garnett's** opinion piece, "Rooted in America's Heartland," discussed Willa Cather's novel, *My Antonia*.

Our international family orientation program was highlighted by *U.S. News & World Report* in the article "How International Parents Can Use U.S. College Orientation," with comments from **Brad Lancaster**, director of international student services.

An alum caught the attention of Oprah: **Maneesha Mukhi's '03** company, Ask Ellis, was featured in the November 2018 issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine* for its work helping people navigate the U.S. immigration system.

**Devin Garnick '15** and **Johanna Roche '15** shared their school spirit from the top of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. Where has your G'burg gear been? Share with us and your photo may appear in an upcoming issue. ●

As always, keep reading, keep liking, keep sharing, and keep the Conversations rolling by sending [alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu) your thoughts. ■

# LEADING FROM WITHIN



## JANET MORGAN RIGGS



*After dedicating more than 40 years to Gettysburg College— as a student, professor, presidential assistant, provost, and ultimately as our 14th president—**Janet Morgan Riggs '77** retires in June.*

*Throughout her illustrious career, Riggs has led not from the front, nor from behind, but rather from within—personifying the values of the community she serves and the College she loves.*

By Mike Baker

**Janet Morgan Riggs '77** never imagined she would be here, standing atop the portico of Pennsylvania Hall as president of her beloved alma mater. She walks to the podium, takes a breath, and looks at the faces, expectant, in front of her. She was there once, a young graduate at Commencement. Riggs feels the weight of the occasion—her nerves.

“This feeling...it’s how you know you care,” she said, recalling advice from Psychology **Prof. Sam Mudd**. “I remember talking to him every day before I went into class. I was always so nervous.”

Mudd offered Riggs her first professional position at Gettysburg College as a faculty member in the psychology department. She was writing her dissertation at the time, completing her PhD in social psychology at Princeton University. “He’d call me Morgan. He’d say, ‘Morgan, that’s a good sign. It means you care. It means you want to do your best for these kids. You should always feel nervous.’ I never forgot that.”

Peering beyond her notes to all those gathered, Riggs’s nerves are overcome by her pride in Gettysburg. “There are so few places in the world like Gettysburg College,” said Riggs, who applied early decision following a rainy campus visit in the fall of 1972. “I have met so many wonderful people and made so many good friends here. It’s our people that make this community so special.”

Gettysburgians have always bonded over their shared belief in the College, particularly in times of adversity. Shortly after her appointment as interim president in 2008, and then president, Riggs experienced this bond firsthand when the nation spiraled into the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The endowment plummeted, interest rates disappeared, and the financial need of Gettysburg students reached unprecedented levels. But Riggs never wavered.

“Janet’s careful attention to financial matters in her early presidency enabled Gettysburg to avoid financial missteps and continue to grow as one of America’s premier liberal arts institutions,” said **Trustee Jim Chemel '71**, who served as chair of the Board of Trustees from 2013 to 2018 and partnered with Riggs to help raise more than \$160 million through *Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College*.

“Janet loves her alma mater. It pervades her commitment, optimistic attitude, and the effort she has put forward to make Gettysburg a significantly better institution during her tenure as president.”

**“I have met so many wonderful people and made so many good friends here. It’s our people that make this community so special.”**



**David Brennan '75, P'00**, current chair of the Board of Trustees, added, “Gettysburg College is in a much stronger position today than when Janet took over, and that is a direct result of her vision and steadfast leadership.”

Accountable for navigating the College through chaotic financial waters, another president may have leaned on his or her title or decreed a new direction for the institution. But Riggs was never a top-down leader. Instead, she believed in engaging Gettysburgians in dialogue. She embraced the role of facilitator—fostering good thinking and inspiring innovative solutions among her senior team and College constituents alike.

In doing so, Riggs not only galvanized a community driven for greatness, but she also united Gettysburg College from the inside out.

“The best leaders are those who make you believe that greatness is attainable—and Janet is certainly one of those leaders,” said **Barbara Fritze**, vice president for enrollment and educational services.

“Every goal we set as a College was accomplished collectively. I think that’s exactly the kind of leader that Janet set out to be. She brings people together. She empowers you and supports you, and helps others to realize that their efforts make a difference to Gettysburg’s success. It’s really quite remarkable.”

Under Riggs’s leadership, Gettysburg College expanded its faculty, enhanced its commitment to inclusion and internationalization, bolstered its admissions recruitment and alumni network, launched marquee campus programs such as the Garthwait Leadership Center and the expansion of The Eisenhower Institute, and improved its

campus grounds and facilities, most notably through the construction of the Jaeger Center and Fourjay Welcome Center, in addition to renovations to the College Union Building, Science Center, and Glatfelter and McCreary halls.

While generations of alumni will remember Riggs’s presidency by all that Gettysburg achieved over the last decade, it is how she treated others that will forever define her legacy—always with dignity, respect, and kindness.

“I think some people may view kindness as overrated, but I would never say that. I think there is great value in instilling a culture of kindness. That doesn’t mean we don’t set high expectations. But every person should know his or her contributions matter,” Riggs said.

“When I started as president, I was advised to develop a thick skin. But that’s not who I am or who I want to be. To me, this is all personal. That’s the kind of community we are. We are Gettysburgians. We’re all connected to one another, and what we do here matters.”





Riggs received the Thompson Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1987.

It would have been easy to overlook Riggs as a student. Quiet and unassuming, she sat camouflaged among her peers, often in the middle row of her Gettysburg classes.

During her first semester, Riggs completed an introductory psychology class with **Prof. Thane Pittman**. As a mathematics major, she initially bemoaned having to take the required course; however, it would turn out to be the class where she discovered her new academic passion and met the mentor who would ultimately change her life.

“I rarely spoke up in his class, but I was doing pretty well,” she said. “One day, Thane pulled me aside and he said, ‘Janet, I think you ought to take another psychology class.’ That’s all it took. It’s that simple—somebody expressing confidence in you, encouraging you to take the next step and stretch yourself.”

Mentorship, as Riggs internalized that day, can take many forms—from offering personal guidance and encouragement to challenging an individual to forfeit his or her fears and venture beyond what’s known.



A pin worn by Class of 1977 alumni at Riggs’s presidential inauguration

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**“The education we offer is personal.  
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reassurance, that makes all the difference.  
I know it made all the difference for me.”**

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Riggs pictured in her senior yearbook

Over the next three years, Riggs kept up with the math but poured herself into social psychology. She added psychology as a second major and later served as Pittman’s research assistant, gaining valuable insights into human interactions and social behavior.

“In the psychology department, all of the faculty were interested in engaging students. Thane was my primary mentor, but **Bob D’Agostino** and Sam Mudd—those three took a lot of personal interest in me. But it wasn’t just me. That’s the thing. This is what our faculty and staff do here at Gettysburg College. They engage students, and they push them to excel,” said Riggs, citing the increase of student-faculty research offerings during her presidency, including the creation of the Kolbe Summer Fellows Program, the Cross-Disciplinary Institute (X-SIG), and other notable programs.

“The education we offer is personal. When a faculty member is willing to sit down with you and offer you support and reassurance, that makes all the difference. I know it made all the difference for me.”

As a Gettysburg professor, Riggs’s door was always open. She chose to teach in a liberal arts setting specifically for this opportunity—to spur genuine relationships with her students, to energize them about learning, and to bestow the same level of confidence she received from her own mentors.

“Dr. Riggs was inspiring inside and outside of the classroom, and her passion was contagious,” said **Tracy Brundage ’92**, now president of Keystone College. “She had an impact on my early career choices, and she continues to serve as a role model for me today.”

“I will forever hold Prof. Riggs in my heart,” added **Abigail Levrini ’02**, a research and teaching assistant during Riggs’s tenure as chair of the department, and

founder of Psych Ed Connections, a psychological and educational practice committed to helping clients realize their life goals. “She made McCreary Hall feel like a family home. I feel eternally grateful to her every day of my career as a psychologist.”

Riggs’s influence also resonated with her faculty colleagues.

“Janet held her students to high standards, but she believed in them and supported them as they rose to those standards. I was always impressed by her warmth and sense of humor, and most of all by her keen intelligence,” said Psychology **Prof. Kathleen Cain**.

While Riggs exhibited excellence in teaching, research, and governance, what endeared her to her fellow professors was how she prioritized others. She wasn’t simply a colleague. She was a friend.

“When I was still a graduate student and had just accepted a position as a faculty member at Gettysburg College, Janet sent me a handwritten card,” Cain recalled. “In the card, she personally welcomed me to the department and also recommended a student, **Cathy Allen ’91**, as my research assistant, who proved

to be outstanding. That combination of reaching out with welcome and offering excellent practical advice reflected Janet’s larger presence in the department. She took time to make people feel valued and tried to open paths for success to students and other faculty.”

Forging these paths for success, however, at times meant confronting longstanding, systemic barriers.

During her four years as a Gettysburg student, Riggs took 35 courses and had only three female professors—a literature adjunct, a lab instructor, and a psychology sabbatical replacement. When she returned as a faculty member in 1981, very little had changed.

“There was a sense of really needing to support one another,” said Riggs, who joined Profs. **Grace Kenney**, **Trudy Gobel**, **Mary Margaret Stewart**, and other female colleagues at regularly scheduled women’s dinners.

“These relationships were very important to me, and as I advanced in my career, I wanted to be a role model for other women faculty too. In those days, it was particularly challenging for those of us who had families. There was no maternity leave, so I took



Chatting with President Charles Glassick while holding her son, Brian



**Beloved by Gettysburg students, Riggs is affectionately known on campus as JMR.**

a semester off each time I had my children, but it was with no pay. Those were very different times, but I always felt passionate about doing what I could to advocate for the women of Gettysburg.”

As a frequent female representative of the natural science division on campus committees, Riggs earned a reputation for her problem-solving abilities, as well as her integrity, and she soon garnered the attention of **President Emeritus Gordon Haaland**, who requested that she serve as his presidential assistant.

From 1991 to 1994, she devoted herself to the position—learning the College’s inner workings and, after gaining the full trust of Haaland, leading

initiatives to tackle inequities she saw within the Gettysburg experience.

Once a quiet undergrad and nervous new teacher, Riggs had now found her voice—a voice that spoke courageously on behalf of a community that counted on her.

She helped to establish a College daycare center by orchestrating an agreement between the Gettysburg Child Care Corporation, the YWCA, Gettysburg College, and facility landlords. The deal was a small yet meaningful step toward providing balance in the lives of College employees, particularly mothers.

In addition, as a champion of marginalized groups on campus, Riggs was instrumental in persuading the Board of Trustees to change the College's equal opportunity statement to protect Gettysburgians from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"There were a number of faculty who came to speak with me about this," said Riggs, who was emboldened by Haaland to serve a one-year term as interim provost in 1995. She returned to this interim role in 2006 and, following a national search, was appointed to provost the following year. "The efforts of many of us led to the passage of a new statement. Amazingly, this was somewhat controversial at the time. It did not feel like a landmark event to me. It just felt like the right thing to do."

In the spring of 2008, Trustee Emeritus **Jim Weaver '64**, the chair of the Board of Trustees (2006–2010), requested that Riggs, then College provost, meet him at Baker's Diner, a modest eatery off Route 15, for a confidential meeting. She was mystified.

"I ordered a grilled cheese and took one bite," Riggs recollected, "then he told me what he wanted to talk about." Weaver asked Riggs if she would assume the role of interim president of Gettysburg College.

"I never got back to the sandwich," she joked.

To no surprise of Weaver, Riggs spent the remainder of the meal trying to generate a list of worthier candidates for him to consider. But Weaver, like her mentors prior, reaffirmed his belief in her. Riggs was the right person for the job.

Flattered and humbled, she accepted the position, and soon, the entire Gettysburg community was rallying behind her. Riggs's message to campus was from the heart, and a lifetime in the making—*We have what it takes to be great.*

While the national search for Gettysburg's 14th president enticed a host of extraordinary candidates, the Board of Trustees—in a defining moment in Gettysburg's history—determined that the institution needed a personal touch. It needed a leader from within.

For the first time, an alumna was charged with propelling Gettysburg College into the future: Janet Morgan Riggs—JMR.

"You know you've reached legendary status at Gettysburg when you get your own acronym," said BOLD Council Vice Chair **Sarah Cardwell '15** of Riggs's iconic campus nickname.

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“When I started as president,  
I was advised to develop  
a thick skin. But that’s not  
who I am or who I want to be.  
To me, this is all personal.  
That’s the kind of community  
we are. We are Gettysburgians.  
We’re all connected to one another,  
and what we do here matters.”

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**Rick Hale '18 embraces Riggs after presenting her with his Stole of Gratitude.**

“Whether she was serving turkey to hungry students during Servo’s Thanksgiving Dinner or opening her home to congratulate Dean’s List students, President Riggs was exemplary in her leadership and the sense of community she forged during her presidency.”

**Rick Hale '18** agreed. As a graduating senior last May, he presented Riggs with his traditional Stole of Gratitude—an honor reserved for an individual who played a critical role in a student’s success.

“She is the paragon of what Gettysburg stands for,” Hale said. “Her passion for education and the student

experience makes Gettysburg not only a place to Do Great Work, but also a great place to call home.”

For Riggs, Gettysburg will forever be home. It’s where she advanced the reputation and quality of our institution. It’s where she shaped our bright future. And it’s where she embodied the ideals of our mission and showed us what’s possible—by being true to ourselves as Gettysburgians and leveraging the greatness within us, we can inspire positive change on our campus, in our nation, and in the world.

Riggs's hands clutch either end of the Commencement podium. Her rings clang. One is from her Gettysburg sweetheart, the love of her life, **Ed Riggs '77**. Others are from the national championships earned by the Bullets women's lacrosse team during her presidency, rings she wears with great pride.

She reflects—on friendships, on fond memories, on all that makes us Gettysburgians. Her mind turns to a humble Shakespearean phrase, one repeated often by her mother throughout her childhood.

Riggs's eyes catch her right wrist, the phrase etched on a bracelet she's worn every day since the start of her presidency: To Thine Own Self Be True.

"In the job of college president, it can be easy to lose oneself in a sense of self-importance, to get pulled in a lot of different directions, and to compromise one's values. I never wanted that to happen to me. This bracelet is a daily reminder to stay grounded and to be true to my values," said Riggs. "As a College, we must also be true to who we are. We must live our shared values. And we must always inspire our students to live those values as well."

### **Riggs delivers her commencement charge:**

Take this education and put it to good use, in your careers and in your communities.

And as you do so, be a mentor and a friend, a uniter and a doer.

Be a leader others can count on, and a voice for those without a say.

And in a world where there are so many who are climbing over others just to reach the top, be the one who will raise others up, higher than they ever dreamed they could reach on their own.

That is what it means to be a Gettysburgian, and that is what it means to **Do Great Work.** ■

# GETTYSBURG COLLEGE THE RIGGS PRESIDENCY



## AT A GLANCE



Positioned the College as a thought leader in the realm of higher education and in the community through serving in numerous roles such as:

- Executive committee member and previous chair of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of PA (AICUP) board;
- A founder, a former chair, and an executive committee member of the Pennsylvania Consortium for the Liberal Arts (PCLA);
- A member of The Annapolis Group of Liberal Arts Colleges executive committee, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) board, American Council on Education (ACE) commission on effective leadership, and the Campus Compact of Pennsylvania board;
- Chair of the Centennial Conference Presidents Council;
- Chair of the Middle States reaccreditation process for Hamilton, Skidmore, and McDaniel colleges;
- A member of the Gettysburg Foundation board; and
- A member of the Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize board.

Consistently ranked among the best liberal arts colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review*.

Recognized nationally for our alumni network, career engagement, global education, community-based learning and research, and undergraduate teaching.

Successful Middle States Accreditation review and accreditation for the Sunderman Conservatory of Music.

Inspired by President Lincoln's legacy, launched *The Unfinished Work* strategic plan, focused on themes of Impact, Inclusion and Internationalization, and Innovation.

Expanded the College faculty and reduced student-faculty ratio to 9:1.

Established new academic offerings, including Public History, Middle East and Islamic Studies, and Public Policy, among others.

Oversaw the merger of The Eisenhower Institute with the College and the growth in its programs and national visibility.

  
 “You do not spark change by wishing it upon the world.  
 You ignite it by giving fully of yourself to something  
 greater—and by inspiring others to do the same.”  


Raised more than \$160 million through the record-setting *Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for our College*. Gifts from 25,132 donors supported student scholarships, faculty support, global initiatives, engaged learning opportunities, and annual giving.

The endowment experienced a net growth of approximately \$112 million—or 57 percent—from its low point of \$198 million in May 2009 following the Great Recession. Today, thanks to the support of many, our endowment is valued at over \$310 million.

Transformed campus grounds and facilities, including construction of the Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness; Fourjay Welcome Center; and the Lincoln statue. Renovated the College Union Building, Science Center, Glatfelter and McCreary halls, and the Economics and Africana Studies building.

Philanthropic support totaled more than \$210 million, including more than \$103 million in gifts and commitments to the College’s endowment.

Emphasized the importance of a diverse and inclusive learning and working environment; hired the College’s first Chief Diversity Officer; and increased the percentage of international students and students of color from 11 percent in 2008 to 23.5 percent in 2018.

Renewed focus on the vibrant multicultural and religious and spiritual communities through the creation of the Mosaic House in conjunction with the Office of Multicultural Engagement’s new home and a redesigned space for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life.

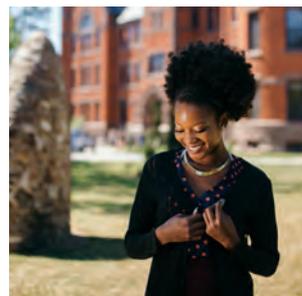
Introduced forward-thinking enrollment strategies amid shifting high school demographics, while bolstering merit and need-based aid for students.

Increased undergraduate research opportunities through the creation of the Kolbe Summer Fellows Program, STEM Scholars Program, and Cross-Disciplinary Institute at Gettysburg College (X-SIG).

Launched marquee cocurricular programs, such as the Garthwait Leadership Center, Pohanka Internship Program, and the Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation Initiative (E-SII), among many others.

Gettysburg athletic teams claimed 31 Centennial Conference championships, making Gettysburg the first institution in the conference to reach 100 championships.

Women’s lacrosse teams earned NCAA Division III championships in 2011, 2017, and 2018.



# A President's PLACE

*A look at the  
historical role of  
Gettysburg College  
presidents since  
our founding*

Written by Michael J. Birkner '72, P'10

*GETTYSBURG COLLEGE HAS BENEFITED  
WHEN PRESIDENTS EMBRACED AN  
AMBITIOUS VISION OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AT THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.*

In any small college, the president holds a special place. College presidents are responsible for the institution's well-being across a broad spectrum: academics, admissions, fundraising, and initiatives designed to enhance the institution's reputation.



*At the dedication of the College gates,  
President William A. Granville  
and alumni from the Class of 1893*

Gettysburg College's presidents were all men until **Katherine Haley Will** assumed office in 2004, and—from the founding into the first decades of the 20th century—also all Lutheran clergy, highlighting the College's Christian orientation in defining its mission and seeking funds to support its programs. Since 1910, when Yale mathematician **William A. Granville** assumed the office, most Gettysburg presidents have come out of the academy and possessed earned doctorates. There were only two exceptions: **Henry W.A. Hanson** (1923–1952), a popular Harrisburg pastor, and **Willard S. Paul** (1956–1961), a World War II general who had served in the Eisenhower Administration before assuming his duties here.

One striking aspect of the presidency at Gettysburg is the continuity of institutional identity and operation from its founding into the 1970s. The presidential model at Gettysburg, under the first president **Charles Krauth** (1834–1850) on through **Carl Arnold Hanson** (1961–1977), was essentially that of *paterfamilia*—head of a family-like institution. Arnold Hanson's approach to governance fit the norms of his times in matters of management practices as the institution expanded, but the faculty remained close-knit and continued to assume responsibilities "in place of parents"—a role 21st-century faculty would find quaint.

For 13 years (1837–1850), Krauth and his family lived in Pennsylvania Hall in the company of an ebullient collection of teenage students, while at the same time doing his best to model Christian morals and share his classical learning. In this sense, he was a forerunner of the longest-serving College president, Henry W.A. Hanson, who was less a classical scholar than an all-purpose spokesman (notably through his chapel homilies) for Gettysburg’s role in shaping “Christian gentlemen.”

Krauth’s successor, **Henry L. Baugher**, refused to live in Pennsylvania Hall because student high jinks grated on his nerves, but he domiciled only a stone’s throw away in the White House—today’s Norris-Wachob Alumni House. All the same, whether the president was Krauth or any of his next 10 successors, the assumption was that the president and staff of the College stood in place of the parents in mentoring their charges. As the 1858 College catalog described it, the president would maintain “a constant guardianship over the whole establishment.” Presidents into the 1950s, including the respected European historian **Walter Langsam** (1952–1955) and General Paul, continued to embrace this role.

This family model gave the faculty agency in most facets of campus life. For many years, Gettysburg College presidents were considered first among equals rather than operating in a realm above the faculty. To be sure, presidents had more responsibility than individual faculty members for recruiting students and fundraising, important priorities through the College’s history. For many years, faculty played a meaningful role in fundraising—perhaps never so notably as during the Great Depression of the 1930s when they were assigned Pennsylvania districts to canvas in order for the College to make its class.

Although Gettysburg College had always taken pride in the scholarly accomplishments of members of its faculty—dating back to the institution’s origins—presidents into the era of the second Hanson continued to stress teaching as the prime responsibility of faculty, with scholarship beyond an earned PhD encouraged, but not required, for advancement in rank. This began to change during the administration of **Charles Glassick** (1977–1989), as the student population increased, in loco parentis became a memory, and fundraising at new levels became an imperative if Gettysburg was to avoid falling into the “good regional college” category.

Glassick continued to acknowledge Gettysburg’s Lutheran heritage, but diminished practical connections with the church and its synods. He traveled farther than any previous president in seeking financial support for the institution. His success in this realm was evidenced

*A parade of faculty at the College’s first presidential inauguration of **President William A. Granville** in 1910*



in refurbished campus buildings, a substantially increased endowment, and new interdisciplinary programs. During Glassick’s tenure the College established *The Gettysburg Review* and revitalized its Civil War Era Studies program.

Glassick’s successor, **Gordon Haaland** (1990–2004), managed the difficult trick of simultaneously increasing the size of the student body (breaking the 2,500 mark by mid-presidency), while advancing ethnic diversity and standards for admissions. Both Haaland and the current president, **Janet Morgan Riggs ’77**, have raised the College’s profile as a national liberal arts college, and expanded programs, information technology, and physical plant. Seeking to make Gettysburg demographically more like the nation at large, Riggs has put a new emphasis on diversity and inclusion for faculty, staff, and the student body alike, including geographical diversity that extends beyond the United States.

Whether under the family model or in its current professionalization mode, Gettysburg College has benefited when presidents embraced an ambitious vision of liberal arts at the service of their country. By and large, Gettysburg has been fortunate in its presidents. As Riggs prepares to hand off her responsibilities in 2019, the College is in as good a shape in terms of its program, budget, and educational reputation as at any point in its 187-year history. ■

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# TICK, TOCK

What is the meaning of time?

The earth revolves around the sun in 365.24 days, marking a year in a human life. The alarm sounds at 6 a.m., alerting one that it's time to wake up. There are the well-known idioms that "time flies" or "time stands still." Time is money. Time is on your side. We organize our lives around time. But, what is it?

Inspired by the Hatter Planetarium show "How Did It Get So Late So Soon?: Gettysburgians Talk About Time," we asked faculty and practitioners across disciplines what time means to them. At Gettysburg College, tapping into the power of the liberal arts means exploring questions from a variety of perspectives. The resulting answers can lead to agreement, disagreement, or, more often than not, more questions—especially when tackling as lofty a question as "what is time?"

**M**any religions perceive time as something that is in the hand of the divine. They teach that God stands over time and works through time to bring about a vision for the world. Many Christians believe that humans are limited by time, but God, who is omniscient and omnipotent, is not.

A main difference between the understandings of time in Western religions and Eastern religions is that, in the West, time is considered to be linear, and in the East, time is considered to be cyclical. For most religions, God or the gods are considered to be outside of time. That is, they don't grow old and die. They are not restricted to being in one place at one time. They are not limited by time; they are eternal.

In Christianity, heaven is timeless. So, once people die, they are free from the bonds of time: there is no day and night, no aging, etc. In a system of reincarnation, sentient beings are continually born and reborn into lives of varying length until they are released from this cycle.

There are some intriguing parallels between the way religions think about time and how physics as a discipline understands time and the universe. It only enriches religious thinking when there is a conversation between theology and science around the universe and how creation is unfolding. We have things to learn from one another!

Mary Oliver is a deeply theological poet. Her poetry reflects a dazzling amazement at the presence of God and God's love in the natural world. To me, this quote represents one way of understanding our call to life in the world. It is temporary—all life will die at some point. And yet, while we are here, we are called to live passionately and engage with the world, loving it fiercely in all its pieces and parts. Death is a natural part of our life and nothing to fear—so, when the time comes, we have to also open our hands and hearts and release what we love, trusting what comes next. Christians talk about moving from life into life, through death. Death is a change in our way of being, and in our relationality, but it doesn't end it.

“To live in this world you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.”

—Mary Oliver

## Time is **TRANSCENDED**

Kristin Largen

Religious and spiritual life  
associate dean, chaplain



**M**usic and time are intimately related. Although definitions and practices vary throughout the world, one element that unifies all music is that it exists as a temporal art form. As such, music requires no material substance. There are many methods to notating and documenting music—and we use a great diversity of instruments and devices, including our bodies, to perform. But music, as it is performed, exists solely as sound in time.

Understanding the relationship between music and time is essential to understanding the unique experience of both performer and listener. Justin London, a music and cognitive science professor at Carleton College, defined time as “the essential medium for music and musical performance, a nonspatial continuum of past, present, and future.” Others have argued that music is the art of time.

Memory also relates closely to time and music. Two fundamentals to musical form are repetition and contrast. Both depend on our memory to be effective. As we listen to music, we make sense of what we hear in the present by relating it to material we have already heard. As we become more familiar with certain musical patterns, we may even anticipate musical events before they occur. In this way, the listener experiences music as a continuum of past, present, and future—interpreting events as they occur and relating them to our memory of past events.

In addition, music may awaken within us other memories and associations. Upon hearing a familiar song, we might suddenly recall the specific circumstances of hearing it for the first time or feel nostalgia for bygone days. Sometimes it can be difficult to place why a piece of music moves us, but we can be certain of the emotions we feel as we listen.

Despite the fact that music is a nonspatial continuum of past, present, and future, music may stimulate a vast array of mental imagery and concepts. As a performer, I determine the timing of my articulations by visualizing musical phrases and forms as having physical dimensions. While tempo guides the placement of each beat with regularity, performing a phrase expressively requires a musician to lengthen and shorten the duration of certain notes to evoke a sense of shape and intensity. I often visualize the distance between beats or within a phrase as a physical distance to move across, much like dancers might visualize passage across a floor while maintaining constant awareness of location in a room as they move, adjusting movements to ensure a graceful and accurate gesture. However, as I visualize these musical durations as physical space, what emits from my instrument is simply a rich array of sound to be heard and mentally organized by the listener.



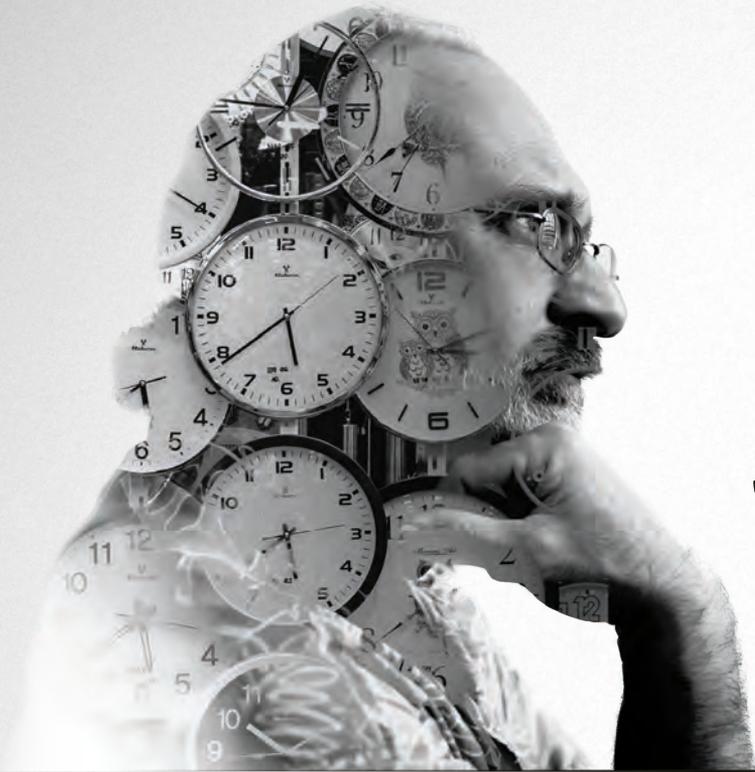
# Time is **RHYTHMIC**

James M. Day

Music professor, director of  
the Sunderman Conservatory of Music

Perhaps it is the process of hearing and organizing based on our own memories and experiences that makes us feel music is magical and timeless. As sound, music requires no material substance, and despite our attempts to notate, record, and analyze music, the nonspatial continuum of musical sound and silence remains ethereal.

We enter the concert hall having managed our day with schedules and calendars. As we listen, we may lose ourselves in sounds, images, thoughts, and memories that provide a welcome contrast to mundane concerns, bring forth strong emotions, or perhaps inspire us to act. As we gather in the concert hall, each of our experiences is inherently unique and yet we experience them together, often enthusiastically comparing our experiences at the work's conclusion. In the process, we contribute to an ever growing, collective understanding of the nature and significance of music in the human experience.



## Time is **SQUISHY**

Steven Gimbel  
Philosophy professor

**T**he two most important thinkers to consider the nature of time were Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. Newton thought that time was a thing unto itself. There is mere relative time that we see by comparing processes (like the Earth moving around the sun or a hand moving around the clock) and then there is real or absolute time, the stuff of physics and known to God himself.

Einstein, with his theory of relativity, came to see (through the work of his former college teacher Hermann Minkowski) that space and time were unified into a single four-dimensional space-time manifold or “mollusk,” as Einstein called it. He called it a mollusk because it was squishy. It would bend and twist the way an oyster might if you pushed on it. Time was woven into space, not a separate entity as Newton had thought.

The philosopher J.M.E. McTaggart introduced the distinction between A-series and B-series time, leading to his conclusion that time is illusory. The A-series approaches time like a zipper. The zipper pull represents “the now.” Behind the zipper pull, the zipper is fixed, cemented in place. In front of the zipper pull, the zipper is open—not yet fixed. In the same way, time is set in the past and not yet determined in the future. There is something metaphysically important about “the now,” which travels through time.

B-series is uniform. All time is fixed. We may not know what the future is like, but it is already settled. We may move through time unaware of the future, but time is time. There is no difference between past and future. There is nothing special about the now, other than our psychological connection to it. There is nothing physically or metaphysically distinct about the current moment.

Processes develop and evolve over time. Our best scientific theories give us insight into how it works. Philosophy was thought by René Descartes to be the queen of the sciences, that is, the foundation on which all science must proceed, or the basis for its truth. But the opposite is true. Philosophy doesn't begin until science provides us with a supported theory. Then the philosopher can begin trying to figure out what the theory means.

**T**ime is very important for historians in both an abstract sense as well as a practical one. We rely on the concept of time to benchmark historical events—to establish chronology and narratives of the past—and to conceptualize eras that have certain characteristics.

For historians, we constantly re-evaluate the ways in which we see the past by challenging older interpretations and in helping to make history more relevant through new interpretations. Part of that work is looking at certain periods of time and seeing what stories exist that run against certain popular perceptions of the past.

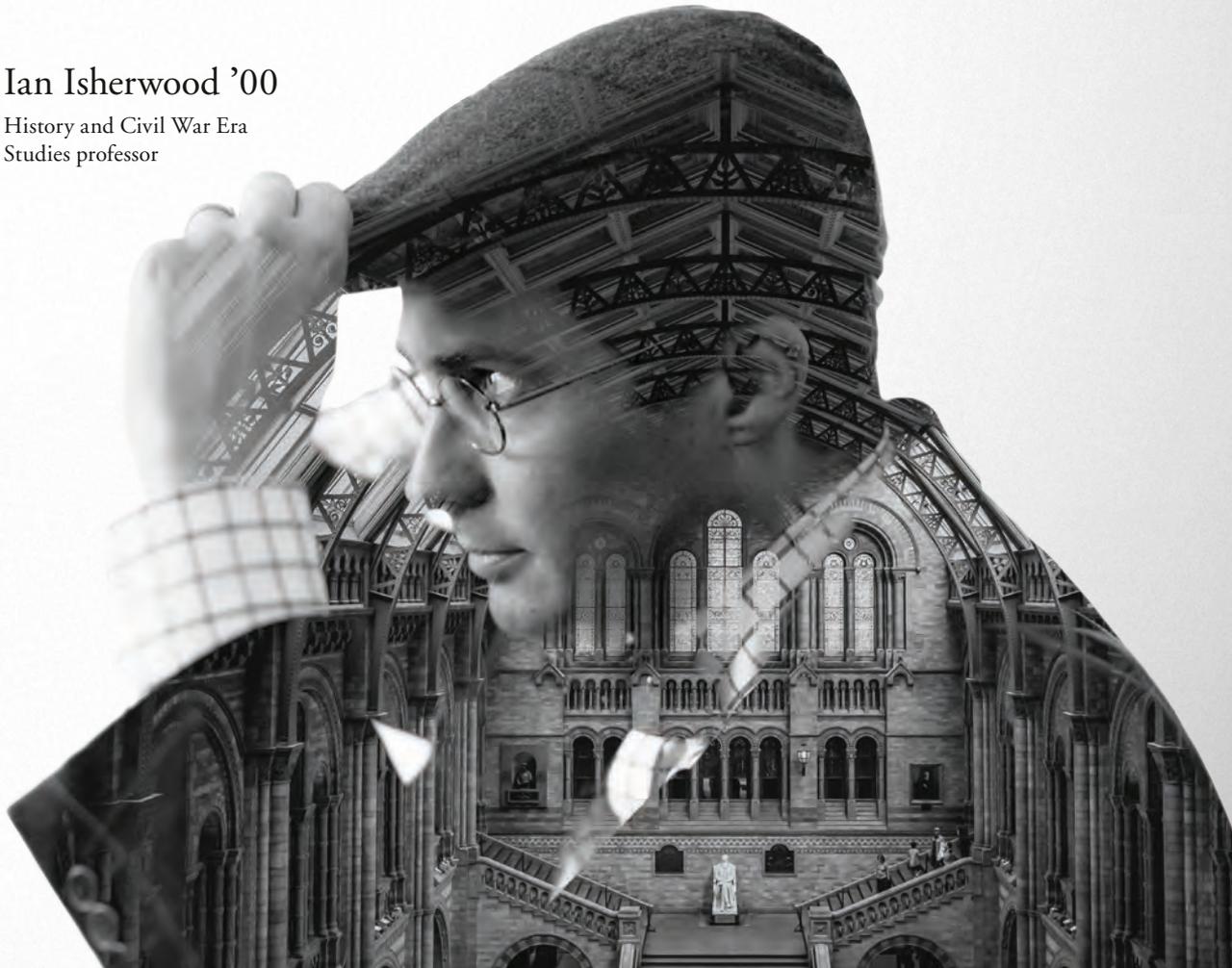
It is important for historians to organize the past according to chronology and specific dates, times, etc., but I wouldn't say that this work is more important than how time is understood and used by a physicist, astronomer, or philosopher. For us, time is a tool for organizing the way we see the past.

Time doesn't have that much of an influence. The way people lived, thought, debated, discussed, fought, cared for, believed in, and struggled with their human existence—that's what is really important to us in understanding our lives. Time helps us place the people of the past—their thoughts and deeds—into context.

## Time is **A GUIDEPOST**

Ian Isherwood '00

History and Civil War Era  
Studies professor



# Time is **RELATIVE**

Jacquelynne Milingo

Physics and astronomy professor



**G**alileo and Newton assumed that time is absolute and universal (everyone tells the same time at the same time), but Einstein showed us this is not the case. The time between two events depends on who is wearing the watch and how the person wearing the watch is moving.

More specifically, the idea that “time is relative” means that the span of time between two events can be different for different observers depending on how they are moving with respect to those events.

Observer-dependent time isn’t something we notice in our everyday lives. We simply move too slowly through the world—much slower than the speed of light—for it to be noticeable, but there are many situations in the study and application of modern physics and astrophysics that require us to pay attention to these differences in how we measure time.

The “twin paradox” is a well-known conceptual exercise in time dilation. This paradox is a thought exercise that imagines two identical twins. One travels to space at high speeds and returns to find his twin has aged more than he has. This effect has also been experimentally measured and confirmed on Earth.

Gravity also influences the passage of time; clocks closer to a massive object will tick more slowly than clocks farther away. GPS satellites, which orbit at altitudes of 20,000 km above Earth, require nanosecond precision timekeeping and have to be corrected for this general relativistic effect to operate reliably.

Einstein visualized the three dimensions of space and the one dimension of time like a continually evolving fabric that could warp and be distorted by mass; physicists refer to this as “space-time.” It’s hard to picture, but imagine a two-dimensional representation as being like a rubber sheet. Any mass placed on that rubber sheet will create an indentation that other masses will respond to as they pass nearby, like a golf ball responding to dips on a green. Mass bends space-time, and the curvature of space-time directs how mass and light move in response.

Although this isn’t something we necessarily notice in our everyday lives, to have precise predictive and descriptive power about the universe on the largest scales, we have to consider the dynamic interaction between matter, energy, the geometry of space, and time. The effects of general relativity have been observed and confirmed even on smaller scales and with modest (astronomically speaking) masses.



## Time is **A VALUABLE RESOURCE**

Janet Morgan Riggs '77  
President

**W**hat does time mean to a college president? It's a valuable resource that runs out too quickly! There seems never to be enough time for the tasks to be done, never enough time for planning or reflection. Days, weeks, and months speed by. There is an adage that says, "Time flies when you're having fun!" Well, I must be having a lot of fun!

But there is another perspective on time that goes with a college presidency—and that relates to the long arc of the College's evolution. Although the 11 years of my presidency make up just a small piece of the College's 187-year history, I have felt great responsibility for this slice of time in the College's lifespan—for building on a strong past, but most importantly, for setting the stage for a bright future.

So, what is

# TIME?

As beauty is in the eye of the beholder, perhaps so is time. **Ian Clarke**—an English professor, director of Hatter Planetarium, and the creator of the show about time—said, “I don’t have an answer. We all deal with the concept of time very effectively in our everyday lives; yet, there is no universal, multidisciplinary definition of it, which makes it an excellent topic for a planetarium show.” Time is...slippery. Time is...ubiquitous. It moves. It shakes. It provides context and content to our human lives, while remaining amorphous. Time is a mystery—one well worth exploring.

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The Hatter Planetarium—renovated in 2016 to become an immersive classroom with a full-dome projector—provides ongoing, multidisciplinary programming on rotating topics and monthly guided tours of the skies, all open to the community free of charge. View the schedule at [www.gettysburg.edu](http://www.gettysburg.edu).

—**Katelyn Silva**  
**Photos by Miranda Harple**

# Do

What students

## Inviting difficult conversations

Many Gettysburgians fondly remember the details of their Gettysburg College acceptance. No doubt **Tyra Riedemonn '20** does—her college counselor surprised her with the news while she was speaking to Al Roker live on NBC's *Today Show*.

Now a junior theatre arts and cinema and media studies double major, Riedemonn and her story are coming full circle through her work with the admissions office. "I love talking to people and getting to know the prospective students," said Riedemonn. "As a first-generation college student, I didn't know what to expect when starting at Gettysburg, so I enjoy sharing all of the opportunities they have before them."

Riedemonn is also passionate about advancing inclusion and diversity at the College and in Greek Life. As a Tri Sigma and vice president of the College Panhellenic Association, she leads the Greek Life Equity and Inclusion Committee. "When the time comes to leave Gettysburg, I want people to know not to be afraid to have difficult conversations, especially surrounding inclusion. It's not about what you say, but how you say it," she said. ■



# Work

that makes a difference

## Graffiti for good

**Sneha Shrestha '10**, a studio art and globalization studies major, was featured as an artist (under the alias "Imagine") for Reebok's Artist Collective collection. Shrestha's work meshes Sanskrit scriptures and American graffiti. In addition to Reebok, her work has been commissioned by Harvard, TripAdvisor, and Red Bull, and she has painted murals around the world, from Istanbul to San Francisco. After moving home to her native Nepal, Shrestha founded the Children's Art Museum in Nepal, for which she was awarded an Advancing Leaders Fellowship from World Learning.



Shrestha graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education with a master's degree in education in 2017. Currently, she is the Boston Artist-in-Residence for the Boston Arts Commission, the Arts Manager at the Harvard South Asia Institute, and a lead artist in the education department at the Museum of Fine Arts. ■

# What makes **Gettysburg** Great

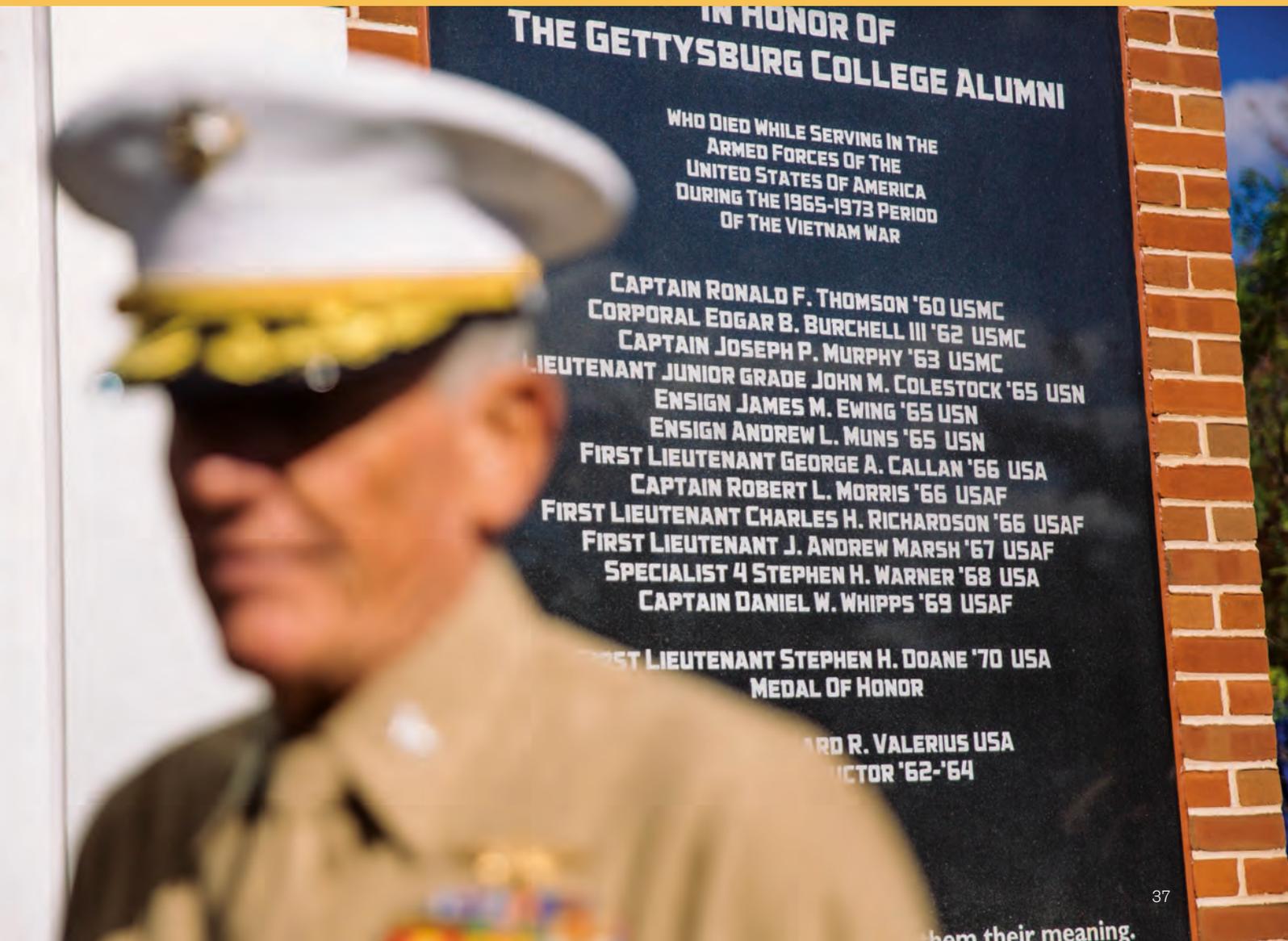
## College honors **14 Gettysburgians of the Vietnam era**

On Veterans Day weekend last year, Gettysburg College dedicated a Vietnam Memorial at the College Union Building in honor of 13 alumni and one staff member who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces during the 1966–1973 period of the Vietnam War.

“We mark not only deaths but also legacies, never forgetting that we are still linked to and informed by the character, liveliness, love, and accomplishments of these 14 men,” said **Sue Colestock Hill '67** at the dedication.

The memorial, funded by a group of devoted alumni, was featured in last spring’s cover story, “Complex Memories.” **Steve Nelson '69** and **Mike Langey '69** responded: “We sincerely thank our alumni colleagues who have made the Vietnam Memorial at the College possible. This memorial is a crucial step in the healing process. It embodies our abilities to learn from experiences, to gain insight from the stories of our lives, and to appeal to our better angels.”

*Read more coverage online.* ■





## SAVE THE DATES

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### **MARCH 12**

Presidential reception honoring  
**Janet Morgan Riggs '77** in Washington, D.C.

### **MARCH 28**

Presidential reception honoring  
**Janet Morgan Riggs '77** in New York City

### **APRIL 7**

Founders Day

### **APRIL 13**

Get Acquainted Day

### **MAY 18**

Spring Honors Day  
Distinguished Alumni Awards  
Baccalaureate

### **MAY 19**

Commencement

### **MAY 30–31**

27th Annual Gettysburg College  
Orange & Blue Golf Classic

### **MAY 30–JUNE 2**

Alumni College and Reunion Weekend  
Meritorious Service and Young Alumni Awards

### **MAY 31**

Annual Fund gift year ends

### **JUNE 14–19**

Civil War Institute (CWI)  
Summer Conference

### **JULY–AUGUST**

Send-Offs

### **OCTOBER 4**

Hall of Athletic Honor Induction

### **OCTOBER 4–6**

Homecoming

### **NOVEMBER 1–3**

Family Weekend

### 1944 75th Reunion Year

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I should have realized that 67 years is a daunting length of time in human terms. But, there were at least two of us here for the Sept. 2018 Reunion: me and my roommate **Hugh McGaughy**. Back in NJ, Dr. **Charles Liebeknecht** has received no less than four citations for service to his community. And you would all be impressed if you could read his charming bio notes. I must believe that he is one of us. Still Hugh McGaughy and I will miss all those others who are still with us even after 67 years. Dare I imagine we might plan a Reunion to celebrate our 70th year? I think I just dropped a tear on my note paper. Help! Just in case you might be tempted to dry my eyes, my email is listed above.

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My request for news was answered by only one of our classmates, **Allen Pannell**, and many thanks go out to him! The AN-TEKES held their fall luncheon in Oct. in Bethlehem, PA hosted by **Joe Molnar '55**. There were 13 members and spouses attending with the program led by **Ron Fink '58**. Those attending were

**Ralph Fischer '54** and **Evelyn, Joe Molnar '55** and **Elaine '55, Bill Keers '53** and **Marnie, Jim Brenneman '60** and **Mary, Al Harris '56** and **Janet**, and **Allen Pannell** and **Tina**. A spring luncheon is planned for Apr. 25 hosted by **Allen** at **Chadwick's** in Audubon near Valley Forge National Historical Park. Please send your news!

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Attendees at our Reunion have followed up on their promise, so I have lots of news to report. **William "Bill" Keers**, who married **Sue White '53**, wrote that he really came "home to Gettysburg" when he became involved doing College nights and joined the Alumni Board. As a result, two daughters (Class of '81 and '84) and a granddaughter (Class of '13) are alumnae. Sue died in 1998, and Bill remarried to **Marnie**, who says she is the "evil stepmother," but has enjoyed her G'burg connections. **Red Hamer** thinks we should now meet every year. He sent me a very thorough bio that I will try to condense. Red wrote that he spent his entire working life in journalism, inspired by his experiences as sports editor of *The Gettysburgian* in 1952. For 23 years, he was a sports writer, 16 years at *The Philadelphia Bulletin*. Awarded the Martini and Rossi National Tennis Writer of the Year in 1968, he also had other jobs as director of information



## 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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at the 14 state schools and press secretary for several candidates. He has written seven pictorial books that include five volumes of *Four Seasons of Chester County* and two volumes of *Four Seasons of the Chesapeake Bay*. All of the pictures were taken by Red, and 16,000 of his photos are in private collections and three hospitals in Chester County. The Chesapeake Bay books have been recognized as "the finest book on the Chesapeake Bay" by Aspen Institute. **Charles Sanders** sent a notice of **Dale Reighard** being inducted to the Geospatial Intelligence Hall of Fame. Congrats to Dale. Charlie notes that G'burg no longer has ROTC, and any members now travel to Dickinson. He walks past where they work out, which brings back memories of G'burg for him. The College received notice of the death of **Richard Garman**, known to his friends as "Butch," a member of KDR fraternity. He was commissioned as an officer in the US Army, Airborne Division, and served in AK. Following the Army, he completed a law degree at Vanderbilt and the U of Louisville. For 38 years, he worked for State Farm Automotive Claims. He enjoyed discussing his cases with family, which may explain why six of his children, grandchildren, and spouses are in the legal field. Richard was a dedicated church member, Bible school teacher, and avid sports fan. Our sympathy to his family. **Robert Harris** passed away in Aug. Robert accepted a commission in the US Air Force following college. He and his wife Kay had nine children. He was a Vietnam War veteran, serving 20 years and flying scores of missions. Later, Robert earned an MA degree in education from UC-Davis and worked for Chevron for 15 years. He was a skilled piano and organ player, and enjoyed camping, sailing, and flying his own plane. We wish to express our sympathy to Robert's family. Having heard from three of the six attendees now, that leaves two that I have to hear from since the other one is me. Will I have news to report then? In this troubled world may you all stay well and show your love to your family and all you meet. Speak out for justice.

## 1954 65th Reunion Year

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**Haines Lippincott Roberts** died in Aug. in AL. Haines was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and worked his way through Gettysburg playing jazz. He had a large

collection of jazz CDs and vinyl, especially featuring Miles Davis whom he met several times. After graduation and serving as a Lt. First Class in US Army Intelligence, Haines began a 44-year career in the retail business. He made innovations in department store marketing. His wife of 60 years preceded him in death. He is survived by a daughter, three sons, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and his partner and her children. **Ann L. Kircher**, formerly of Plainfield, NJ, died in Sept. After college, Ann earned her master's degree in biology and eventually became head lab technician at Rahway Hospital. Ann enjoyed dancing, traveling, and photography. She was a member of the Road Runners Traveling Club, a camera club. Her biggest enjoyment in life was her quilting. She was involved in clubs, competitions, and shows; made many fine quilts; and won many ribbons for her work. She is survived by a nephew and three nieces. **Paul I. Detwiler Jr.** of Bedford died in Oct. with his family by his side. He attended Mercersburg Academy before graduating from Gettysburg. Paul met his wife of 61 years, **Patricia Buffet '59**, at Gettysburg. After marrying, they spent two years in France where their first child was born. They moved to Meadowbrook Terrace and resided there ever since. Paul was an owner of New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. and worked there for over 55 years. He was a captain in the US Air Force and a member of the Bedford Presbyterian Church. He was involved in the Bedford Rotary Club, Bedford Masonic Lodge #320 F&AM, Shriners, Bedford Elks Lodge #1107, Flickers, and a board member at Everett Cash Mutual. He is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, 17 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. **Al Comery** writes, "My more-than-50-year journey as a public address announcer (PA) under the name Al Gregson came to a close in Oct. I was the first-tee starter for the York County Amateur Golf Association for 15 years since retiring from full-time work." Al has done PA work for a number of sports teams, as well as a 15-year volunteer stint for the Holiday Basketball Classic to benefit York County Special Olympics. He is proud and grateful to have been the PA person for Gettysburg College football for 32 years. Al explains, "Public-address announcing is different from play by play. I began that in 1950 as a freshman at Gettysburg and went on to broadcast approximately 1,500 games combined in football, basketball, and baseball for radio stations in York, Hanover, Gettysburg, Pottsville, and Ambridge, all in PA." **Buzz Hanson** writes that he and

his wife had a serious car accident in Oct. His wife, Denise, was driving and became sick, losing control of the car. Buzz took over driving from the passenger side. They crossed over four lanes of traffic and over curbs, knocking down two signs. The good news is that no one else was hurt, and Buzz and Denise are OK. **Audrey Rawlings Wennblom** made her annual trip to NYC in Oct., seeing the play *Apologia* with *NY Times* theater reporter Michael Paulson and *My Fair Lady* with **Carolyn Rumbaugh Barger** and her husband John. Audrey also visited the Marlborough Gallery and had dinner at the Penn Club with author Ignatius Chithelen.

## 1955

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We received a nice note from **Courtenay Lenhard Collette**, who wrote that she and husband Jack enjoyed a Rhodes Scholar event in MA. Two sons, daughters, and spouses learned about the ship building and fishing industries in a "New England Maritime Sampler." "We rode a schooner, saw whales and dolphins, and watched lobsters being trapped." It's good to hear that some members of our class are making visits to places other than home base. It pays to have been active in sports earlier in one's college years, as Courtenay was, apparently. Speaking of activity, this class correspondent is in his 20th year of volunteering at Habitat for Humanity in the Bethlehem, Allentown, and Easton areas. Each year brings lessening strength to the tasks at hand, but so far, HFH hasn't fired me. **Elaine Bonnett '58** and I have been active also in the Camerata Singers for nearly the same amount of years. Our Class of 1955 giving summary (2017-2018) includes: \$23,087 (Gettysburg Fund); \$1,600 (Orange & Blue Club); \$76,523 (all gifts to the College), which is great for 35 donors! On the downside, we were first informed by Courtenay Lenhard that her fellow Chi Omega classmate, **Ginny Feeser Smith**, passed away in mid-Oct. Ginny early on taught in Huntingdon Valley and Upper Merion school districts. She was quite active in local community groups and the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder. Ginny is survived by daughters Ann Scavilla of Berwyn and Courtenay Willcox of Wayne, five grandchildren, and a brother, nieces, and nephews in Harrisburg.

## 1956

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I was pleased to receive a nice letter from **Alfred "Al" Siegel**, which arrived just after the deadline for the last column. He has been very busy and is catching us up with his activities. Al has served three parishes as an ordained Presbyterian pastor in the state of NY, from 1959 to 2015. He spent 36 years in the active ministry serving various positions, including 20 years as chaplain at the Strafford Veterans Hospital in Albany, NY. Covering the years, Al wrote his memories. There are about 30 stories, and Al would like to share them around. Those wishing a copy should send Al their email address to his email address: Alfred.Siegel@verizon.net. His stories are interesting, humorous, and even educational! Three years ago, Al suffered a stroke, but it hasn't slowed him down much. Even going to therapy classes, he still is able to serve as a Protestant chaplain at an area nursing home. Good for you, Al! On a sadder note, I received word from the College that **Gordon M. Bankert** (83) passed away on Aug. 6, 2018, in Chambersburg. Gordon worked as a Lutheran pastor for many years, first at St. Paul's in Turbotville and Messiah Lutheran in McEwensville, both in northcentral PA, and later at Trinity Lutheran in Chambersburg. He also worked as a trust officer for both Valley Bank and F&M Trust Company. He is survived by his wife Barbara, two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, as well as other family members. The Class of '56 sends their condolences to his family and friends. I had a very pleasant time in Sept. as I spent a week with my daughter at Walt Disney World in FL. Disney sure does know how to do it up great, and we had a wonderful time! Please send me some news so we can have a column for the next issue. It's great to hear what other classmates are doing. Thanks in advance.

## 1957

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What is one of the most pleasing affirmations a couple used to hosting a nonprofit organization benefiting garden tours can receive? It is an inquiry whether they would allow an out-of-state touring bus to schedule a visit at their garden and grounds. So it was for **Donald** and Phyllis Ball '58 **Helfrich** this past July and Aug. A total of 219 persons visited their property at Forestdale, Cape Cod, this summer. The numbers included two touring buses of the Hardy Plant Society, Mid-Atlantic Group. Being open to such visits, however, was not without times of much trepidation and anxiety. In Mar., the third of four nor'easters did severe damage to their garden grounds. Eight trees, one double-trunked of 50- to 70-foot height, were uprooted, domino fashion. The damage was due to wet, unfrozen ground, a heavy wet snow, and exceedingly high winds. The manager and arborist of a tree service company said it was the most severe damage to a single property on the Cape of which she was aware. Damage centered on a border, which they thought of as a privacy screen and not the main garden area. Fortunately, a high percentage of the costs for debris removal, tree stump extraction, and planting replacements were covered by insurance. The last finishing touch of the restoration area project was completed on the day before the first of the four scheduled garden tours, July 11. **Wayne Ewing** sent word to the College that he was "honored to be the priest and celebrant at my granddaughter's wedding on Oct. 6 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Westcliffe, CO, my home. The reception for Elizabeth Ann Ewing and Jacob Edwin Archuleta was held at my spouse's (Shannon Proctor, RN) M66 Ranch, north of town. It is a gorgeous fall in the Sangre de Cristos."

## 1958

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Continuing about our 60th Reunion—forgive me if I forget some news. I'm going through the comment papers I passed out at the dinner. Rev. **Carl Miller** expressed "thanks" for the name tags with wisdom we agree with, "faces may change, but not the names—great

day." Two music lovers, thanks to Wags, are **Betty Burger Cunningham** and **Cokie Machetzki Rohrbaugh**. Betty still teaches piano, and Cokie raised four children while using her talent to provide church music and tune pianos. She now loves loafing in retirement. An invitation to Prince Edward Island, Canada, was extended by **Hal '56** and **Rachel Carl Cooper** at their summer home. She is mother of four and grandmother to seven. She taught all subjects, including math, when she worked. Now they enjoy traveling. It was really nice of **Marlene Strayer Stiffler** to have her daughter, **Marcella Stiffler Drake '80**; son-in-law, **Peter Drake '80**; and granddaughter, **Jessica Drake '11**, with her for the Reunion dinner. Marlene's profession is accounting. After teaching school for 35 years, **Don** and Audrey **Harman** enjoy traveling and spending time in FL. I think it was **Jim** and Joann **Black's** first time back for a Reunion. Catching up with his years, he spent four years at medical school in Philadelphia, three years of internship and residency in TX, and 23 ½ years in the US Navy, retiring in FL and NC. Small world—**Barry Kunkle** and Jim were on the same ship for five months, the USS Ranger, an aircraft carrier, and didn't even know it until the Reunion! Being a parent, grandparent, and great-grandparent was the information gleaned from this table. Bucky and **Joan Manges Walters** have three children and nine grandchildren; Richard and **Ginny Moyer Seger** have three children, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter; **Dave** and Barbara **Foreman** have one daughter, one grandson, and one granddaughter; and Don and **Phyllis Ball Helfrich** have three children and four grandchildren. Phyllis is an avid gardener and was a hostess again for the Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival last July. As a hospice volunteer, she has also co-chaired an auction and dinner by the sea for three years benefiting hospice. She has received special recognition for her active role as an outstanding volunteer. Also celebrating 60 years of marriage are **Bob** and Esther **Barkley**. **Mark Sibley** and **Dan Hamilton** "surfaced after so many years" coming to the Friday and Saturday Reunion events. Mark gave G'burg credit for a great foundation leading to a successful banking career with two out of his three children being G'burg grads as well. Mark gave "thanks" for good health, as they were returning from a tennis or golf game when they came to the Friday social. **Suzanne Mickley Youngblood** keeps young restoring a 200-year-old

house near Gettysburg. She's been doing that for the last 21 years. **Marguerite "Peggy" Long Bucher** lives in the family home in G'burg where she grew up and has worked as a reporter, teacher, proofreader, housewife, and gardener. She has two children and two grandchildren. **Didi Larkin Beebe** still lives on the same property she grew up on and has worked at Swarthmore College for 43 years. She has two grown children, one deceased, and four granddaughters. **Marie Leonard Shockley** is very active in her neighborhood activities, volunteers, and enjoys wonderful times with her family of three children and eight grandchildren. **Joyce Hamm Elsner** served 12 years on Gettysburg College's Board of Trustees while pursuing an illustrious musical career. There are still a few more friends to report on next time. I do want to have you remember our friends who recently passed away. Condolences go to the families of **Clyde E. Grimm Jr.** and Rev. **Donald A. Haas**. Don graduated from the United Lutheran Seminary also. Obituaries are in the York, PA, and Frederick, MD, papers respectively.

## 1959 60th Reunion Year

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I hope you have all received and put in a prominent place the magnet that says, "Weekend 2019 Reunion, May 30–June 2." Yes, it has been 60 years. Bruce and I just had the chance to visit the campus to celebrate the successful end of the *Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College*. In addition to a visit with our granddaughter, Class of 2022, we were glad to say hello to **Dawn Musser Alexander** and, of course, **Bob Smith**. After speaking with us, Dawn agreed she would plan to be at our Reunion. Now it is on to planning our Reunion. Unfortunately, our class president, **Jack Hathaway** had a serious break of his leg and did not feel he could continue to plan the Reunion. Bruce and I said "yes," when Joe Lynch, alumni director, called and asked us to step in. In saying "yes," we knew we could count on many of you to call a few friends and urge them to be on campus with us May 30–June 2. It's the personal invitation that works. Please send us any ideas you have for what you would like the event of our 60th to be. If you have not seen the campus recently, do come and see how well-maintained it is and

also our chance to say "goodbye" to **Janet Morgan Riggs '77** who will retire as president in June. I am sorry to report three deaths of our classmates: **Alvie G. Spencer Jr., Joseph R. Stravolo**, and **John L. Hock** in Aug.

## 1960

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A distinct lack of mail prompts me to ask you all how you celebrated your 80th birthday. Moving into the ninth decade of life is a little unnerving! Rod and I were treated to a surprise birthday party two months early at our annual family vacation at Shrine Mont, the Episcopal conference center for the Diocese of VA. Our whole family from all over the country had gathered this year to enjoy catching up on all the news and to affirm our love and support for a beloved family member who recently announced as being transgender. It was a very moving week together—lots of hikes, jigsaw puzzles, Balderdash, conversations, and happy hours. Write to tell me how you observed this landmark anniversary!

## 1961

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My cupboard was bare. I am counting on lots of info for the next issue! Our sympathy to the families of **Kenneth Bluett, Edward Monaghan**, and **Alan Young**.

## 1962

**Denise (De Pugh) Kelly** must step down from her class correspondent duties, so if anyone is interested in taking over, please contact **Joe Lynch '85** at [jlynch@gettysburg.edu](mailto:jlynch@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6522. Thanks to Denise for her volunteer service over the years.

[f](#) Gettysburg College Class of 1962

## 1963

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Dear classmates, I have sad news about one of our classmates. **John Slade Sainsbury** of Long Valley, NJ, passed away on Aug. 23, 2018. John majored in biology, participated in track, and was a freshman dorm counselor. After marrying his wife, Palma, he earned his degree in veterinary medicine at UPenn in 1968. John's interests included woodworking, martial arts, and camping with his family. John is survived by his wife; four children, Sondra (Spyros), Slade (Tracey), Brock (Alissa), and Colin (Kim); as well as six grandchildren. I spoke with my former roommate, **Peggy Jaejer Shreiner**, and she said her grandson, Matt John, a graduate of UVA, is now the graduate assistant for football there. Matt played quarterback for the Cavaliers while he was an undergraduate, and Peggy traveled frequently to see his games. My granddaughter is a senior in high school and is interviewing at Gettysburg. If she attends, she will be a triple legacy. My daughter and my nephew both graduated as well as I, so we will see what happens. After two terms in office as mayor of Shrewsbury, NJ, **Don Burden** is retiring. In Oct., friends and family gathered for a "Don Burden Day" at the Shrewsbury Hose Company to celebrate his many contributions to the town he loves. Residents spoke about the innumerable contributions Don has made and the indelible mark he has left on his close-knit community. Although he will no longer serve as mayor, Don will continue to serve as president of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, as well as library commissioner for the Monmouth County Library. Congratulations, Don, for all you have contributed to the "spirited Class of '63," to Gettysburg College, and to the town of Shrewsbury, NJ. **Oz Sanborn** writes about the traveling he and his wife, Ruth, have done. Their latest excursion was a road trip to Seattle, WA, with a side trip home by way of Banff. That was followed by a trip to Cape Cod. Sounds like a great way to spend retirement! That is all the news I have now. Please email me or write and let me know what is going on.

## 1964 55th Reunion Year

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**Marilouise "Mel" Gautsch Clopton**, of Springfield, MO, passed away Sept. 1, 2018. Mel grew up in Washington, D.C., After marrying Jerry Clopton, they moved to southwest MO to begin their lives

together. Mel was a longtime member of University Heights Baptist Church and was very involved in the ministries and programs of the church. She had a large group of friends that she traveled with and enjoyed rooting for Cardinals baseball and Lady Bear basketball. She could often be found at her grandchildren's sports and activities and loved cheering them on. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Liz and Tim Burris; grandchildren, Emily Burris and Matt Burris; her brother and his wife, George and Jean Gautsch; and other loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, and a host of longtime friends. Our condolences go to her family.

## 1965

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I so enjoy my time as class correspondent, sharing news, recalling memories, and promoting Reunions. I don't like reporting classmates' deaths, but that occupies most of this column. **William C. Boyer** died in Aug. A graduate of Sunbury High School, after G'burg graduation, he became a math teacher for the next 37 years. His family, his church friends, his tax clients, and co-workers share our grief. Bill's fuller obituary is online.

**Donald E. Thompson** died in Sept. A graduate of Spring Grove High School, he earned a BA in physics from G'burg before studying at Penn State, where he earned a BS in aerospace engineering, an MS in engineering mechanics, and a PhD in aerospace engineering. Donald spent 30 years at the applied research laboratory at Penn State, working on the acoustics and fluid dynamics of naval vessels. He retired emeritus as the head of the hydro and structural acoustics department. All his achievements in the technical field are part of his obituary online. **William C. Kirschner**, a graduate of Miners and Mechanical Institute, Freeland, PA, earned bachelor's degrees in math, physics, and civil engineering from G'burg and Penn State. He was a registered professional civil engineer and worked for companies including PennDOT, SEPTA, and Bechtel Corporation. He was last a senior project manager for Day and Zimmerman and Hill International before retiring in 2005. In addition to civic connections, he and his wife enjoyed buying, renovating, and selling houses in Ocean City, NJ. His longer obituary is also online. **C. Stephen Sim** died in Oct. A Vietnam wounded veteran, his life's work was spent in executive positions in

the investment world; he is remembered for his leadership in so many notable transactions. He loved the Marines, community service, music, and the outdoors. In retirement, he was active in a variety of VT historic organizations. His much fuller obituary is also online. And we remember, too, those classmates whose names are included on the College's recently dedicated Vietnam Memorial, specifically **John Colestock**, **Jim Ewing**, and **Andy Muns**. Whether we were close friends with any of those classmates who died recently or long ago, or only shared a dorm hallway or sat together at occasional meals, we remember them all and share condolences with their families, whose particulars are in the online obituaries. Finally, if you have an extra Christmas letter this year, send it to me, because I love to tell our classmates what extraordinary and very mundane things fill your life these days. You think no one remembers? You're mistaken. I always look forward to hearing from you!

## 1966

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The Honorable **Tom Ross** passed away on Aug. 6. Tom received his law degree in 1969 from the Seton Hall School of Law. He practiced law in Somerville, NJ. In 1993, he was appointed as a Superior Court Judge and was admitted to practice law in the U.S. Supreme Court. He was very active in attempts to improve services to the victims of domestic violence. After retiring from the bench, he returned to practice law with a local firm. He enjoyed his summers at the Jersey Shore with family and friends and also fishing, golfing, and watching the Red Sox. He is survived by his wife Linda. They were wed over 50 years ago. **Jim McLaughlin** reports that he has been living 45 miles southwest of Houston for the past 40 or so years. Married for 44 years, he and his wife Jeanelda have a daughter, Brenda, who is the chief medical officer at the Oasis Hospital in the city of Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. They get to see each other once or twice a year for vacation trips. Jim has retired from corporate accounting but still teaches accounting at a junior college and at a branch of the U of Houston. He also assists several small businesses with their accounting requirements and prepares over 50 personal tax returns per year. And he is still taking one graduate level

course each semester to supplement his two master's degrees. Jim was active on the dedication committee of the Gettysburg Vietnam Memorial.

## 1967

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U of MO–St. Louis chancellor **Tom George** has authored a textbook entitled *Understanding Molecules: Lectures on Chemistry for Physicists and Engineers*, published in 2018 by Taylor & Francis. His co-author is Professor Franco Battaglia from Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Italy. In addition to chancellor, Tom is a professor of chemistry and physics at the U of MO–St. Louis and has been a visiting professor of physics at Korea U in Seoul. After receiving his Gettysburg degree with a double major in chemistry and mathematics, Tom earned his master's degree and doctorate in chemistry from Yale U. He has written nearly 800 papers, seven authored textbooks, and 18 edited books and volumes. In his spare time, he is an accomplished jazz pianist, playing throughout the St. Louis region and occasionally in other countries. I received word that **Brian "Chief" L. Tierney** (74) of Hedgesville, WV, passed away Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at his residence with his wife, Pam. Born in Bend, OR, he graduated from Blair High School in Montgomery County, MD. While at Gettysburg, he was a member of the SAE fraternity, a member of the 1966 AP-All PA Football Team and the 1964 Middle Atlantic Conference (University Division) Champions, and a captain of the 1966 Lambert Cup Football Team. He started his career at IBM, then went into banking, where he retired in 2002 from Bank of America as senior vice president of an East Coast operations division. Brian lived in MD until his marriage to Pam in 2010, when he then moved to WV. Brian stayed active; he and Pam loved being outside, whether enjoying nature, maintaining their yard, or taking frequent road trips.

## 1968

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1968

I am sorry to report the death of **Robert H. Nothstein** in Sept. Bob obtained his law degree from the UVA and then fulfilled his ROTC commitment as a first lieutenant in military intelligence. As such, he helped to locate, retrieve, and debrief POWs from southeast Asia. At his law practice in Stroudsburg, PA., he focused on real estate law. He also served as solicitor to Monroe County and on the Monroe County Board of Commissioners. Committed to his community, he served in many municipal organizations. We mourn with his wife and family. The Lee-Jackson House at Washington and Lee U will be renamed the Simpson House in recognition of the first woman to become a tenured professor at the university, **Pamela Hemenway Simpson**. Pamela, who died in 2011, served as associate dean of the college and played a critical role in the university's transition to co-education in the mid-1980s, chairing the co-education steering committee from 1984 to 1986.

## 1969

### 50th Reunion Year

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**Mike Skinner** writes that, in spite of what the alumni office thinks, **Gil Owen** is alive and well. He emails him once in a while, and Gil may be one of the SAEs that show up for our 50th Reunion. Mike has been in touch with most of his class, except for **Dave Hein**, for whom he can't seem to get contact info. Most are planning to come to the Reunion. Mike also emailed professor (of criminology) **Barry Harvey** a few weeks ago, and he promised to come back, too. **Jim** and **Cathy '71 Shippen**, **Ray Cordier**, **Gene** and **Myra Kain** joined Mike a few weeks ago in NJ for dinner and had a great time catching up. He also saw **Bruce MacMillan** at the Kains' home. Bruce still works in AZ. **Steve Brandt**, **Gene Kain**, **Jim Erb**, and Mike planned to attend the Vietnam Memorial Dedication at the College in Nov. 2018. And finally, **Steve Morris** and his wife Kim and Mike and his wife are

planning a skiing trip to St. Moritz in Feb., so he'll have some stories for the Reunion—skiing or otherwise. Congratulations to **Ron Myers**, who recently received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his 40+ year career as an accomplished scientist and chemist, inventor, educator, and international consultant. The press release describing the award can be found online. Although he's semi-retired, Ron consults for several global leading chemistry and materials companies. He and his wife recently celebrated 46 years of marriage. Thanks to these classmates for telling us what's happening in their lives. Let me hear from more of you! On a somber note, **Robert E. Browning**, died on Aug. 31, 2018 at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. In college, he was an accomplished wrestler and became a beloved teacher and wrestling coach. Robert is survived by his wife, children, and numerous relatives. Save the dates: May 31–June 2, for the 50th Reunion of our class. Activities will begin with the Alumni College on Thursday afternoon, an informal reception Thursday evening, a social on Friday evening, and class activities on Saturday morning and afternoon, followed by a dinner and program on Saturday evening. The Reunion Committee of **Jesse Diner**, **Carol Bryant Emrich**, **Gregory Gibson**, **Bob Joseph**, **Tom Kull**, **Bill Lindsay**, **Gail Van Nostrand MacFarland**, **Kenneth Maskell**, **Stephen Nelson**, **Henry Nicholson**, **Fred Schumacher**, **Jean Deimler Seibert**, **Joel Springer**, **Barbara Wold Vogel**, **Fred Vogel**, and **Francie Erickson Zimmerman** are planning for this event. If you have specific recommendations on activities, please contact one of the committee members. Hope to see everyone in June.

## 1970

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 Gettysburg '70

I hope everyone had a good fall! No one wrote to me, so I have no news this time—sorry. Please write so I have a column to compose! Happy winter. It is not my favorite time of the year, but I do my best.

## 1971

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1971 Reunion

As I compose this issue of our class notes, I am enjoying "Night Train" from **Jim Henderson** on his new CD, *Still Souled Out*, also available on Amazon, Spotify, YouTube, and iTunes. As you can imagine, he plays two saxes on some numbers. Jim has shared his passion on the East Coast in fall 2018, interviewing and visiting some college (including G'burg station WZBT) and NPR-based radio stations! Nicely done, Jim! I give it a 10! I can dance to it! Speaking of traveling, I had a note from **Lois Coulter Kelberman** about a "bucket list" trip to Italy with **Dale Kelberman**. They rented a villa in Tuscany and were joined by Steve and **Sally Harrison Brandt**. Sally noted it was great for hill exploring, wine tasting, and good eats. Lois mentioned that her son Josh is in NYC and her daughter Dina is in Los Angeles; she and Dale get to travel now that they are retired. Sally and Steve (also world travelers) are in southern MD, delighting in the accomplishments of six grandkids. **Jill Garvey Bennet**, **Jo Ann Burk**, **Barb Eames Price** (with a new hip and loving singing in an age 55+ chorale group in D.C.), **Suzanne Haklitch Borrell**, **Harriett Belden Douglas**, **Donna Collinson Fulton**, **Kelly Alsedek**, **Jo Gianna Landfair Gioglio** (also singing in Italian with husband Ciro), **Ellen Stevenson Francis**, **Mary Cowden**, **Bill Schadel**, and **Val Toombs Hamilton** have all shared bucket list travel adventures via Facebook pages and email. I would love to hear from so many more—please join the chats! **Karen Weber Gregson** writes that she and husband Charlie hope to travel more now that Charlie is retired. Karen also retired from her human resources career and has been helping out with daycare for their four grandkids. She notes that her house is the halfway point for lunchtime visits with **Susanne Olson Cotter** and **Marian Ruth Sharp McGrath**. **Carolyn Forster Lauer** and husband Alan welcomed their first grandchild, Benjamin Alan, last Mar. Carolyn had the dubious distinction of winning "the day of the birth" pool (some think daughter Andrea rigged it). Since Carolyn and family live close by, we have the good luck to visit almost twice monthly. **Peg Schoenbrodt**

**Sheer** (retired teacher) and husband Dan also help with daycare for grandkids, but it's the photos of peaceful seas and relaxed sailing that Peg shares on Facebook. Peg, **Bethany Parr White**, **Kelly Alsedek**, **Jane Engel Gallagher**, **Carolyn Lauer**, and I were able to wander the grounds of Ladew Topiary Gardens and then enjoy a nice lunch this past summer. **Martha Mauriello Arthur** writes that she retired three years ago from a career in the special education field, first as administrator in Washington County, MD, then with the MD State Department of Education. Now she enjoys a good round of golf on the courses by the MD seashore. Lastly, **Bob Cox** shared that his family was spared any destruction from the summer Spring Creek and Weston Pass wildfires in CO. I am hoping all of our classmates and other alums were safe from these and any of the hurricane devastations that have been so deadly in the last few years. Please send me news I can use about youse!

## 1972

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Fifty years on and roommates **Patty Mack Groer** and **Barb Gifford** are still planning adventures. Together they enjoyed two weeks of land and river safaris with incredible close encounters with both flora and fauna in Africa, with visits to Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Zimbabwe, and Victoria Falls. The trip was so great; they are ready to plan another. Sadly, we remember the passing of **George Roland Sauble**. At G'burg, George was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity where he served as president and graduated with a BS in math. He was born in Gettysburg, lived in Linthicum Heights, MD, after graduation, and was vice president at Omitron, Inc. and Orca, Inc. George retired to Ocean City, NJ, where he passed away peacefully on Aug. 30, 2018, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife Kathy, daughters Kristin and Janis, and three grandsons.

## 1973

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1973

**Cynthia Wilcox** reported the following: "The Class of 1973 Reunion was a great success and a wonderful time was had by all! **Kathy Frederick** traveled all the way from AK with her husband. Former Stevens Hall residents **Ann Marie "Campy" Brown**, **Sheryl Stokes**, **Kathy Henck**, and **Debra Wallet** also made the trip. The JC Superstar Presentation was informative, memory enhancing, and fun! The Alumni College classes were fun and low pressure. The Class Social on Friday night was fun and nicely attended. We had a great time at the Saturday night dinner. **Campy Brown**, **Bill Tyree**, and I provided entertainment in the Patron's Lounge in the Majestic Theater. We performed our Gettysburg version of the NPR Show, *Wait, Wait*. On Sunday night, we were treated to performances by David Crosby from Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. To say the least, Reunion Weekend was a great success! On a non-Reunion note, **Carol Hegeman** was recently named executive director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society in Gettysburg. I occasionally run into **Dana Hudson Wilt**, **Jane Whitfield Strickland**, **Jean LeGros**, **Carol Hegeman**, and **Dean Nancy Locher** who still live locally. Also, **Charlotte Reichert** and **Russ Hanson**. On a sad note, Rev. **Adam James Kittrell** passed away on July 6, 2018. After college, he became a minister who had a calling and a passion for educating and making a way for the youth. Our condolences go to his family and friends. Keep sending your updates, and I will include your news in the next issue!

## 1974

### 45th Reunion Year

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I received a wonderful email from **Laurie Theurer Soule** who lives in MN—a long way from her Harrisburg roots. Laurie was my roommate in the spring of 1973 when we studied abroad for a semester in London. She wrote: "Greg and I have been married for 37 years. He is a real estate attorney in Minneapolis, and after leaving corporate human resources many years ago, I have been a stay-at-home mom.

I homeschooled my three children until they graduated from high school and have been in Christian prayer ministry and leadership ever since. We have traveled extensively in the U.S. and some abroad, pursued many continuing education opportunities across the country, advocated for numerous nonprofit organizations, and restored a 100-year-old farmhouse. We live on a 30-acre farm about 45 minutes south of the Twin Cities. My children are now well established in their careers: Travis (34) is in private equity, Kirk (32) is in corporate strategy at 3M Corporation, and my daughter Kara (29), works in marketing and advertising and small business development." On Nov. 5, **Carolyn Hand McGarvie**, **Holly Parker Monihan**, and I attended a sold-out reception at the Union League of Philadelphia in celebration of **Janet Morgan Riggs' '77** final year as president of the College. Janet was a freshman in the fall of '73 when we were seniors. She has done an outstanding job as president. I also saw Janet in Sept. at an exceptional event held on Campus in celebration of the over \$160 million raised in the recent capital campaign. That evening, I saw classmates **Lloyd Schaeffer** and his wife Cynthia, who now live in Gettysburg, as well as **Debbie Clapp**, **Al Driver**, **Barb Turner White**, and **Alison Raab Ruth**. It was a wonderful night with spectacular presentations. And the Campus looks fabulous; the CUB is totally renovated and expanded. **Jan Hugo Rockwell** lives in Wilmington, NC, which was hit hard by Hurricane Florence in Sept. Just prior to the hurricane, Jan visited some Gettysburg friends during a weekend at the beach home of **Donna Tremble Leitch** in Lavallette, NJ. Last summer, I hosted the freshmen send-off party for the Philadelphia area with 30 incoming freshmen and their parents. It was such fun to see these young kids right out of high school, so eager to begin their four years at Gettysburg. Some year, in Aug., I would like to participate in the annual First-Year Walk to the Soldiers' National Cemetery. It is a very meaningful tradition that we did not have during our time in school. Please remember to mark down our 45th Reunion Weekend: May 30–June 2. Don't miss it!

## 1975

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I was sad to hear of the Sept. 2018 passing of **Kevin Reidy** at his home in Burlington, NC. After graduating from

Gettysburg, Kevin earned a graduate degree from SUNY-Buffalo School of Law. He is survived by his son, Sean, of Brooklyn, NY, and his siblings, Shawn, David, and Nancy. **Karen Paul O'Connor** reported that she is now an adjunct instructor in microbiology at Washington College, which is a Centennial Conference partner with Gettysburg. Her biology degree and liberal arts education prepared her for this later in life career change! Karen also noted that her grandfather graduated from Gettysburg College in 1929 and married her grandmother, who was a freshman at the time. Hopefully, we will all learn more about Karen's unique legacy story. On Oct. 1, I joined many of you in the retired ranks. I am really enjoying the freedom to create my own schedule and explore new possibilities! Please let me know how your life adventures continue to unfold.

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Hello, classmates. I received updates from the following classmates. **Mark McGinnis** retired in Aug. 2018 and moved with his wife, Mary, and children, Katie and Michael, to Whidbey Island, WA. **Mark Wolf** just celebrated his 38th anniversary with his wife Sharon. They have resided in McKinney, TX, for 36 years. Sons Bryce (31) and Austin (28) live in Denver, and daughter Kelsey (26) is also in McKinney. Mark has operated an out-of-home media buying company for nine years. **Robert Buddenbohn** and family moved to a farm in central OR a few years back and are enjoying being out of the "heat and rat race" of northern TX. If you wish to contact anyone I listed, just send me an email, and I will forward it to whomever. I hope everyone has a wonderful winter.

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All is quiet on the '77 alumni front. Let us know what you have been up to!

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#### Gettysburg College Class of 1978

Are you surprised to hear that both **Don** and **Dale Luy** have been NCAA DIII head track coaches? To add to the family gene pool, Dale's daughter, Kendall, is also the head coach for track and field at Schreiner U. This came up in an article forwarded to G'burg about Dale, who is currently the head coach at Frostburg State U, in my home state of MD. I am not sure if brother Don is still coaching, but at one time, he was the head coach at Millikin U and is now a professor at Davenport U. Dale has been churning out successful student athletes for 11 years at FSU, but recently turned his attention to the international level. He coached one of his assistants who competed in the International Association of Athletes Federation (IAAF) World Championships in Malaga, Spain. I hope you got a trip to Malaga out of that, Dale. On a sadder note, I got word through the alumni office that **Peter J. Jensen** passed away on July 29, 2018. Peter, who grew up in West Haven, CT, pursued a career in finance in northern VA after graduating from Gettysburg and hitchhiking across the country twice. He eventually returned to West Haven to help take care of his mother and worked as a carpenter. He is survived by his wife, Lynne Costello. I guess everybody still has a hangover from our big blowout Reunion in the spring, because I have no other news to report. Stay safe and healthy as we make our way through the best decade yet—our 60s!

### 1979

#### 40th Reunion Year

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#### Gettysburg College Class of 1979

Our 40th Reunion is just around the corner. Alumni Weekend is set for May 30–June 2. Watch your mail, email, and our Facebook page for information and make your reservations early! It won't be any fun without you! **Joanna Feer McCauley** began Calm Reflections photography in 2009, although she has been a serious photographer since 1981. Her award-winning work has been on display in many public places in MD, and she co-founded

the St. Mary's (MD) Camera Club with her husband Jim, also a photographer. Joanna enjoys singing locally in the choir at Trinity Episcopal Church. This summer, **Eva Konkoly** welcomed a new granddaughter and a new spouse. She married longtime friend Scott Phillips, also an avid tennis player, and they honeymooned in beautiful St. Lucia.

**Don** and **Dianne Lappe Cooney** have a new granddaughter as well (a future fourth generation G'burgian perhaps?). In Sept., **Raymond Laudo** played the title role in Shakespeare's *King John* at The John Cullum Theatre at the American Theatre of Actors in NYC. **Cristy Ferran Jadick** had a solo exhibition, *Extreme Water Mystery Sand*, at Wedge Space, Houston, TX, in Oct. Her work is a thoughtful multimedia exploration of the aftermath and cumulative effects of Hurricane Harvey. Also in Oct., **Jake Jacobsen**, who serves as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Clarion, PA, saw his book published and had a book-signing event. Look for *Holy Talk: An Introduction to Scripture for the Occasionally Biblically Embarrassed*.

**Paul "Doc" Welliver**, of Wellness and Massage Therapy, can be found on Facebook live with his TotD (Tip of the Day). The tips cover a wide variety of current health topics. **Martin Brechbiel** retired last year from the National Cancer Institute as a senior investigator and section chief in the radiation oncology branch. He is now enjoying active retirement as editor-in-chief of the journal *Cancer, Biotherapy, and Radiopharmaceuticals*, as well as editor of *O Scale Trains* magazine. **Lorie Trautwein Hayman**, who has one foot in the Class of '78 and one in the Class of '79, has been living in Hallandale Beach, FL, for the past 20 years and loving it. She is semi-retired, still has a passion for creating art, and works for the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open, which she says is more like fun than work! **Kerry Kaloudis Pappas** lives in Stamford, CT, where her husband is a parish priest at a Greek Orthodox church, and Kerry is a licensed marriage and family therapist for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. They have three adult children and four grandchildren. **Linda Druschel Potts** loves her job as principal of Merritt Academy, a small private school in Fairfax, VA. She previously served as director of education, a middle school teacher, and curriculum director. And finally, **Anne Hanley Casillo** is reprising her role as our Reunion committee chair. It will be a great weekend. Be a part of it!

## 1980

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There has only been sporadic correspondences from classmates over the past four months, but here are a couple of quick notes for the day. **Jeff Cuddeback** is still killing it in HI as he competed for yet another HI Ironman Trophy in Oct. I'm not sure how he fared, but I can report that in May he became the "2018 Gulf Coast Ironman Champion" in the M60 division! That's swimming, biking, and running his way to victory! Also, I heard from **Doug Lieberman**, who lives outside of Philadelphia. He is loving life and loves having grandkids but doesn't like being called "grandpa." In his note, he still keeps in contact with **Tom** and **Ann Hummelsine McBride**. I love how sincerely and effortlessly the Class of '80 keeps our alumni network alive! Best message comes from **Karen Singley Kishpaugh** who reported that Gettysburg College is the fourth most haunted college in America. The ghosts on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Washington Street still haunt me. It explains everything.

## 1981

If anyone is interested in taking over the class correspondent position, please contact **Joe Lynch '85** at [jlynch@gettysburg.edu](mailto:jlynch@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6522.

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Hello! I hope this finds you well. We are a bit sparse with news this time, so let this be your wake-up call. Remember, it takes a village. **John** and **Beth Martin Critchley's** son Zachary got married this summer in a small backyard wedding in Binghamton, NY. Zac and his new wife Ashley are PhD students at Binghamton U. This fall, **Kathy Tarr Coscia** caught up with **Debbie Walter Kopitskie** (and her granddaughter) in SC. **Donna Sifflard Drury-Heine** is back in the swing of things on the golf course, shooting an 88 again thanks to having hip replacement surgery. Donna owns a gourmet cookie company called Blue Chip Cookies;

there are four retail locations, as well as mail order to wherever you are! Check it out: [www.bluechipcookiesdirect.com](http://www.bluechipcookiesdirect.com). Speaking of biz: I also invite you to take a peek at **Linda Weaver Towe's** photography business! On Facebook, search for InterWoven Photography, and you'll find her page. Facebook is also a great place to check out **Mimi Schlichter's** gorgeous paintings; look for Mimi's Art! On the flip side, **Sue Cannon Britton** has retired after 35 years with Corning Glass. She and husband **Bob '81** now split their time between Ocean City, NJ, and Sun City, AZ. Sue is one of those rare folks who worked for the same company her entire career, having joined Corning in laboratory glass sales upon graduation as a bio major from G'burg. Sleep in now, Sue! That's it for now! Don't forget to check out our Facebook group, search Gettysburg College Class of 1982, or reach me the old-fashioned way, by email! Take care, friends.

## 1983

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Hi, classmates. I'm so sad to report that since my last update, **Kelly Kroll** died peacefully at her home in July after a one-year fight with a rare form of ovarian cancer. **Robert "Bob" Hunn** also died at his home in Sept. of aortic valve disease. A classmate who attended Gettysburg but didn't graduate with us, **Jim Dzamba**, also passed away in Sept. I know you join me in offering our heartfelt sympathies to their families and friends. My thanks again go out to **Ann Garver Steadman** for her update. She and husband Shad joined others from our class, as well as those from the Class of 1980, to attend the wedding of Morgan Bunting, the daughter of **Bob '80** and **Dana Broadbent Bunting** of Westfield, NJ. Morgan was married on Nantucket in late Sept. In attendance were **Peter** and **Suzanne Mountain Ellinwood** and **John '82** and **Barb Nieu Kirk Watkin**. A couple of Bob's Sigma Chi fraternity brothers also made the trek, including **John Stevenson '80** and his wife Jaime and **Dr. Jay McCarl '80**. **Bill** and **Linda Bennetto LeConey** recently moved to VT as Bill took an editor position at the *Brattleboro Reformer*. As I write this in early Nov., **MaryPat Mielach Forenza** is volunteering with medical and dental teams in the Dominican Republic. She

retired from teaching middle school Spanish, and now volunteers at a hospital in Doylestown, PA, where her translation skills are in high demand. **Ruah Fuller Seidel** just returned from Cuba where she explored the art scene and met local artists. **Mike '88** and **Carol Daly Cantele**, after winning their second straight NCAA Division III Lacrosse Championship, took a hiking trip to Sardinia where they saw amazing scenes and had a terrific time. My husband and I visited Kenya and Tanzania earlier this year. We saw thousands of animals migrating, including zebras, gazelles, wildebeests and cape buffalos. Watching elephants roll in the mud near our jeep was my favorite site, but spotting a baby leopard in a tree is right up there. Cheetahs lazed in the shade of our jeep after feasting on their kill, and a black-backed jackal chased a dik-dik right by our door. We learned that over 50 percent of Tanzanians don't have access to clean water, causing a high infant mortality rate, as diseases we've eradicated in the U.S. are still prevalent there. We visited Safe Water Ceramics, which makes low-cost water purifiers, and later we distributed them to children gathering water from puddles on the side of the road, as our guides explained how to care for them. It was an incredible trip, and I no longer take the opportunities we have as Americans for granted. While I can't submit photos with this column, your updates and photos are always welcome on our class Facebook page. Until next time, I hope your holidays were happy ones!

## 1984

### 35th Reunion Year

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**Nima Jacobs Kelly** wrote: "Like the rest of our classmates, I've spent the last 30+ years building a career and family. After one too many ice storms on the East Coast, my husband and I looked at a map and decided to venture west to AZ in 2001. In 2002, I joined a start-up internet company with a "funny name," GoDaddy, thinking I would be there just a few years. Well, I'm still at GoDaddy after 16 years and am the general counsel of a publicly traded company; never envisioned any of this would ever happen back in the day when we used to gather in the Bullet Hole! My husband

isn't a G'burg alum, but I did meet him my second week of freshman year at a College Republicans meeting, and we just celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary. Our daughter, Mary Margaret, is a Vanderbilt graduate. Last year, I visited with **Janet Morgan Riggs '77**, who was on a tour of AZ, and we had a lovely timely reminiscing how the 'Burg was back in the early '80s. I am looking forward to retirement in the next couple of years, and to that end, I am building a home in CO. I am not sure any members of the Class of '84 ever get out this way, but they should certainly reach out if they do. Visitors to the Grand Canyon and Centennial states are always welcome!" Classmates, it's 38 years since our beginnings at Gettysburg College in 1980; please remember to write to me, and share your updates on how you are doing and what's been going on with you and yours! Thanks. Best wishes!

## 1985

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1985

News has been a bit slow recently, but I've heard from a couple of new people. **Julie Schmidtman Baroody** lives in FL and recently had her art displayed at the Tallahassee Community College Faculty Art Exhibit. I also heard from **Eric Lipkin** who shared information about a recent get-together from a group of Theta Chis in 2018. They converged at **William Coventry's** home in the bustling hamlet of Bowmansville, PA, to celebrate the new year and reconnect. In attendance were **Pete Erskine, Curt Corl, Pete Clark, Jim Glatz**, and **Eric Lipkin**, as well as **Luke Percario '84, Roland Minard '86**, and **Robert Hess '86**. He reports that some old school (the G'burg way) beer pong "may" have been played. Other news includes a big move for **Lisa Long** from her farm in PA to Cape May, NJ. **Pam Marler** is outside Philadelphia loving her work as a financial advisor. I'll be seeing **Tim Bright** to catch up this evening as he is in Richmond to visit his daughter who is a student at the U of Richmond. **Chris Snow** reports in from Rye, NH, and recalls getting together with **Mark Thomas** as they joined **Bob Maus** for a get-together in 2016 just before he passed away from cancer. As 2018 closes and we move into 2019, I'm sure you will hear about our beginning plans for our next big Reunion. **Bill Collins, Kitty White**, and I will be co-chairing the Reunion. So, if you have any ideas what you want to do, or remember doing something fun

in the past (bike ride? tennis?), please let us know.

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## 1987

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1987–30th Reunion

No news has come in, and I did not want to put out any fake news for the last few issues, but some tidbits finally came my way. I also got myself more jammed up than usual by taking on the head boys basketball coaching position at Middletown South after a 16-year hiatus. (YouTube Dave Gervase and you can see a day in my latest life.) My oldest son is now a frosh at JMU, and my youngest is a junior basketball player at Middletown South—yep, playing for dad.

**Chris Hamilton** hosts an annual golf tournament the first Friday in Oct. at Hershey Country Club in memory of his brother Rob. This year, **Seth Bendian, Matt Rockstroh, Tom Donegan '89**, and **Mike Orner '89** made appearances. Mike has a summer house in Sea Isle City and is currently retired. **Glen and Laurie Acquire Vilim** delivered some news. She had a mini reunion this fall with fellow classmates at the Gettysburg Legacy event on Sept. 21 as she was taking her youngest son, Nolan, to visit the 'Burg. She was able to reconnect with **Kathy Beauchamp Malone, Jill Littman Conway, Danielle Billera, Mimi Doran Cahill**, and **Marc Buckley '89**. From my sources, **Karen Mulligan** and **John Fell '85** also attended this great event. Laurie and Glen will celebrate their 30th anniversary next Sept. Glen is on the golf course when he is not at his own consulting firm. Their oldest son, Carter, is a junior at UNC-Chapel Hill. They also have a vacation log home in PA. Ironically, **Dave and Janis Vosburgh Richards** bought a vacation home 10 minutes away. Their oldest daughter, Cameron, just got engaged. **Rich and Betsy Fixter Bosek's** daughter Lindsay also got engaged. As Laurie said, "How did we get this old?" Laurie also stays in touch with her college roommate, **Chris Pistoia Rover**, who lives in Wesley Chapel, FL.

Her son, Tyler, is golfing at Oglethorpe U in Atlanta, GA. Christine's husband Randy is a golf professional.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1988

Hello, Class of '88! Please, please, please send me news. Isn't it sad that this is all you have to read?!

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### 30th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of '90

Hi, everyone! It is wonderful to hear that two of our Class of '90 classmates, **Troy Datcher** and **Lauren Wise Bright**, are involved in the search for our next College president. Thank you, both, for all that you are doing in making Gettysburg great. **Gerry Mihalick** recently took his family to Nice, France, to celebrate his 50th birthday. His favorite part of the trip was the great cycling to coastal towns like Eze and To and to an off-the-radar mountain like Aspermont. We are sure the food was amazing, too! **Jessica Lund Shell** writes of the exciting news that she and husband Aaron had a son, Elliot Wolf. The family is happy and healthy living in NC. Congratulations, to you and your growing family, Jessica! **Shawn Boehringer** is now the executive director of Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP). LASP is a major regional resource for low-income and vulnerable people needing civil legal services in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties. Prior to this, Shawn served as chief counsel for MD Legal Aid in Baltimore. They are fortunate to have you in that position, Shawn, and congratulations! For this column, I am happy to share some really wonderful news of my own, and of a fellow Gettysburgian, who is now my husband.

On a gorgeous day this past July, I married **Tim Mikuta '89** at Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY. We were really grateful that a number of Gettysburg friends were able to join our families for the celebration. Those in attendance were **Alanna Frey Beber, Tracy Baker Johnson, Becca Link, Amy Lynch, Cathy Norris, Craig Montesano, Jim O'Donnell, Debbie Dent Young, Sarah Wendt, Chris Broking '89, John Finegan '89, and Holly Thomas Finegan '89**. Now we both have even more Reunion years to visit Gettysburg! Stay well, everyone, and, as always, send in your news.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1992

Happy winter, Class of '92! I hope the holiday season was good to all of you. Thanks to **Jeff Hingher** who wrote that, in Sept., several Phi Sigs got together in Frederick, MD, in what has become an annual reunion of sorts (recent gatherings in Baltimore and Nashville). In addition to generally hanging out, telling stories, and laughing (a lot!), they also entered a team in the local Frederick's Oktoberfest games. The team, consisting of Jeff, **Grant Kaley, Chris Baer, Rich Talbot, and Travis Espenlaub**, finished third in a hotly disputed contest won suspiciously by the event beer sponsor. **Steve Grow** also "participated"...in spirit only. In addition, **Neal Bonner, Jeff Stratford, and Scott Hughes** swung by to reconnect and pretend they were all 21 again. A huge congratulations goes to **Christina Romas Connant** who published a book called *Since God Loves You and You Know It... Sing Out Loud!* It's a collection of fun and instructional songs about church time basics, God's love, and Bible stories for children. It is available in three editions, for all Christian children, and with a few modifications for Catholic and Orthodox Christian children. It is available in paperback or Kindle on Amazon. Christina never set out to write or publish a book. She was just trying to teach the youngest Sunday school children a little about the

church. When they weren't really listening to her speak or read, she started putting the words to nursery rhymes and singing to them. The kids and parents loved them, so she wrote more and it took off from there! Christina is married with two daughters, ages 10 and 13, and mom to a brand-new puppy. I had the good fortune of hosting my crew in Avalon, NJ, in Sept. Hard to say exactly how many years at this point, but we've been getting together almost annually since 1992. **Lauralyn Pestritto, Ellen Ruffner Patrick, Christy Fry Giulieri, Jenny Noyes McCulloch, Jenn McCaskill, Noel Ciferni Baumann, Kelly Chapman Fletcher, Liz Layton, and Mary Lynch Latz**...I never laugh as hard as I do with these girls! Somehow, the stories just never get old and, thanks to many of you, we add more to the collection after each G'burg five-year Reunion! I hope to hear from more of you. Please reach out to me for the spring magazine!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1993

Hello, Class of 1993! Thank you to everyone who reached out with news! You know how much I hate empty columns! **Jeanne Ozanne Tamagny** just completed her second Ironman in MD in Sept. Jeanne was inspired to do an Ironman because of a professor in exercise physiology at Gettysburg. An Ironman is a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run; 140.6 miles total! That is impressive, Jeanne! Congratulations! Congratulations to **Billy Michels** on his retirement from teaching. Billy taught fourth grade in Baltimore City School District for 15 years! Now that he is retired, he has launched his own video production company called ShineLight Legacy. ShineLight Legacy has two major focuses; one is capturing someone's legacy by filming them telling the stories of their life, sharing wisdom, and reflecting on how they got to where they are. The second is tribute videos, where they gather loved ones and have them share stories and send messages, expressing the impact that someone has had in their lives, then give it to that person as a gift. Billy is also doing freelance photography in his spare time! Contact Billy at [shinelightlegacy.com](http://shinelightlegacy.com) and [billymichels.com](http://billymichels.com). **Michael Barnes** started a new company, Awakened

Innovations, to help nonprofits save time and money by connecting them with high-quality, vetted service providers. Michael and his company help nonprofits find good people for whatever services they need. You can connect with Michael at [awakenedinnovations.com](http://awakenedinnovations.com).

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### 25th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1994

Hi, everyone. **James A. DeVivo** was selected as the 2018 winner of the PA Music Educators Association (PMEA) Composition Contest for his original wind band composition entitled, *Furin Kazan: The Way of the Samurai*. He received his BS in music education at G'burg. He also holds a Master of Music in wind conducting from Messiah College (2012) and a Master of Science in education from Wilkes U (2003). Currently an employee of the Pleasant Valley School District, James has taught symphonic band, marching band, and jazz band for the past 22 years at Pleasant Valley High School. *Furin Kazan: The Way of the Samurai* describes the four tenets a Samurai warrior must maintain in battle. These four tenets, taken from the book, *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu, are "as swift as the wind, as silent as the forest, as fierce as fire, and as immovable as a mountain." James and his award-winning original composition was recognized on Apr. 19 at the 2018 PMEA conference in Lancaster. Congratulations! Please email news you'd also like to share!

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 Gettysburg College Class of '96

**Sarah Peterman Hart** writes that in July she got together with **Dawn Leidich Hopke** and their children. Dawn has Braden (11) and Grace (8), and Sarah has Lily (8). In Aug., Sarah, **Colleen Patterson, Carola Rubio**

## Williamson, and Beth Foster Deturo

got together for a weekend in Long Beach Island, NJ. Colleen works in insurance in NYC and competes in triathlons. Carola teaches Spanish and is an avid photographer. Foster is CEO of her household and loves to sail. Sarah works in the event planning industry and loves to play paddle tennis. Colleen lives in NYC; Carola lives in Vienna, VA; Foster lives in Charlotte, NC; and Sarah lives in Philly. That's all the news I have to share. Send your updates, '96ers!

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### 20th Reunion Year

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 Gburg Class of 1999

Class of '99—It has been a long time since we have had an update, so there is a lot to report. **Amy Callahan Gallagher** was married on July 8, 2017, to Rich Gallagher in Madison, CT. On Oct. 22, 2017, **Amy and Jacquelyn Klug-McLeod '98** ran the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C. After surviving Hurricane Irma, a category five in St. Thomas, **Martin Masar** and his wife moved back to Chicago, but have kept their home in St. Thomas. More recently, **Kristen Hamilton** of the Law Office of Eric J. Weisbrod PC, Chambersburg, began a three-year term on the PA Bar Association (PBA) Board of Governors. **Jeff Sipe** completed a trip around the world with his wife Jenny. They visited four continents and 16 countries in five months before moving to Maui. After many years in Philadelphia working in the policy field on health insurance reform, Dr. **Shelby Hockenberry** returned to Washington, D.C. She recently began a new role as associate director of health

policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC). At BPC, she oversees and serves as the expert for commercial health insurance policy. She lives in VA with her dog Bella. **Val Katzmar McAdoo** went on open audition last summer (2017) for a pilot comedy series about the Philadelphia mob and got cast. She has also been cast in the following films: *D-Railed*, *Creed 2*, *Hollywould*, and two other series. The films will all be out in 2019. Her husband, **Andy '98**, and daughters, Grace and Vivian, are all doing great and very supportive of this new path. **Keith Davidson** moved to San Diego to work at IDW Publishing, the largest publisher of licensed comic books, as their senior PR manager. He is having a lot of fun outdoors where the weather is gorgeous every day. I also made a move to Southern CA earlier this year and took the role as a district sales manager with Janssen Pharmaceuticals. While the weather is gorgeous, I did miss the fall foliage. This Aug. marked the one-year anniversary of **Kristen Blanco Gottstein's** son Max's death. Max was a magical, wondrous little boy who battled two cancers during his five years: first, a rare eye cancer called retinoblastoma, and then treatment-induced leukemia. Kristen, her husband John, and family have established the Maxwell Gottstein Retinoblastoma Research Fund at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with the hopes of helping other children diagnosed with this pediatric cancer. To support this research, please go to [www.give.chop.edu](http://www.give.chop.edu) and indicate your gift is in memory of Max Gottstein. With the help of **Shanley Cooke Toomey**, the Gottsteins also hold an annual blood and bone marrow drive to help others and pay tribute to all the generously donated blood products Max received over the years. Don't forget our 20th Reunion is this year. Save the date—May 30—June 2. I hope to see you back on campus to celebrate.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2000

After spending 18 years in San Francisco, **Brett Miller** and his family moved to beautiful Austin, TX. There is lots to catch up on as Brett married his wife, Whitney, in 2015 and now has two children, Grady and Porter. Brett wrote, "Look us up if you are in town for SXSW!" If you missed it, our very own **Lauren Cooney** was featured on the Gettysburg website! "Today, as the founder and CEO of Spark

Labs, Cooney leads and empowers companies and their executives to create, innovate, and ideate in new ways that grow their business and strategic value in the market. From large, publicly traded companies to small startups, Cooney makes her mark in a way that produces a ripple effect across the globe." She was even on one of the largest digital billboards in all of Vegas! Congrats, Cooney. Keep doing amazing things! I had the opportunity to represent Gettysburg at the inauguration of Dr. Harris, the new president of Union College. If you have not yet had this opportunity, and you are faced with it, take it! You get to process into the celebration in order of the year that the College was founded, and since Gettysburg dates back to 1832, I had a spectacular front-row seat! These last two notes sections have been super light. Come on! There must be exciting things happening in your lives! Write in and tell us about them!

## 2001

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2001

**Mary Fichtner Lawrie** volunteered to take over coverage for the Class of 2001. Thank you to Kathryn Adams for her many years of service. Feel free to reach out to Mary at [mary.fichtner@gmail.com](mailto:mary.fichtner@gmail.com) with your news and updates.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2002

There is no new news to report this time. Please send me your updates and anything you'd like to share with our class, and I will add it to our next issue!

## 2003

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2003

**Maneesha Mukhi** appeared in the Nov. 2018 edition of *O, The Oprah Magazine*. The article was titled "Trailblazer: Citizen Pain" and mentioned her efforts to become a U.S. citizen. It highlights her story, and she shares tips on how other immigrants can find helpful resources. **Cliff Mason** married Michelle MacBain on Sept. 1, 2018, in Prairie Village, KS. Cliff is an assistant professor at the U of KS with appointments in the OBGYN and pharmacology departments. **Paul and Elise Tate Gish** welcomed their third child on May 11, 2018. A little boy named

Rory now joins big brother George and big sister Elisabeth. It's always great to hear from everyone so please continue to share updates.

## 2004 15th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2004

Hello, Class of 2004! **Shannon Maria Sweitzer Brower** married Thomas J. Brower on Dec. 31, 2017. The pair started HighBrow Event Group, entertaining the likes of former governor Ed Rendell, NBC Sports commentator Michael Barkann, and football Hall of Famer Ray Didinger with their gourmet food and full-service event planning. **Kevin Kolmer** is an advisor at Merrill Lynch and was recently named to *Forbes*/SHOOK "America's Top Next-Generation Wealth Advisors" list in 2018. Kevin shares that **Brian Malfettone** received this honor as well. Keep your updates coming!

## 2005

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2005

It is with sad news that I announce that **Matthew Daniel Lane**, passed away on Aug. 19, 2018. Matthew served as a deputy attorney general in NJ and leaves behind an older brother and father. Matthew grew up in Bernardsville, NJ, graduated from Bernards High School, attended Gettysburg College, and received his Juris Doctor from Quinnipiac U. Matthew loved baseball, history, animals, the beach, spending time with his family and friends, and Bruce Springsteen. Those close to him will always remember his intellectual curiosity, compassion, and sense of humor. Contributions can be made to the Joseph A. Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund and mailed to University of Baltimore Foundation, 1420 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Please indicate "Joseph Lane Memorial Scholarship" in the memo line. Meanwhile, **Brad** and **Carolyn '06 Glorioso Hoffman** welcomed their second child, **Grace Violet Hoffman**, on July 9, 2018. She joins big brother Luke who turned 3 in the spring. **Erin Daughery** and her husband welcomed their second baby girl, **Juliet Kate**, on Sept. 22, 2018. Everyone is healthy and doing well. Madelyn, age 2, is so excited to be a big sister!

**Brian Andrews** and his wife Jackie welcomed their first child in Apr. Charlotte Jeanne Andrews was born in Washington, D.C., and Dad is already looking forward to visiting this future Bullet at Gettysburg in about 17 years! Brian also continues to be on a silly, daily text thread with **Devin Russell**, **Steve Climie '04**, **Steve Hurd '06**, **Patrick McAneny '00**, and **Paul Andrews '00**. Hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Happy 2019!

## 2006

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2006

I had the pleasure of hosting a few alumni on campus in the new Office of Multicultural Engagement (OME). Did you know we are located in the building formerly known as the Phi Kappa Psi house? Phi Psi is still very active on campus as non-residential. If you're on campus, stop by to visit. I'll treat you to a trip to Servo for cookies! **Leah Briner Bower** and husband **Boyd** welcomed baby Benjamin in Oct. 2017. Leah works at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in technology transfer. **Kelly Harrison Gulley** and her husband, **Gary Gulley '05**, welcomed their first child, **Connor Gulley**, on Jan. 24, 2018. **Sheila Conlan** and husband **Raynor Large '09** welcomed their first child, **Solann Large**, on Jan. 27, 2018. **Jessica Brach Jensen** and her husband **Kevin** welcomed their second child, **Cassandra Brach Jensen**, on Feb. 23, 2018. Mom is hoping **Cassie** and big brother **Theo** will be **Bullets** one day! **Tobin Whitman** and his wife **Annie Mara Whitman** welcomed their second child, **Tucker Mara Whitman**, on Mar. 20, 2018. **Jason '09** and **Crystal Ebert Parker** welcomed **Eloise Hendrix Parker** on Mar. 22, 2018. **Brad '05** and **Carolyn Glorioso Hoffman** welcomed their second child, **Grace Violet Hoffman**, born on July 9, 2018! She joins big brother **Luke (3)**. **Jamie Marshall Pugh** and husband **Rick** welcomed their second child, **Lila**, on Aug. 16, 2018. They also moved to a new home. On Aug. 31, 2018, **Annie Morgan** and husband **Andrew Pruitt** welcomed their twin daughters, **Miranda Rosslyn Morgan-Pruitt** and **Eloise Juliet Morgan-Pruitt**. One of my Hanson basement favorites, **Kirstin Abraham Mojica**, and husband **Paul** welcomed baby girl **Olivia** on Oct. 23, 2018. **John Hart** received his PhD in music education from the U of Hartford's

Hartt School on May 19, 2018, receiving the Regents' Graduate Honor Award, the highest distinction awarded to graduate students. His dissertation is titled "Authentic Conducting and Rehearsing Experiences for Preservice Music Teachers." **Anton White** visited campus for the first time since graduating 12 years ago. He picked up some Gettysburg swag from the OME. **Kristin Mulrane Hall** and her husband opened a second restaurant called **Roasted** in Stamford, CT, this year. **Bruce** and **Courtney Babiarz '07 Hughes** moved to Cary, NC. Courtney recently took a new job at NC State U as the graduate fellowship specialist. They'll be relocating with their two daughters, **Hadley** and **Willa**, and four-legged son, **Loki**. **Marisa Earley** and husband recently bought a home in San Antonio, TX. She was promoted to associate program director of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery residency program at UT Health San Antonio. No kid update yet, but they have an awesome dog. **Davy Crumplar** married **Sarah Sykes** on Aug. 3, 2018. The service was at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE, and the reception was at the Winterthur Estate. Gettysburgians in attendance were **Joseph Susco '05**, **Jay Roszman**, **Timothy Nichol**, **Justin Archer**, **Kyle Anderson**, **Allie Dempsey**, and **Bruce Hughes**.

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 Gettysburg Class of 2007

**Bruce '06** and **Courtney Babiarz Hughes** moved to Cary, NC. Courtney took a new job at NC State U as the graduate fellowship specialist. They'll relocate with their two daughters, **Hadley** and **Willa**, and four-legged son, **Loki**. **Eloise Harper Nagy**, daughter of **Gabriela Elpern** and **Scott Nagy**, was born on July 24, 2018. **Meghan Anderson O'Neil** and her husband **Patrick** welcomed their baby girl, **Bridget Foley O'Neil**, on July 30, 2018. Bridget weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 in. long. One of her many dotting uncles is **Meg's** brother, **Ryan Anderson '13**. The O'Neils make their home in NYC where **Meg** is a recruiter for Google. Congrats to **Katie Myers** and **Nik Buckler**, who welcomed **Dylan James Buckler** on Aug. 10, 2018. **Dylan** weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18.5 in. long. He already looks forward to rooming with his buddies **Leo**

Chongpinitchai and Grant Knowles (shout out to Mo and Joe, and Jennifer!) when they all attend G'burg in 18 years.

**Kristen Carthas Litchfield** and her husband Brad welcomed their son, Brayden Carthas Litchfield, on Aug. 26, 2018. Brayden weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19.5 in. long. Brayden joins big sister Kennedy, who loves her new baby brother!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2008

**Daniel H. and Norrell '09 Griffiths Keefer** welcomed their son (and future Gettysburgian!), Dalton Harvey Keefer, on Aug. 22, 2018. **Luke Archambault** writes with news that **Bill Groff** and his wife recently had a baby, as did **Ben and Meredith Willette White. Thomas Swon** recently got married. **Richard Sommerkorn** was also among the group of hockey-playing friends to walk down the aisle. Luke played in the Pedro Vega Memorial Golf tournament this past May with Thomas and **Dave Frascarelli**.

Luke, Dave, and Thomas were joined by their former hockey teammates, **Garrett Gaydosh, Phil Deyette '09, Dave Matthews '10, Mike Schopp '11, and Matt Simeoni '11** in the Saratoga Springs Pond Hockey tournament, where the team finished in third place.

**Beth Lucas Higgins** shared that she was married on Jan. 27, 2018, at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. There were many Gettysburg graduates in attendance, including **Ashley Allatt, Rebekah Roper, Blaire Nolan, Julie Lindenman, Sara DiPesa, Nick Roper, Tyler Hobbs, Anne Guldin Lucas '78, and Sue Johnson Hunter '79. Louisa Polos** shared that she married Logan Condon at Katonah Presbyterian Church in Katonah, NY, on July 21, 2018.

The reception was held at Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, NY.

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### 10th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2009

**Tammy McBeth Armstrong** gave birth to a daughter, Vivian, in June 2017. Tammy was recently promoted to team leader of customer service analytics at Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in Des

Moines, IA. She and husband Michael also launched Bright Lights Big Data, a podcast about analytics, urban planning, and local government.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2010 Alumni

**Mary Caner Dixon** and her husband Joel welcomed Eleanor Debra Dixon to their family on Aug. 13. **Murphy Bright** married Larisa Barber in the summer of 2017. Many Gettysburg alumni were in attendance and in the wedding party. Murphy was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant at Gettysburg the day before graduation. He served four years in active Marine Corps and is a senior captain in the active Marine Corps Reserves. He is pursuing his MBA from Syracuse U, but is currently serving in Afghanistan until this summer.

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We have only sad news to report this time around. **Gregory Richard Hickson**, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2018, due to type 1 diabetes complications. He was a lacrosse player and management major while at Gettysburg. Greg will be deeply missed by all who knew him for his adventurous and free-loving personality. Our condolences go to his family and friends. Please take a moment to send me your news for the next issue.

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 Gettysburg Class of 2012

Hello, classmates! In Aug., I started a job as a chemistry instructor at Stevenson U. On a personal note, on Sept. 22, **Luke Cuculis** and I were married right outside of Gettysburg! **Evan Martinsen** and **Hannah Sawyer** were both members of the wedding party. Other Gettysburgians in attendance were **Chelsea Anspach '13, Chris Burton, Caitlin Kaltenbach Curcio, Charlie Curcio '11, Minh An Nguyen, Nick**

**Redman, Amy Lucadamo '00, Prof. Tim Frzyk '00, Prof. Shelli Frey, Prof. Joe Gunkowski, and Prof. Luke Thompson.** Another Gettysburg wedding took place on Nov. 2 when **Caitlin Kaltenbach** and **Charlie Curcio '11** got married in Philadelphia. Gettysburgians in attendance were **Chelsea Anspach '13, Chris Burton, Stan Chihuri, Munya Choga, Luke Cuculis, me, Steven Decilian, Nitzie Flores-Hidalgo, Brittany Stonestreet, and Omar Tucker.** Some unfortunate news, our classmate, **Elizabeth Ruby**, passed away in her sleep at home in Bronxville on Oct. 17. She was a reporter at the *New York Post*.

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**Amada Crespin** moved to Alexandria, VA, and accepted a full-time job as a program supervisor at CASA DC, a nonprofit that recruits, trains, and supervises court appointed special advocates in child abuse and neglect and juvenile court cases. She is also completing her MS and PhD in Justice, Law and Criminology at American U School of Public Affairs. On Aug. 4, **Lauren Nowicki** and **Ryan McCabe '15** married at the Gettysburg College Christ Chapel. Dr. **Gracie Spreat** graduated from the U College of Dublin Veterinary School in Dublin, Ireland, in June 2018. She has thoroughly enjoyed living in Dublin for the last four years. On June 30, **Laura Gambino** married Derek Lieberman. Congratulations on all of your graduations, new jobs, and marriages!

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**Elizabeth Sollecito** and **Warren Pace** married on Sept. 8, 2018, in Fairfield, PA, close to G'burg. The wedding party included **Signe Carlson, Kate Gulden, Rachel Martinelli, Jonathan Hofe '13,**

**Dave Casciola '16, Rei Philippi '16, Davis Healy '17, and Rick Hale '18.** Alumni in attendance included **Greg Scheiber '13, Jenna Mulligan '14, Eric Harris, Lauren Satterfield, Kyle Furlong '16, and Mary Pearce '16.**

The bride and groom are taking the groom's late grandmother's last name, Zorzopian, to honor her memory. **Ben Litwin** had research published in Sept. entitled "The Geography of Credit Invisibility," which discusses how where a person lives can affect access to credit.

**Drew Winters** graduated from George Washington Law School and moved to NYC to challenge himself, compete with the best, and be near his best friends from G'burg. Drew is in search of an associate legal position at a litigation firm. **Mike Maguire** is a year and a half into opening his own Farmers Insurance agency and has moved to Asbury Park, NJ. **Connor Thompson** is pursuing his Doctorate of Physical Therapy at High Point U in NC.

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It was great to see so many of you back home for Alumni Weekend! Over that weekend, I attended my first BOLD Council meeting, and I'm looking forward to working on initiatives to engage young alums. In other news, **Maddie Brown** moved back to Gettysburg and works in the Gettysburg College admissions office, alongside **Tyra Crosbie** and **Sam Wilensky**. Her travel regions include the Philly area and TX.

**Piper O'Keefe** started her second year of teaching in the Peace Corps, and she recently made a speech in Krio (a commonly spoken language in Sierra Leone) to the president of Sierra Leone on behalf of the Peace Corps.

**Rachel Wilkins** married David Mace in Sept. 2018 in Lafayette, LA, and now lives outside of Fort Polk, LA.

## 2018

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Hey, everyone! It's crazy how fast graduation came and went, but I know our class will continue to Do Great Work throughout our post-Gettysburg lives. Since May, I have accepted an internship in the library here on campus, but will be moving on to grad school next fall. I've been asked to be the 2018 class correspondent for the alumni magazine, and in order to showcase our great work, you can get in touch with me throughout the year to keep me posted on what you're all doing! I will make sure to stay active on our class Facebook page and will let you know if my contact information changes. I'm excited to see where everyone will be in the spring and what corners of the globe our 2018 class network will extend to. I wish you all the very best and can't wait to hear from you all!

## So many ways to connect

We love to read your news in class notes (see page 39), so keep them coming. Use our website to search the alumni directory, update your profile, see more class news or photos or share your own, and stay on top of your annual giving. Subscribe to Bullet Points. If you aren't getting the monthly e-newsletter, you're missing out on news, wit, and wisdom in the words of **Joe Lynch '85**, executive director of alumni relations.

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**Henry W. Graybill Jr. '49**

**Henry W. Graybill Jr.** passed away on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA. Henry was born in Harrisburg, PA, graduated from John Harris High School, and served on Navy aircraft carriers in the Pacific theatre during World War II. He was a graduate of Gettysburg College where he majored in mathematics and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Henry remained involved with the College serving as Trustee Emeritus, past president of the Alumni Association, member of the Board of Fellows, and was a recipient of the College's Alumni Meritorious Service Award.

Henry retired as CEO of the Mutual Inspection Bureau in Harrisburg, PA, and was also involved in leadership roles with the Sparks Club, the Penn Gardens Civic Club, the Penn Colonial Swim Club, Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, and coached midget league baseball in Lower Paxton Township.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Harrisburg, a member of the Harrisburg Consistory, and a past member of the Zembo Shrine where he was a charter member of their Clown unit. He was past director of Court #116 of the Royal Order of Jesters.

Henry enjoyed his summer residence in Bethany Beach, DE, where he relaxed on the beach and on his boat. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Jacqueline; a daughter-in-law, Susan Graybill; a granddaughter, Rebecca Deisterhoff; a grandson, Daniel Graybill; two great granddaughters; and a niece and nephew. Henry was predeceased by son Henry III, son **Steven '76**, and sister Barbara Moore and brother-in-law Albert G. Moore.

**Dexter N. Weikel, Former Professor of Music**

**Dexter Neil Weikel**, 92, of Gettysburg died on Nov. 1, 2018. Dexter earned his bachelor's degree in music education from Susquehanna University in 1948 and began his professional career as organist and choir director at Messiah Lutheran Church in Williamsport, PA. He served in the same capacity at Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg after a career at Gettysburg College as Professor of Music, Chapel Organist, and Chapel Choir Director that spanned over a quarter century. While at Gettysburg, Dexter also served as Music Department chair and a member of the Faculty Executive Committee. Upon his retirement, the College named him Professor Emeritus of Music.

Dexter earned degrees from Susquehanna University, Penn State University, and his doctorate in organ and liturgical music from Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, MD. His education included studies at the Guilman Organ School, the Eastman School of Music, Westminster Choir College, and with E. Power Biggs in Andover, MA, and Christopher Herrick at the Royal School of Church Music in London.

In 1979, Dexter became a National Endowment for the Humanities fellow for a seminar on "The Integration of Harmony, Counterpoint and Analysis." His published work includes articles for the *Journal of Church Music* and a coauthored book, *Bach, the Well-tempered Church Musician*. Among the many highlights of his professional life, Dexter was organist for the Gettysburg memorial service honoring President Dwight Eisenhower. He also played for the wedding of the late president's granddaughter Susan Eisenhower.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Louise [Maitland], and daughter and son-in-law Megan Weikel and Eddie Rankin.

**Bevin Elizabeth Smith McCarthy '96**

**Bevin Elizabeth Smith McCarthy**, passed away on Aug. 13, 2018, after a brief illness. Bevin was born in Boston, MA, and grew up in Sudbury where she pursued passions in music, drama, swimming, soccer, travel, and a deep commitment to social justice. A Gettysburg College alumna with a master's degree in integrated studies from Cambridge College, Bevin was passionate about connecting people through service. Bevin served as assistant director of the Center of Civic Engagement at Pacific University, where she had worked since 2013.

At Gettysburg, Bevin was active in service learning activities, serving at a shelter in Chester, PA, on an Apache reservation in Arizona, and with the migrant community in the Gettysburg area. After graduation she served her country in the Peace Corps, undertaking an extended tour of service in Bolivia that would total over three years.

Through her career, she created and taught service learning courses, as well as middle and high school Spanish, in Massachusetts and Oregon.

At Pacific, she was also part of the Social Justice Retreat planning committee and had served as interim director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. In 2017, Bevin was honored with the Pacific University Diversity and Justice Award, which recognizes a faculty or staff

member whose work creates a diverse and sustainable community that inspires students to pursue justice in our world and embraces a rich diversity of ideas, peoples, and cultures, with an emphasis on public service within the global community.

Bevin is survived by her husband, Nic and sons Felix, 5, and Jasper, 3.

**Carol D. Saunders '75**

**Carol D. Saunders**, PhD, passed away on Oct. 27, 2018, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Carol lived much of her life in the Northeast, enjoying camping with her family as a child and exploring the outdoors. Carol attended Gettysburg College, earning a dual major in biology and psychology. She received her master's degree in psychology from the University of Virginia and her PhD in behavioral biology from Cornell University. During her stint at Cornell, she worked in Kenya for a year, observing the behavior of baboons as part of her doctorate program research.

She began her career as a primate specialist at Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield, IL, before becoming director of communications research and conservation psychology at the same institution. Following a 20-year career at Brookfield Zoo, Carol accepted a core faculty position at Antioch University New England in Keene, later mentoring both master's and PhD candidates as research faculty.

Much of Carol's career was devoted to wildlife and biodiversity conservation. She co-founded the field of conservation psychology (an interdisciplinary approach to the human side of biodiversity preservation defined as the scientific study of the reciprocal relationships of humans and nature with a focus on encouraging conservation).

Carol received many awards for her work, including the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award from Gettysburg College; the 2018 Newman-Proshansky Career Award for outstanding research in Environmental Psychology from the Society of Environmental, Population, and Conservation Psychology, Division 34, American Psychology Association; and the 2018 Environmental Excellence Award-Community Member from Antioch University New England.

Carol leaves her beloved partner of 25 years, Amy B. Bodwell; her brother Steve; sister Leslie; nephews Ken and Kyle; and many colleagues and friends.

*Dates 2018 unless noted*

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|     | George H. Hamm Jr., Oct. 6     | '62 | Robert E. Byler, Sept. 10           |     | Kelly A. Kroll, July 28       |
|     | Charles J. Lundquist, Aug. 16  | '63 | John S. Sainsbury, Aug. 23          | '96 | Bevin Smith McCarthy, Aug. 13 |
|     | Davis T. Whiteman, Sept. 29    | '64 | Marilouise Gautsch Clopton, Sept. 1 | '05 | Matthew D. Lane, Aug. 19      |
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| '51 | Rae Strohm Heintelman, Oct. 17 |     | Craig S. Sim, Oct. 25               | '12 | Elizabeth O. Ruby, Oct. 17    |
|     | Samuel L. Jones Jr., Aug. 24   |     | Donald E. Thompson, Sept. 24        |     |                               |
| '53 | Richard W. Garman, Aug. 28     | '66 | Graham T. Ross, Aug. 6              |     |                               |
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*David Brennan '75, P'00 is the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Gettysburg College. A retired chief executive officer of AstraZeneca PLC, Brennan began serving on the Board in 2010 and was elected as Chair in 2018.*

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