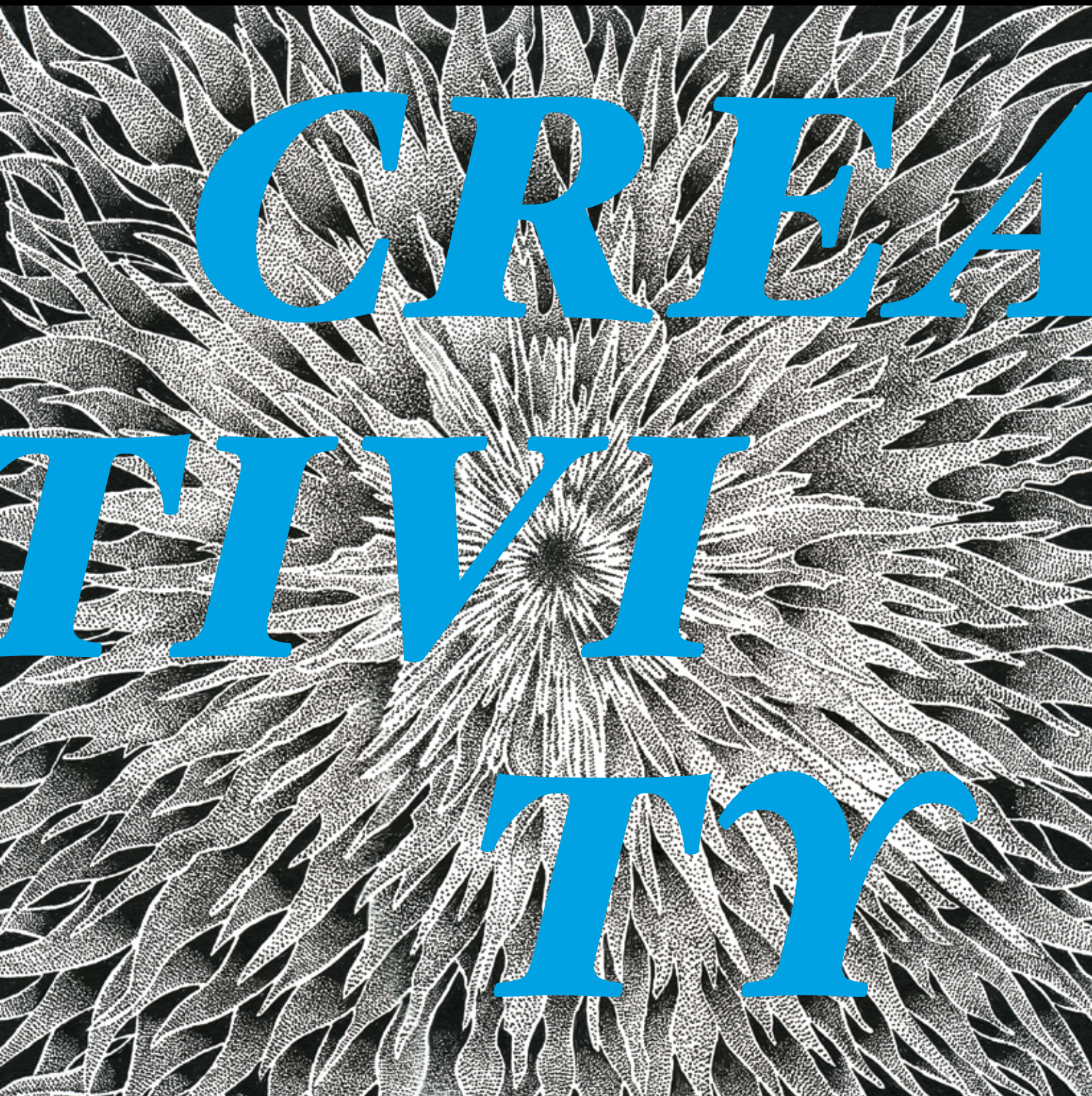


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From the board chair

What an exciting time for Gettysburg College!

As you know, in late January, our Board of Trustees announced **Robert W. Iuliano** as the next president of our great College. Given the success he has achieved as a senior vice president at Harvard University and the stellar recommendations he has garnered, I am enthused to welcome President-elect Iuliano and his wife, Susan, to our Gettysburg College community, beginning this July.

I strongly believe that President-elect Iuliano's character, decision-making, and collaborative spirit will position Gettysburg for excellence in the years ahead and amplify the great work and legacy of **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77**.

Again, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of our Presidential Search Committee, led by **Board Vice Chair Charlie Scott '77, P'09, P'12**, for their diligence and commitment throughout the nine-month process. In addition, I want to thank all of you who offered valuable insights for our Committee's discussions and consideration. It was your perspectives and support that made our presidential search a resounding success.

As we move forward, I have been thinking about where we are as an institution and where we want to go in the future. Certainly, we have much to be proud of and much to celebrate.

Our College's reputation is strong. We are consistently recognized among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation for our academic quality and the value of our educational experience.

Families believe in a Gettysburg education. We continue to reach or surpass our enrollment goals each year—and that's even in today's ultra-competitive higher education environment.

Lastly, our graduates are finding tremendous success out in the world. In fact, one year after graduation, 98 percent of our grads are either employed or attending graduate school—and over the last few years, three out of four graduates have reported that the Gettysburg Network helped them in some way. To me, this speaks to the exceptional learning experience we provide for our students, and the eagerness of our alumni, parents, and friends to lend a helping hand to their fellow Gettysburgians.

At Gettysburg College, we are advancing our mission and making a difference—a testament to our collective efforts and the innovative strategies we've implemented over the last decade. Now the big question is: How do we build upon this success and take Gettysburg to the next level?

I pose this important question because I believe our College, guided by the vision and leadership of President-elect Iuliano, is poised to realize our potential, to inspire a new generation of students, and to make an even greater impact on our world.

There is nothing our community cannot accomplish, but it is going to take all of us—together. May we keep this great momentum going in the year ahead and ambitiously pursue the “unfinished work” still before us.

With great pride,



David Brennan '75, P'00
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Orrin Wilson '20 and Just Hoang Anh '21 use technology from the Gettysburg Innovation Lab to create virtual spaces.

A HOME FOR CURIOUS CREATIONS

Gettysburg College's Innovation Lab

An affordable closed-loop insulin pump for diabetics. A flood map designed to protect iconic College landmarks. Virtual reality tours of historic locations. These are a few of the innovative creations to come out of Gettysburg College's Innovation Lab—a campus space in the West Building designed for the exploration of bold, technological ideas.

Tyler Mitchell's '20 potentially revolutionary insulin pump—which operates by reading blood sugars that continuously move through a glucose monitor—was built with parts manufactured by the College's 3D printer, such as the casing and the gears responsible for administering insulin.

"My hope is that this project will have a real-world impact on those suffering with diabetes,

and that I can truly help those individuals in a meaningful way," Mitchell said.

At Gettysburg College, students are encouraged to pursue academic interests with openness and to be unafraid to follow their curiosity down unexpected paths. The Innovation Lab is a place where inquiring minds can run wild and pursue potential ideas of impact.

Orrin Wilson '20 and **Just Hoang Anh '21**, both computer science majors, pursued another path. They created cutting-edge virtual reality tours using software tools such as Blender and Unity Pro, in addition to two College-owned DJI Mavic Pro drones.

Wilson focused on building a tour of Pennsylvania Hall. Anh created a tour of Lincoln Cemetery, the burial site of

Gettysburg's African-American citizens and veterans during the Civil War era. Anh's hope was to provide prospective international students (Anh is from Vietnam) with the opportunity to visit these historic sites virtually.

"I sought to bring back the importance of the past and its forgotten history, while utilizing technology of the future," he said.

Alyssa Kaewwilai '20, an environmental studies major with a concentration in GIS (geographical information systems) and a computer science minor, also benefited from using the College's drone for her project. She earned her Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) remote pilot certification so that she could fly the drone to detect flood patterns on campus.

"Over the years, we have experienced excessive flooding in certain areas of our campus," said Kaewwilai. "My project's goal was to evaluate the terrain levels that are most prone to flooding and hopefully leverage this data to safeguard Gettysburg's infrastructure."

She manufactured handheld replicas of her targeted locations using the lab's 3D carver, which allowed her to physically touch the sloped terrain and develop a greater understanding of how various water patterns affect the campus landscape.

"I discovered there isn't always a black-and-white answer for projects like mine, so you have to figure things out, utilize your resources, and be creative to find solutions to your challenges," said Kaewwilai. ■

Read more about the Gettysburg College Innovation Lab and these projects online.

Amy EVRARD

Research

I've always had varying interests and loved learning people's stories. After writing a book about women's issues in Morocco, I decided my next big research project would involve agriculture. I have done some research in Maryland and Utah, and I had the opportunity to study development and farming issues on College faculty trips to India and China. That project is still percolating.

“I've always had varying interests and loved learning people's stories.”

Current project

I started recording my parents' life stories of growing up after the Great Depression in rural America. My parents are unique individuals, and yet their stories are the stories of many people from poor, rural Southern towns moving into the middle class at that time. It brings the anthropological question about the relationship between individuals and culture to the fore. Society creates character slots to which people are assigned, and people improvise on their script to shape a unique story.

Contributions to the world

Anthropologists have the ability to look holistically at human existence and problems. Having several interests has been helpful for me as an anthropologist, and anthropology has allowed me to pursue several interests. It's a symbiotic relationship.

Lessons for students

We encourage our students to be multidisciplinary, to have many interests, and to pursue multiple possibilities. One of the things I value about my story is the meandering. I want my students to see their lives—and not just college—that way. Hopefully, they are going to meander from fascination to fascination forever.

Prof. Amy Evrard is a cultural anthropologist whose published works include The Moroccan Women's Rights Movement. ■

Pictured: Evrard with her tape recorder, a tool of the storytelling trade



ASK ELLIS

An entrepreneurial approach to simplifying immigration



Maneesha Mukhi's '04

personal experience as an immigrant inspired her to launch Ask Ellis—a company that helps immigrants navigate the American immigration system by connecting them with experienced immigration lawyers and other resources.

Mukhi immigrated to the United States after spending years in Switzerland, Korea, and several other countries due to her father's work as an Indian diplomat. But she always knew she wanted to attend an American college or university.

"Being an immigrant drove so many of my choices while I was here," Mukhi said.

What she studied, where she worked, and how she got involved in her community—all of it was determined by what would help her navigate the immigration process once she graduated. When Mukhi received her green

card, she had just earned her MBA at the University of Chicago and was working in consulting.

"I went in a completely different direction with my career once I received my green card," Mukhi said. She quit her job in consulting and, after a brief stint at a nonprofit, explored entrepreneurship, a career path that would have previously jeopardized her visa sponsorship.

"I was always drawn to helping people and wanted to help the immigrant community," said Mukhi. "There is anxiety in every immigration story. Whether you are a student, a startup, a scientist, or just in love, staying in the U.S. is incredibly difficult. But there are ways to make it work, and that's what I focus on with Ask Ellis."

For Mukhi and many of our graduates, a Gettysburg education is a transformative experience that creates engaged global citizens who continually strive to

make a positive impact in their communities. It's the stories of the individuals she has helped, Mukhi said, that emphasize the value of her work.

"The startup experience is a roller coaster. Some days you feel great about your work and other days are bumpier," Mukhi said. "The numbers are small when you are an early stage startup—that's just the nature of the work—but each number represents someone's anxiety that has been alleviated and a hope or dream made possible."

Mukhi is committed to growing Ask Ellis's presence in the New York City area and perfecting the company's services before scaling to other cities. While it is her dream to simplify the immigration process, she remains hopeful the recent attention to immigration will bring much-needed change to the immigration system as a whole. ■

MOTHER & DAUGHTER

- Reside in California

DEVIN

- Art history and psychology major
- Administrative Associate at Stanford Arts Institute • Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Loyalty Circle Member

TERRI

- College Board of Trustees • Cupola Society member with husband Larry Garnick
- Former co-chair of Parents Leadership Council • Recently retired senior vice president and chief accounting officer at Glenborough LLC • Chief financial officer for Strategic Realty Trust

Terri supports G'burg

To provide scholarships. Qualified students should not be denied access to the amazing education and experience at Gettysburg College because their families can't afford to send them.

Devin most values

The diversity of experiences and knowledge I gained during my education. I had two majors, but I still had time to study abroad, take a Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies class, learn to throw on the wheel, and form lasting relationships with my professors.

Terri's best memory

Watching Devin participate in the marching band—I cried every time because I knew how much she enjoyed it.

Highlight of Gettysburg?

Both: The people.

Terri: The emphasis on service and global study.

Devin: I am still close with friends I met at Gettysburg. The faculty are dedicated to students and make it a priority to be accessible. I've also had the privilege of working with hard-working staff since joining the Alumni Board. They always go above and beyond to support campus programs.



PRESERVING HISTORY,

shaping the future

When **Ashley Sonntag '19** arrives for her shift at Musselman Library, instead of sitting at a service desk or in front of a computer, she dons an apron, rolls up her sleeves, and gets to work surrounded by clamps, adhesives, needles and thread, and other tools.

Sonntag is part of the library's conservation team. On any given day, she could be washing, mending, or sewing together book pages, making protective book boxes, toning Japanese paper with acrylic paints to use in a binding repair, or performing other processes designed to mend important and historic materials in the library's collection.

The conservation program at Musselman Library's Special Collections has grown in size and scope over the years as a result of the support of several donors—among them, **Rev. Victor A. Myers**, who recently established the **Liebegott-Myers Endowment**, a fund for Special Collections and College Archives to aid in the acquisition, conservation, and preservation of rare books and documents. This fund memorializes Myers's maternal grandfather and late wife Bonnie.

"My mother and grandfather instilled in me a deep appreciation for rare materials," said Myers, whose mother served as assistant professor of bibliography in the University of Akron's Bierce Library. "To spend time with things that convey such a rich sense of history has always left me awestruck."



Myers followed the academic path of his grandfather, **Charles E. Liebegott, Class of 1912**, a 1915 graduate of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. After completing his degree at Wittenberg University, Myers likewise entered the seminary. In 1967–68, he served as ministry intern at Christ Chapel and thus began his connection to the College—one that continued throughout his subsequent career as a pastor and church administrator.

Along with the endowment, Myers (who lives in Barberton, Ohio) donated many documents, photographs, and artworks from his personal collection, including a 16mm film of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harvey Firestone in the White House Rose Garden in 1956. Myers also offered the Archives an array of documents



related to College history. From 1964 to 1968, he filmed every Gettysburg football game on 16mm black-and-white film.

"I feel Special Collections and College Archives are good stewards of these treasured family heirlooms," he said.

Originally, Myers intended to wait to endow a fund for the library, but a note of gratitude from **Mary Wootton**, who oversees the library's conservation program, changed his mind. The note thanked him for his gifts



Images: 1—Lauren Ashley Bradford '18, Barbara Holley library intern 2—Laurel Wilson '19, Brian C. Pohanka intern 3—Olivia R. Simmet '18, Diane Werley Smith '73 summer interns; Mary Wootton, conservator; and Laurel Wilson '19, Brian C. Pohanka intern

and invited him to come see the conservation program in action. Myers knew it would be more meaningful to watch the funds used during his lifetime. In the years since starting the fund, he has donated a large book with plates of religious and mythical portraits and has plans to donate more.

Gettysburgians have an appreciation and pride for our shared history. Conservation stabilizes historic objects so they can be examined up close or displayed to a wider audience. Special Collections is home to over 21,000 books dating from the late 15th century through the 20th century. At least 6,000 of those are considered rare. Many of the oldest volumes are fragile, with varying degrees of deterioration, thereby limiting their use. The most common problems associated with these books are loose or broken hinges, detached boards, torn or missing bands, weak or broken sewing, paper staining and red rot—a decay or deterioration of the leather.

The library launched its preservation initiative nearly two decades ago. **Barbara Holley '54** established an endowment in memory of her brother, Robert Holley, to purchase conservation supplies. It also helped cover costs of sending items out for restoration.

Today, repairs are made in the **Marion L. Hobor** Bookbinding and Paper Conservation Laboratory on the fourth floor of Musselman Library under the direction and attentive care of Wootton. The space was established in 2011 through a gift from **Mike Hobor '69** and his sister **Nancy H. Dewing** (and their spouses) in honor of their mother, Marion.

The library also had the opportunity to purchase the contents of a small Central Pennsylvania bookbinder's shop. Donors contributed the \$10,000 needed to purchase three presses, a sewing frame, board shears, a job backer, and a range of hand tools. Even after the goal was met, alumni, friends, and College employees continued to contribute money.

Many continue to support the program today. **Geoffrey Jackson '91** provided funding for the purchase of a Kensol stamping press, which gives students experience in setting type as they make labels for books and rare book boxes. Jackson's gift also enabled the purchase of a suction table with a humidification chamber. Wootton and a team of two students recently used the table to humidify and flatten over 150 World War II posters so they could be used in history classes.

Jim '63 and **Susan Vinson** have donated valuable and rare books from their own collection in need of repair, providing Wootton and her apprentices with new subject matter—such as an early edition of *Gray's Anatomy* with stained pages and a broken binding. "It was a special book, but it couldn't be handled or displayed in the condition it was in," recounted Wootton. "Students disbound it, every page was washed, and the entire book was re sewn. It was then rebound into its original covers for our community to be able to use and enjoy."

Lauren Ashley Bradford '18, current Barbara Holley intern, worked alongside Wootton for four years and praised Wootton's guidance. She also paid tribute to the many donors who have supported the conservation program. "I am beyond thankful for the contributions of donors to Special Collections. They have allowed me to develop my interests, shape my future, and give back to the community that gave me so much as a student." ■

Alum's book illuminates impact of **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** on classroom experience

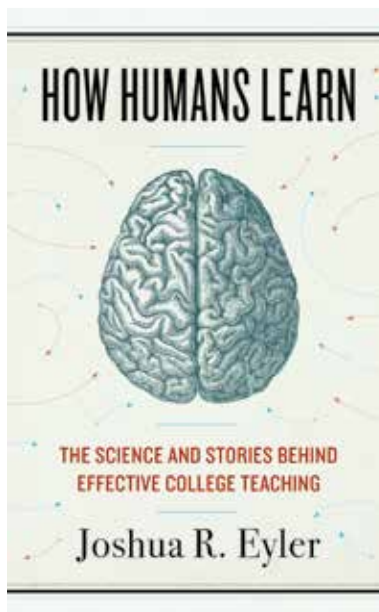


Taking a good course is more than just a formative experience—it's also the potential foundation for a successful career and a lifetime of intellectual vibrancy. **Joshua R. Eyler's '00** book, *How Humans Learn: the Science and Stories Behind Effective College Teaching* (West Virginia University Press, 2018), draws insights from developmental psychology, anthropology, and cognitive neuroscience to probe the question

pressing professors everywhere: how do students learn? The book appeared as a cover story in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and was mentioned in the *Chicago Tribune's* Biblioracle column as a book of the year.

Among those to whom the book was dedicated is English **Prof. Christopher Richard Fee.**

"Chris's enthusiasm, his emphasis on student engagement, and his ability to make the Middle Ages connect vibrantly to the modern world were unlike anything I had ever seen in the classroom," Eyler, an English major, wrote in the book's introduction. "When I sat in Chris's classes, I never laughed so hard, nor learned so much."



Snapshots

Lincoln Prize

The 2019 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize went to David W. Blight for his book *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom* (Simon & Schuster, 2018). The prize is awarded by the College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Blight's book was also awarded the Pulitzer Prize for 2019.

Jerry Spinelli '63 movie

The 2019 Commencement speaker **Jerry Spinelli's '63** book, *Stargirl*, will be a Disney film on the company's new streaming platform, expected to launch in late 2019. Grace VanderWaal, who won *America's Got Talent* as a 12-year-old, has been cast in the lead role.



75th anniversary of D-Day

In March, The Eisenhower Institute hosted a symposium with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The event featured remarks and lectures from distinguished experts on General Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Second World War, including **Susan Eisenhower**, George Colburn, Craig Symonds, and John C. McManus. The recorded remarks can be viewed on C-SPAN's website.

Excerpt from the introduction to *How Humans Learn*

I particularly remember [Fee's] Medieval Drama course. Although he had never taught the course before, he had a grand plan that we were all going to stage a medieval religious play at the end of the semester. We spent the first part of the term doing more traditional textual analysis, and then we broke up into teams to put on the production. I landed in a group tasked with translating the Middle English of the Wakefield "Noah" play into a modern idiom, but other students were working on props, making directorial decisions, and even building an actual pageant wagon for us to perform upon. For me, the biggest surprise of the semester was the directors' decision to cast me as Noah himself. I had no acting experience whatsoever, but I relished the role and had a lot of fun. I also acquired a much deeper understanding of drama, both medieval and modern. Chris's pedagogical experiment had worked, and the experience taught us more than any other approach to the subject could have.

Before I graduated, I took many courses with Chris, talked

with him over lunches, and learned much from his example. When I told him I wanted to go to graduate school for medieval literature, he gave me some sage advice about the realities of an academic career and then worked his hardest to help me get into a good program. One evening,

“This promise is the foundation on which I have built my career.”

before I left to begin my PhD program at the University of Connecticut, I had dinner with Chris and asked him why he had helped me so much during my time as a student. Was there any way, I wondered, that I could repay him for his teaching and his kindness? He simply said that he hoped I would do the same thing for a student similar to his. I told him I would, and it is not an exaggeration to say

that this promise is the foundation on which I have built my career.

We know a great deal about the kind of transformative teaching practiced by instructors like Chris Fee. Thousands of books and articles have been published over the last few decades that have clarified for us the techniques we can use in the classroom to help students learn more successfully. Remarkably, some of these studies actually agree with each other. They point to many of the practices that I saw modeled in Chris's courses and that you'll be reading about in this book. For example, the experiential nature of the Medieval Drama course has been shown to help students make great strides in their learning. Similarly, Chris's engagement and connection with students as well as his well-crafted discussions are strategies backed by a wealth of evidence supporting their efficacy. ■

Joshua R. Eyster '00 is the director of the Center for Teaching Excellence and adjunct associate professor of humanities at Rice University.

Fourth of July events

Headed to G'burg? Mark your calendar for the annual community concert and fireworks from 6–10 p.m. (July 5 rain date) on the Science Center lawn. The festivities are free and open to the public.

Faculty books

Professors at Gettysburg College model the sense of curiosity they aim to cultivate in their students. In 2018, in addition to teaching, mentoring, and conducting research, 19 Gettysburg College professors published major works—including books, music, and audio books—in their respective areas of academic interest.

See the full list online.

Awarded fellowship

English **Prof. McKinley E. Melton** was named a 2019 Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellow. The fellowship provides potential leaders in their fields with the resources to pursue ambitious long-term projects.

Read more online.







Meet me at the JMR Student Center

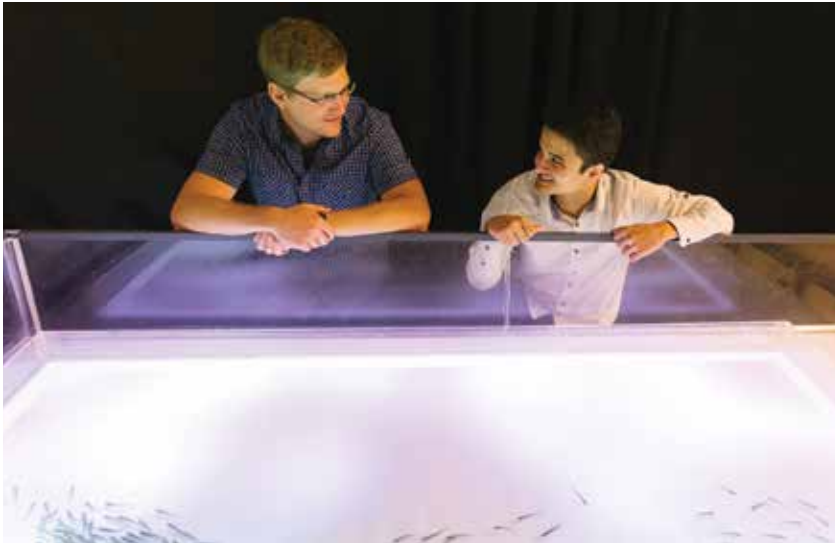
At a reception May 3, the Chair of the Board of Trustees **David Brennan '75, P'00** made a surprise announcement. The recent addition of the College Union Building will be renamed “The Janet Morgan Riggs Student Center” in honor of Gettysburg College’s 14th president.

“Throughout your 40-year career and your distinguished presidency, you exemplified what it means to be a Gettysburgian,” Brennan said during a ceremony following the reception, which kicked off with a performance by the Gettysburg College drumline. “You inspired us and you brought our community together. You have given your heart to this College and to our students, and now your name will forever grace this building within the heart of our campus.” ■

Photo by Eric Lee '15

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In the news



Two recent science projects gained media attention. Physics **Prof. James Puckett's** research on fish and collective behavior, conducted with **Aawaz Pokhrel '19**, **Pranav Kayastha '20**, and **Julia Giannini '18**, was featured in *Science Magazine*.

Indicating evidence of our changing planet, Biology **Prof. Alex Trillo's** research on tropical rainforest frogs in Central America suggested frogs from urban environments, unlike rainforest frogs, can adjust their mating calls to increase their

attractiveness and reduce the risk of predation. The research drew attention from prestigious national and international science publications, as well as punchier mentions on *Saturday Night Live* and *Late Night with Seth Meyers*.

History lecturer **Tom Dombrowsky** penned reflections for *USA Today* about his daughter's perception of the worst year in history (2018) versus his own (1968). Political Science **Prof. Scott Boddery** also published a piece entitled "How to turn down political heat on Supreme Court and federal judges: Stop signing opinions."

Published in the *Wall Street Journal* were two pieces by **Allen C. Guelzo**, the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and director of Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College: "Emancipation deniers target Lincoln's reputation" and "America's disappearing private colleges." Also in the *WSJ*: **Chair of the Board of Trustees David Brennan's '75, P'00** piece, "A second battle of Gettysburg over freedom," in which he addressed conversation regarding a Gettysburg College yearbook photo. A review of **Prof. of Civil War Studies Peter Carmichael's** book, *The War for the Common Soldier*, also appeared, in addition to Carmichael's column on the five best books on the Civil War soldier experience. ●

Global Gettysburg

Peg Murphy-Bright P'10 shared this photo of **Captain Murphy A. Bright '10, USMCR**, showing off his Gettysburg pride while deployed in Afghanistan. "As you can see, Gettysburg remains dear to his heart," she wrote. "Indeed, my son has maintained close ties with his classmates and [Phi Sigma Kappa] fraternity brothers."

Where has your G'burg gear been? Share with us and your photo may appear in an upcoming issue. ●



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And on social media



Several of you reacted to the announcement of Class of 2023 acceptances on Facebook and Instagram.

Ann Ritchie Stuart '95 said, "Loved my G'burg Years! Best years of my life! [I was] '95 and my dad [**Richard J. Ritchie**] was '64. ❤️💙"

"Congrats to all those who [were] accepted. I remember when I accepted in 2005," shared **Edmund Hardy '09**.

Kevin Fee P'19 said, "I remember pulling up to my house and seeing that orange envelope in my mailbox. I never felt prouder. I called my son [**Chase Fee '19**] and he told me to open it. It felt like I was also accepted to go to Gettysburg. Now he will graduate this year—time went by so quickly."

And from **Carlo Testa '06**: "Still one of the happiest days of my life when that envelope arrived. Congratulations to all those accepted!"



While families descended on campus for Get Acquainted Day on April 13, families in Beijing and Shanghai, China (pictured), met fellow Gettysburgians at Accepted Student Receptions abroad.

Gettysburgians expressed excitement and issued warm welcomes to President-elect **Robert W. Iuliano** and his family following our presidential announcement.

Edward B. Ryder IV '77 wrote, "Exchanging Cambridge and the *Crimson* for Central Pennsylvania and the *Gettysburgian*. Welcome aboard [President-elect] Iuliano. I hope that your experience at Gettysburg College will provide you with a lifetime of marvelous memories as it has for me, albeit four decades after the fact. You may have big shoes to fill following **Janet Morgan Riggs '77**, and we wish you all the best as you undertake to complete the 'unfinished work.'"

From **Jennifer Haase '93**: "Welcome to G'burg! I am a 1993 alumna, and I hope you find the College to be as magical a place as I did (and still do). Gettysburg will forever be home to me."

"The unfinished work before us. A driving force behind everything I do. I am so thankful for Gettysburg and I hope our new president continues the tradition of instilling in all of us the virtues taught there," said **Edward Charlesworth '01**.

And from **Musa S. Collidge-Asad '89**: "G'burg is already considered a 'small Ivy' by many in the region...no surprise 'big Ivy' is now joining the team. All the best."

What questions do you have for the president-elect? Send them to alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu and your questions, coupled with Iuliano's responses, may appear in the fall issue of *Gettysburg* magazine. ●

Keep reading, keep liking, keep sharing, and keep the Conversations rolling by sending alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu your thoughts. ■





MEET OUR

15th

PRESIDENT

A champion of the liberal arts, Robert W. Iuliano embraces Gettysburg College's storied past and looks ambitiously toward our bright future together.

By Mike Baker

Gettysburgians are always evolving, always striving to tackle the unfinished work before us and inspire meaningful change in our world. In late January, the Board of Trustees announced its next leader to advance this change: **Bob Iuliano**, the 15th president of Gettysburg College.

Iuliano currently serves as Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Deputy to the President at Harvard University, and a lecturer at Harvard College and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He will assume office July 1, following the retirement of **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77** in June.

“Through an extensive and inclusive search process,

our Board of Trustees unanimously and enthusiastically selected Bob Iuliano to lead Gettysburg College into the future,” said **David Brennan ’75, P’00**, chair of the College’s Board of Trustees, citing the exceptional work of the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), which was led by **Board Vice Chair Charlie Scott ’77, P’09, P’12**, and included representation from every College constituency.

“At Harvard, Bob was involved in key decisions the university made about strategy, policy, and student life,” added Brennan. “This wide variety of experience at such a remarkable institution, coupled with his passion for teaching and the liberal arts, translates into the type of leader we need at Gettysburg College.”

A graduate of Harvard College and the University of Virginia School of Law, Iuliano has spent the last two decades gaining a deep understanding and appreciation for issues fundamental to higher education leadership, including admissions, student life, athletics, governance, finance, and philanthropy.

Iuliano was deeply engaged in Harvard’s approach to online and related forms of learning, including the formation of edX with MIT, and its Harvard-based sibling, HarvardX. In addition, he was instrumental in initiating governance changes enhancing the educational, research, and academic mission of Harvard, which represented the first changes to Harvard’s senior board since its formation by charter in 1650.

“Bob Iuliano is one of the most talented leaders with whom I have ever been privileged to work,” said Harvard President Larry Bacow. “He cares deeply about students and undergraduate education. He is a gifted teacher and a fabulous leader. He also is incredibly decent, principled, and humble. Gettysburg has chosen well.”

During his tenure, Iuliano developed an intricate understanding of Harvard’s financial infrastructure on issues such as tuition, financial aid, endowment distribution, and debt and liquidity, while directly managing a considerable annual budget.

Bob Iuliano spoke with students at a student reception held on campus February 8. A separate reception was held for Trustees and employees earlier that day.



Likewise, he participated in the university's fundraising efforts, partnering with Harvard's development team to consider philanthropic opportunities and strategies, engage donors on gift negotiations and stewardship issues, and provide counsel for Harvard's now-completed capital campaign.

"Bob Iuliano struck me as a detailed, experienced, and pragmatic thinker," said Spanish and Globalization Studies **Prof. Alvaro Kaempfer**, who served as a member of the PSC. "He is fully aware of the enormous difficulties faced by liberal arts institutions and motivated by our institutional and historical traditions to take on the imperative efforts we need to put in place to keep Gettysburg academically and financially viable."

Above all, Iuliano has exhibited a steadfast commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout his career. At Harvard, he was responsible for articulating the university's position on student body diversity and its admissions processes—a topic that has gained national attention. He partnered with Harvard President Emerita Drew Gilpin Faust to charge and compose a university-wide committee on belonging and inclusion. Similarly, in 2015, he helped convene a cross-disciplinary committee of tenured faculty that worked for over two academic years to restate and reaffirm the faculty's commitment to student body diversity and its importance to Harvard's pedagogy and mission.

On February 8, Iuliano and his family were embraced into the Gettysburg College community during two on-campus receptions held in the College Union Building Ballroom.

"As Gettysburg looks to its future, it does so with an unwavering commitment to the importance of a residential liberal arts education," said Iuliano at the opening reception before a crowd of Trustees, PSC members, faculty, administrators, and staff. "That commitment shines through all that the College does and is deeply grounded in its founding principles. I see it in the stories I've read about this place and its students. I see it in the impact Gettysburg graduates have in this world. Stories I know have been building for generations. Stories that I am excited—and proud—to continue and be a part of."

Later that evening, hundreds of Gettysburg students gathered for their own special reception with the president-elect. Both events concluded with a ceremonial toast offered by Riggs.

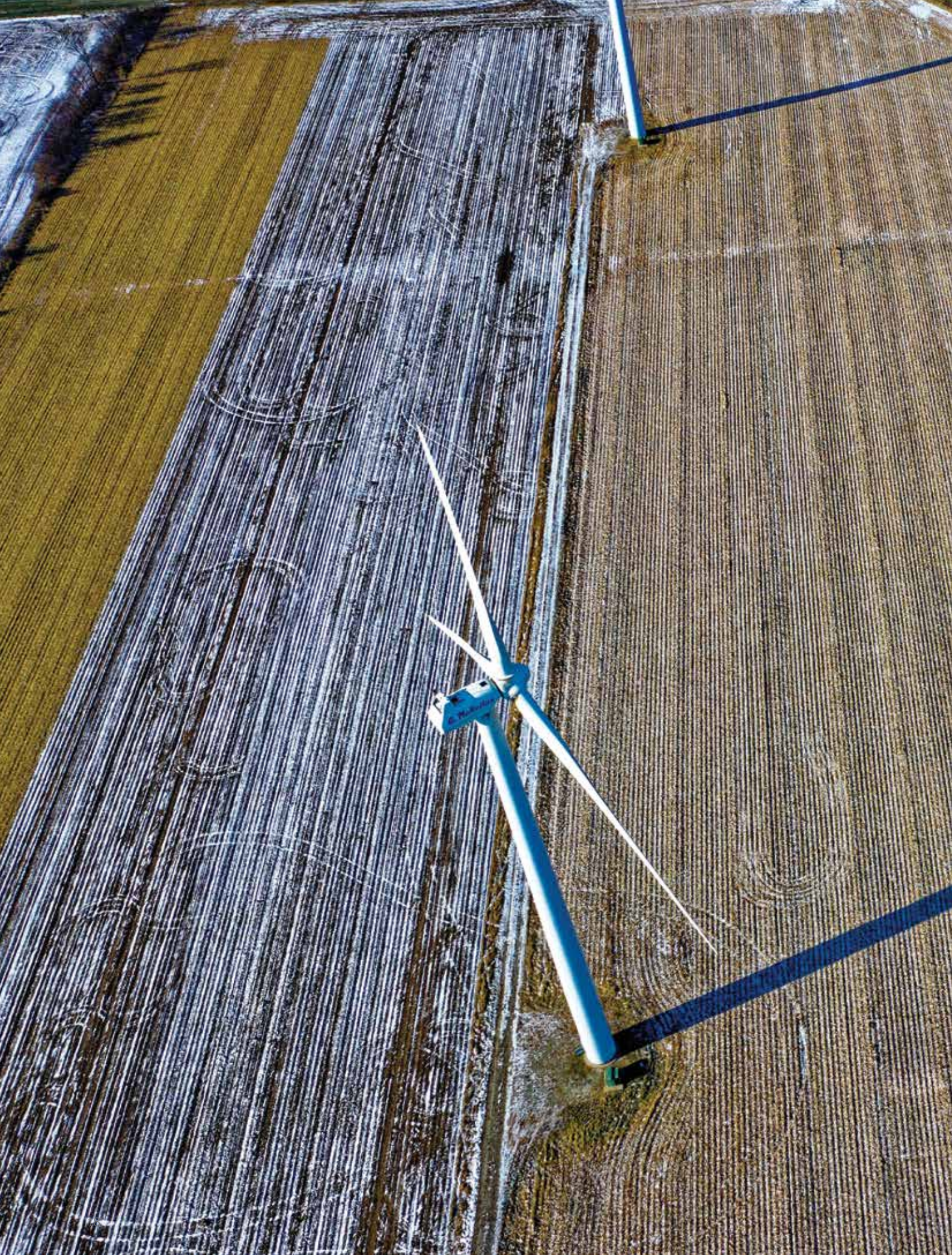
"I cannot tell you how honored I am to pass the Gettysburg College torch to you in July. I know you're going to take very good care of it," said Riggs amid cheers. "I want to extend to you, your wife Susan, and the Iuliano family a very warm welcome into our community. It is a wonderful community to be a part of, and we are so pleased to have you as members of it." ■



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Gettysburgians investigate how using technology — even actions considered beneficial, such as going paperless — can have a hidden cost for the environment.

By Katelyn Silva



We try to do our small part to protect it. Recycle. Turn off the lights when exiting a room. Use less water. In our digital lives: go paperless on bills and bank statements. Post on social media to raise awareness about global warming. Upgrade mom's phone to store more photos instead of printing them. With evolving technology, now we can even pay for a cup of coffee in bitcoin rather than printed money. These all seem like actions that would help the environment, or, at the very least, not harm it. But turning paper into data, using energy to post on social media, or mining for cryptocurrency are surprisingly costly endeavors for our planet.

Gettysburg faculty, alumni, and students are asking the less obvious questions about how our actions impact the environment, collaborating to uncover new knowledge about the role technology plays, and offering leadership on how to lessen our digital footprints.

When a new version of the hottest smartphone hits the market, people clamor to upgrade. The average smartphone is used for less than two years before it gets replaced. Each year, the world disposes of a million tons of phone chargers alone. Where are those devices and chargers going after they're traded in for the latest models?

According to United Nations data, about 70 percent of the world's electronic waste or "e-waste"—discarded electrical or electronic devices—ends up in China. A large proportion of that e-waste shows up specifically in Guiyu, China, on the coast of the South China Sea, according to research by **Max Butcher '19**, **Matthew Robertson '19**, and **Marion McKenzie '19**.

At Gettysburg College, student and faculty collaboration is a major component of a transformative liberal arts education—one that develops actively engaged and informed global citizens who go on to use their knowledge to improve the world.

During their sophomore year, Butcher, Robertson, and McKenzie completed a project called "The afterlife of an iPhone: Where our e-waste is going and how it affects human health and the economy" for Environmental Studies **Prof. Salma Monani's** Introduction to Environmental Humanities class.

They found that most of the valuable metals found in electronic waste are extracted and reused. But the remaining heavy metals and other toxins can have negative effects on both human health and ecosystems.

"Humans weren't meant to be exposed to metals and neurotoxins in this concentrated way," said

Butcher. “Guiyu is experiencing lead poisoning that can lead to stunted brain development, especially in developing children. Chemicals leach into rivers and make the water undrinkable. These practices have an enormous impact on the local ecosystem and the people living there.”

Suddenly, the cost of a new phone takes on a different meaning. “How we use technology matters, and how conscious we are of that usage matters,” added Monani. “The more we know, hopefully, the more conscious we become about how we use it, and that will have ripple effects for our environment.”

Guiyu has tried to mitigate the environmental effects of e-waste by shutting down thousands of polluting recyclers and moving others into a regulated industrial park outside of the town. Improvements have been noted by Guangdong’s Environmental Protection Department, but Butcher said all of us need to be more cognizant of our digital footprints.

“In the United States, it’s easy to be disconnected from the negative effects of our digital lives because we export our e-waste to places such as China. It can be important to update technology, but we need to balance upgrades with the understanding of the impact they have,” said Butcher, who hopes to work on new energy vehicles after graduation. “If your phone works fine, maybe wait a couple of years before you upgrade.”



As Butcher noted, many of us are unaware of the negative impact of our digital existence, from upgrading and disposing of our cell phones to—as **Heather Ipsen '15** explained—simply using them.

“It can be hard to believe that adding 1,000 photos from your latest vacation to Facebook or posting funny videos of your cat will have any impact on the environment,” said Ipsen. “However, the more we post, the more storage space big data and social media companies need.”

Ipsen, who recently completed her master’s thesis at Syracuse University on the social and environmental impact of our use of data centers, is pushing people to think long and hard about the impact of their social media use.

Her research focuses on the use of cloud computing to store, manage, and process data through a network of remote servers hosted on the Internet, rather than on local servers or personal computers. Because this data does not seemingly take a physical form, it’s easy to feel its impact on the environment is also invisible. But this is a false assumption.



“The cloud is not an indiscernible, amorphous place out there, somewhere,” Ipsen said. Data centers, or server farms, are enormous warehouses stocked with large numbers of networked computers that house the cloud. They require massive amounts of energy to run and cool. As demand for data increases, so does the space and power needed to feed that demand, which translates into a lot of water and electricity usage. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, American server farms use enough energy “to power all the households in New York City—twice over.”

This mammoth amount of energy use inspired Ipsen to dig deeper into how Facebook, in particular, is approaching the cloud and the development of data centers. Through her master’s thesis work, she found that Facebook data centers are expanding at an “alarming pace.” The company has built five new data centers since 2017, for a total of 12 “cloud campuses” worldwide. Every campus houses between two and five data centers, she explained, each of which stretch several football fields in size. Additionally, virtual reality and other high-definition features are becoming increasingly more common and expected by consumers. All of this demand necessitates more energy.

“Not only is there an increasingly large number of people using the cloud, but data companies are also demanding an increasing amount of storage space due to advancing technology,” said Ipsen. “So, the more we post to Facebook, the more servers Facebook will bring in, which subsequently will increase demand for energy and the resources to power data centers.”

When it comes to limiting the environmental impacts of data centers, Ipsen said the best thing to do is store less information on the cloud. “Little actions, like not posting your 1,000 photos, tend to add up quickly—especially with how ubiquitous social media has become. Alternatively, even simply deleting old files, photos, and videos will help lower the demand for space on cloud servers,” she said.

Ipsen became interested in environmental science and sustainability while a student at Gettysburg, commenting that “it was a combination of classes, experiences, and people at Gettysburg that fostered my passion.”

She initially wanted to become a doctor, until an introductory environmental studies course with Environmental Studies **Prof. Randy Wilson** changed her mind. At Gettysburg, she worked as a recycling and sustainability intern for the College’s Facilities Services Department, helped with numerous sustainability initiatives on campus, and sat on the town’s recycling committee. She also worked on an independent honors thesis with Environmental Studies **Prof. Sarah Principato**, who encouraged her, alongside Monani, to pursue her graduate degree in geography.

“My background as a student and employee at Gettysburg played a big role in the direction of my master’s thesis project and my future in environmental sciences,” said Ipsen.

In the near future, Ipsen plans to become a sustainability coordinator or manager at a university or college because she “believes that higher education is the best field in which one can foster concern for the environment.”

“If I can manage to convince students—who will be running the country in a matter of years—to care, as well as their professors—who can publish credible supporting research—to care, then I can hopefully help prevent the worsening of climate change,” she said.

JUST

as Ipsen’s experiences as a student impacted her work as an alum, the ongoing collaborative research between current students and faculty at Gettysburg College continues to make an impact—not only on the career trajectories of students, but also on the direction of environmental and related research areas of importance.

For example, a shared interest in Bitcoin, a shared interest in Bitcoin between **Tyler Mann ’20** and Economics **Prof. Rimvydas Baltaduonis** (read more about **Prof. Baltaduonis** on page 32) led to trailblazing research that advances discussions on the nuances of the positive and negative environmental impacts of bitcoin mining.

Tyler Mann ’20; Corentin Mercier, a 19-year-old bitcoin cash developer; and Economics Prof. Rimvydas Baltaduonis at Bitmain in Beijing. Mann and Baltaduonis toured the bitcoin mining company as part of their research.



Bitcoin, first launched in 2009, is the largest and the most well-known of the cryptocurrencies—digital currencies that exist within a decentralized exchange system. So, in other words, no banks. No middlemen. No frozen accounts. Getting one’s hands on bitcoin can be lucrative. At its peak, in December 2017, one bitcoin was worth \$19,783. At the time of this writing, a bitcoin is worth \$3,274. No wonder it’s often called “digital gold.”

However, bitcoin isn’t free money—far from it. Mining, the process used to acquire bitcoin, can be costly for the pocketbook and potentially devastating for the environment because it requires massive amounts of energy. In its simplest explanation, bitcoin is a linked list that condenses and secures data using cryptographic hashing.

“Computers go through many thousands of combinations of hashes, which are large amounts of bitcoin transaction data transformed into smaller, fixed lengths that can be built upon in a blockchain,” Baltaduonis explained. “When the algorithm says you’ve got the right hash and unlocks the blockchain, the miner is rewarded with bitcoin.” The process, in other words, is a bit like trying to open a metaphorical lock and key with brute-force computation.

Industrial-level bitcoin mining translates into many computers working overtime to crack mathematical equations that validate bitcoin transactions based on blockchain technology.

The process requires large sums of electricity to power and cool computers so they don’t overheat. It’s been estimated that bitcoin mining produces the carbon dioxide equivalent of 1 million transatlantic flights in a single year.

In 2018, Mann happened to be taking Chinese 102 with Baltaduonis, who was auditing the course as a professor. After class, Baltaduonis shared an article outlining alarming statistics related to bitcoin mining. Mann was struck by the statistic that the bitcoin network is estimated to consume “more electricity than nations such as Peru and Ireland.”

Because Mann, a mathematical economics major, had spent a semester abroad in Shanghai and interned at ViewFin, a leading blockchain solution provider, Baltaduonis asked for his thoughts. That exchange ultimately led to a fruitful research partnership aimed at illuminating how the growth of industrial bitcoin mining and other cryptocurrencies has impacted energy production in China—and, in turn, the environment.

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Through support from the Kolbe Summer Fellows Program, made possible through a fund established by **Eric Kolbe '65**, Baltaduonis and Mann spent a month together in Beijing conducting research. “We wanted to understand what had led to China’s dominance in this bizarre new industry and its impact,” said Mann.

What led to China’s dominance? Largely, cheap energy. China is a major player in the bitcoin market, leading the world in the development of hash algorithms. “Currently, about 70 percent of the hashing share in the world belongs to China,” said Baltaduonis.

When it comes to making a profit from bitcoin hashing, there are two variables that miners can control to yield a profit: the price of electricity and the price of cooling. Credit Suisse estimates that 80 percent of the expenses for bitcoin miners are spent on electricity. China has abundant amounts of inexpensive energy ranging from dirty coal



to renewables such as hydro, solar, and wind. The government has been historically lenient on environmental protection policies. With cheaper energy sources, China is in a stronger position to make greater profit margins.

Although China still burns fossil fuels to power bitcoin mining (the country is responsible for half of the world's coal consumption) through their research, Baltaduonis and Mann came to the conclusion that bitcoin mining is likely to do more good for the environment than harm.

"China has a lot of hydro and wind power potential, and they're developing the systems to get that renewable power from one part of the country to the other," said Baltaduonis. "If China can continue developing low-cost, green energy, it could power a lot of the cryptocurrency demand. In some ways, cryptocurrencies or blockchain technology might be an additional incentive for China to develop renewable energy."

He added, "I also think the technology will advance and use less energy to achieve the same outcomes."

Mann agreed. "Our research found that environmental harm claims are overstated since the leading province in China is hydro-dominant and much of the mining happening is the consumption of otherwise wasted hydroelectric power. As a result, mining could be a net positive if policymakers and plant operators coordinate to use mining as a way to offset installment costs," Mann said.

The rich research opportunities available at Gettysburg College made Mann's work possible. "Not many small liberal arts schools offer students the opportunity to carry out faculty-mentored, individualized undergraduate research projects," he said. "And even less are able to help fund a project that includes a month in China's capital to help shed light on a real-world problem."

An overarching message from Gettysburg faculty, alumni, and students who care about the environment is this: we have to be more aware of the invisible effects of our digital practices. When more people understand that deleting old photo files or waiting to upgrade a cell phone can have a real impact on the world, they will be more apt to take those actions. Knowledge is power, and Gettysburgians are building more of it every day.

"Something I love about Gettysburg students is that they want to be responsible citizens of the world," said Monani. "That makes me hopeful."

Across the board, faculty, alumni, and students shared the hope that our future holds more responsible digital usage and the belief that Gettysburg College is developing critical thinkers who will help lead the charge. ■



CREATIVITY:

A CALLING CULTIVATED

Gettysburgians
find commonalities
in their approach
to creativity
across disciplines
and careers

The definition of creativity is somewhat nebulous and absolutely individual. It can be found at the root of how a mathematician approaches an equation, how an educator connects to students, and how a poet develops a stanza. Yet, ask a writer, painter, fashion designer, or musician with ties to Gettysburg College, “What is creativity?” The answer: it is a process, a passion, and a revealing of one’s self.

By Devan White '11



Artwork by Inayah Sherry '19

Whether studying physics or fine art, a Gettysburg College education serves to test and refine creativity—encouraging students to not only ask sharp questions, but also to develop understanding through exploration, experimentation, critical thinking, and compassion. These skills pay dividends today, at a time when developing new ideas, inspiring quality work, and making meaning through unexpected connections—all elements of creativity—are increasingly seen as requirements for success in a variety of fields, not just those traditionally marked as creative careers.

Dick Boak '72, an illustrator, author, woodworker, luthier, musician, and retired archivist for Martin Guitar, has always been a man of many interests. “People tend to isolate creativity into mediums—music versus painting, for example. I was interested in all of them,” he said. “Each medium is like applying a little bit of mercury on a mirror. They all meld together to reveal an approach to how you do a task. The approach is the art.”

Being an artist requires logic, creativity, and a breadth of knowledge to draw from, which is where a liberal arts approach has an advantage. For **Jen Fisher Bryant '82**, an award-winning author and poet, writing ideas come in various shapes and forms—from the music of French composer Olivier Messiaen to the boyhood stories of Abraham Lincoln. In addition to her works of fiction and poetry, Bryant has written numerous biographies on prominent figures such as Messiaen and Lincoln for young adults.

“In my office, there are files with labels distinguishing a first draft of a novel from the editorial correspondence or the research for that novel. In reality, all of my files are connected,” she explained. “A liberal arts education is like that: you might take a biology course and a creative writing course in different departments, but the reality is that you’ll integrate, cross-reference, and cross-pollinate the knowledge and experiences in those courses for the rest of your life. It’s an education that’s deeper and so much richer in creative potential than a hyper-specialized one.”

For Bryant, in-depth research is key to following through on projects, but her ideas always begin with an emotional response. For instance, when she learned the notes of “Quartet for the End of Time” were inspired by birdsong Messiaen heard while he was in a World War II prison camp, Bryant knew she felt a strong enough emotional connection to Messiaen’s story to write his biography. “Writers differ in how they begin, but more often than not, it feels like my subjects choose me, rather than the other way around,” said Bryant.

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Similarly, **Sneha Shrestha '10**, an educator, social entrepreneur, and artist known for mixing her native Nepali alphabet with American graffiti, seeks inspiration from the words and colors that surround her daily. “My ideas come and go in my imagination, so I constantly write them down whenever they pop up. Sometimes they’re visions of complete paintings and sometimes they are just words I want to write or visions of colors,” she said. “I either do a quick sketch to record my idea or sit and render the idea through. I let my ideas and concepts steep for a very long time before I start painting or drawing.”

Inspiration can flourish in this steeping process, when tendrils of knowledge seem to inexplicably intertwine. While students examine masterpieces in the classroom, their exploration outside of the classroom is percolating in the background, and vice versa. Whether it is witnessing the vibrant colors of Morocco or listening to the laughter of a child playing in Nicaragua, the sights and sounds of the world add life to art.

Carson Kressley '91, famed fashion designer and television personality, believes the creative process begins with the freedom to think, develop, and collaborate with others. “Parameters and limitations hinder the creative process, whether it’s budget, time, or resources. But to get a creative idea started, you need freedom,” said Kressley. “Then you can refine, refine, and refine based on limitations.”

Kressley, who is working on a new show for the television network Bravo called *Get a Room with Carson & Thom*, compares cultivating creativity to the work of our taste buds and muscles. “Like taste buds, everyone’s creative process is unique, developed through ideas, experiences, and sensibility. You also have the ability to flex your creative muscles by going outside of your comfort zone, as I have had to do in my new show where I am exploring interior design for the first time.”



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Images: 1—The Trial, a novel about the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh's baby son, is written in verse by Jen Bryant '82 and illustrated by Leigh Wells.

2—Carson Kressley '91 is at work on a new show, Get a Room with Carson & Thom. Image courtesy of Bravo Media/Rodolfo Martinez. 3—Sneha Shrestha '10 (Instagram: @imagine876) works on a mural in Lynn, Massachusetts. Image courtesy of Sworup Ranjit.



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The College's programs, including its robust global study offerings, provide students the important opportunity to explore and flex their creative muscles.

Inayah Sherry '19, president of the International Club, reflected on how these experiences influenced her creativity.

An international student from Barbados, she studied in the South of France and completed a summer fellowship in Nepal through the Center for Public Service.

"Traveling abroad allowed me to see myself in a global context and experience different interactions around the world, which plays into my art and how it has developed while at Gettysburg," she said. Sherry, a studio art major with a concentration in psychology, intends to use her combined academic background to pursue a graduate degree in art therapy

this fall. Sherry's academic combination is one of many that cross-pollinate disciplines, melding the creative and artistic arenas with the mathematical and scientific.

The uniqueness of each person's creative process is born, not only from their tastes and experiences, but also from the ability to suppress outside influence. Rigidness and closed-mindedness—succumbing to the way things have always been—have no place in the creative process.

Tullio DeSantis '71, a contemporary artist, writer, technologist, and teacher, sees having the ability to remove preconceived notions and stigmas as an essential element of the creative process. The individuality and uniqueness required to create something new comes from our personal identities rather than a cultural identity, he explained.

DeSantis and Boak met while students at Gettysburg College. DeSantis was a year ahead of Boak, acting as his "carrot on a stick." After graduation, the two kept in touch, continuing to admire one another's work, which led to the opening of a joint art exhibit in New York City in November of 2018 entitled "Illustrations and Guitars by Dick Boak and Paintings by Tullio DeSantis."

"To create is to bring forth something entirely new," said DeSantis. "This is possible only if one is able to separate oneself from the culture at large long enough to see or say or make something truly original." In other words, you need to be able to push yourself beyond the confines of your own experience and thinking.

Now World Order, 2018, acrylic on world map on foam core, 22" x 40"; Image courtesy of Tullio DeSantis '71





Separating one's personal and cultural identities, as DeSantis suggests, requires a great deal of introspection and vulnerability.

Ari Isaacman-Beck, an accomplished solo violinist and visiting assistant professor at the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College, believes part of his job is to create an environment in which students are able to be vulnerable and connect to music emotionally. To do this, he focuses on limiting his students' self-criticism by framing his feedback around how they play, and not how he would play, a piece. From there, he helps them develop their own interpretations.

"Knowing the emotional narrative of your interpretation of the music is something we need to do to have any chance of relating to the audience. It can be uncomfortable to experience such emotions and then share them with an audience," said Isaacman-Beck. "That vulnerability and openness to the audience is what has always drawn me to the arts. That is what gives me chills."

Isaacman-Beck explained that the creative process not only requires freedom, dedication, and logic, but also a great deal of vulnerability—both in the process and performance. People must allow themselves to be self-reflective, introspective, and even frustrated at times. For students and artists alike, "there is a fine balance between the drive to produce and the suppleness needed to be kind to oneself," he said. Though sometimes delicate in an academic atmosphere, Isaacman-Beck strives to create that environment at the Sunderman Conservatory.

Gettysburg professors past and present have played a key role in cultivating the creativity of their students, no matter how nebulous a process it may seem.

For Boak, it was Art **Prof. Norm Annis**, who passed away last year, who inspired him to pursue a life of art.

For Inayah Sherry, it was former Gettysburg **Prof. Amer Kobaslija**. "Throughout my entire Gettysburg experience, he was a mentor to me," said Sherry. "He not only encouraged me to create, but I was also drawn to the way he viewed the world and his absolute passion for the artistic process."

Bryant also reflected on her time as a Gettysburg student—a chance for inspiration and self-exploration. "In order to create something new and authentic, you have to know who you are. Before I came to Gettysburg, I knew who I was supposed to be, but not really who I was. The school offered then—and still offers now—a place where self-knowledge and self-discovery can happen," she said.

"IT CAN BE UNCOMFORTABLE TO EXPERIENCE SUCH EMOTIONS AND THEN SHARE THEM WITH AN AUDIENCE."

In self-discovery, any student, any person, would likely find the existence of an inner artist. "A person is an artist if they are doing art," Boak explained. "You are what you are doing at any given time. I like that people allocate their time to creativity. That in itself has intrinsic worth."

No matter the field of study, creativity is an essential process that takes a lifetime of refining, flexing, and discovery. It is an act of passion and persistence. It is a centerpiece of the Gettysburg education. As Kressley put it, "Whether problem solving is societal, scientific, or artistic, open-mindedness, critical thinking, and creativity go hand in hand." ■

Do

What students

Conversations from the margins

Fueled by determination and success in navigating her experience as a first-generation Latina college student, **Emily Vega '19** created her own major—Conversations from the Margins—which focuses on the personal narratives and multimedia public representations of marginalized communities.

“The narratives of marginalized communities are studied across many disciplines, including English; Africana studies; women, gender, and sexuality studies; and sociology,” Vega said. “While I valued the opportunity to take classes in each department, I realized that my own academic interests would require me to put these classes into conversation with one another in a more intentional way.”

To enhance her interdisciplinary major, Vega spent four months in Morocco working as a student journalist. She traveled across the North African country learning about its history, current events, and people. She wrote stories about those she became friends with, talked to street artists about their murals in the souks, and learned how to make Moroccan meals.

“Being in Morocco pushed me out of my comfort zone, and yet, I loved every second of it,” Vega said. “Between every awkward moment I had due to the language barrier, there were many more moments of laughter, discovery, and growth.” ■



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What makes Gettysburg

Global reach

Our faculty's global connections allow for the broader exploration of issues such as immigration facing those living in the United States and abroad. Economics **Prof. Rimvydas Baltaduonis**, a native of Lithuania, has served as Chairman of the Joint Commission of the Lithuanian Parliament and the Lithuanian World Community since January 2017. In this role, he helps lead discussions on issues of the Lithuanian diaspora that are conducted during parliamentary sessions of the commission.

In preparation for the Lithuanian presidential elections in May, Baltaduonis worked on campaign DABAR 2019, an initiative designed to promote the civic engagement of Lithuanians worldwide and to facilitate active participation in the presidential



Prof. Rimvydas Baltaduonis at a Lithuanian World Community meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania

elections and referendum on dual citizenship for Lithuanians.

“In the world today, migration is a natural phenomenon that is increasingly common,” said Baltaduonis. “People live in multiple countries throughout their lifetimes, and state governments have to address and grapple with these issues so their laws address this new reality.”

In addition to his work in economics, Baltaduonis is the chair of the international affairs program. ■

Work

that makes a difference

Seats for life

In a surprise celebration sponsored by the Gettysburg College Athletics department, **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77** and **Ed Riggs '77** were presented with an engraved, diamond-shaped glass award honoring their commitment to Gettysburg College athletics. Student-athletes lined up in two parallel rows, opening a pathway directly to the bleachers. A silver plate engraved with blue lettering marked two seats behind the Gettysburg bench as reserved for the duo.

"When the students came over and presented us with the award I was so moved," said Janet. "I was so surprised and touched by the staff and students honoring the two of us in that way."

For more than four decades, both members of the Riggs family have been ardent supporters of the Orange and Blue. A former All-American in track and field at Gettysburg, Ed spent a decade at the helm of the cross country and track and field programs and was inducted into the Hall of Athletic Honor in 1996.

"We are such great fans of Gettysburg athletics and will continue to be," said Janet.

All athletic venues with seating at Gettysburg College—the Bullets Pool, Shirk Field at Musselman Stadium, Kirchoff Field, Bobby Jones Field, and Clark Field—will feature reserved seats for the retiring president and her husband. ■

Ed Riggs '77 and Janet Morgan Riggs '77 accepted the award at an athletic honor ceremony on Jan. 26, 2019.





SAVE THE DATES

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

SEPTEMBER 28

Presidential Inauguration of **Robert W. Iuliano**,
Gettysburg College's 15th president

OCTOBER 4

Hall of Athletic Honor Induction

OCTOBER 4–6

Homecoming

NOVEMBER 1–3

Family Weekend

1944**75th Reunion Year**

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This is our 65th Reunion year! **Nancy Penniman Young** and I are planning to be there and hope you will join us on campus from May 30–June 2! It was good to hear from **Carol Jones Watts** in Denver. She finally retired—retired, that is, from babysitting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her health is good, and she enjoys water aerobics, playing cards, and going out to lunch, movies, and plays. My big trip for 2018 was to Australia for the 11th International Conference on Frontotemporal Dementias (FTD). I stayed in Los Angeles to visit my daughter on the way to and from Australia, which broke up the long international flights, and I had the added bonus of visits with my daughter. Before the conference, I spent two weeks sightseeing. I visited friends in Canberra and the wineries in Adelaide. I loved the Outback and stayed in Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Alice Springs and had an overnight train ride on the fabled Ghan from Alice Springs to Adelaide. Then it was on to Sydney for the conference, where I gave a brief presentation about World FTD United. It was good to meet with so many international colleagues and old friends, and it was exciting to see how much the FTD field has grown. You'll be glad to learn that **Buzz Hanson** and his wife have recovered from their serious car accident. However, Buzz was in the VA Hospital for the month of Dec. with leg problems and a foot fracture. He had to wear a boot for several months, but he writes that he "is on the rise" and notes, "You can't keep an ole soldier down." He wishes his fellow classmates the best of everything. Congratulations to Phyllis and **Al Comery** for celebrating 20,000 days of marriage on Jan. 13. They also performed "I Remember It Well" from Gigi at their church after-Christmas follies. Visit Alan Comery's Facebook page for views of the events. I'm sorry to report that two of our classmates died in Dec. Our condolences to their families. **Earl B. Wantz** died in Silverdale, WA. After graduation from

**Send news!**

Have something special to share? We want to hear from you. Contact your class correspondent by **July 15th** for the fall issue.

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Gettysburg, Earl received his Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 1957. He entered the Air Force Chaplaincy in 1960. During his service, he earned a Master in Counseling and a Doctor of Ministry. He also earned numerous military awards from his service abroad and in the United States. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois. He is survived by three children, eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. **Frieda Vierling Stark** died in Garden City, NY. At Gettysburg, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority and played women's varsity basketball. She also met her husband, Robert Stark '55, and they were married for 64 years. Frieda was an avid golfer and tennis player. She was the Cherry Valley Club ladies doubles platform tennis champion for eight years. A daughter predeceased her, and Frieda is survived by her husband Bob, a son, and granddaughter.

1955

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Just a reminder that our alma mater is in the midst of the 2019 Gettysburg Fund appeal. Alumni support is vital in that it guarantees the continuance of a fine Gettysburg education and access to academically qualified students. On Dec. 8, 2018, Rev. **Robert J. Roberts**, formerly of Coopersburg, PA, passed away after a lengthy illness. Following graduation, Bob went on to Princeton Theological Seminary and then served Presbyterian congregations in Summit Hill, Ebensburg, and Lower Tuscarora, PA, prior to retirement. Bob was one of the original members of the AN-TEKES, a group of '50s and '60s TKE brothers who still meet socially. He was the husband of the late Grace Mann Roberts. Survivors also include his son, Andrew J. Roberts, husband of Kristy Roberts, of Melbourne, Australia; four grandsons; nephew David Rogers of Gilbertsville; in-laws Arlene, Fern, and Bernice Mann, all of Coopersburg; Rollin of CA; and Rev. Marshall Riu of Allentown, PA. Bob was predeceased by his sister, Gloria Rodgers. We extend our belated condolences to the family.

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The ever-flowing stream that bears us all away has claimed **Paul I. Detwiler, Jr.** Paul, a business administration major and SAE, was the owner of New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company Inc. of Bedford, PA. He worked for his company for 55 years. He loved his work and the time spent in the quarry, and he was always focused on growing the company. In college, he met co-ed Patricia Buffet '59. They were married for 61 years. When Paul was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, they spent two years in France, where the first of two sons was born. They also have two daughters and 17 grandchildren. Paul was a member of the Bedford Presbyterian Church, Bedford Masonic Lodge, and a board member of the Everett Cash Mutual. We extend our sympathies to his family.

Walter H. Wagner also tells of the celebration of a 60th wedding anniversary. (There have been five other such celebrations noted in this column!) He continues to teach and be an administrator of the Muslim-based graduate school in Bethlehem, PA. He tells that the political situation in Turkey has impacted his work. Many supporters have been jailed, impoverished, threatened by the government, or driven into exile, thus becoming asylum seekers in Europe and the United States. He heads the school's interreligious programs and preaches regularly in Lutheran congregations that have pastoral vacancies. He and a Muslim colleague are "blue skying" a joint book project, but, realistically, he observes that "maybe time will slow that this hope will move forward to completion. Insha' Allah—God Willing!"

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Hello Class of 1958! I must apologize because I have been overwhelmed by my computer breaking recently and trying to complete our class notes without it. I still have news to report from our last Reunion. Stay tuned for the next issue and continue to send in your news. I will report again in the fall.

1959

60th Reunion Year

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Don Gutekunst, Ellen Buchanan Wilcox, Carol Leatherman Sieck, Dawn Burg Alexander, Jim Flood, Dick and Dottie Lloyd Simpson—

I hope you recognize these names. These are just a few we have heard from saying they plan to join us at Reunion Weekend, May 30–June 2. Yes, believe it or not, this weekend will be our 60th Reunion. Our class president, **Jack Hathaway**, broke his leg, and Joe Lynch turned over the Reunion planning to Bruce and me. We hope to be able to say "goodbye" to Janet Morgan Riggs '77 or "welcome" to the new president. If you come on May 30, you will be able to participate in Alumni College classes. Bruce and I have found these classes to be just great, so we would encourage you to come along. I was glad to receive a note from **Ruth Clegg Whitsel**, but sorry to learn of the death of her husband, **Barry Whitsel**, in Nov. I received a note from **Warren "Jack" Poysher**. He admitted that this was his first contact since graduation. Warren lives in Philadelphia, retired 25 years ago, and, like many of us, appreciates our student days in the '50s. I recently learned of the Dec. 2018 death of **Richard H. Smith** of Baldwin, NY. Richard taught physical education and coached for 32 years in the Baldwin School District. I am always looking for news for our class column.

1960

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A long email from **Jim and Mary Jane Callis Brenneman** from warm and sunny FL arrived as much of the East Coast was in deep-freeze mode. They reported on their annual dinner get-together with **Sue Pelton Walker** and Chuck in Bordentown, NJ, followed by dessert and coffee at the Walker home. They also meet up with Barb '61 and **Bill Fleischman** and **Judy** and **Al Bauroth** each year when all are in FL for their winter retreat. They toured Pittsburgh with **Nancy Susser Hamilton** the day before they embarked on an Ohio and Mississippi River cruise. Nancy's tour included running a red light, getting pulled over, and escaping her

very first traffic ticket with a warning to park her car when pointing out historic sites! When the Brennemens toured the Brandywine River Museum to see the Christmas trees “all decorated with ornaments (“critters” they call them) made totally from natural materials. We were able to purchase an ornament that was made by **Teddi Tichy Wright**. Teddie has been a volunteer at the museum and has been making ornaments for the trees for about 30 years.” In other news, Rod and I escaped to Puerto Rico for that super-cold week. One morning at our bed-and-breakfast, a woman appeared in an alumni Gettysburg College T-shirt. It turned out she was a 1984 graduate who also had four great college years! **Pete Casagrande** comments that it’s almost too cold to walk or think in Lawrence, KS. **Dan Selak** reports that his wife Joy’s book, *CeeGee’s Gift*, has just been published. It was originally written as a play that won an award. Dan and Joy are very active in cultural and civic affairs in Austin, TX. **Connie Keller Dowd** died in Sept. 2018. She and Larry had moved their family many times during his career while raising sons Derek and Michael. Connie started her career in data processing and eventually retired from EDS and the American Cancer Society. She was a “sports nut” who followed several professional teams and who became a well-known amateur doubles tennis player during their Atlanta years. After retiring to Myrtle Beach, she became a golfer. She also devoted many hours to her church, the Salvation Army, and Meals on Wheels. Our sympathy goes out to Larry, their sons, and their families.

1961

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Keep that info coming, please! We’re all doing something in retirement—traveling, reading terrific books, knitting, caring for a loved one, and relaxing. Share your leisure activities. We’d all enjoy hearing about them. Thanks to **Michael Reichgott** and his wife Lynn for bringing us up-to-date on their interesting lives. A recent trip to G’burg to attend the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial plaque was the stimulus for filling us in on their activities. Mike felt that the program, which was spearheaded by a group of alumni, including Gen. **Bill Matz**, was well done and a positive and powerful statement of remembrance. In conjunction with this event, Prof. Michael J. Birkner ’72, P’10 of the history

department is developing an oral history of the period. Mike is encouraging any ’61 veteran to get in touch with him. The weekend provided Mike and Lynn an opportunity to connect with **Ray Lee** (Mike’s college roommate) and his wife Olivia. **Pete Yingling** and Claire Kreutz Moyer ’62 also attended the dedication. Mike shares that he is professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (graduated in ’65). He did residency and fellowship at UC-San Francisco from ’65 to ’67, and after his turn in Vietnam (2nd Surgical Hospital Chu Lai ’67–’68), Mike returned to UCSF for fellowship and completed the PhD in pharmacology in ’72. Then it was 12 years on the faculty at U of PA and back to Einstein in 1984. He progressed through almost every associate dean’s job. Now Mike spends most of his time teaching and working with the medical students, which is what he loves to do. As far as family, he has three sons, all married, and five grandchildren, ranging in ages from 6 to 16. He and Lynn live near and enjoy New York City and are there almost weekly. In a note, **Pat Ness Smith** tells us that she and **Marilyn Hannas Flood** recently had a fun day at a G’burg swim meet. Marilyn’s grandson is on the swim team. I am looking forward to hearing from more ’61ers about their activities.

1962

 [Gettysburg College Class of 1962](#)

David E. Grover of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away peacefully on Jan. 30. He received a PhD from the U of KY in 1967. After serving as a U.S. Army Captain, Dave began a 34-year teaching career as a tenured professor of psychology at Indiana U of PA. After retiring in 2003, Dave took advantage of all Pittsburgh has to offer, attending cultural events, cheering for the Steelers and Penguins, and contributing to the community as a member of the Allegheny Group of the Sierra Club and Squirrel Hill’s Urban Coalition litter patrol. He enjoyed traveling and was a voracious reader. Memorial contributions may be made to the Galapagos Conservancy or a charity of your choice. Our condolences go to David’s family and friends.

1963

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Classmates, it is with sadness that I report that Col. **Thomas Glodek**

passed away on Nov. 30, 2018. Tom is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and is a retired Vietnam War veteran, having served with the U.S. Military Assistance Command as a military intelligence advisor in South Vietnam. Tom wrote a book about his experiences in the military entitled *The Advisory Team*, and in the foreword, he credited classmate **Dick Pendleton** with assistance in providing visual maps for the book. After graduating from Gettysburg, Tom received his master’s degree in education from Boston U in 1972, and in 1982, he received his doctorate degree in education from the U of San Francisco. While at Gettysburg, Tom played basketball, was in Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and studied political science. He is survived by his son, Garron. A graveside service was held in Dec. at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Memphis, TN. The Vietnam War Memorial weekend last Nov. was a fitting tribute to the men and women who served our country in the military. Our class was well represented to remember and honor **Joe Murphy**. The attendance was strong, filling Mara Auditorium to standing room only, and the atmosphere was reflective yet appreciative for all Gettysburgians who served—and also to the College for honoring these graduates in such a meaningful way. President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 and Sue Colestock Hill ’67 captured the mood beautifully in their dedication remarks. The memorial is located on the southeast corner of the new addition to the College Union. Make certain you stop by and see it the next time you are on campus. Our class has provided a small flag honoring all vets who are MIA or POW. The Class of 1963 is planning to replace it with a larger, more visible flag in the near future. Thank you **Oz Sanborn** and **Don Burden** for initiating that remembrance. **Jerry Spinelli** has been asked to be the Commencement speaker this May for the Class of 2019. There are many of us who are planning to be there to hear his thoughts. We are also planning a class celebration afterward. If you are interested in more information, contact Oz or Don.

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55th Reunion Year

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It's a strange thing, writing this column. I'm reporting news from months ago, now in Feb., knowing you won't read it until later in the spring. But news it is, with many details or few. **Tom Pauls** died in Apr. 2018. Several people wrote to me, but details are few. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Pelta, and two children. In 1989, he earned a master's degree from Lock Haven U where he studied the international Green Party movement. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. **Bill Logan** died in Jan. He is survived by Frances, their two children, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. After earning his MEd at Penn State and DEd at the U of Northern CO, he served as a professor and mentor. In addition, he was a scout, a Vietnam veteran, a singer, skier, and photographer. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Parkinson Association of the Rockies. **Doug Durrett** still works with Global Synergies, LLC, a company he and a partner started in the mid-1990s. It serves U.S. clients with advantageous relationships and supply chains involving other countries. The tools and skills he learned in historical methods and in writing countless research papers still serve him well! He and his wife of 55 years, **Pat Coffin Durrett**, have three married children and seven grandchildren. **Jim Honafius** was one of many saluting Vietnam-era 'Burgians who sacrificed all, at the College's remembrance in Nov. Jim's roommate, **Jim Ewing**, was one of those honored. Jim McLaughlin '66, Eric Fields '64, and George Hartenstine '64 were also present. Jim Honafius writes that he and Shayne hope to make it to our next Reunion when all of us can see the impressive granite plaque remembering our friends and classmates. And, yes, our next Reunion will be here before you know it. But why wait until then to share information about your grandkids, your retirement getaway, and your best memory of your alma mater? Lots of folks want to hear from you. And you read this column first, don't you? So, right now, send me an email and send Gettysburg a large check for the annual fund.

1966

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Al Siss passed away on Oct. 23, 2018. After Gettysburg, Al graduated from the George Washington U Law School. Following law school, Al served in the National Guard and began practicing law in 1969 in north NJ and later served as a municipal judge. Al loved music and writing. A sonorous bass, Al loved singing, especially with the Hoboken Renaissance Singers. He was also the author of the 2013 novel *The Birthright*, a product of years of devotion. **Rob Morrison** wrote a book on new frontiers in health care called *Angels in Dark Places: CNAs Deal with Love, Life, Death, and Diapers*. Rob also reports that he, **Bill Horn**, **Jon Griffith**, and **Bob Peddicord** really enjoyed the 50th anniversary celebration of our graduation. On Nov. 10, the College dedicated the memorial plaque honoring the 14 G'burg alumni who died while serving in the Vietnam War in a ceremony attended by hundreds of folks. Our classmates named on the memorial are **George Callan**, **Bobby Morris**, and **Chuck Richardson**. Classmates participating in the ceremony were **Tom McCracken**, **Bill Bock**, **Gordy Rowe**, and **Steve Tracy**. Classmates attending were **Bobbi Dietrick Gorman**, **Kathie Smith de la Vergne**, **Rich Sawyer**, **Ken Snowe**, **Ron Brentzel**, **Dick Mole Myers**, **John Hemenway**, **Bob Paget**, **Peter Stickeler**, **Flip Archard**, **Ron Schoenleber**, and **Bob Dillon**. Apologies to anyone I omitted.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1968

There are no new items to report about our classmates as no one dropped me a note about any of them. However, I'd like to report that Dr. Walden Freeman, who was a history professor when we

were at G'burg, sends his greetings to all his former students from Kerrville, TX, where he and his wife recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They are planning to downsize a bit, as many of us are also doing. Please drop a line about your doings. People are interested.

1969

50th Reunion Year

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50th Reunion! May 30–June 2! That's the biggest news to report, and the notification we received that Robert W. Luliano has been named as the 15th president of Gettysburg College is pretty big, too. As far as our own classmates, our most consistent contributor, **Fred Schumacher**, has added two more honors to his long list of contributions and activities: he has been appointed to the Veterans Advisory Council of Frederick County, MD, and was elected chairman of that council. Congrats, Fred! No other class news to report at this juncture. I'm sure there will be news to report after the Reunion, as long as people send it to me.

1970

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 Gettysburg '70

My apologies for saying that no one had sent me information for the last column. **Bernie Witkin** wrote that he, **Tom Oravitz**, **Rich Van Ness**, **George Lorah**, **Geoff Curtis**, **John Ricketts**, and **Jim Heston** went on G'burg's annual Meerwald Tall Ship Sail out of Liberty State Park in Jersey City on June 26, 2018. Sorry it's old news. I'm going to have to revamp my class notes filing system! I hope everyone had a good fall and winter. I'm sorry to pass along the death of **John Keith Johnson**. Keith passed away on Nov. 25, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Regina "Regie." They both had a career of crafting and finishing unique-looking glass frames and free-standing sculptures through working with wood. Keith later completed three novels. Thanks, Bernie, for reminding me that the Class of '70 turned 70 in 2018. Plans are already underway for our 50th Reunion in 2020. I hope everyone is planning to attend. Please come if you never have, and if you're a "regular," we expect you to be there! As always, please write!

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 Gettysburg College Class
of 1971 Reunion

Greetings from MD! I received a note from our "Winter Texan" **Dave Good**. Dave writes that he's trying out a space in Edinburg, TX, for a few months. He has his car and motorcycle, and the area used to be Mexico until 1845. The population is largely bilingual Hispanic people. "I am surrounded by people from up north, including many Canadians and people from the Dakotas, MN, and IA," he wrote. "I know it's over 1,800 miles from York to this location, but it's really worth it." I will follow Dave's adventures as I am getting an itch to try out RVing! Other "small world" news—Dr. **Bob Cox** wrote, "On Oct. 11, in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem, Israel, **Susan Doenges Waring** and I connected! Turns out we were both on the same Mediterranean cruise and tour of Italy, Israel, and Greece. It was a fabulous adventure. What a coincidence, especially since neither Sue nor I live in Plano, TX, where this trip originated. We were both invited guests by friends there." A note from **Bruce Stefany**: "It's been a big year for Betsy and me. Daughter Liz married her longtime soulmate Dave Corrow in Sept. at the Sugarloaf Ski Resort in MN. I retired Dec. 31 after spending my entire 47-year career in the stock brokerage and securities industry and have been extremely fortunate to have had some major breaks along the way, starting with my first job after graduation working on the then Philadelphia Stock Exchange as a floor broker and trader thanks to my dad's boss. We're staying in NH as we're only 10 minutes from the Dartmouth campus and all that it offers. I still get back to G'burg to attend trustee meetings as an emeriti trustee and to spend time with **Jim Chemel**, who was a magnificent board chair until stepping down last year. He did our class proud." As you do and did as well, Bruce! Congrats on all of your milestones! **Mark Ellingsen** has another book out, with two more coming. Mark is a minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) and has been a professor of church history at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA, since 1993. His current book (available on Amazon), *A Rebellious Faith: Cycle C Sermons Based on Second Lessons for Lent and Easter*, reminds us that "bearing the cross of our sin is not a burden, but a blessing in the knowledge the Lord has paid the

ultimate price for our sin." A note from **Kelly Alsedek** (new doggie parent to McTavish), "Nine members of the 1968 Delta Gamma pledge class, Kelly Alsedek, **Linda Wiggins Curtiss, Jane Engel Gallagher, Pat Henry, Christine Lyons Rendell, Peggy Schoenbrodt Sheer, Suzanne Smith Tillman, Nancy Naylor Twardus, and Beth Parr White**, along with their pledge trainer, Emily Foster '69, gathered Veterans Day weekend at Linda's home in Bradley Beach, NJ. Various permutations of this group have gathered every five years or so since we graduated, and we have continued in memory of our '71 classmate and DG sister, **Jessie Brumaghim**, who lost her long battle with cancer in 1990. This marked our largest gathering ever and was filled with retold tales of our time on campus; updates on family, grandkids, and beloved pets; shared discussions of the many challenges of aging; and, of course, great food, good wine, and lots of laughter. Plans are in the works for a celebration of our 70th birthdays in 2020!" Thanks for all the news. Keep it coming. Check out the Facebook group also.

1972

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Georgene '73 and I visited Gettysburg last Saturday and took in an exciting swim meet along with Coach Smith '59, wife Pat '61, and swimmers, John Fleming '71, John Sutton '69, and Lee High '73. After the meet, we and others were warmly hosted by the Smiths. We also took in some of the changes on campus, including a new addition to the College Union Building, which we knew as the SUB. The addition is where the swimming pool and bowling alley used to be located. The structure is quite impressive and houses the new (and expanded from our day) Bullet Hole, in a large, bright atrium common area with a great view of the campus. The addition also houses the Center for Career Engagement, the Garthwait Leadership Center, and Student Activities and Greek Life offices, as well as space for Student Senate and other student organizations. What a great way to spend a cold Saturday! We also received sad news of the passing of **Lewis Lushear**. He was a business major, and while at G'burg, he met his wife, Nancy Hughes. They were happily married and had two kids and four grandchildren. Lewis worked in banking and insurance, traveled the world, and enjoyed model trains and woodworking. He was a generous friend to many and dedicated to his family.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1973

Kathy Frederick, a judge in AK, writes that she is still actively involved with Idditarod dog racing. On a very sad note, **Robert Kenyon Fortenbaugh** passed away on Dec. 10, 2018, at the age of 71. Our sincere condolences to his family. Keep sending your updates, and I will include your news in the next issue!

1974

45th Reunion Year

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Please join your classmates for the 45th Reunion of the Class of 1974 on campus, May 30–June 2. **Lisa Rohrback Nelson** reports that her son-in-law, Ben Moore, is now the executive chef at Harper's Garden in Philadelphia. Open since last May, the restaurant is located at South 18th and Ludlow streets in Rittenhouse Square. With a lovely outdoor seating area, the restaurant was recently named by *Philadelphia Magazine* as one of the best places to go in Philly for brunch. Lisa retired two years ago after working as a certified financial planner for Thrivent Financial. She volunteers with the United Way VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program, providing free tax return services for those who qualify. She spends as much time as possible with her two daughters and grandchildren, and she assists her elderly mother who lives nearby in Lancaster. Lisa is very active in her church and recently revived her interest in playing the piano. She and **Judy Aeckerle Cunningham** enjoyed meeting in Philadelphia just before Christmas. Lisa gets together on a regular basis with **Jessie Hoffman Long** who lives nearby. Jessie and her husband Don are both recently retired—enjoying travel, time at the Jersey Shore, and grandchildren. **Denise Rue** lives in Doylestown and continues to work as director of clinical operations with PAREXEL, a job she enjoys. Her sons live close by, and she enjoys spending time with her 6-year-old grandson—the light of her life. She has a certified therapy dog that accompanies her on visits to patients in health care settings. I have been in touch with **Carol Ruck Leach**

and **Susan Heldrich Borges**, both of whom transferred from Gettysburg after their sophomore year. Susan continues to live in Winchester, MA, where she raised two twin girls and two boys. Married to Dr. Larry Borges, Susan reports that she and her husband continue to work and will welcome their 11th grandchild soon! Carol lives with her husband John in Devon, PA, and has recently retired after more than 40 years of teaching. Her son, Tom, is engaged to be married. In late Jan., **Carolyn Hand McGarvie**, Judy Ackerle Cunningham, **Holly Parker Monihan**, Denise Rue, and I attended the College's tour of the Viking exhibit at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Prior to the tour, Prof. Chris Fee gave a fascinating talk about the Vikings, a subject he knows very well. More than 150 alumni participated in the event. We bumped into Will '72 and Louise Morris Merriken '73 who were also on the tour. At a College dinner last fall, I saw Dr. Norman and Mrs. Carolyn Nunamaker. Retired for 22 years from teaching music at the College, Dr. Nunamaker was excited to reminisce with me about the 1972 Jan. term trip to Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague. It was the Nunamakers' first time in Europe, and they subsequently went back with their family six months later! In retirement, they founded a chamber orchestra in town which keeps them very busy.

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Hello, classmates. There are no updates for this publication.

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Mark Roddy, in addition to practicing criminal law, formed a company last year that enables you to send mail to people once you have died. It's called Other Side Messenger Service. For example, maybe you want your granddaughter to

receive a letter or card from you on her 21st birthday, even though you won't be here to celebrate with her. Check it out at www.othersidemessengerservice.com. As we know, **Janet Morgan Riggs** will be retiring as president of Gettysburg College after the 2018–2019 academic year. Janet has held several positions at the College, including professor of psychology, interim provost, provost, executive assistant to the president, interim president, and president. In every position, and as a student, she has epitomized Doing Great Work at Gettysburg College. Thank you, Janet, for your outstanding service. May everyone's summer be filled with laughter, joy, and new adventures!

1978

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1978

My stringer for this quarter is the Honorable **Peter Barnes** (Superior Court Judge in New Brunswick, NJ, just in case you get in trouble while passing through NJ) who got me in touch with **Phil Claussen**. Phil has lived a very interesting life since graduating from Gettysburg. Phil earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree, moved to the Chicago area, and has a practice called Oak Brook Chiropractic. Along the way, he became the second strength and conditioning coach in MLB history when he started working with the Chicago White Sox in the '80s. Can you imagine any sports team today not having a strength and conditioning coach? That just goes to show you how far we've come in athletic training. In addition to helping the White Sox win the '83 ALCS, he has also worked for the Brewers, Cubs, and Twins. But what gets Phil really excited is his work with Olympic teams from underdeveloped countries. Combining the raw athletic talents of athletes from the Bahamas with sports medicine, training, and nutrition, he helped the 4x400 men's track and field relay team win silver in Beijing in 2008, gold in London in 2012 (the first team in 65 years to defeat the United States), and bronze in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. More recently, he started working with the national teams from Botswana and has helped guide them to various medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. So watch for Phil at the 2024 summer games in Tokyo! In addition to working with athletes from individual countries, Phil has also helped

the U.S. Olympic Committee develop their sports medicine protocol over the years and has been inducted into the National Fitness Hall of Fame. Phil and his wife Nancy live in Oak Brook, IL, and are happy to provide planning tips to anyone thinking about going on an African safari due to their knowledge of southern Africa. Other news nuggets passed on by Pete include **John Harker** becoming a grandfather for the third time; **Mike Sharrett** recently retiring after many years serving as a pastor to various churches around the country; **Fran Cannon**, whose daughter, Mary, is a nationally ranked marathoner; **Jim Martino**, who had two daughters married last summer; and **Dwight Michael**, who is a doctor at Gettysburg Family Practice and has treated many of the College faculty over the years. He also brews his own homemade beer. Now it's up to you guys to tell us if Pete got it right or if it's fake news. I'm sure there are many of you in the Class of 1978 with an interesting story to tell, either about you or friends of yours over the last 40 years. Can't wait to hear from you!

1979

40th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1979

Back in 1979, **Ken Kilkuskie** left PA after graduation in search of a warmer climate. He chose Tempe, AZ. His landlord, an architect, offered Ken a job working on a project in Honolulu, HI. Ken fell in love with "the awesome beauty of the islands," asked his wife and daughter to join him there, and never looked back. In 1985, he started his own construction company, and they relocated to Kailua-Kona on the Big Island where they reside today. **Barb Coates Miller** and her husband Jack '77 have enjoyed being Airbnb hosts for the last four years at the Jersey Shore. Jack retired from teaching English at Ocean City High School in 2010. He is now an avid bird and butterfly watcher and church volunteer. Barb continues as music director at their Unitarian Universalist congregation. She also teaches piano in her home studio. They have two grown sons, one an attorney in Philadelphia and the other an environmental consultant in Monterey, CA. **Harold "Jake" Jacobson** recently began his 36th year as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Clarion, PA. He also marks his 10th year as director for evangelical mission, ELCA, and assistant

to the bishop of the NWPAsynod. **Terri Stull Lashley** and her husband Paul were interviewed on local (Nicaraguan) television as they toured a famous cathedral in León on an excursion from their vacation cruise. Naturally, Terri responded to the reporter's questions in rapid-fire Spanish and then proceeded to translate other tourists' remarks about the beauty of the region and the friendly people. **Rick and Lorraine McMillen Foltz** relocated from PA to Sarasota, FL, in Oct. 2017, although Rick still travels north frequently for work. They are enjoying the mild winters and continue to travel whenever they can. **Bob Lewis** and his wife Suzanne live in suburban Chantilly, VA. He is a systems engineer for a defense contractor, with no plans yet for retirement. Earlier, he worked for the U.S. Department of Defense, and his family enjoyed nearly 14 years in England, Germany, and Japan. Bob became a rugby fanatic after college. Although he hung up his playing boots, he referees and coaches, and he helped found a youth rugby club in Culpeper. The Lewis kids, Annika and Emile, both graduated from college with honors. Sadly, they lost Annika suddenly to leukemia in 2015. **Jeff Martini** has had five film auditions, was offered four roles, and has more auditions in the works! **Gloria Dutton Carlson** earned her Master of Divinity degree at Andover Newton in 2004. She is the interfaith chaplain at South Shore Hospital in Boston and a member of the spiritual care staff that serves Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's satellite locations. **Kimberly Bowers Connor, Denise Miller Garman, Heather Smith, Carol Sullivan Taylor, and Karen Beveridge Montagnese** had an early mini-reunion in Sept. at G'burg on the occasion of Kim's birthday. Similarly, **Amy Bahr Shields, Lauren Douglas O'Rourke, Kathy Guckes Goemans, Leigh Hammer Walfred, Mary Nulty Roy, and Mary Tower Spizziri** got together in Avalon last summer and already have plans for this summer's gathering. How wonderful that our friendships continue 40 years after graduation! I sure hope to see you at our 40-year Reunion celebration.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1980

There were no real correspondences from classmates over the past months. I guess we are saving up stories for our 40th

Reunion in 2020. One last "happy 60th birthday" wish to each and every one of us. We, the Class of 1980, all hit the big milestone last year. This brings me to my favorite 2018 post from **Jay McCarl**. He wrote, "I turned 60 this summer and decided to have a small picnic and crab feast on my patio with family and local friends. One Gettysburg College guy heard about it, then another, then another...five guys crashed my party from TX, CT, PA, NJ, and NY—all uninvited! It was fantastic! It included **John Welch, Bill and Pam Megaro Reichhold, Bob Bunting, Buck Stevenson, and Mike Tracy**." Gettysburg friendships never end, and at the most unexpected times, they show up at your doorstep. For example, my long-lost Gettysburg College friend Joe Lardi visited me this Jan.—such a great surprise.

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Welcome to Linda, our new class correspondent. Send her your news!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1982

Hello! I hope this finds you well. In lieu of writing about our same loyal class notes contributors over and over (you know who you are, and thank you!), I have only one brief and sad update this time. Our class is mourning the loss of **Kathy Welsh**. Kathy lived in Cornelius, NC, with her husband and four children. One daughter is in the Class of 2019 at G'burg. Originally from Montclair, NJ, Kathy graduated from NYU School of Law in 1985. She worked as a lawyer for FDIC, where she met her husband, Louis DiPietro, before finding her true calling as a special education teacher, inspired by her disabled son. Our thoughts are with her entire family. While you're reading this column, please make a note to send in some news for our next column: travel, family, biz changes, retirements, alumni gatherings, volunteer work, relocations, etc. Drop me a line via email or find me in our Facebook group:

search Gettysburg College Class of 1982. I also encourage you to stay connected with alumni happenings by frequenting the College's newly renovated website. You can start at the home page or reach the alumni section directly here: www.gettysburg.edu/alumni. While checking it out, you can also send me your news—simply click on "Share News" in the right toolbar to pull up a class notes submission form! Cheers, friends. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1983

Hello, my friends. A big thank you to **Dawn Konyhas Sullivan** who responded to my Facebook plea over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend for news from anyone, especially those doing service work. Dawn was kind enough to share that she's in her third year as a volunteer server at JBJ Soul Kitchen in Toms River, NJ. Jon Bon Jovi and his wife, Dorothea, run this community restaurant and kitchen that provides healthy and nutritional meals for those in need. They also offered free meals to any furloughed employee during the government shutdown. Dawn says it's a very fulfilling and rewarding project that she's proud to be a part of. If you don't check our class Facebook site, I'm sad to let you know that **William "Bill" Flocco** passed away this year on Jan. 26. It was great to see him at the Reunion. I, like many others, had no idea he was sick and was stunned to read, "Because of his history with cancer and brain tumors, Bill spent time in his final years working toward being a caregiver for other cancer patients." As others noted, Bill was such a kind and positive person and cared so much for our class that he will be greatly missed. Bill and his wife, Leslie, met in high school and raised their sons, Trevor and Matthew, in Danbury, CT, during which time, Bill worked for GE Capital. In 2001, the Floccos moved to Reading, PA, where Bill continued to work for GE. In 2005, he received his teaching certification from Millersville U and worked in various areas of technology education, business, and customer service. Bill was very involved in the Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts, loved dogs and jokes, and had a fierce passion for music. He performed in Weston High School's concert band and musicals and derived joy from singing with the Gettysburg College Choir and

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton folk group, serving as a cantor at St. Ignatius, and, most recently, singing with Opus One in Reading. Thanks for reading, classmates. Send me some good news, please? Otherwise, I will write about my six grandchildren. And no one really wants that, right?

1984 35th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1984

Thirty-five years! That's a while! Our 35th Class Reunion is May 30–June 2 at Gettysburg College. Go to gettysburg.edu/reunion for more info. Who's coming back? It is a momentous occasion. We are celebrating the reunion that marks double the age (over 17 years old) we were when we started at Gettysburg. How did we get to be this age? Since last time, I have heard from **Ken Bence** (kenben10@comcast.net). In Nov., Ken started a new job as director of research, analysis, and policy for ARRM, a trade association representing provider organizations serving people with disabilities. He and his spouse, Rev. **Nancy Nord Bence**, traveled on Dec. 1 to honor and sing in the choir for the funeral of professor and former Chapel Choir director Dexter Weikel. I remember singing with Ken and Nancy in the joint College Choir and Chapel Choir concerts and attending midweek chapel services with them. Thanks for writing to us, Ken. Hi to you and Nancy in MN! I keep in touch with some of our classmates on Facebook. There are only several fellow Gettysburgians I keep in touch with via text or phone calls. My freshman roommate, **Rick Bankert**, and his wife Jackie became grandparents five months ago with the birth of grandson Noah Smith, son of Newton and Laura Bankert Smith. The Bankerts live in Pawleys Island, SC. My senior roommate, Benjamin Gill '86, and his wife Sandra welcomed new pet children into their household last year—most recently a poodle named Monty. They live in Alameda, CA. Surely there are more stories and news out there. Write to me and let me know. Best wishes to all!

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 Gettysburg College Class of '86

I have very sad news to report from our class. After a 15-month battle with cancer, **Elizabeth Land Noonan** passed away on Dec. 18, 2018. Beth was the mother of two beautiful children, Maggie and Luke. Her sister, Ann Land Weins, was a 1988 Gettysburg graduate. At Gettysburg, Beth was a Gamma Phi Beta and after graduating, worked in advertising and then established her own business on the Mercantile Exchange in Manhattan. She went on to be a successful entrepreneur before landing a position at Capital One, where she managed a team responsible for leading the charge against money laundering. Beth was a devoted and loving mother. She was a partner to John Poncy, an avid athlete, had a true love of fitness and particularly enjoyed tennis, swimming, hiking, and running. As a Gettysburg family, our hearts go out to her children, her partner John, family, and friends. As each of us read this news, let's take a moment to send up a special prayer for Beth who will be missed dearly. Until next time Class of '86.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1987–30th Reunion

I received some news from column contributor **Gordon Van Note**. Gordo, no longer the Midnight Rambler, reported being at **Bill Neill's** daughter's wedding during the summer in Philadelphia. Among the highlights were Bill and his wife being introduced to the wedding accompanied by the Eagles fight song. (Did the Eagles do anything in 2018?) Gordo mentioned that the Eagles victory in the Super Bowl was the best day in his life since his... (I will let your G'burg education fill in the blank). **Sam Mantone** and his wife Teresa were at the wedding. I also recently saw the two of them in my neck of the woods, dining at the Copper Canyon in Atlantic Highlands, NJ. Anyway, Sam lives in Madison, NJ, and owns Standard Tile. Other wedding attendees included **Scott Brandle**, Ron Luongo '88, and **Dave Abeles**. Dave and his

wife Stacy '88 live in MD, where Dave is a financial advisor for Wells Fargo in Hagerstown. Gordon also mentioned that **Mike Boyer** is an emergency medical physician in FL. As for Gordon, he resides in Sea Girt, NJ, and enjoys his time at the beach and at Spring Lake Golf Club. Keep the news coming!

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I hope everyone is warming up to a beautiful spring! **Mary Wiggin** writes with lots of news. She saw **William Paris** perform in his Billy Walton Band as they played in Wayne, PA. A group of G'burg peeps were there including William's better half **Kim Crandall Paris, Shelley Andrews Withers, Mike Sophocles, Rick Bainbridge**, Sue Barra Medinger '91, and Heidi Kehler Taylor '92. The Billy Walton Band was touring here in NC recently, but we were unable to go. If you get a chance to see William live, he is amazing! Also, Mary recently saw Jane Maillett LaGreca '89 for a mini-Gamma Phi reunion at her home in Doylestown, PA. In attendance were **Shelley Andrews Withers**, Kerry Fitzpatrick Gidley '88, Kathy Holzinger Kennedy '89, Tracy Deluca Button '89, Jill Caruso '89, Beth Peterson Heavern '89, Suzanne Simon '89, Sunny Staples '91, and Sarah Hutchinson Guido '91. They had a great time tailgating at a polo match followed by a fun evening at Jane's awesome outdoor bar, patio, and pool area.

Last Dec., Mary traveled to G'burg to attend **Angela Carbone Sontheimer's** 50th birthday party at her home. Other Gettysburgians in attendance were **Irene Magish Bassock**, Nicole Amend King '91, and Martha Goode '91. **Carolyn Guenther King** writes that she and **Leslie Huckins McCarey** are going to be "skiing VT" to celebrate their 50th birthdays—how fun! This is Carolyn and her husband Chris's 20th year living in the Berkshires with their family. She works for the nonprofit Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. Their kids are both sophomores: their daughter is at Cornell U and their son is at Taconic High School. Both are avid ski racers, and their activities keep Carolyn outside all winter, which she loves. Leslie plans to visit more often now that Lauren, Leslie's daughter, will attend Williams College next fall—great choice! Carolyn visited with **Nancy Oates**, **Jessica Lunde Shell**, and Lauren Calia '91 in Nov. They had a great weekend in Bethany Beach and met with Jess's very cute 1-year-old. It sounds as if you all had a wonderful time. **Vicki Latimer Roan** reports that her family is now settled in Berkeley, CA. They are loving the West Coast but miss friends and family back east. While the Roans moved from Portland for a great job opportunity for Vicki's husband Tim, Vicki is working toward establishing roots in sustainable textiles with her company Little Spoons Designs; in addition, she is doing freelance graphic design. They have two children, Lincoln (13) and Harriet (12). Vicki has celebrated the milestone birthday for a year now with a trip to Austin, TX, with fellow G'burg ladies **Lauren Wise Bright**, **Kim Harris Kundahl**, **Mary Kate Hogan Anderson**, **Kris Nowak Helgesen**, and **Diane Sipp Baj**. She has a future trip planned to Mexico with **Cynthia Hill**, **Leslie Agraz Billera**, **Stacey Verrengia Frazier**, and **Erin Francy Hazen**. Everyone is doing well. Send news, please. We'd love to hear from all of you!

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Rob Rundle (vze2btf5@verizon.net) writes that he, along with **Tina Decoste** (cdecoste@princeton.edu), were one of many alums from the 1960s to 1993 who attended a memorial service for Dr. Dexter Weikel, College Choir director in 1987, who passed away Nov. 1. Rob wrote, "Dr. Dexter Weikel was a great director,

teacher, mentor, and friend. It was a chance to share memories with each other and to once again sing wonderful music with members of a choir that meant so much to us during our time on campus." It is with sadness that I inform our class that one of our members, **Robert "Bob" Polsen**, age 49, passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 16 at his home in Dallas, TX. His funeral service was held on Jan. 21 at the Forest Ridge Funeral Home in TX. Bob Polsen was born on Jan. 28, 1969, in Yonkers, NY, to Robert and Catherine Polsen. He earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Gettysburg College and had a successful career in market research. He married Catherine Hunt Polsen in 1997 and raised three daughters, Katie, Ellie, and Meg. He was heavily involved in the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and was getting ready to open up a UPS store in Dallas. He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and love for music, cooking, and caring for others. He will be deeply missed. Bob is survived by his three daughters, as well as the mother of his children, Cathy Hunt Polsen. He is also survived by his parents; his sister, Patti Morath; and his brother, Brian Polsen.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1993

Hello, Class of 1993! I hope you survived the polar vortex of a winter. **Bridget Kelley Bailey** recently became a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT). This certification required an exam and a portfolio requiring evidence of differentiation, teaching, and reflection. Bridget is one of only 122,000 NBCTs in the country. Bridget is a fourth-grade teacher and lives in Winchester, VA, with her husband and daughter. Congratulations, Bridget! After 20-some years, I, **Bridget Donnelly Collins**, have decided to step down as class correspondent. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and will continue volunteering for Gettysburg College at college fairs and other outreach events. I want to say a big thank you to **David Krug Nelson** for

volunteering to take up the reins. Please reach out to David the next time you have news to share.

*The College would like to thank **Bridget Donnelly Collins** for her years of service as your class correspondent.*

1994

25th Reunion Year

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Hi, everyone. I hope you've had a good winter. If you have any news that you'd like to share in this column, please let me know! It's hard to believe our 25th Reunion is fast approaching. For more information, check out our Reunion page by going to gettysburg.edu/reunion and clicking on Class of 1994.

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Mark and Lindsay (Albert) Dengler

welcomed their first child this winter. Charlotte Ruth was born on Friday, Dec. 14. Everyone is healthy and happy! **Melanie Gale** and Lenny Archambeault welcomed their daughter, Audrey June Archambeault, to the world on Jan. 27. Audrey weighed in at 6.5 lbs. and was 18.25 inches long. **Jennifer Wells** and Darryl Dungan welcomed their baby boy Maison on Jan. 18, weighing in at 8.6 pounds and 21 inches long. Gettysburg, get ready for their applications in 2037!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2001

Hello, Class of 2001! In Nov., **Stephen Clancy** was presented with the Rising Star Award from the CT Defense Lawyers Association. The award recognizes a civil defense lawyer who shows promise of future leadership and has made significant contributions to the profession, the civil defense bar, and the community. Steve is a member of Robinson+Cole's Insurance + Reinsurance Practice Group in Hartford, CT, and lives with his family. **Kristen Pedersen** enjoys her position as a learning specialist at the Town School on Manhattan's Upper Side, in addition to having a Brooklyn-based private practice. She recently cofacilitated a workshop entitled "Supporting Those Who Support Others: A Collaborative Workshop for Learning Specialists to Learn from Each Other" at the NY State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) Brain Conference. **Mary Fichtner Lawrie** and her husband Mike welcomed their second daughter, Mabel Rose, this past Sept. Mary lives with her family in Brooklyn where she works freelance in arts management and cultural programming.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2002

There is no new news to report in this issue. Please feel free to send me your updates if you'd like me to include them!

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15th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2004

Hello, Class of 2004! Our classmates have been busy! **Kelly Zuknick Watkins** shares that she recently became the professional school counselor for a Catholic prekindergarten to eighth-grade school in MD, Monsignor Slade Catholic School. **Brooke Krovic** is excited to report that she now teaches eighth grade science at a middle school in New Cumberland, PA, as a long-term substitute. She had previously been a full-time stay-at-home mom for her 4-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son. It's been quite the change, but she reports they are doing well. The Most Unique '04 Update Award this issue goes to **Danielle Ballinger Loveless**, who shares that last May, her family sold their house, moved into an RV, and traveled the country for seven months! They're now back in SC for a few months and plan to hit the road again for a swing up the East Coast this spring and summer. She would love to meet up with fellow alums if you're on their route! You can follow their adventure on Instagram and Facebook at Miles to Grow, where they'll post proposed routes and stops. They also love hearing suggestions for places they shouldn't miss. They hope to make it to the Reunion in the RV, but if they don't see you there, maybe they will see you on the road! Keep your updates coming.

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I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather after the cold winter. Please continue to send updates as your classmates enjoy hearing from you!

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I guess everyone had all their updates in the last magazine. I didn't hear from many people for this edition. Please feel free to email, Facebook message, or mail me your updates. **Kacie Brinker Sheffel** and her husband Andrew welcomed their son Logan on Nov. 2.

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 Gettysburg Class of 2007

Ryan Laughna and his wife Goldie welcomed Remy Noelle on Sept. 24. The new family recently relocated to Dallas, TX, for Ryan's job in marketing strategy at Southwest Airlines. **Alicia Kelly** married William Derrick at the Reading Public Museum in Reading, PA, on Sept. 22. The newlyweds make their home in Philadelphia. **Tyler Henry** married Haley Brandt at the Battlefield Bed and Breakfast in Gettysburg on Sept. 1. **Abby Treworgy Slark** and her husband David welcomed their son, Gabriel "Gabe" Peter Slark, on Oct. 11. **Mo Rafferty Sharkey** and family boomeranged back to MA from CO in May 2018. A piece of advice from Mo—if you ever have the chance to move cross-country with three children, don't. Mo is fundraising for the U of St. Andrews in Scotland, although her real bosses remain members of the Classes of 2036, 2038, and 2040. **Peter and Maddy Ofrichter Wickman** welcomed Wiley Ofrichter Wickman into the world on Jan. 14. They work (and live) at The White Mountain School, a boarding school in Bethlehem, NH. **Jameson Calitri** graduated from Northeastern U with a JD and MBA in May 2018, passed the MA bar, and now practices law in Boston, MA. He also got married on Aug. 25 to Catherine Curtis of Skaneateles, NY. Dan Swift '08 and John Matos '08 served as groomsmen, and **Andrew Beam, Dan Havas, Mike Pattinate, and Andrew Pickell** were in attendance. **Karen Baldwin Vickery** and her husband Bladen welcomed their first child, a little girl named Evelyn Grace, on Sept. 9. **Justin and Nadia Edwards Womack** welcomed their second child, Yisrael, and purchased their first home. **Fred** and

Martha Rysinski Reimer are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby girl, Katherine Agnes, on Nov. 27. They make their home in Bedford, NY.

Andrew Mitchell married Lindsay Lockhart on Dec. 31 at the Baltimore Country Club in Baltimore, MD.

Groomsmen included **Michael Majikas, Jeffrey Gilliams, and Bobby Moore.**

Other Gettysburg attendees included **Kurt** and Jamie Kessler '08 **Willoth, Chris Dickey,** Bobbie Mazzafo Hepburn '08, Bill Lamb '08, Adam Kirr '08, and Julia Mitchell '13. Andrew also graduated from Southern Methodist U with an MBA in Aug. I was sad to have missed an amazing mini-reunion of some of my very favorite people in late Dec. in Somerville, NJ. **Katie King, Katy Croni Thomas, Sheri McCarthy Preece, Kristen Carthas Litchfield, Basil and Erika Hempey Kuzio,** and Jimmy '06 and **Erin Whelan McNamara.** I was with you in spirit! Thank you to everyone who submitted updates and for helping to make our column so vibrant issue after issue. It's such a pleasure to share your good news! Best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

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Ali Petti Rak shared that she has been a MD resident for eight years since her marriage. Now homeschooling her four children (ages 7, 5, 3, and 9 months), Ali is an active pro-life advocate in MD, chairing her local Right to Life chapter affiliate and sitting on the MD March for Life steering committee. Ali is the founder of the Southern MD Pro-Life Symposium, an annual apologetics conference.

2009

10th Reunion Year

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Audrey Schwinn and husband **James Merrifield** welcomed a future Gettysburgian to their family! Chester Merrifield was born this past Oct. Congratulations! I received an impressive and wonderful note from **Kyla Rodgers.** In Aug., Kyla successfully defended her PhD from the Program in Experimental Molecular Medicine at Dartmouth. Her dissertation was on the innate immune functions of astrocytes, a type of non-neuronal cell in the brain. The work has implications for both central nervous system infections and degenerative disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease. A mere three days after her defense, Kyla started the MD program at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, as she realized partway through her PhD that she was more drawn to being a physician scientist than a bench scientist. Kyla is one term in and loving it. Way to Do Great Work, Kyla! How about the rest of our class? Are there new, future Gettysburgians out there, new spouses, new jobs, relocations, or PhDs? We would love to hear your news.

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 Gettysburg Class of 2012

Greetings, Class of 2012!

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2013

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I hope my fellow Northeasterners stayed warm during the frigid weather that followed the beginning of 2019! I was recently promoted to a fund development coordinator at Columbia U, working with leadership donors and volunteers. **Rebekah Oakes** is a chief of interpretation at Martin Van Buren

National Historic Site. **Elizabeth Elliott Poorman** started a position as assistant to the chief librarian at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles. **Josh Poorman** began coursework for a PhD in history at the U of Southern CA. **Veronica Rosenberger** got her MA in forensic psychology in Jan.

2014

5th Reunion Year

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Hello, all! There are no new updates from our class this time around, but I wanted to remind you all that this year is our five-year Reunion. Has it really been that long? We will be celebrating over Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 4–6. Mark your calendars and start planning for the big weekend. Keep your eyes peeled for emails including important details for registration. We want as many of our classmates there as possible. Remember to continue to send me life updates for our class notes column!

2015

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2017

Matt Capobianco represented his company, Lord Abbett, in joining with the Movember Foundation to ring the NASDAQ closing bell on Nov. 23. His company raised over \$130,000, and Matt personally raised \$14,500! **Emily Waddell** is finishing up her first year of her PhD program in marine biology at Texas A&M U at Galveston, where she also works in a marine bioacoustics lab. **Phil Matranga** started a new job at Pennoni in Haddon Heights, NJ, as a graduate environmental scientist. **Liz Broske** moved out west, where she serves for the AZ Conservation Corps.

2018

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Hello to all my fellow 2018 grads! It is hard to believe that it's been almost a year since graduation day, but in that short time, our peers have done so much. After graduation, **Danielle Boyland** worked at an extended school year program with children who had special needs, and she has since landed a position as a special education paraprofessional for children with autism in preschool. She will be in Cape Town, South Africa, this summer working at a children's hospital while working toward becoming a child life specialist in a pediatric hospital.

Olivia Simmet is working towards her MA in German language and culture at West Chester U and looking to continue her education upon graduation by pursuing her PhD in German.

Emily Wilcox is in the middle of completing a two-year college and career

AmeriCorps service program through Pennsylvania College Advising Corps (PCAC), while working as a college advisor for Waynesboro Area Senior High School. PCAC focuses on providing one-on-one, group, and parent meetings to assist students in underserved communities in their college applications and the financial aid process.

Jordan Marks is a junior security operation center analyst intern for a cybersecurity company in NYC, where she helps protect the company's clients against cyberattacks and criminals by monitoring network activity.

Luke Frigon is a college admissions counselor at Gannon U in Erie, PA. He is prepping for the LSATs in order to begin pursuing a career in law.

Aimee Bosman spent a month volunteering with women's organizations in Uganda and Morocco over the summer. Since Sept., she has been busy pursuing her MS degree at the London School of Economics. **Rick Hale** works as an analyst for the Kepler Group, a digital advertising firm in Philadelphia.

David Corradetti attended an ordnance basic officer leader course at Fort Lee,

VA, where he graduated on Nov. 2 as a 2nd lieutenant and platoon leader in the United States Army. In his civilian life, he is pursuing a career at Allstate as an insurance agent. **Lauren Godshalk** attends graduate school at Temple U, where she is pursuing a degree in athletic training. She worked at the U of PA as a student athletic trainer during her first semester and now works at Shipley High School. **Caleb Parker** is a first-year law student at the Catholic U of America, Columbus School of Law. He is pursuing a legal career in international business and corporate law. It is incredible to hear about the amazing things our classmates are doing and where in the world they are located. That being said, if you have any updates, please send them my way!

So many ways to connect

We love to read your news in class notes, 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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Frieda Vierling Stark '54, PP '78, '80, 87, died peacefully at her home on Friday, December 21, 2018, after a long battle with cancer. Frieda played women's varsity basketball and was a member of the Phi Mu sorority while attending Gettysburg College. She graduated in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in biology, and married her husband, **Robert H. Stark '55**, later that year. After college, Frieda and Robert lived in Pennsylvania and New York, and during her husband's military service, in Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma before settling in Garden City, NY, where she lived in her home for 58 years. While raising two children, she volunteered as a school class mom and Cub Scout den mother. She was also a member of the Garden City/Hempstead Community Club, Garden City Community Church Women's Auxiliary, and American Association of University Women (AAUW). Frieda was a Cherry Valley Club Ladies Doubles Platform Tennis champion for eight years (1972-1976, 1978, 1980, and 1984). She was also an avid tennis player and a golfer. Frieda enjoyed attending the U.S. Open Tennis Championships with her children and watching matches on TV.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her son, **Robert Jr. '78**, daughter-in-law, Martha; and granddaughter, Elizabeth, as well as her brother, Henry C. Vierling. She was predeceased by her daughter, **Lucy '80**.

Arthur Bruce Boenau, 92, died on March 9, at Genesis Healthcare of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. A retired member of the faculty of Gettysburg College, he was born in Casper, Wyoming, attended public schools in Queens, New York City, and graduated from Amherst College in 1948. Both his college studies and later graduate work at Columbia University were interrupted by wartime service. In 1945, he served as a volunteer ambulance driver with the American Field Service, attached to the British 14th Army in India. During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps in West Germany and subsequently worked as a civilian desk officer with CIC.

His teaching career at Gettysburg College began after he completed a Master of Arts degree at Columbia University and before he earned a PhD at Columbia in 1964. He taught in the political science department from 1957 to 1991, specializing in the study of foreign political systems. He was active on major college committees, served two terms as chair of his department, and served as faculty marshal.

He was actively involved in his church, the Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg, and earlier, in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York. He served on regional committees and on the board of the Joseph Priestley District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. From 1990 to 1995 he was co-editor of the regional newsletter of the JPD. At home, he was active in the Friends of the Adams County Library, the Gettysburg-Adams County Torch Club, and Senior Acts.

Bruce is survived by his children Marilyn Gay Boenau and partner Eric Albert; Robert Harris Boenau and wife Stephanie Shireman Boenau; Martha Elizabeth Boenau and husband Marc Weinberg; and three grandchildren, Katharine Braswell and husband David Bryant, Evan Braswell, and Austin Braswell. He is also survived by sister Janet Bostwick, sister-in-law Sally Boenau, cousin Marian Boenau Sloan and husband Earl Sloan, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by brother Douglas Boenau and sister Lois Boenau Elleboode. His beloved wife, the former Lois Gay Hooke, died in 2016.

Dates 2019 unless noted

- '41 Charles Q. Livingston, Feb. 28
- '44 Donald W. Herb, Dec. 30, 2018
- '47 Edward C. Higgison, Feb. 26
John R. Lehman, Jan. 24
- '48 William A. McKendry, Feb. 13
- '49 Gail Grogan Baird, Jan. 19
Sidney M. Palmer, Feb. 2
- '50 Willard H. Carpenter, Dec. 16, 2018
William J. Geiselman, Feb. 5
Lorraine Correll Johnson, Feb. 17
- '51 Robert Carrel, June 2, 2018
- '52 Edgar B. Sterret Jr., Feb. 16
- '53 Charles D. Thomas, Feb. 5
- '54 Frieda Vierling Stark, Dec. 21, 2018
Earl B. Wantz, Dec. 26, 2018
- '55 Joseph M. Krisewicz, Jan. 29
Robert J. Roberts, Dec. 8, 2018
- '56 Russell A. Bower, Feb. 13
Richard R. McLeary, Nov. 28, 2018
- '57 Paul I. Detweiler Jr., Oct. 11, 2018
- '59 E. Wayne Baumgardner, Feb. 26
Richard H. Smith, Dec. 31, 2018
Barry Whitsel, Nov. 1, 2018
- '60 Constance Keller Dowd, Sept. 7, 2018
Barbara Dean Ray, Feb. 26
- '61 Robert C. Anderson, Feb. 19, 2018
- '62 David E. Grover, Jan. 30
- '63 Thomas R. Glodek, Nov. 30, 2018
- '65 Irma Badgley Loderick, Nov. 24, 2018
William C. Logan, Jan. 7
Thomas A. Pauls, April 9, 2018
- '66 R. Frederick McNally, Feb. 2
Al Siss, Oct. 23, 2018
- '67 Peter S. Pennington, March 6
- '70 J. Keith Johnson, Nov. 25, 2018
John J. Worthington, Feb. 3
- '72 Roger A. Eppehimer, Dec. 3, 2018
Lewis H. Lushear, Dec. 26, 2018
David B. McDonald, Feb. 9
- '73 Robert Kenyon Fortenbaugh,
Dec. 10, 2018
- '77 Melinda Mangold Hills, Feb. 12
- '82 Katherine Jane Welsh, Nov. 27, 2018
- '83 William E. Flocco, Jan. 26
- '86 Elizabeth Land Noonan, Dec. 18, 2018
- '91 Robert W. Polsen, Jan. 16
- '94 Mia Remis Hart, Nov. 14, 2018
- '11 Trevor James Kopenhagenver, Feb. 20

Retired Faculty

Arthur Bruce Boenau, March 9





GETTYSBURG'S GIFT

Every experience provided me with the ingredients I needed to literally *build my mind*.

Gettysburg helped me to make up my mind in a most fundamental way. Taking courses in English composition and creative writing, I began to develop the habits of mind that enabled me to think through a subject.

While warning me about being too fancy or pompous or unreal, **Mrs. Katherine Taylor** helped me by pointing out when a good idea was not enough to carry a story. Another professor wrote on my papers “lacks clarity” or “needs more thorough and sensitive understanding.” The debating team shamed me into learning how to marshal my thoughts into a cohesive argument. Writing for *The Gettysburgian* and *The Mercury* exposed me to more instructive criticism.

Gettysburg College also supplied my mind with ideas. It was my good fortune to have **Prof. Norman Richardson** as my teacher and advisor. He showed me the excitement of thinking grand thoughts. “Contemporary Civilization” and

“Literary Foundations of Western Culture” set a table full of intellectual staples. Physics **Prof. Richard Mara** helped me keep my feet on the ground. Even **Prof. William Sundermeyer** spread a few ideas around when he taught us German. Blue books were the laboratory where ideas came to life or died a slow, painful death.

Ideas floated all around campus, from an animated **Prof. Richard Arms** to a thoughtful **Chaplain Edward Korte**. Whether in the Bullet Hole or the Varsity Diner, we haggled over the merits of communism versus capitalism. At Jean’s Ice Cream Bar, we argued about the Greek system and its impact on the campus. Ideas were the ammunition we hurled at each other hoping to gain the high ground.

Gettysburg’s gift to me was to help me make up my mind, not just in the sense of making decisions, but in the sense that it literally supplied the ingredients to build my mind. I do not consciously think of Gettysburg every time I put pen to paper or fingers to computer keyboard. But every time I do write, I know Gettysburg is whispering to me from the deepest corners of my consciousness, helping me to make up my mind once again. ■

Jerry K. Robbins '57 is a graduate of Yale University Divinity School and Hartford Seminary Foundation, where he earned his PhD. He has published three books, many articles, over 100 book reviews, and, in retirement, has now turned his attention to novelty writing projects.



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