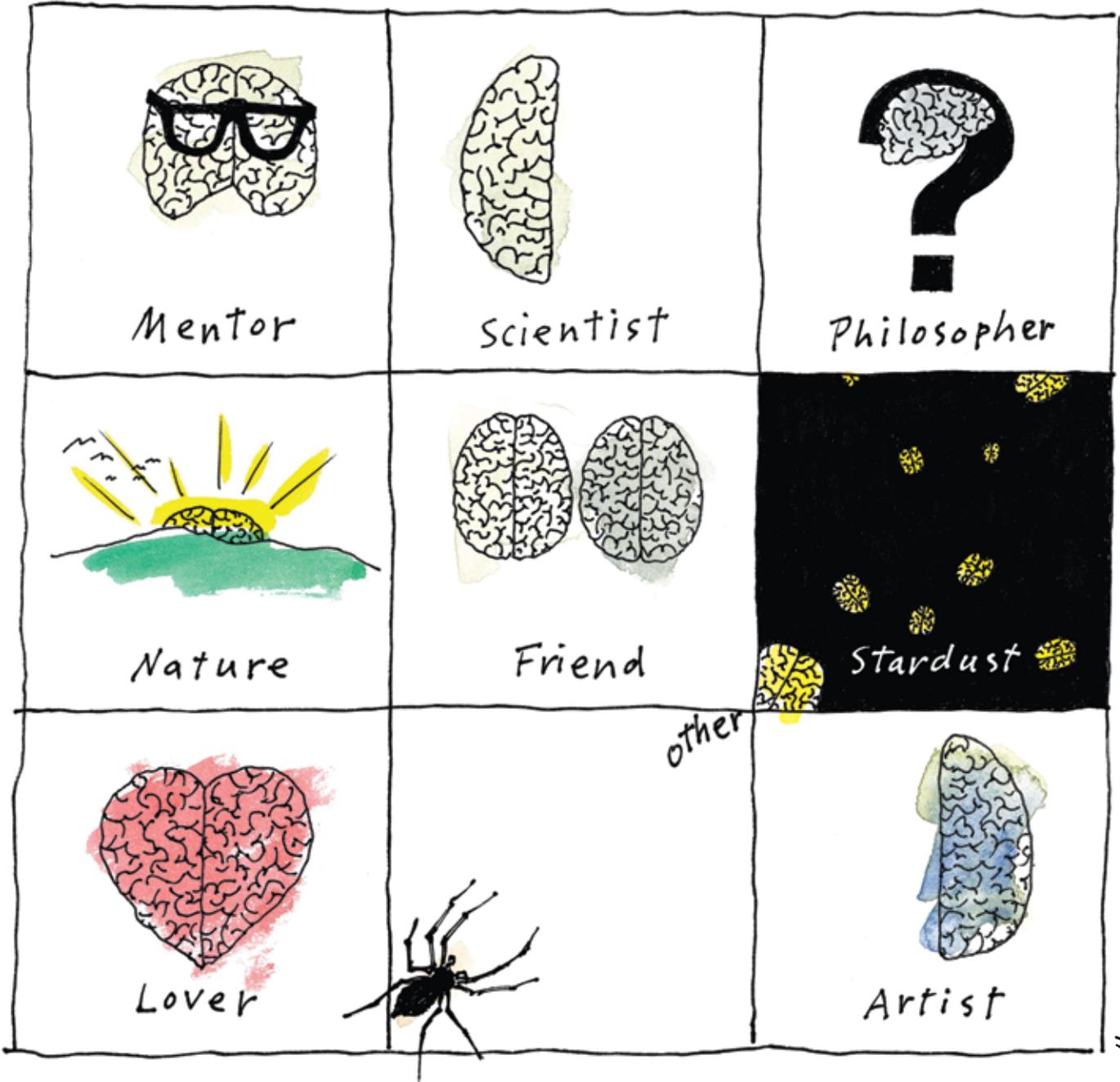
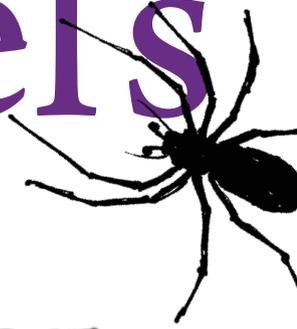


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## WHO AM I?

# LAKOTA PRAYER

(The literal translation of the word that begins this prayer, *Tunkasila*, is: *since the beginning of time you are my relative who is dear to me.*)

Tunkasila, grandfather god, thank you for this day, thank you for life, thank you for this opportunity to gather together in a purposeful way as we celebrate the new academic year.

Tunkasila, I pray that you grant us generous hearts and minds and spirits to guide us in all the work we do with our students.

Tunkasila, I pray you grant us the fortitude to persevere through life's challenges, big and small, so that we may be engaged and dedicated members of the Saint Michael's College community.

I pray, Tunkasila, that your love and light and compassion can shine upon us this school year.

## *Mitakuye Oyasin*

(*Mitakuye Oyasin* is used at the end of Lakota prayers. It means *all my relatives.*)

*Invocation by Associate Professor Jerald Swope for the 2015 Academic Convocation. Professor Swope lived and worked on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota with the Oglala Lakota People before coming to Saint Michael's.*

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A RAINBOW EMERGES AFTER AN EARLIER MORNING STORM IN PORCUPINE, S.D., ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION.

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**ON THE COVER:**  
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# Why are we here?

February in Vermont, and it's snowing as it should. All is right in this little corner of the world.

The magazine has a new look and feel, as you have no doubt noticed. Still, it is all about the people: alumni making their marks in the world; faculty thinking long and hard about the old questions, with new tools in new disciplines; current students coming to new understandings while working with fellow students; faculty and staff members dedicating their lives to taking care of students.

We drive each other forward. Without alumni who set standards, or faculty who encourage intellectual risk, we wouldn't see the students' enthusiasm as they use core knowledge to fuel new ideas. Without these students, alums and faculty would have no one with whom to share their hard-won wisdom. No one to mentor. Without staff, for example in residential life, the students might not be ready for daily challenges. This is real work. We need and support each other.

Why are we here? Well, in starkest terms we are here to insure the survival of the species. By working together

we hope to encourage both memory and passion for the future — a future that works for the good of the species, not simply for the individual.

As I have mentioned before, if a college education is to privilege earning power over all other possible goals, the task is straightforward. (Perhaps then it would still not be easy, but at least we would have a clear, measurable goal.) If this goal required "knowledge" we could always appeal to Siri, or to the contents of some cloud or database. The goal wouldn't change very much, and any change could be accommodated using new algorithms, new numbers. Easy. Of course, this college education would then largely be one concerned with private gain, not with any public good that might be even more important for the species. Too hard, too complicated. Earlier notions that this education ought to be about how to be a citizen in a democracy would be reduced to the narrowest of economic dimensions.

That's not what we are doing here at Saint Michael's. It is so clear that what we need now exceeds encyclopedic know-how. We need to learn from history and beauty.



We need to understand how disparate peoples, with different beliefs, traditions, languages, and dreams, can learn to be together fruitfully on this rock. There's no shortage of data. We need to create a context for all the information swimming about us and that is what we attempt to do, admittedly in four short years.

Developing this context takes time, takes resources, takes effort, and it is not easy. It involves creating a community whose members feel comfortable demanding poetry as a response to quantum theory; using microbiology to address sensory overload, or a bit of stardust to ensure

memory — all the while appreciating that love and life are more than what we see physically.

If we give this our considerable attention over four years, if we are willing to give ourselves to the intimacy with ideas that such understanding compels, we will emerge as different, better human beings. As our alums will attest, it works. And that is what a liberal education is all about.

John J. Neuhauser  
President

# What the Heart Can Hold

Michael Previs '99, Julia Snyder '17

by Mark Tarnacki

Biology alumnus Michael Previs '99 and Julia Snyder '17 achieved greater understanding last summer of a serious genetic heart condition that dangerously limits the volume of blood a heart can hold and circulate. The condition affects one in 500 people. This collaboration could contribute to therapies that would be far less intrusive than invasive surgery, which is now the only option for sufferers.

Snyder, an Honors Program Biology major, varsity Nordic skier, and cross-country runner from Fairfax, Vermont, was awarded a prestigious, highly competitive grant from the American Physiological Society to partly fund her work in Previs's lab at the University of Vermont, which is addressing why mutations in cardiac proteins are linked to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — a thickening of the heart muscle.

"Mike made a big sacrifice," says Snyder, "taking 12 weeks out of his summer to train me. But I think that's what Saint Michael's people do."

This is the mentorship model Previs saw as a Saint Michael's undergraduate. "I look at connections throughout my career ... and those people who actually spend time with you ... have the biggest influence; so it feels really important for me to do it for somebody else."

The two met by chance when Previs dropped by the Fairfax bakery where Snyder worked and saw her Saint Michael's shirt. Snyder visited Previs's lab at the University of Vermont, saw his work and got excited about it. She now envisions a research career, after shifting paths from earlier medical school aspirations.

Both say this type of collaboration encompasses the best aspects of a liberal arts education at a small college near an urban medical, educational, and cultural hub like Burlington. Cross-institutional relationships, studies directed at serving humanity, and the priceless gift of time from mentors are just a few of the benefits.



"People call the fire department when they're having the worst day of their lives," Erik Haversang, Saint Michael's Fire Chief, told a recent visitor. Hearing the radio alarm that signals distress means something different for Haversang: "I enjoy knowing that we're the people who can make it better."

Saint Michael's Fire and Rescue program, which started in 1969, offers students the opportunity to become volunteer firefighters or certified Emergency Medical Technicians, responding to calls at the college and in its surrounding area. Around 60 students volunteer between the two programs, each putting in a minimum of 24 hours a week — on top of their classwork. They train hard. "What you learn to expect is the unexpected," says Haversang. "If you can think of it, eventually it will happen."

Being a firefighter is in Haversang's blood — both his father and uncle were volunteers in Essex Falls, N.J. After 9/11, friends and family members volunteered in New York for a week, bringing back stories Haversang will never forget. Some of the roughly 700 calls per year are tough, but for Haversang, recently promoted to Fire Unit Chief, the reward is worth it. This year, on move-in day a car with five people hit a telephone pole. The driver was entrapped. Some wore seat belts, Haversang says grimly, some did not. All survived.

Haversang and his team had them all out within an hour. "I've been in this position full time for half a year, but I haven't felt like I've worked a day yet," he reports. "When you love what you're doing, it doesn't feel like work."

**When you love what you're doing, it doesn't feel like work.**

— Erik Haversang '11

by Lauren Friedgen '16



**FIRE**

**We try to prevent death. But the truth is that life is short. Don't forget to have fun.**

— Leslie Lindquist '05

by Susan Salter Reynolds

"My grandfather died when I was six," says Leslie Lindquist, middle child, intrepid Rescue Chief of Saint Michael's independent volunteer organization. "Of his many grandchildren, I was the only one to visit him in the hospital. I was not afraid of hospitals, noise, nurses or emergency medical personnel!"

It's a good thing, too, for Lindquist has seen her share of all these things in the years since. She chose Saint Michael's because of the Fire and Rescue program (it didn't hurt that her tour guide on the rainy day she visited was a firefighter!). As Lindquist's

mother says, she went to college and never looked back, joining Fire and Rescue her freshman year, becoming a Biology major and an EMT in that first year. After graduating, Lindquist got her Master's of Health Sciences from George Washington University and her paramedic license.

But she had fallen in love with Vermont. She came back to Saint Michael's, first as Assistant Chief of Rescue — then promoted to Chief.

Lindquist loves watching the students' transformation — as first-year students, still unsure of their place in the world — to confident seniors. She loves the connection she has with the community, especially with individual patients. There's the elderly gentleman who sang in the ambulance all the way to the hospital. And the two newborns she brought into the world. There are the hands she has held, trying to be honest with the patient as death creeps in. And the people she has had to tell that a loved one has died. "We try to prevent death," she says. "But the truth is that life is short." She warns her trainees: "Don't ever forget to have fun."



**RESCUE**

# Pam Carroll '85: Pioneering Dream Teams

by Mark Tarnacki

In a 2013 cover story, *Time Magazine* reported on a promising new approach for taking on cancer: well-funded “dream teams” that draw top figures from academia, Big Pharma, and medicine. It won’t be a single “hero scientist” who defeats cancer, the article noted, but rather teams directing personalized custom cocktails based on each patient’s genetic and cancer-type profiles.

Few scientist-entrepreneurs in 2015 understand this urgent balancing act better than Pam Carroll '85, who dreams, teams, and leads with the best of them across the vastly complex upper reaches of cancer research.

For her, it’s personal. Carroll became founding head of research for Compass Therapeutics in Cambridge, Mass., this June, about a week before visiting campus for her 30th Saint Michael’s reunion. She described for classmates how cancer research became her focus after both her alumnus dad, James Carroll Jr. '59, and an uncle died of the disease in 2002. Watching her dad go through metastatic cancer, Carroll was determined. “I thought, ‘we’ve got to do better than this.’”

After St. Mike’s, armed with an undergraduate degree in biology, a doctorate in cellular and development biology from Stony Brook, and four years of postdoctoral research at Stanford, Carroll began research in 1998 for a New Jersey drug company that included exciting early explorations of the human genome. She soon became one of the pioneers in her field, advocating previously under-explored collaborations between the academic-science and drug-industry sides of cancer research.

Carroll’s credentials bridge what she and insiders call a “valley of death” between understanding the biology of the disease on the one hand and making a drug for that biology on the other. She knows great scientists in both academic labs and drug-industry labs. Both possess unique capabilities that could optimize advances by the other. But barriers have long included

proprietary secrecy in the cancer-drug industry to protect potentially lucrative research “leads,” and academics’ tunnel vision on grants and publications. Clearing those barriers to promote the best possible cancer research is Carroll’s mission today.

## Win-Win

Carroll has brought her bridge-building expertise to leading projects at Merck, as a faculty member at Dana Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard Medical School, and in executive scientist positions at Roche Pharma, and Johnson & Johnson.

Her current research focuses on finding ways to get the immune system to recognize cancer and kill it with toxic T-cells, using combinations of therapies — maybe new therapies in conjunction with traditional chemo or radiation. “What we want to do with cancer is allow the body to make a long-term response. We know it’s going to be about combinations of therapies and finding cancers earlier. The problem is now we have more hypotheses than we can test — which is why I’m focusing on what those *high-value questions* are.”

Carroll says her Saint Michael’s education helps her ask the high-value questions: “You can’t know everything — the field is too vast — but I’ve got good *vision*, and when I think back on my liberal arts education at St. Mike’s, I realize it’s not always about being in the books. It’s helped me bring together different elements of science.”

“Right now one in four people die of cancer,” Carroll says, “and I think we’re going to see that go from one in seven to one in 10. Hopefully when our kids are 50, it will be one in 20.”



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# INSIDE UT

Professor Jonathan Silverman  
and Nicole Corneau '17

by Susan Salter Reynolds

## HOW CAN WE EXPECT FUTURE GENERATIONS TO CARE ABOUT NATURE IF THEY NEVER GO OUTSIDE?

“Our screened, flat world,” says Jonathan Silverman, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Education, “is destroying our ability to put things into context. We are becoming less depth-oriented, less able to empathize and embody the other. The high focus on testing and traditional subjects means students play less in school.”

Environmental Studies and Elementary Education major Nicole Corneau '17 asks, “How can we expect future generations to care about nature if they never go outside?”

After taking Professor Aostre Johnson's *Child Development* and Professor Silverman's *Teaching Social Studies and the Arts* classes, Corneau was determined to find accessible ways to invigorate school culture to help students gain the skills and dispositions to be caring stewards of the earth. In her preliminary research, she was dismayed to find that environmental education programs in schools often focused on “crisis” (climate change, resource scarcity, the perils of pollution) rather than pure play.

This past summer Corneau, with the guidance of Professor Silverman, was awarded a Vice President of Academic Affairs Research Project grant to investigate how teachers in Vermont have successfully integrated the outdoors into their curriculum. As part of her research she interviewed nine K-5 teachers in urban and rural schools throughout Vermont. In addition to witnessing some of these teachers' work with students, she observed at Shelburne Farms, which has an extensive and internationally recognized environmental education program.

Corneau organized her findings into four categories, designed to encourage teachers to take the leap into authentic outdoor education by:

1. Including hands-on learning so that, for example, students actually “touch” soil rather than just read about it.
2. Designing an interdisciplinary approach to learning — connecting the environment to writing, math, science, and art to promote engagement and mindfulness.
3. Embracing place-based education by using the resources commonly found in the local environment — broadening students' understanding of

the communities in which they live, where words like “watershed” take on real and physical meaning.

4. Promoting curiosity and imagination with the use of questioning, for example, moving from “what is” (the different textures, shapes, and purposes of a pine cone) and adding “what if” (a pinecone was transferred into a different environment or how can we create a house just using pinecones and grass).

Corneau, with Professor Silverman's help, compiled the results of this research in an article entitled “From Nature Deficit to Outdoor Exploration: Curriculum for Sustainability in Vermont's Public Schools” for the *Journal of Adventure Education and Outdoor Education*.

Corneau and Silverman believe that science inquiry and artistic expression are two effective ways to increase students' ability to experience the world and take on a leadership role in sustainability. Science inquiry that includes outdoor investigation offers students an authentic way to make connections, extend their curiosity, and engage in the interplay between literal and abstract thinking. The arts provide a broader language to express ideas, discoveries, and wonder.

Both are concerned that students are over-scheduled, leaving little time for imaginative play. Mental and physical health suffers if students do not go outside on a regular basis. “I spent everyday outside as a child,” says Corneau, “playing in the mud behind our house in southern Rhode Island with my sister. We were only allowed one hour of screen time per day!” She remembers mapping the woods and renaming streams and fields around her house. This is why, she says, she became an environmental studies major and is committed to education.

“How can we expect students to become activists or to care about the environment or social justice if they don't learn or are encouraged to practice empathy, gain perspective, and visualize themselves in the context of place and other?” asks Professor Silverman. He feels humbled that the graduates of the Saint Michael's Education program arrive at their schools with the reputation of being thoughtful, versatile, collaborative, and visionary. “Perhaps,” Professor Silverman comments, “I'm in the business of creating subversive teachers who strive to bring sustainability into all aspects of their practice.”

# The Perils of **SENSORY OVERLOAD**

**A Conversation with Ruth Fabian-Fine,  
Assistant Professor, Biology and Neuroscience**

*by Susan Salter Reynolds*

**DR. RUTH FABIAN-FINE  
IS EXTREMELY CALM.**

**W**e sit in her office, surrounded by dozens of sizable Central American Hunting Spiders. Professor Fabian-Fine, who has been working with these arachnids for two decades, explains that larger spiders usually have milder venoms, since they can easily overpower their prey.

It is clear that the neuroscientist has affection for her research subjects, all of which she bred in her laboratory. Peering through their plastic containers, she can tell which spiders are content and which ones need attention.

How does excessive stimulation of sensory systems affect the nervous system? This is the question Dr. Fabian-Fine addresses in her research. As in all systems, the balance between ON and OFF signals is of crucial importance in the nervous system. Too much activation can lead to seizures; too much inhibition can lead to paralysis.

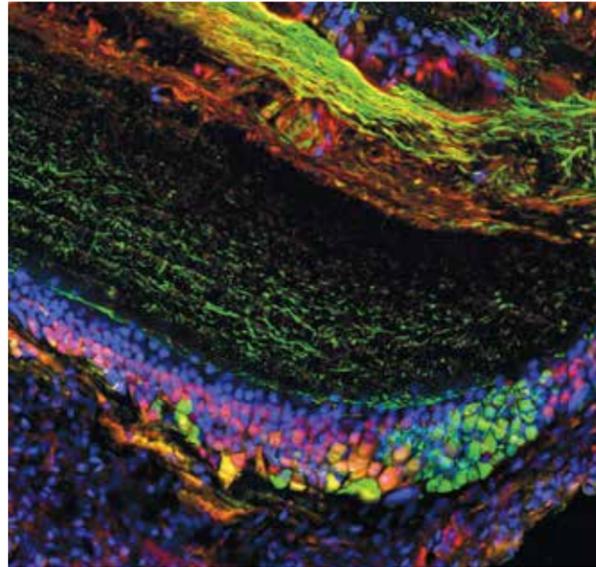
Excessive activation often leads to degeneration of neurons, a phenomenon well-researched and described in the human ear. Sensory neurons in our inner ear are exquisitely sensitive and highly adapted to detect sounds from our natural environment.

We have surrounded ourselves with artificial noises that have led to

increasing rates of hearing loss in both young and old people. Subways, ambient music, cinemas, or airplane engines often generate noises between 90 and 140 decibels that can lead to irreversible hearing loss after only a few minutes of exposure.

Neurons can't cope with this kind of excessive excitation. Unlike muscle tissue, they have no energy reserves or alternative energy resources.

In many human-made environments, such as cinemas, rock concerts, or dance clubs, it is not only the acoustic system that is stretched to its physical and metabolic limits. Exposure to fast flickering, intense light flashes bring photoreceptors to their boundaries as well. Research has shown that pathways that project these sensory signals to the brain are also in acute danger of degeneration. This phenomenon is known as *excitotoxicity*, when too much activating neurotransmitter, such as glutamate, is released by neurons, causing nearby neurons to degenerate. Epilepsy and



*Fluorescent immunolabelling of brain neurons in the Central American Hunting Spider Cupiennius salei.*

stroke patients often suffer from loss of brain function due to this phenomenon.

“Imagine,” Dr. Fabian-Fine comments, “that you are in a dance club, exposed to unbearably loud music and fast-flickering, bright light flashes. Your brain is pretty active. Interestingly, in such environments, we often stimulate our brains even more through the use of activating neuro-active drugs: nicotine, caffeine, and

alcohol. What happens to a nervous system that is exposed to this kind of excessive stimulation? It is like running a car engine with an almost empty fuel tank and no oil at full speed. The engine will eventually stop working; so do neurons. The only difference is that we can fix car engines, but usually not the central nervous system.”

What we don't see, but experience in the form of various brain disorders, is that during overstimulation, protective biochemical processes that are activated in neurons counteract this overstimulation by down regulating receptor proteins at synapses or by decreasing the amount of neurotransmitter they release. Imagine the drain in your sink is

blocked. To keep it from overflowing you have to decrease the intensity of the water flow from the faucet. This is basically what neurons do: they adjust the amount of neurotransmitter that they produce to prevent excitotoxicity. If we then return to normal exposure levels there is too little neurotransmitter available to make neurons function as they normally would. Depending on the pathway involved, this can lead to disorders such as anxiety, depression, and aggression.

Most households have big-screen televisions. Often, the developing brains of small children are exposed to this kind of overstimulation for considerable time periods on a daily basis. We need to address the question of how this activation affects the nervous system.

Spiders have sensory systems that are in many respects similar to those in our inner ear. Dr. Fabian-Fine and her collaborators in Germany and Canada have identified every neuron in the system. Scientists can easily dissect them and, using specialized computer programs, they can reconstruct the entire brain of the spider in three dimensions and map the different neuron groups the brain contains.

In her lab, Dr. Fabian-Fine compares anatomical and neurochemical aspects of the spider brain at the light microscopic level and ultrastructure at the electron microscopic level, in two test groups: (1) spiders that have been exposed to sensory overload compared with (2) control spiders.

In mammalian systems this would be a monumental task, due to the larger size and increased number of neurons.

Dr. Fabian-Fine's research has changed the way she lives her life. She avoids noisy environments and has no television. She does not drink alcohol or coffee and avoids stimulating substances. “I go to bed when I am tired rather than taking stimulating substances. I made this conscious decision when I over-activated cultured neurons in a petri dish and watched them degenerate, while the control neurons remained intact. The rate of degeneration quite frankly shocked me.” She also reaches out to schools to teach children how important it is to take care of their nervous system.

Dr. Fabian-Fine is part of Saint Michael's new Neuroscience Program, which includes Director of the Neuroscience Program and Associate Professor of Psychology Melissa VanderKaay Tomasulo, Prof. Adam Weaver (Biology),



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*The Organized Mind: Thinking Straight in the Age of Information Overload* by Daniel J. Levitin

*The Age of Missing Information* by Bill McKibben

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Prof. Crystal L'Hôte (Philosophy), and Prof. Ari Kirshenbaum (Psychology). Saint Michael's is perfect for Dr. Fabian-Fine. She finds the small liberal arts environment less stressful and

more conducive to both research and teaching. “When I left Saint Michael's after my initial interview,” she says, “I was standing in line at the airport and I realized that I missed the people I'd met here!”

**WE CAN FIX CAR ENGINES, BUT USUALLY NOT THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.**

# Y O U A R E S T A R D U S T

## Cosmic Recycling with John O'Meara

by Susan Salter Reynolds



“T he history of you,” John O’Meara tells his students on their first day of his Astrophysics class, “is tied up in the history of how galaxies form stars. The air you breathe still has elements that were around before the Milky Way was formed over ten billion years ago.” He calls this “cosmic recycling.”

## SCIENCE IN SILHOUETTE

Everything changed for O'Meara the first time he got to "play with the largest telescope in the world." While still a grad student at the University of California, San Diego, he had a chance to go to Hawaii to work at the Keck Observatory. He began studying how galaxies form and how they amass the materials they need to make stars. Since many of these galaxies are billions of light years away, they are too faint to be seen in the light they emit. Thus, he explains, "we must look at the light they absorb." He calls this "science in silhouette."

Much of this work, he admits, is "getting to play with toys." Playing with toys, it turns out, is serious work. O'Meara frequently serves on a panel that evaluates requests



from scientists all around the world for time on the Hubble Space Telescope. It's humbling, he reports, to read so many great research proposals. Humbling, but also a bit like "playing Caesar."

This work is some of the purest inquiry the human mind can apply itself to. Only about five percent of the energy density in the universe is in some form that we can understand. Then comes dark matter and dark energy — terra incognita, for now. We see the effects of dark matter on galaxies as they rotate, and you need dark matter to form galaxies like the ones we see throughout the universe. If galaxies don't form, neither the bulk of stars, nor their planets, form. As for dark energy — we can only come up with a few plausible scenarios for how the universe is expanding over time. We can mathematically



John O'Meara with the eight-meter primary mirror of the Gemini North telescope on the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

write a prescription for that expansion, but it's not, O'Meara says shaking his head emphatically, the same as knowing.

Why does anyone bother? What's the imperative? O'Meara looks at his inquisitor like she's crazy. "The goal of science," he says patiently and without a trace of irony, "is to have a full description of the universe. Physicists both abhor and delight in not knowing. If you check your bank account now, and then twenty minutes from now 70 percent of it is gone, you want a reasonable explanation!"

This need to know, O'Meara contends, is not just for scientists. "My six-year-old-daughter wants to know!"

The liberal arts, he contends, is all about the need to know. In the liberal arts, knowing involves linking information across disciplines and, finally, to the questioner. Hence the assertion, on day one of O'Meara's class, that we all contain a bit of stardust.

O'Meara is actively involved in beginning the process of building the next-generation, high-definition telescope that will make these discoveries possible. He is part of a team commissioned by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) to explore options for the construction of a space-based observatory that would be capable of finding Earth-like worlds, possibly those "with signs of life."

As for his own work — understanding how galaxies get the fuel they need to

make stars — O'Meara waits like everyone else in his field for telescope time. He's been back to the Keck 47 times. In 2011, *Science* magazine listed the paper he published with colleagues on how galaxies absorb gases from the "circumgalactic medium" to create new stars, one of the top 10 scientific discoveries of the year.

When he gets time, he flies to Hawaii to play what he calls "the world's most boring video game." With the telescope aimed at a quasar, O'Meara sits in a room for hours and, using a spectrometer (which measures light as a function of wavelength), assesses the heavy element content of ancient gas clouds. When he finds the right one, he says, he "giggles like a five-year-old." Recently, O'Meara and his co-authors published a paper in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society Letters*, on their discovery of an

**SOME DAY I WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE GREAT MISSION THAT THE NEXT GENERATIONS OF ASTRONOMERS LAUNCH.**

ancient gas cloud that may be a relic from the death of the first stars that formed in the universe.

## BEYOND SIRI

"Our charge is to help these students find a context for all the free information they are deluged with. Siri can't give them that context. A hundred years ago (or even thirty), we may have been gatekeepers, but no more. The least we can do is infuse them with skepticism."

"I love the idea that my students can watch a NOVA show with a bit of context that allows them to better understand what they are seeing. I want to pull back the curtain, make things less mystical." It makes O'Meara angry to hear people say that you have to be a genius to understand the work he does.

## ARE WE ALONE?

"Some day I would like to be a part of the great mission that the next generations

of astronomers launch." Helping to get the money to create the telescope they will need — a forty foot-wide orbital telescope that will search for proof of life beyond Earth — is a key part

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

*Expanding Universe: Photographs from the Hubble Space Telescope*, published by Taschen.

*Dreams of Earth and Sky*, by Konstantin Tsiolkovsky (Athena Books: first published in 1895)

*Disturbing the Universe* by Freeman Dyson (Basic Books)

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*Cosmos* by Carl Sagan (Ballantine Books)

*Origins: Fourteen Billion Years of Cosmic Evolution* by Neil deGrasse Tyson and Donald Goldsmith (W.W. Norton)

of this legacy. (Recently, O'Meara and colleagues have been awarded more than \$1.5 million in research grants from NSF, NASA, and the Space Telescope Science Institute.) The goals of this

we're alone in the universe, and to better understand how our universe has evolved over time.

Advocacy, research, teaching — this is the ecosystem that O'Meara has created for himself here on earth. And here's a little secret that O'Meara doesn't tell his first-year students: At least some of the air we breathe came from outside of our galaxy. It fell into our galaxy, and became part of the earth's atmosphere 4.6 billion years ago. "I don't want to freak my students out," he says, "but at least some of the air they are breathing is the result of stars dying."

“Students want to believe that love is more than this, and they know that it is,” says Crystal L’Hôte — a professor of Philosophy and the chief humanities voice among faculty for the College’s new Neuroscience major. “But as neuro-imaging technologies enable us to see more and more of the human brain at work, students struggle to see how they can be good scientists and continue to think that love is anything more, or that humans ever make free choices.” Using the Socratic method of direct questioning, Philosophy becomes a trans-discipline, a bridge-builder that helps students to understand the explanatory limits of the neurosciences, without denying their power and promise.

# Is LOVE More Than Neurons Firing?

A Conversation with Crystal L’Hôte,  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
by Mark Tarnacki



### Mental Midwifery

In her classes, Socratic discussion on these topics looks “very much like what it looked like in Ancient Greece 2,500 years ago, without the togas and soaring columns.” Her role is to take the ideas students bring to the classroom and refine those ideas with tailored questions. “I might ask, ‘You say such-and-such.

*How does this fit together with what you said earlier?’*

Socrates characterized this method as mental

midwifery: the goal is the birth of knowledge.” The Socratic Method depends on asking the right questions at the right time so the exchange seems improvised — but, as with improvisation in jazz, doing it well and with any fluidity requires significant expertise.

When she was an undergraduate in the early 1990s, L’Hôte recalls, it wasn’t possible to peer into the brain of a thinking person, to control a cursor with an implanted “brain chip,” or to so directly modify plants and other organisms. “The context of rapidly expanding technological powers has students asking new questions about human

responsibility and finding new answers. As our powers expand, so do our responsibilities.”

“Philosophy of mind” — L’Hôte’s area of study — is increasingly engaged with the empirical and medical sciences. The result, she says, is “a more empirically-informed philosophy and a more philosophically-informed science.” Thanks to

L’Hôte believes we are now gathering the fruits of an extended period of specialization. “However, I don’t anticipate the disciplines merging even if they share some problems. Their different methods and approaches are a source of their value to one another,” she says.

Most scientists don’t endorse “scientism” — the view that

## How shall I live? What does it mean to be human?

developments in theoretical physics, philosophers of mind “are no longer embarrassed to take up the once-taboo topic of consciousness and even to float the possibility that it’s a fundamental feature of reality.”

### The Limits of Science

Scientists and humanists are coming together in new ways, but “these new ways,” L’Hôte reports, “are also very old. Thales of Miletus, the earliest philosopher on the Western record, is also the first physicist. Aristotle offered us ‘natural philosophy,’ and Einstein and Bohr were aware of the philosophic dimensions of their work.”

science can explain everything — or as L’Hôte puts it, “not just why the sky is blue, but also why slavery is wrong, why two plus two equals four, and why anything exists in the first place.” But, she says, it’s one thing to acknowledge that science has limits and another to agree where they are.

For L’Hôte and many philosophers, “philosophically speaking, it’s difficult to see how thinking and living things fit into physical space as it’s commonly understood — essentially mindless and lifeless.”

“Metaphysically, thinking and living things are square pegs. Some philosophers of mind have tried mightily to round that peg, but I think a proper solution to this puzzle requires changing the shape of the hole. We must reconsider the nature of space.”

These topics and others figure into L’Hôte’s current book project, *The Neuroscientist’s Dilemma*, which was the focus of her recent sabbatical. Some questions she probes include: “How

do we and should we decide when the brain is malfunctioning and when it’s just functioning differently? What values are embedded in the Brain Mapping Initiative (a collaborative, public-private research initiative announced by the Obama administration in 2013)? Can the mind be mapped? What would space have to be like for the mind to be mappable?”

Katie Petrozzo, a junior in the new Neuroscience program, hopes to work under L’Hôte’s direction this summer. She will be studying the potential misuses of neuro-imaging technologies like EEG, MEG, and fMRI and thinking about what it means to use those images responsibly.

A neural image, Petrozzo explains, is often the only evidence presented in court to excuse a suspect from responsibility for a serious crime like murder. If certain brain areas that process empathy or fear can be demonstrated to be “abnormal” from a control image, this may support the claim that the defendant “couldn’t help himself.” Responsibility is ascribed “to their mechanical structures instead of the person themselves.”

Petrozzo, a Psychology/English double-major with a Philosophy minor before she switched to Neuroscience, says she was never a “science-minded person” before she learned that philosophy of the mind would enable her to engage empirical topics in a philosophic way. Neuroscience at Saint Michael’s, she says, is “a highly interdisciplinary major that allows you to concentrate on an area you are passionate about.”

Says L’Hôte, “I’ve come to think of empirical questions as springboards that inevitably, mercifully deliver us back to the philosophic questions with which we begin: How shall I live? What does it mean to be human?”

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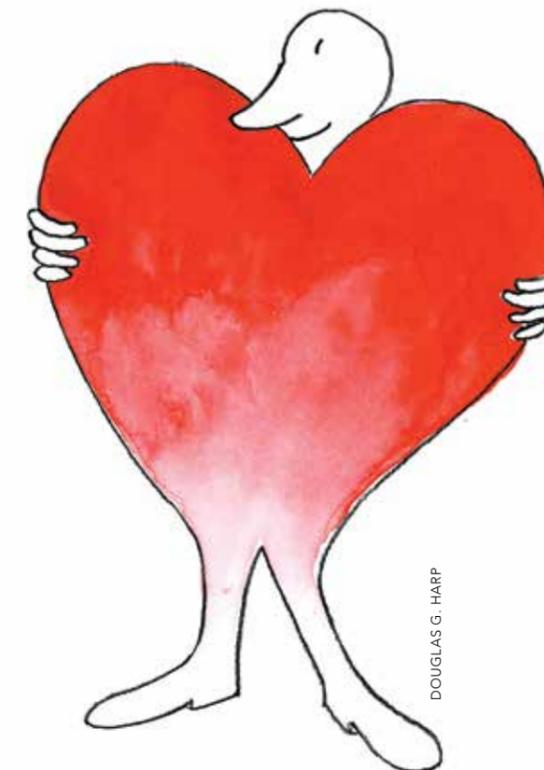
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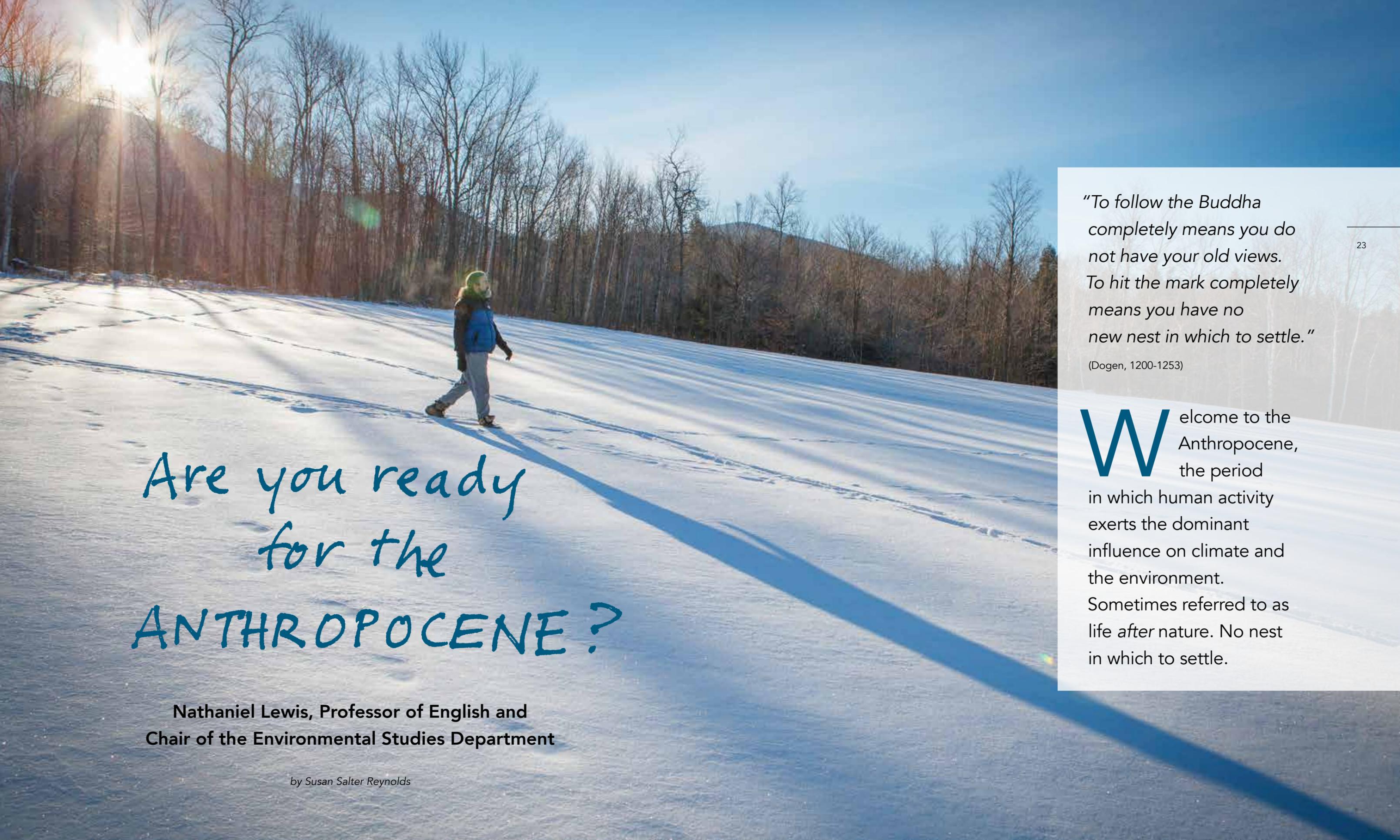
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A person wearing a blue jacket and grey pants is walking across a wide, snow-covered slope. The background consists of a dense line of bare trees under a clear blue sky. The sun is visible in the upper left corner, creating a lens flare effect. Long shadows are cast across the snow from the trees and the person.

# Are you ready for the ANTHROPOCENE?

**Nathaniel Lewis, Professor of English and  
Chair of the Environmental Studies Department**

*by Susan Salter Reynolds*

*"To follow the Buddha  
completely means you do  
not have your old views.  
To hit the mark completely  
means you have no  
new nest in which to settle."*

(Dogen, 1200-1253)

**W**elcome to the  
Anthropocene,  
the period  
in which human activity  
exerts the dominant  
influence on climate and  
the environment.  
Sometimes referred to as  
life *after* nature. No nest  
in which to settle.

## I DON'T WANT TO TELL STUDENTS WHAT'S GOOD; I WANT TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT MODELS OF RIGHT LIVELIHOOD AND RIGHT ACTION WITH THEM.

If you took an environmental studies class twenty or thirty years ago (first, you'd have to find it), the focus may well have been on the interconnectedness of all beings. You might have learned about ecosystems. Climate change was only just entering the conversation, and skepticism was abundant. The clock was ticking, but it wasn't that loud. There were good guys and bad guys. Today there is less disagreement; nonetheless, what's good for one economy might mean disaster for another, and interconnectedness means something entirely different. It means, in most forums, that we are chained to a sinking ship.

Nathaniel Lewis studied the environment because he had fallen in love with the woods behind his childhood home. He had a passion for the great outdoors. When he was a senior in high school in the seventies, a teacher convinced him to spend two months hiking the Appalachian Trail. He read Henry David Thoreau, Gary Snyder, Ed Abbey, and Aldo Leopold — beautiful writing, all pro-wilderness and pro-preservation.

Then things settled into crisis mode. Studying environmental literature (as Lewis did as an undergraduate at

Yale and then later as a graduate student at Harvard) and studying environmental science began to mean problem-solving; solution-finding; laced with a nostalgia for a rapidly receding, spectral past. Many students today have no memory of woods or tides or wetlands. What they have instead is a disorienting urgency and a great sense of responsibility for a set of disasters they did not create.

So how do you explain the amazing popularity of environmental studies? The program at Saint Michael's

was born from an environmental science

program that graduated only a handful of students a year. But seven years ago, the program blossomed to include history, literature, and the social sciences. There was no model to follow — every school seems to have created its own environmental studies curriculum. But six professors got together — poets, political scientists, and scientists — and the Saint Michael's Environmental Studies program was born. Today the program's Steering Committee includes: Richard Kujawa (Economics, Geography), Christina Root (English), Laura Stroup (Environmental Studies),

and Farrah Fatemi (Environmental Studies); with Associate Faculty: William Grover (Political Science), Crystal L'Hôte (Philosophy), Mike Bosia (Political Science), and Joan Wry (English).

The major quickly became one of the most popular on campus.

Lewis has three explanations:

1. The tradition of Saint Michael's encourages engagement and service outside of the classroom. Doing good work is part of this tradition.
2. This generation recognizes that the environment matters.
3. There are a lot of jobs in environmental fields. There is the belief that the world will need people throughout the market working in these fields.

On a deeper level, there is today a feeling of displacement, of being as Dogen might say, "out of the nest." Environmental Studies, Lewis says, can address this displacement. While many other environmental studies programs focus only on problems and solutions, the interdisciplinary breadth of the Saint Michael's department allows professors and students to go deeper; to consider life in the Anthropocene.

In some programs, says Lewis, the message is more about management than joy. In some, the focus is on documenting the decline. But Lewis wants something different for the Saint Michael's program. "I don't want to tell students what's good; I want to explore different models of right livelihood and right action with them. I despise the notion that students are engaged in a world in which they are fighting darkness. It is my central hope that we can talk about love and passion as much as we talk about problems and solutions. How do we change who we are in this new world? How can we revitalize our relationship to nature?"

Much of the work in most environmental studies programs is about sustainable practices: food systems, social justice issues, urban ecology. Recognizing these important and progressive fields, Lewis would like to see them rooted in a passionate and even ecstatic relationship with nature. "I don't want a program centered on gloom and doom," says Lewis. "I want to connect our curriculum (social justice, etc.) to my own hope for passion and enduring nature."

The age-old liberal arts dream of the life well-lived now includes sustainable practices, new ideas about consumption, and

### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

*Walden and The Maine Woods* by Henry David Thoreau

*The Practice of the Wild* by Gary Snyder

*Mountains and Waters Sutra* by Dogen

*A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold

*Red and Refuge* by Terry Tempest Williams

*Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko

*Country of the Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett

*Rings of Saturn* by W.G. Sebald

*Rock Springs* by Richard Ford

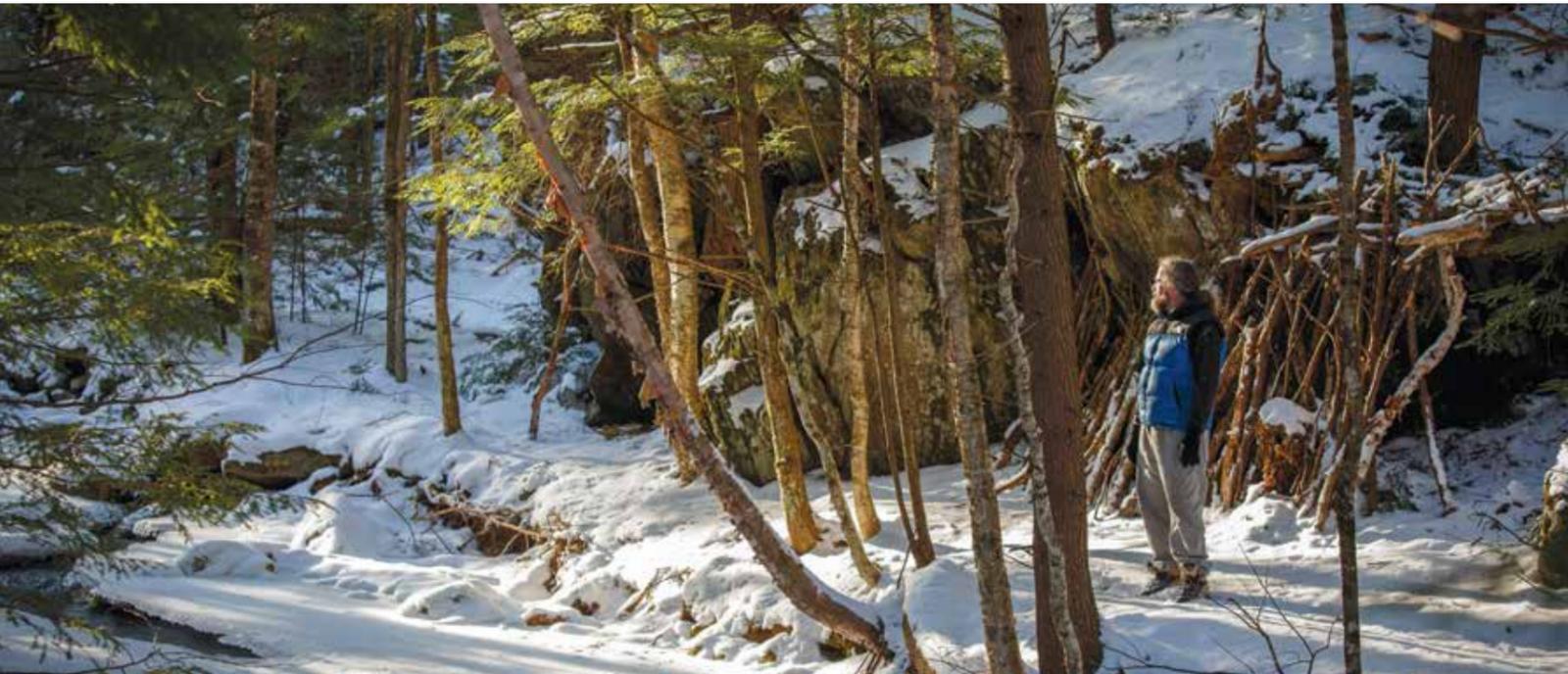
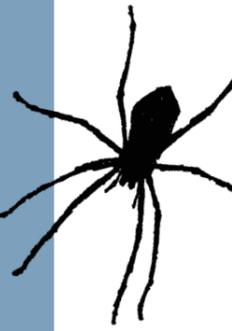
relationships between an individual and his or her community. "We must resist, at the deepest level, the predictable move of trying to cement them back in an ideological place that got us into this in the first place." That place, Lewis says, is ownership.

The art of inquiry, of tunneling into our deepest fears and playing out our greatest hopes, is one way to feel oriented. "Don't just do something," Lewis often

tells his students, "sit there!" The four years spent in college are the perfect time to reflect on our place in the world. "The act of thinking is something we need to promote."

Lewis lives with his family in the woods below Thunder Basin, in the shadow of Mount Mansfield. He laments the long commute and relative isolation but loves living there. "I can't help it," he says shaking his head. "I like trees."

## HOW DO WE CHANGE WHO WE ARE IN THIS NEW WORLD?



## Go outside. Find an animal. Write about your encounter.

“I’m awed by animals in the natural world,” says Kimberly Sultze, explaining why this assignment appears to be one of the most popular assignments on campus. “There’s so much going on in nature that most humans aren’t paying attention to and don’t really know about. When I was growing up, time outdoors was not considered as ‘productive’ as, say, time in the lab. I wanted to develop a course that would motivate and inspire students to pay more attention to the world around them.”

One of the many perks of working at a small liberal arts college is the flexibility to create an interdisciplinary course that’s unique. In 2006, Kimberly Sultze created “Nature and Outdoor Writing,” giving

students the opportunity to explore their own experiences of the outdoors on paper.

In this class, students are given nonfiction writing assignments that are paired with photography and illustration. Students can earn credits toward the Media Studies, Journalism and Digital Arts major; the Environmental Studies major; the Creative Writing minor; and as an artistic experience requirement, so classes are often full of a diverse mix of students who each bring a different background to the discussions.

The class also reads examples of nonfiction writing and discusses important issues connected to nature and the outdoors such as nature deficit disorder, the value of silence, the natural history of creatures and landscapes,

the importance of conserving natural habitats, and screen addiction.

Sultze is a wildlife photographer with a particular interest in eye-to-eye contact with animals. She says she tries to focus on the “beyond human” world — to stare it in the face and acknowledge its right to exist. “You have to be really slow and relatively silent. In order to get quality and compelling photographs, it helps tremendously if you know something about the animal’s behavior, because then you can predict what it’s going to do next and you can follow it with the camera,” she says.

It’s a time-intensive pursuit, Sultze admits, but she doesn’t mind — she’s outside, and there’s always something new to see. Using field guides helps her identify the animals she sees and in so

doing, move toward a more caring relationship with them.

Sultze also uses some of the natural sounds she and Media Studies, Journalism and Digital Arts Professor Jon Hyde have recorded and edited, like mantled howler monkeys, frogs, and birds from Central America.

“We build up inattention blindness to the natural world,” she says, adding that ever-increasing time in front of screens enforces this blindness. Getting students to really look at, identify, and convey their experiences in the outdoors reverses these effects.

“I have found that this style of writing creates a new connection, a new relationship with the outside world.

“Face to face.”



# FACE TO FACE

Kimberly Sultze, Associate Professor of  
Media Studies, Journalism and Digital Arts

by Lauren Friedgen '16

# THE WILD RIDE OF MICHAEL MCCARTHY '05

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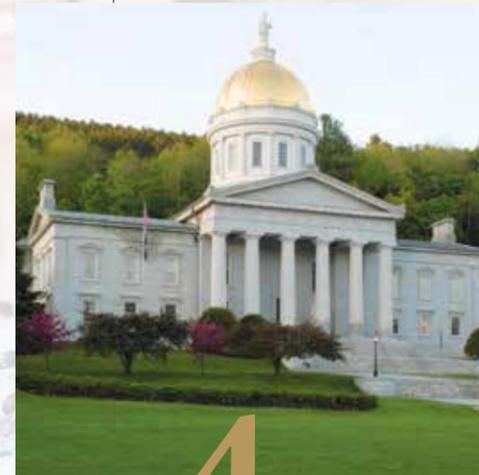
## THE GRADUATE '05 — MEDICAL SCHOOL... NAH

When I first came to St. Mike's in 2001, I had just returned from recording a demo with my band and shopping it to some recording industry folks in California. I was a Biochemistry major and thought medical school might be a good backup to singing and playing guitar. Following graduation, in the fall of 2004, I was accepted to UVM College of Medicine. I went to an event in the spring at UVM and at the age of 20 looked around at the other accepted students — mostly in their thirties, some with families of their own — and got the idea that maybe I should live my rock star dream a little before plunging into four more years of school.



THE SENATOR AND FAMILY MAN 2012

St. Mike's gave me a strong sense of civic responsibility, and by 2012 I was serving on a bunch of boards in town, including chairing the Saint Albans Downtown board. My wife, Stephanie, and I were about to have our daughter, Molly, when a seat in the Vermont House opened up. I decided to jump in and won that fall. Serving in the House in 2013-2014 was a huge honor. I was able to work on raising the minimum wage, support development in downtowns, and help get our roads and bridges back in shape. Much of my thinking about politics was shaped in and out of the classroom by Professor Patricia Siplon. Her advocacy on global health is inspiring, and being one of the first SGACers (Student Global Aids Campaign) at St. Mike's was very important to me.



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THE BOTTOM LINE:  
I VALUE COMMUNITY AND SERVICE.  
I LOVE DOING WORK THAT MAKES THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE AND MAKES FOR HAPPIER, HEALTHIER NEIGHBORS IN MY COMMUNITY.

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## THE VERMONT MAIN STREET ENTREPRENEUR 2008

After a couple of tours, and lots of recording the band had split and I was home visiting Vermont. My brother convinced me to partner with him and my Mom and buy a little bagel shop on Main Street in Saint Albans. That was how Cosmic Bakery was born. I put in some money that I had managed to earn acting and singing in a series of commercials for Peak Freans cookies and became a Main Street entrepreneur. It was a lot of fun running the downtown coffee and bake shop, and being the "muffin man." Downtown Saint Albans was struggling a bit at that point, with a bunch of empty storefronts but a ton of potential.

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## THE SOLAR GUY 2013

While I was at St. Mike's I worked part-time with former Ben & Jerry's "chief of stuff" Duane Peterson at TrueMajority. Duane went on to cofound Suncommon, the largest residential solar company in Vermont. When one of Suncommon's organizers showed up at Cosmic Bakery I was excited to help them launch in Franklin County. A job opened up there that summer, and I jumped at the chance to get involved. Suncommon's mission is to make our environment healthier and our world safer — starting with clean energy. I hope the value of service that was instilled in me at St. Mike's is reflected in my work helping Vermonters go solar as a Community Solar Advisor. Being on the team that launched a first-in-the-nation Community Solar program is something I'm very proud of. I miss the people downtown at Cosmic Bakery, but I still see a lot of them in my work. I've been able to help a lot of my former cafe customers get their own solar array.

## THE ROCK 'N ROLL DUDE 2005-2008

I deferred medical school for a year, and went out to Los Angeles where my former band's manager lived. I soon found myself teaming up with Bryan Master, a New York singer-songwriter. We called ourselves Master McCarthy. Our voices just clicked. We developed a unique sound with tight harmonies (I can thank some of my time singing with Prof. Nat Lew for that). When the spring came around I was in the studio with Neil Young producer Niko Bolas and his friend Steve Perry (from the band Journey). They laughed at me even thinking of going back to school. "You're going to be on MTV, you're not going to be a doctor, dude."



PHOTO: KRIS JARRETT



# Get Your Hands Dirty!

**Farrah Fatemi, PhD**  
**Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies**

by Susan Salter Reynolds

It's the combination of field and lab work with her students that Farrah Fatemi really enjoys. "We are learning alongside each other," she says. "Testing new hypotheses, learning more about ecosystems and about the impacts of pollution on those ecosystems."

Professor Fatemi grew up on the flat plains of Kansas. So where did she get her fascination with Northeast forest ecosystems? "I fell in love with science and the woods," she says. "I started spending time in the woods in graduate school at the University of Maine, and it was like no other feeling I'd ever had."

Seeing how forests change with disturbances like logging, and how these disturbances affect the soil fascinated Fatemi. "The things we see above ground have always been studied," she found. "But what's under the ground has remained a mystery — a black box." The effects, for example, of nitrogen and phosphorus on the Lake Champlain

watershed are being explored by Fatemi and her students. Erin Buckley '17, an Environmental Science student, is looking at how phosphorous is processed by the soils in that area — whether cornfields retain phosphorus better than surrounding forests.

"Soil may not be as sexy as big predators," says Fatemi, "but my *Soils and Sustainable Agriculture* course is completely full!" Fatemi says, "Students have an overarching yearning to do more hands-on work, and to get outside the lab. It's helpful for them to know what science really involves. If they see a big headline about climate change or soil erosion, I want them to understand the work that went into these ideas and the implications of the research."

"I want them to know how messy science can be — literally, but also in the sense of going back to the drawing board again and again. These are puzzles that often never get solved, pictures that may never be completely clear..."

# To Stress or Not to Stress: Tech Fast 101

Each year, several professors across the Saint Michael's curriculum stage a three-day (or sometimes week-long) tech fast, called "Disconnect to Reconnect" for students, faculty, and staff. Cell phones, computers, video games — all technology is turned off, and put away. "It's a good opportunity for looking at one's own media habits with clear eyes," says Jerald Swope, Professor of Media Studies, Journalism and Digital Arts at Saint Michael's, "and it has recalibrated my sense of immediacy."

Following are some responses to the tech fast from 2012 to 2015 (names are withheld to protect the innocent).

"Overall I felt much more disconnected from the world. I didn't know what was happening in current events like I normally would and I didn't have basic knowledge around what was happening in Washington.... I'm glad that I have my life back in order because the phone is back in my possession."

"...Everything was better for me without my phone. I would say that I am pretty stressed on a regular basis because of non-stop 'doing.' I even slept better!"



RACHEL JONES

"I believe I was able to think more clearly and in-depth.... I found myself reading for enjoyment for the first time in I don't know how long. My experience with musical instruments was a bit different too. I found myself interacting with suitemates more when learning and practicing songs together."

"I felt like I had detached a thick heavy chain from my ankle and I could run around...."

"I become a little more connective socially with my professors. I was not able to ask questions on email, so I had to stay back and talk to my professors for a while after class. My friends and I got a little closer as well. Our conversations were more personal."

"This assignment...showed me how necessary it is to have a cell phone/smart phone in order to operate at full potential.... Until everyone in the world also decides to put down their cell phones, I am better off hanging onto mine."

"I turned off my phone and it was as though I handed over 20 pounds.... I felt like I was going through mourning. I felt this wave of denial and isolation throughout the whole day. I kept reaching for my invisible phone on my back pocket to check the time, to check anything. It was like a reflex. By the next day... I felt this social freedom to do what I want without feeling that pressing guilt because I haven't replied to a text message or confirmed if I was attending a party over Facebook."

**"I am 100 percent sure that my stress level was greatly reduced with the lack of technology. How can I tell? My skin. Toward the end of the week with no technology, I noticed (and so did my friends) that my skin was becoming nice and clear. That's the number one sign of reduced stress."**

# Goalasso!

(Loosely translated — super nice goal!)

## The Saint Michael's men's soccer team in the off-season...

by Susan Salter Reynolds

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“We are,” says Daniel Castaño '18, “like a family. We live and work together. This team is really close. We can relate to each others' backgrounds.” Castaño was born in Colombia and moved to

Miami when he was four. He started playing soccer, like many team members, when he was three. “I don't like the snow, but I love Vermont.”

Claudio Wingartz '19 from Mexico City admits it was a little hard coming back

after winter break in Miami. “I love it here,” he says, “but Miami is full of Latin people and Latin food.”

As the world's most popular sport, it's no surprise that the soccer team is the most internationally diverse on

campus. Players hail from Spain, Mexico, Ethiopia, Colombia, Ghana, and, oh yeah, Vermont. Some players have recently graduated, but the international feel remains.

The team was 8-9-1 this year. For the first time in eight years, they made it to the playoffs.

“Saint Michael's does a great job pulling them all together,” says coach Wade Jean. “There's great representation in the recruiting process and great support once they get to campus from advisors and coaches — everyone tries to make the experience more enjoyable for them.”

“This is the first time I've seen snow,” says Daniel Pernia '19. Pernia was born in Mexico; his parents are Venezuelan. “The playing here is more physical than in Latin America or Miami,” says Gabriel Pineda '19. “Players are more athletic. We talk more about the team working together. And the fans! In Europe there's much more swearing! Here, the fans are more respectful.”

Many team members moved to the U.S. when they were young, and lived in several places before coming to Saint Michael's. For some, soccer was the most consistent thing in their lives. Thomas Antensaye '16 was born in Ethiopia and came to the U.S. when he was five. He has also lived in Germany. Antensaye appreciates the different style of play team members bring to the game. The Latin players are more technical — take Adrián, he says of team member Adrián Díaz '18, from Spain. “He's a two-touch player — really good with his feet.”

Adrián Díaz agrees that the playing here is more physical. “I'm not an athlete,” he says laughing, “I'm a soccer player!” He's used to “tiki taka” playing — two passes per play. That said, he admits to spending more time in the gym.

Adrián never expected to come to the U.S., but a coach saw him playing soccer with a friend at home in Santiago de Compostela and asked if he wanted to come to Vermont. “I've learned how

to play ice hockey!” he says to general hilarity from the rest of the team. “I've learned how to snowboard!”

Peter Kendall '18 nods patiently. He's a Vermonter (from Springfield, though none of his teammates knows exactly where that is!) “This team makes me feel so at home,” he says, in spite of the fact that his home is basically down the road. “I've learned how to shout like the Latin fans: ‘Goalasso!’ — that's what you say when you see a really nice goal.”

“The thing is,” says Díaz, “we all love the game.”

“These guys really play well together,” says Coach Jean. “And you should hear them cheer at basketball games...”

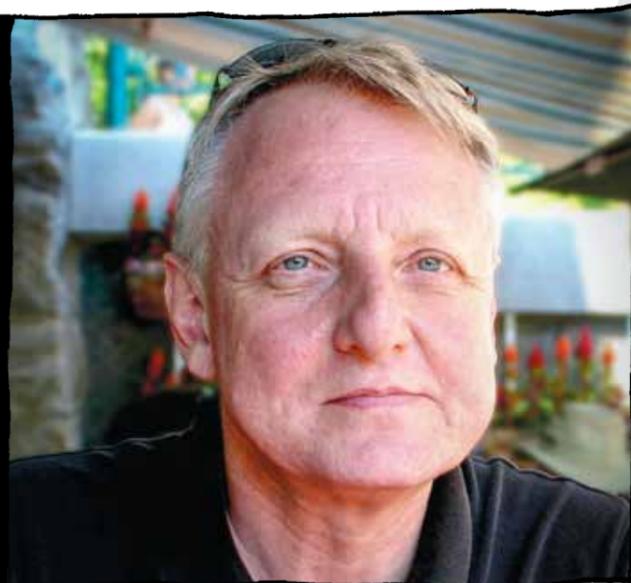
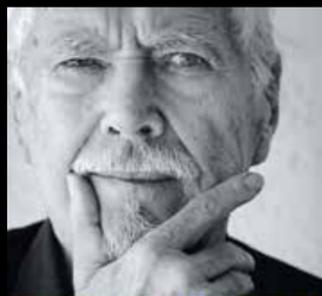
The goal next season? Make the playoffs again. Eventually, says Castaño, make it to the NCAA tournament. He says, “I feel like I've worked my whole life to get to this moment.”

**I FEEL LIKE I'VE WORKED MY WHOLE LIFE TO GET TO THIS MOMENT.**

— Daniel Castaño '18

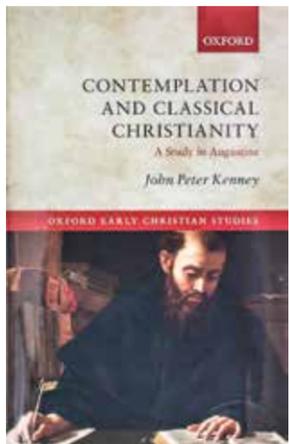


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*The Cinema of Robert Altman: Hollywood Maverick* by Robert Niemi (Wallflower Press). In fifty years of filmmaking, Altman mocked, subverted, or otherwise refashioned Hollywood narrative and genre conventions. This book repositions Altman as a satirist and critic of postmodern America.

Robert Niemi is the English Department Chair and a Professor of English.



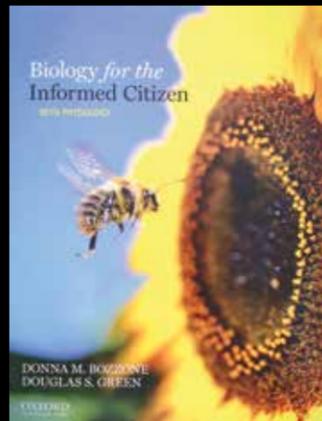
*Contemplation and Christianity: A Study in Augustine* by John Kenney (Oxford University Press). What was the "unguarded Augustine" writing in the months between his initial conversion experience and his baptism? How did his understanding of what the ancients called "contemplation" change?

John Kenney is a Professor of Religious Studies.



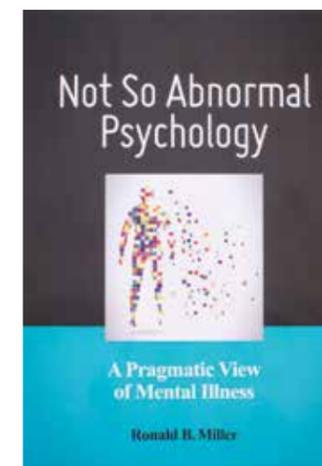
*Biology for the Informed Citizen* by Donna Bozzone and Douglas S. Green (Oxford University Press). This book helps readers connect the concepts of biology to the consequences of biology so that we can live our everyday lives as informed consumers and users of scientific information.

Donna Bozzone is a Professor of Biology.



*Not So Abnormal Psychology: A Pragmatic View of Mental Illness*, by Ronald B. Miller (American Psychological Association). Challenging our reliance on pharmaceuticals in the treatment of depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, and other common psychological or psychiatric conditions, Miller guides readers toward therapies rooted more in people's moral understandings, development, and upbringing than in pharmacology, profits, and quick fixes.

Ronald Miller is a Professor of Psychology.



# Message from the Alumni Association President

I hope 2016 is off to a great start for you and yours. For this issue, I'd like to highlight the efforts being made to find innovative ways to forge and cultivate relationships between alumni and students in an effort to better prepare students for life after Saint Michael's.

The Seventh Annual Career Symposium was held on November 13 and brought 150 students and more than 30 alumni from across the country together to talk about life after Saint Michael's and the wide variety of career paths available to students. Keynote speaker and Athletic Hall of Fame member Monroe Blake '92 M'93 spoke to students about his start in the marketing and advertising field and how he came to run his



own cultural advertising firm. Students then had the opportunity to sit in on two different industry panels to hear how graduates in those industries have successfully navigated the professional world. The event ended with networking over dinner in the Dion Family Student Center, where students had the opportunity to talk with alumni and ask questions.

A very special thank you on behalf of the Alumni Board of Directors to the alumni who traveled to campus to speak with students, and a heartfelt thank you to the board's Career Committee and, in particular, Chair Amy Murphy Dowd '92, on a job well done. The Alumni Board continues to be the driving force behind this successful event, which is sponsored by generous grants from U.S. Chemicals, LLC and former Alumni Board member E. Keith Maloney '66.

As I draft this letter in the middle of January, regional career seminars and networking receptions are taking place in New York City and Boston to take advantage of students at home on break. Nearly 70 students attended the Boston Career Seminar and over 120 students and alumni attended the networking event hosted by Amy Murphy Dowd '92

and Lauren Remmes Delaney '07 on January 12. Two days later, Pat Fitzgibbons '89 hosted the New York City career seminar at his office in midtown with over 50 alumni and students present. The alumni in attendance at both events represented a wide array of career fields ranging from medicine to business to nonprofit and the sciences. Another big thank you to this wonderful group of graduates!

Staying with this theme, our Alumni and Parent Relations Office is teaming up with the Career Development Office to make a concerted effort to meet with alumni who have an internship opportunity available to students. If your company has an internship opportunity, please let us know. We will help promote your internship to students and help guide them through the application process. We are especially interested in paid summer internships. For more information contact Internship Coordinator Meg Seeley at mseeley@smcvt.edu.

Another joint venture between the Alumni and Career Development Offices, the Job Shadow Program has matched 30 students with 30 alumni in a variety of industries for the benefit of networking and, ideally, a

job shadow experience in the workplace. Anecdotally, we are seeing great results. This is a new iteration of the Alumni Mentoring Program, but easier for students because it's one day and not a months-long commitment. We anticipate future growth in this program in 2016 and beyond. If you are interested in hosting a student at your workplace please e-mail Alumni and Parent Relations Director Angie Armour '99 M'09 at aarmour@smcvt.edu. I ask each of you to remember your time and experience at Saint Michael's College. While you may have not realized it then, your time at Saint Michael's was the beginning of your adulthood. As alumni, I believe we have the responsibility to try to help others begin their careers on a positive path. I am happy to report that the continuation of positive energy on campus and new and exciting events continues into 2016. Finally, to my fellow '87 classmates and all Saint Michael's alumni near and far, my best wishes for a happy, healthy, successful, and prosperous new year!

Warm Regards,

P. Jonathan Heroux '87  
President, Saint Michael's College Alumni Association

# Class Notes

## 1950

**JOE BRIGANTI**, Stuart, FL, "finally tired of Connecticut winters and moved to enjoy the year-round sunshine available at his new assisted living facility located in Stuart, FL" writes Joe's pal and longtime fellow Connecticut alumnus Kevin Slane '65. "He would love to receive mail from his classmates. Joe's address is: The Palace at Stuart, 860 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart, FL 34994."

## 1958

**ROBERT SHEA**, Redlands, CA, shares upcoming travel plans: "Cruise, train, bus, plane: Alaska and the Yukon — our special vacation trip this year."

**KEVIN P. DWYER**, Bethesda, MD, had an article titled "Team Crisis: School Psychologists and Nurses Working Together" published in the research journal *Psychology in the Schools*

(Vol. 52, 7, pp. 702-713, August 2015).

## 1962

**WILLIAM DONAHUE**, Middletown, CT, was honored with a proclamation by the City of Middletown of William C. Donahue Day on October 15, 2015, to recognize his service to Middletown Area Transit and the greater community.

## 1967

**SAVE THE DATE** for our 50th Reunion celebration, Thursday, June 1 – Sunday, June 4, 2017. If you would like to be involved in making it a memorable celebration for our class please contact co-chairs Paul Zimmerman at pzimmerman@me.com and Mike Cunniff at Michael@logueandcompany.com and Rit DiVenere at ritandnan45@comcast.net and Ken Juall at kjuall@gmail.com. Let's make this the

largest 50th celebration in Saint Michael's history!

## 1970

**JOHN "JACK" BERGERON** The Alumnus of the Year profile on Jack in the most recent issue of the Magazine stated that he was retired from his law firm Bergeron, Paradis and Fitzpatrick when, in fact, he is still working there. Apologies for the error.

## PAUL BARIBAULT,

Lewiston, ME, writes that he recently helped launch a children's book website, with its featured book, *Sleepy-heads: Telling Dreams* — now available for the Kindle on Amazon. "One of the different approaches we are taking is making available, through Cafe Press, T-shirts with chapter illustrations on their fronts, whose proceeds will go to UNICEF and St. Jude's Children's Hospital," Paul writes. A key element is vivid illustration for the stories by a talented artist he works with,

Paul says, adding, "I've been writing as a labor of love ever since leaving St. Mike's so long ago, plays, poems, screenplays, and now children's books. I had my most recent play, *God Touches*, produced at a Performing Arts Center here in Maine in 2009. You can see clips from that production at my other website, [www.Godtouches.com](http://www.Godtouches.com)."

## 1975

**MICHAEL DONOVAN**, Los Angeles, CA, was the casting director for the world premiere musical *Breaking Through*, October 27–November 22, 2015, at the Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena, CA.

## 1976

**TIM CAREY**, Fairfield, CT, was named vice president, Credit System IT at Synchrony Financial in Stamford, CT. Previously he worked with GE Capital in its Retail

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An alumnus wishing to remain unnamed passed along this great photo of the September 25, 2015, swearing-in ceremony of General Joseph Dunford '77 in Washington, D.C., as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. From left are the general's classmate Jim Butler '77, General Dunford's wife, Ellyn; General Dunford '77; Jim's wife, Valerie; and Joe McDonald '79 with his wife, Susan.



Paul Galbraith '78 had more photos to share in this issue of his varied roles as a professional actor. Here he is as "the Captain" for an upcoming Ragu commercial; Paul also recently played Hazen Pingree, former mayor of Detroit and governor of Michigan, noted for his "Potato Patch Plan" for the poor in Detroit. That role was for the Mysteries at the Museum program to air on the Travel Channel early in 2016.



Michael Dwyer '78 writes, "On November 13, 2015, I had the opportunity to get together with my old roommate from Joyce Hall, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. (Class of 1977). Joe was the speaker at Boston's Semper Fidelis Society Luncheon and I was invited to attend. Joe and I were roommates for three years at St. Mike's. I am quite proud of my old friend." Michael is an attorney in Somerville, MA.



(Left) Classmates Luke Dougherty '84 and Mark Megan '84 met up in Chicago to see the final "Fare Thee Well" Grateful Dead concert at Soldier's Field — but first stop was Wrigley Field. "Shout out to all the Saint Michael's Deadheads," write the classmates.



Ellen (Hartford) Adams '87 writes: "I was on the Food Network for a Veterans Day episode of "Chopped." I was in Air Force ROTC while I was at St. Mike's and then went on to a 20-year Air Force career. I used my GI Bill to attend culinary school and after leaving the military, I started my own personal chef business called A Red Hot Dish...and Great Food Too! My goal is to teach wounded veterans how to cook healthy and nutritious meals." More information on Ellen's business is available at [www.redhotdish.com](http://www.redhotdish.com).

Finance Division for 19 years until it was divested in November 2015. He lives in Fairfield with his wife Julie. Tim remains an avid SCUBA diver, marking his 1,500th dive in 2015.

**1979**

**ED JOHNSON**, Alexandria, VA, is retiring this year after nearly 40 years of working for the federal government, from his last position as the chief financial officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS. Ed was still a college student when he started working for the government as a summer employee. He and his wife Donna (Trinity '80) plan "to have fun, share more time with all our family and friends, and enjoy this next wonderful chapter in our lives that was made possible as a result of four great years at SMC," he writes.

**1980**

**THOMAS MURPHY**, Rye, NY, in late May presented the Rye YMCA's highest honor for volunteer service, the Gold Spirit Award, to three individuals from his community, among them Mark Doran '86. Like Mark, Thomas is a Rye Y trustee.

**1981**

**TIM KELLEHER**, Lake Placid, NY, recently was named president and new equity partner with Adworkshop, a digital marketing agency

with offices in Lake Placid, Albany, and Manhattan. Tim is a longtime business owner and graphic arts professional with over 35 years of experience growing and creating one of the leading commercial sheet-fed printing companies in the New York metropolitan area, serving such clients as Merck, Estée Lauder, Chanel, and Wells Fargo. Until recently he was president of GJ Haerer, a commercial printing company in Clifton, NJ. His move to the Adirondacks full-time was a quality-of-life decision. He currently lives in Lake Placid with his wife and two sons.

**1983**

**MICHAEL NEALON**, Okemos, MI, was appointed vice president of instruction at Washtenaw Community College in November 2015. After receiving his bachelor's from Saint Michael's, he obtained a master's from the University of Tennessee and a doctorate in musicology from Northwestern University.

**JOHN KACAVAS**, Manchester, NH, was the subject of a profile last summer in the *Manchester Union Leader* about his career change from U.S. attorney for New Hampshire to chief legal counsel for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

**1984**

**MARC ARCHAMBAULT**, Orem, UT, has accepted the position of vice president

of Development and Alumni Relations at Western Kentucky University and president of the Western Kentucky University Foundation. For the past five years Marc has been vice president of Development and Alumni Relations at Utah Valley University in Orem, UT, where his team was named most improved development program in the nation by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He and his wife, **AMY MCGOUGH '84**, will be relocating to Bowling Green, KY, later this year.

**PEGGI VAIL**, Brooklyn, NY, directed the documentary *Gringo Trails*, which was released on home video November 17, 2015. This film had its world premiere at the American Museum of Natural History at the Margaret Mead Film Festival and has screened in over 20 countries since. *Gringo Trails*

explores the impact tourists have on the planet — are they destroying it, or saving it? Peggi's documentary was awarded the Special Jury Award at the Visions of Nature/Voices of Nature Environmental Film Festival.

**1985**

**TODD SUTTON**, Tyngsboro, MA, writes, "I am a 1985 Accounting graduate who was recently promoted to VP, Corporate Controller at Axcelis Technologies in Beverly, MA. Axcelis designs, manufactures, and services ion implantation equipment and other equipment used in the fabrication of semiconductor chips. My son Jacob Sutton just started his St. Mike's journey as a first-year student last fall. Reaching the VP level is a milestone that I am proud of and emanates back to my education at St Mike's!"

**1986**

**MARK DORAN**, Rye, NY, a former trustee of the College for nine years, in late May received the Rye YMCA's highest honor for volunteer service, the Gold Spirit Award. Presenting the award was Tom Murphy '80, also a Rye Y trustee. Mark was elected to the Y board in 2007. He is a member of the Rye Republican Committee, chairman of the Rye City Finance Committee, and a member of the board of Soul Ryeders.

**DENISE MARTEL**, Seattle, WA, was named chair of the Performance Production Department at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle. Previously she was the associate production manager at Seattle Children's Theatre. Over the years, she has gained vast experience as a production manager and producer working at companies in

California and Washington state. She also was producing director and a senior lecturer in stage and production management at The University of Texas at Austin's Department of Theatre & Dance. Other academic experiences were at San Francisco State and Stanford, and she was technical director for Summer Repertory Theatre in Santa Rosa, CA, for four summers. Dedicated to the development of new work both professionally and academically, she has worked on over 60 new plays and musicals around the country. Denise also has been stage manager for many concerts of contemporary ballet with American Repertory Ensemble and was the producer for the Village Originals Festival of New Musicals in 2012 and 2013 at Village Theatre in Issaquah, WA.

**ED LAUDISE**, Naples, FL, was one of five teachers in his



Leslie (Demarest) Maysak '88 and Paul Maysak '88 write: "Hi St. Mike's, I just wanted to share this photo of our sons Jack (12) and Liam (9) on our visit to the St. Mike's campus this past August. They put their new St. Mike's togs on directly outside the bookstore!"



MaryEllen O'Brien '97 was married to Gregg Anthony Valenzuela, M.D., at sea in Honolulu Harbor, HI, on October 21, 2015. MaryEllen and Gregg reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Gregg is a gastroenterologist at Presbyterian Hospital.



In this year's "Legacy Photo" on the Chapel steps, first-year students pose on Move-In Day with their alumni parents or grandparents: Front row, left to right: Nate Dooley '19 and Jen (Pine) Dooley '90; Phoebe Low '19 and Suzanne Prentiss '86; Lexie Alexopoulos '19 and Joy Alexopoulos '82; Mariah Newman '19 and Tom Newman '82 & Erin Morris Newman '83; Dylan Bernache '19 and Richard Bernache '82; Elizabeth Stapleton '19 and Bill Stapleton '84; Emily Durette '19 and David Durette '85; Lindsey Hedges '19 and Tom Hedges '82; Veronica McMorrow '19 and Partick McMorrow '76; Hannah Krehely '19 & Shannon Krehely '16 with grandfather Alfred F.P. (Peter) Murphy '58; Back row, left to right: Jack Caron '19 and Tom Caron '86; John Noonan '19 and Rob Noonan '82; Alexander Chowske '19 and Dr. Rebecca (Dunn) Chowske '85; Colin Fitzgerald '19 and Beth Tucker Fitzgerald '85; John Myers '19 and John Myers '75; Matthew Cotter '19 and Brendan Cotter '89; Kate Farrell '19 and Tom Farrell '82; Kayla Schneider '19 and Cheryl Turner '88; Peter Drabinski '19 and Mark Drabinski '76.



Mary Ledoux '02 was married to Jamie Gerogitis at Camp Cody in Freedom, NH, on June 6, 2015. Alumni in attendance were Michaela Cook '02, Kristi Dyer Trudel '02, Andrea Therrien L'esperance '02, and David Barrowclough '02.



Lucas Malo '02 recently won a notable award for community service that got him a great experience at a Patriots game. That's him wearing a red hat and holding a check — his prize as a "Bright Side of Game Day Community Hero." Nominated by KaBOOM!, a nonprofit that helps communities build playgrounds for children, he was selected out of all nominees in New England to receive this award in celebration of a collaborative effort to build a playground and open the Prospect Hill Community Center. Lucas won a VIP game day experience at the New England Patriots season opener and a \$10,000 donation to a nonprofit of his choice.



Joe Cote '04 and Carolyn (Dube) Cote '04 were married at the Old Round Church in Richmond on September 13, 2014. A reception was held at the Catamount Country Club in Williston. In attendance were Rachel (Russo) Whalen '03 and Cate Lecuyer '04.



On June 21, Grant Coscia '06 married Jessica Graziano in Saratoga, CA. Alumni attending, from top row, left to right: Connor Katz '06, Phillip Reeves '06, Douglas Johnson '06, Anne Fletcher '06; middle row: Kerin Fontaine '06, Dennis Griffin '06, Brian Howley '06; bottom row: Denis Barron '06, Andrea Griffin '07, Grant and Jessica, Evan Dorta.

large Florida school district to win a Golden Apple Award for teachers who have changed the way their students learn. Ed earned the award for "gamifying" 10th-grade world history content at Lorenzo Walker Technical High School in Naples, and now he's working with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) to publish that practice. Before teaching — three years in elementary school and two in high school — Ed ran a homeless shelter for 10 years and then a foundation associated with the shelter for five years. Last fall he was promoted to assistant principal of North Naples Middle School. He credits his success to "perseverance, teamwork, and kindness — core values I routinely saw and experienced at Saint Michael's" as a student and member of the Fire and Rescue squad.

1987

**ELLEN (HARTFORD) ADAMS**, Webster, NY, recently appeared on the Food Network for a Veterans Day episode of "Chopped." (See photo with details.)

1988

**KERRIN MCCADDEN**, Plainfield, VT, has won the first-ever Vermont Book Award for her collection of poetry titled *Landscape with Plywood Silhouettes*. Kerrin received her award during the Vermont Book Award Gala at Vermont College of Fine Arts (VCFA) on September 26,

2015. VCFA President Tom Greene presented the award, which Vermont artist Tyrie Brown crafted. McCadden also received \$5,000. She's earned numerous awards and several fellowships for her poetry. "I'm forever in debt to my literary education at St. Michael's College," Kerrin writes.

**CHRISTOPHER HERRICK**, South Hero, VT, was named Vermont's Emergency Management & Homeland Security director last summer by Gov. Peter Shumlin. Chris previously had served 16 years as the chief of Vermont's Hazardous Materials Response Team at the DPS Division of Fire Safety. He has been an emergency responder for 30 years, starting in college as part of the College's Fire and Rescue squad (fire unit captain). He's served on the South Hero Volunteer Fire Department since 1988 and has been chief of that department for the past six years.

1989

**SU REID-ST. JOHN**, Birmingham, AL, visited Saint Michael's Organic Garden in July 2015. She writes, "The garden was glorious, with many kinds of veggies, herbs, and flowers (for pollination) all growing in well-managed profusion. As someone whose job is, basically, to encourage people to fall in love with gardening (I work for Bonnie Plants), I was delighted to learn that in spring of 2016, the garden will move to a

spot behind the observatory, which will not only be easier to find, but also, at 1.7 acres, will be over six times as large as the garden I visited. I'm so proud of my alma mater for supporting and encouraging a project like this!"

1991

**MAUREEN PROVENCHER**, Biddeford, ME, recently was appointed director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry in Portland, ME. Maureen is a senior regional sales representative for RCL Benziger Catholic Publishing, providing catechetical expertise to 16 Catholic dioceses, including the training of adult catechetical leaders and volunteer catechists for their ministry to children and their families. She's worked with Catholic youth in different positions in Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts since 1992 and also worked in blood donor recruitment for Hemacare for a time before joining RCL Benziger in 2006. She is also a published author of books directed at Catholic youth instruction.

1992

**PAUL DEXTER**, North Yarmouth, ME, completed his Ph.D. in Public Policy with a concentration in Educational Leadership in August of 2015 from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. His dissertation research focused on the relationship between student engagement

and success among online undergraduates.

1993

**LOUNG UNG**, Shaker Heights, OH, learned last summer that Angelina Jolie Pitt will be directing an adaptation of Loung's book *First They Killed My Father* for Netflix. The College uses the book as a prize for its Book Awards.

1994

**EDWARD DEL GUERCIO**, Pound Ridge, NY, started the company LIFT 23 in 2014, which designs and manufactures outdoor performance socks with the mission of donating a pair of socks to children living in the NYC shelter system for every pair of LIFT 23 ski/snow socks it sells, and donating to local charities for stores in other parts of the country. LIFT 23 was recently featured in the "Giving Back" section of *Sporting Goods Business* magazine.

1996

**KRISTEN GLEASON**, Springfield, OR, recently accepted a new job at NIRSA: Leaders In Collegiate Recreation in Corvallis, OR, as director of professional development.

1997

**MARYELLEN O'BRIEN**, Albuquerque, NM, was

married to Gregg Anthony Valenzuela, M.D., on October 21, 2015. (See photo.)

**KEVIN SCHIRF**, New York, NY, and Colleen Cuniff Schirf '98 welcomed a son, Grady, in May 2015.

1998

**JEFF LABONTE**, Essex, VT, recently was named an owner at Hickok & Boardman Insurance. Jeff joined the agency in 2007 as a commercial sales executive responsible for the business development of medium-size clients. With more than 15 years in finance and insurance, he is a licensed Certified Insurance Counselor. He lives in Essex with his partner, Jen, and four children. He is active in the Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival and Santa Night, and volunteers for the Boy Scouts.

See 1997 notes about a new son for **COLLEEN CUNIFF SCHIRF**.

**JAY ROURKE**, Readville, MA, and his wife, Tammy, welcomed a son, Owen, on June 23, 2015.

**CAROLINE RIEHL SMITH**, Winooski, VT, and her husband, Ryan Smith, welcomed a son, Charlie, on September 15, 2015.

1999

**AMOS ROBINSON** and **KAREN PALMER ROBINSON**, Williston, VT, welcomed a son, Benjamin, on June 26, 2015.

**JENNIFER PRATT LUCK**, Essex Junction, VT, and her husband, Brad Luck, welcomed a son, Graham Stephen, on July 22, 2015.

2000

**AARON PAGE**, Chester, CT, recently moved to Chester from Brooklyn, NY, with wife Leah and son August. "Gus was born on January 15, 2014, in NYC during one of the coldest winters on record. He's clearly ready for SMC class of '35," writes Aaron.

**KEVIN BARISONEK**, San Francisco, CA, last summer participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in Thailand.

2002

**NICHOLAS COLISTRA** and his wife **DENISE GOYETTE** Colistra, Amsterdam, NY, welcomed a baby girl, Madison Gabrielle, on February 2, 2015. She joins big brother Cameron.

**GREGORY GALLA**, Clifton Park, NY, has been named an audit and tax manager for Teal, Becker & Chiamonte CPAs, P.C. in Albany, NY. Before that he was audit and tax supervisor for the firm, which he joined in 2006, and is a member of its internal contractor committee. Other alumni at the firm are Stephanie Parot Stopera '04 and Katie Healey Farrow '04.

**MARY LEDOUX**, West Roxbury, MA, married Jamie Georgitis at Camp Cody in



The wedding of Mike Clark '06 and his bride, Ryan Elizabeth Foley, took place on June 6, 2015, at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH. Back row: Courtney Greenwood, Paul Wagner '06, Aurora Rosado, Chris Lazzaro '06, Stacey Horne Harper, Paul Harper '06 ("their son Ryan Harper is the little dude with the hat," writes the groom), Tom O'Riordan '07, Jen O'Riordan, Tim Humphrey, Nancy Winters '06, Molly McGillicuddy '06, Heather Welch (holding Sydney Welch), Lionel Welch '06, Katie Neville '06. Front Row: Pat McGrath '06, Kelly McGrath '06 (with Maggie McGrath), groom Mike Clark '06 and bride Ryan Elizabeth Clark, Scott McNeilly '06, Tala McNeilly '06 (with Liam McNeilly).



Mary Kate Moore '06 married Dan Oliver on May 30, 2015, in Watch Hill, RI. Alumni present included: From left: Andrew Gill '07, Robynne Locke '06, Bill Moore '74, Mairead Moore '09, Nora Moore '13, Dan and Mary Kate, Kaitlin Murphy '05, Christine McAuliffe '06, Marissa Pagnotta '06, Adena Harford Bright '06, and Molly Moore '11. Photo taken by Lindsey Venne '06.



Caitlin McHugh '07 married David Luengas-Guayda in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, on December 27, 2014. The two met during a semester abroad in Puebla, Mexico, in 2005. Saint Michael's alumni in attendance included Paul Kelliher '74 (who played the bagpipes following the ceremony), Casey Brooks '07, Tara Hostnik '07, Meg Currier '07, and Lindsay Bernard '10.



Julianne Ireland '07 married Ryan Boissonneault on August 15, 2015, in Franconia, NH. Alumni in attendance: left to right standing, Colleen (Foley) Rich '07, Jamie (Brigante) Mulcahy '07, Erin Haynes, Ryan Boissonneault (groom/non-alum), Julianne "Jewels" (Ireland) Boissonneault '07, Casey Brooks '07, Megan Audet '07, Kate Power '07; kneeling: Kateryn (Krumperman) White '05, Kaitlin (McDevitt) Ricketts '02, Lauren (Remmes) Delaney '07, Christine Hultgren '07, Elizabeth (Clemente) Harris '07, Jeff Harris '07.

Freedom, NH, on June 6, 2015. (See photo). Mary also received a doctorate in clinical psychology from Antioch University of New England.

2004

**CAROLYN DUBE** and **JOSEPH COTE**, Nashua, NH, were married September 13, 2014. (See photo.)

**EMILY MARCASON-TOLMIE**, Saratoga Springs, NY, and her husband, Ryan, welcomed a son, Nico, on July 1, 2015.

**LAURA MCDANIEL LEE**, Colchester, VT, and her husband, Brian Lee M'99 of the College's Student Life Office, welcomed a daughter, Josephine, on September 10, 2015.

**KATHERINE FARROW**, Schenectady, NY, and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, on September 6, 2015.

2005

**ANDY BEAULIEU**, Glen Allen, VA, is being promoted to lieutenant with the Hanover County Fire & EMS department in Virginia, effective October 16, 2015.

**DANIELLE LAPIERRE**, Shelburne, VT, married John Goodrich on July 25, 2015.

2006

**MIKE CLARK**, Pembroke, NH, married Ryan Elizabeth

Foley on June 6, 2015, at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH. (See photo.)

**JESSI SHUTTLEWORTH**, New York, NY, is achieving acclaim for her short film, *February*, which she produced and appeared in as an actor. *February* won Best Short Film at the ITVFest in Dover, VT, on September 25 and 26, which Jessi attended. "It was a homecoming for me having trained as an actor with Cathy Hurst at Saint Michael's," Jessi wrote to us recently. *February* had its world premiere at the Sedona Film Festival. Since then it has been an official selection at numerous prestigious film festivals across the U.S. and worldwide. The film springs from the experience of Jessi's brother in 1996 when at age 13, he was in the adjacent classroom to a shooting at a junior high school in Washington state. The film explores how peace has eluded her brother and others who experienced the tragedy, even 18 years later. Jessi is president and CEO of Scabland Productions, which she founded, supported by Cathy Hurst.

**GRANT COSCIA**, San Jose, CA, married Jessica Graziano on June 21, 2014.

**MARY KATE MOORE**, Boston, MA, married Daniel Oliver on May 20, 2015.

**MICHAEL T. CLARK**, Pembroke, NH, married Ryan Foley on June 6, 2015. (See photo.)

2007

**JULIANNE IRELAND**, Franconia, NH, married Ryan Boissonneault on August 15, 2015, in Franconia. (See photo.)

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**CHRISTOPHER MARZI** and **JESSICA SHAW**, Wakefield, MA, were married June 20, 2015.

2008

**CHRISTOPHER COLONGELI** and **MELISSA MANN** were married on July 25, 2015. (See photo.)

**DAN KLUG** and **ELISE HUBERT**, Brooklyn, NY, were married on May 16, 2015 in Brooklyn. (See photo.)

2009

**ERIN MILLARD** married Paul Monziona on October 3, 2015. (See photo.)

**MANDY POQUETTE**, Colchester, VT, a teacher at Grand Isle School, recently received a Rural Teacher Global Fellowship sponsored by the Rural School and Community Trust. The goal of the fellowship is to create unique personal and professional development experiences for rural teachers.

To learn about "empathy education" she'll visit schools in England, Ireland, and Sweden, with cultural experiences in Norway, Amsterdam, and Denmark. She'll visit Vermont schools through the program in early fall.

**ROCKY ORLANDO**, Golden, CO, married Katie Moran on September 19 in Vail, Colorado. (See photo.)

**AMY SCHOON**, Cambridge, VT, married Tyler Listenik on June 27, 2015.

2010

**DEBORAH BARTOS** and **BRIAN MURPHY**, North Reading, MA, were married on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Butternut Farm Golf Club in Stow, MA. (See photo.)

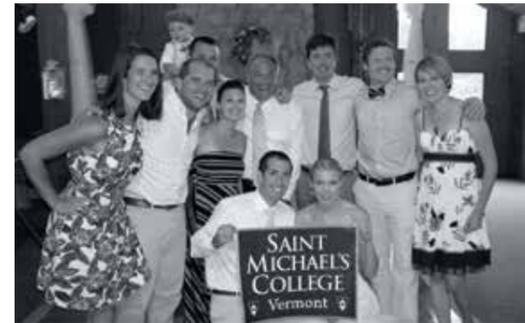
**JASON FUCHS**, Madison, WI, recently received his doctorate in psychology from the University of Vermont and is now a post-doctoral research associate in the School of Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Sciences Division at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

**SARAH MASLAK** and **NICHOLAS RIZZO**, Peabody, MA, were married on June 13, 2015, in Syracuse, NY. Sarah works as a physician assistant at Newburyport Family Practice in Newburyport, MA, while Nicholas is starting a new job as a software engineer at ZoomInfo in Waltham, MA (See photo.)

See 2011 note on marriage of **ANDREW NAULT**.



Dan Klug and Elise Hubert, both from the class of '08, were married on May 16, 2015, in Brooklyn, NY. Elise writes, "Go Purple Knights!"



Christopher Colongeli '08 and Melissa Mann were married on July 25, 2015, at Bretton Woods, NH. In photo front row from left, Christopher and Melissa; middle row left to right, Michelle Bookless '08, Scott Haungs '09, Ashley Healy '08, Jim Colongeli '75, Scott Hinman '09, Brandon Beaudoin '08, and Christina Blakslee '09; back row from left, Parker Healy (maybe '34) and Matt Healy '08.

Rocky Orlando '09 married Katie Moran on September 19 in Vail, CO. Alumni in attendance left to right: Michael Parisi '73 (uncle of the groom), Laura Parisi '11, Alex Orlando '12, Tim Bednar '09, Jamie McGuire '09, Katie and Rocky, Mark Axel Foley '09, Petey Kim '09, Seth Jones '09, Alison Dionne '09, Jon Downey '09, and Will Naughton '09. Rocky and Katie live outside Golden, CO.



Erin Millard '09 was married on October 3, 2015, in North Adams, MA, to Paul Monziona. Alumni present were: Ben Nottingham '07, Alida (Destrempe) Corcoran '09, Michela Muir '09, Molly Cole '08, Tessa Omaggio '09, Jamie (Minchello) Hackney '09, Chris Omaggio '08, Kim Berlo '09, Pat Harrington '07, Brianna Murphy '09, Michael Durkin '09, Greg Corcoran '07, Sara (Millard) Wilhelm '02, and Michaela Rivers '14.

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We look forward to seeing you at Reunion!



### 2011

**NICOLE BIELAK**, Saratoga Springs, NY, married **ANDREW NAULT '10** on October 17, 2015. (See photo.)

**HILARY RICHARD**, Waterbury, VT, married **JEREMY CARTER '13** on August 15, 2015. (See photo.)

### 2012

**NATE ROBESON**, Boston, MA, moved home to Massachusetts after graduation and now works as an assistant project manager for a construction management company, Commodore Builders, and is currently on a rotation with its subsidiary Charles Services. "I strongly credit my versatili-

ty in the workplace to my well-rounded education as a Purple Knight!" writes Nate, who plans to run the Boston Marathon April 18 to raise funds for Boston Medical Center. His page: <https://www.crowdrise.com/naterobeson>

**MICHAEL DECRISTOFARO** and **LAUREN FISH**, Nashua, NH, were married on July 31, 2015.

### 2013

**MEGHAN MCNULTY**, Atlanta, GA, former Saint Michael's Honors Program president, is in law school at Emory University, scheduled to graduate in 2016, and has been active in student government there, serving as the VP of the Student Bar

Association. She chaired a committee with the Office of Career Development and was the sole student on the faculty hiring committee. She is on Emory's trial team and has competed in Miami and Puerto Rico, coming in in second and third place, respectively. She wrote a seminar paper about a GMO labeling lawsuit over which Judge Christina Reiss '84 later presided. Meghan worked in the spring semester as a student attorney in the Turner Environmental Law Clinic. Recently, she learned she was selected to be chief justice of the Emory Law Professional Conduct Court. Next year she will be interning with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Economic Crimes Unit under one of her law school professors. She also recently has been applying for clerkships.

See 2011 notes for news of a wedding for **JEREMY CARTER**.

**EMILY DEC**, Newman, GA, married Justin Clay on November 7, 2014. (See photo.)

### 2014

**CAITI ZEYTOONIAN**, Lexington, MA, former Saint Michael's Honors Program president, is in law school at Boston University.

**MAGGIE BURKART** and **DERICK LOGAN**, Essex Junction, VT, were married December 29, 2015, in Huntington, VT. (See photo.)

### 2015

**TREVOR BROWN**, West Brookfield, MA, former Saint Michael's Honors Program president, started law school this fall at the University of New Hampshire. The prior two presidents of the program also are in law school (2013 and 2014 notes).

**WILLIAM COTE**, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, signed his first professional hockey contract shortly after graduating and has embarked upon his debut season with Les Corsaires de Dunkerque in France.

**MICHAEL HOLTON JR.**, Portland, OR, signed his first professional basketball contract last July with the Kapfenberg Bulls of the Austrian Basketball League.

**LOUISE GIBBS**, Shelburne, VT, has joined WestView Investment Advisors in Burlington as a financial services coordinator, and last fall she returned to campus at the invitation of Gov. Peter Shumlin to speak alongside him and others about Vermont college graduates staying to work in the state.



Emily Dec '13 married Justin Clay on November 7, 2014, in Newnan, GA in a small outdoor ceremony with friends and family. Pictured left to right are Emily's maid of honor Daniela Aniceta, Emily (Dec) Clay, Justin Clay, and Justin's best man John Brown.

Nicole Bielak '11 and Andrew Nault '10 were married on October 17, 2015, in Lake George, NY. While attending Saint Michael's they shared their passion for competing on the alpine ski team and enjoying the years with friends, learning, and traveling. They both now work in the Albany, NY, area and have settled down in Saratoga Springs, NY.



Sarah Maslak '10 and Nicholas Rizzo '10 were married on June 13, 2015 in Syracuse, NY. Writes Sarah, "It all started freshman year at SMC." Alumni in attendance: From left to right: Catherine Robertson '10, Zachary Pratt '10, Elizabeth Levenson '12, Michelle Johnson '10, William Jeralds '10, Nicholas Rizzo '10, Sarah Rizzo (Maslak) 2010), McKayla Kashner (2010), Ellen Parent (2010), Jacqueline Varijian (2010), Elizabeth MacPhee (2010).



Andrea Park '12 and Christopher Colongeli '08 crossed paths at a race in New Hampshire. Writes Andrea: "[In September] I participated in the Reach the Beach Relay (200 miles from Bretton Woods, NH, to Hampton Beach, NH, as part of a 12-person relay team with my company, New Balance. One of the members of my team was Chris Colongeli, class of 2008! I had never met Chris before at New Balance so I was excited to find out that a fellow alum was not only my relay teammate, but also works for the same company!"



Maggie Burkart and Derick Logan, both from the Class of 2014, were married December 29, 2015, in Huntington, VT. Alumni in attendance included: Derick and Maggie, Michaela Rivers '14, Eric Dubuque '14, Taylor Shea '16, Kerry Ramsden '14, Stephanie Lewis '14, Abby Ryan '14, Katelyn Howes '14, Oliver Macmillan-Bell '14, Connor Cohan '14, Mickey O'Neill '14, Maggie Bozzuti '15, Chris Magyar '14, Parker LeClerc '14, Corey Carlos '14, Jill Mulcahy '14, Rachael Lynch '14, Michael Molchan '14, Brian McQueen '14, Meaghan Leong '14, and Evan Ginja '14.



Deborah Bartos '10 married Brian Murphy '10 on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Butternut Farm Golf Club in Stow, MA. In attendance from Saint Michael's were (left to right): Christopher Fahner, Alison Marsh Farias, Lynsey Nally Fahner, Lee Ann Mello Murphy, Kyle Murphy, Brian and Deborah, Brigid Pierce, Wesley Monaco, Katie Higgins, Emma Stenberg, and Michelle Lynch, all from the Class of 2010.



Hilary Richard '11 and Jeremy Carter '13 were married in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel on August 15, 2015. Alumni in attendance: Front row left to right: Benton Taylor '11, Kaytlyn Kelly '12, Megan Flanagan '11, Kate Bailey '11, Hilary and Jeremy, Mia Weber '11, Carrie Ward '13, Alex Stott '11, Jason Berglund '11, Tami Massa, Kevin Richard '09; back row left to right: JP McCormick '11, Jerry Flanagan '71, Sean Mannion '12, Emme Hughes '11, Megan Vandenberg '11, Josh Hoxie '11, Katherine Hackett '11, Amanda Willette '11, and Kaiti Tuthill '11.

# In Memoriam

## 1943

**ALLAN B. BRUCE**, Burlington, VT, died August 2, 2015. Allan was a former vice president of the College's Alumni Association. After Saint Michael's he served in the Navy in the South Pacific and China during World War II before earning a law degree at Boston College in 1949; he was admitted to the Vermont and federal bar the same year. He was Burlington city prosecutor 1949–52; Chittenden County state's attorney 1953–59, chair of the Burlington Democratic City Committee for three terms, chair of the Special Gifts Division for March of Dimes, advocate for the Knights of Columbus, president of Christ the King School Board, president of the Burlington Country Club, and an Elk. He loved the Red Sox and golf. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jean; two sons, including James Bruce '83, a daughter, and extended family.

**DR. ROBERT W. LINEHAN**, Saratoga Springs, NY, died June 21, 2015. He earned his medical degree from the University of Vermont in 1947 and opened his general practice on the street where he grew up in Glens Falls, NY. In 1953 he started his career

as an anesthesiologist at Glens Falls Hospital and was one of the first board-certified anesthesiologists in the region. He was a founding partner of Anesthesia Associates, now Warren Anesthesia. He was chief of anesthesiology at Glens Falls Hospital until retiring in 1988. He served several state medical professional societies in leadership posts. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; two sons, including Robert Linehan Jr. '80; a daughter, Mary Bracken '82, and extended family, including granddaughter Maura Linehan '14.

## 1946

**JOHN G. BARRY**, Burlington, VT, died November 11, 2015. He spent most of his work career with the Internal Revenue Service. Active in his parish and the Knights of Columbus, he enjoyed reading and golf. He is survived by extended family.

## 1948

**ROBERT J. LYNOUGH**, Elmira, NY, died July 14, 2015. He earned a master's from Boston College and did further postgraduate studies at Cornell University. He taught English and Latin at Elmira's Southside High School for more than 30

years, also directing drama there and at Notre Dame High School. He taught English at Corning Community College and for the American Institute of Banking, and was a summer school administrator for the Elmira school district in the early 1970s. He was former president of the Elmira Teachers Association and Torch Club, and a real estate broker with a passion for renovating and selling homes. Bob was active in his parish, serving as choir director and Parish Council president, and a member of Thursday Morning Musicales and Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; Robert Lynough II '76 and Richard Lynough '79; two daughters, and extended family.

## 1949

**ANTONIO GABRIELE**, Malta, NY, died August 21, 2015. Before Saint Michael's he served in the Army in Korea for two years before the war. He started work at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Connecticut in 1953 and remained there for 35 years as an expeditor in the Advanced Engineering Division. In 1988 he retired to Cape Cod, where he was active in church activities, including running bingo for

nearly 20 years. He moved to Malta to be near family in 2011. He enjoyed the Red Sox, bowling, and antique cars. He is survived by two sons, two daughters and extended family.

## 1950

**DR. JOSEPH A. FEUDI**, Loveladies, NJ, died September 3, 2015. He served in the Army for two years during World War II as a surgical technician, and after Saint Michael's graduated from Georgetown Medical School. He had a practice for more than 40 years at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in New Jersey. In 1955 he was certified as a diplomate by the National Board of Medical Examiners, and for many years he taught at New Jersey Medical School. He enjoyed photography, opera, boating, and the beach. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret; a son, four daughters, and extended family.

**DR. ROBERT G. KNIGHT**, Athol, MA, died October 22, 2015. He earned his medical degree from Georgetown in 1954 and completed his internship at Worcester City Hospital. He served in the Navy as a commissioned lieutenant at Guam Naval Base and later in the Reserves, and was released from active

duty in 1958. He was assigned to surgical service, specializing in obstetrics, and delivered thousands of babies during a long career. He pioneered endoscopy and invasive laparoscopy techniques in Massachusetts and did advanced study in heart valve replacements. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, an RCIA instructor, and a Eucharistic minister at his parish. He loved hiking and climbed to the summits of all 48 White Mountain peaks in New Hampshire. Other hobbies were sport parachuting, biking, sea kayaking, and studying history. He was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987 for football and was a Medallion Club supporter of the College. Upon retirement he volunteered with medical teams in some of the world's poorest regions in the Caribbean, Africa, and India. He is survived by his wife, Susan; three daughters, two sons, including Robert Knight Jr. '82, his former wife, a stepson, and extended family.

**1951**  
**JAMES J. GALLAGHER**, Waltham, MA, one of the more lovingly devoted and enthusiastically involved supporters of the College in recent memory, died October 27, 2015. Jim served on the College's Board of Trustees and was honored with the Alumnus of the Year Award in 1981. He established the Carol Landry Gallagher academic scholarship in his late wife's name to help deserving students from Waltham and Watertown attend his alma mater. As former Alumni Association president and a President's Medallion supporter of the College, he led the establishment of the Col. Donald Cook '56 Award, which recognizes alumni who unselfishly gave of themselves in service to others. He was the Golden Knight who often announced, with great flourish, the fundraising total at the Reunion awards ceremony. Jim served with the Army during the Korean War, and found his post-college professional success in sales for oil companies. He was very active at his parish, where he was a Eucharistic minister, and he belonged to the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by a son, two daughters including Tehri Gasparrini '86, three brothers, a sister, and extended family, including son-in-law John Gasparrini '85.

**BERNARD T. MURRAY, JR.**, Wellesley Hills, MA, died June 2, 2015. An Army veteran and former Associate

Trustee for the College, he was retired vice president of John Hancock Insurance, an avid golfer and longtime member of the Wellesley Country Club. He was a President's Medallion supporter of the College. His wife, Mary, predeceased him. He is survived by four sons, a daughter, and extended family.

**1951**  
**DONALD F. FREDERICK**, Pattersonville, NY, died May 28, 2015. He was an Army veteran of World War II. After Saint Michael's he founded D.F. Frederick Company and served as president until his retirement. He enjoyed skiing, tennis, and gardening, and was active in his parish and with the Empire State Aerosciences Museum. He is

survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, two daughters, and extended family.

## 1952

**DONALD L. BLISS**, Hudson, NY, died November 9, 2015. He served with the Marines and later owned and operated Crazy Chief Ski & Sports

in Hunter, NY, during the 1970s and 1980s. He and his wife joined Revolutionary War reenactments and traveled widely. Don sailed on the Hudson into his 80's and was a true woodsman, once grappling with a bear outside his house. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Ellen; three sons, and extended family.

**DR. ROBERT B. MCLAUGHLIN**, Eastham, MA, died February 7, 2015. He helped his parents run a corner general store in Florence, VT, and mined the local marble quarries on the way to his Saint Michael's pre-med studies and 1956 graduation from University of Vermont Medical School. After residency at Worcester City Hospital in Massachusetts, he practiced family medicine in that city for over 30 years, "retiring" to Cape Cod before realizing he wanted to continue working — so he opened a practice there. Bob was an avid gardener who delivered apple pie on house calls in his Model-A Ford. He was a Saint Michael's Associate Trustee from 1975 to 1980. A daughter predeceased him. He is survived

by his wife, Carol; two daughters, including Patricia Mathison '86, a sister, a stepson, his former wife, and extended family.

**PHILIP P. MINKO, Sr.**, Rocky River, OH, died June 11, 2015 in Venice, FL. He served in the Navy, received his MBA from the University of Detroit, and was CFO of Glidden Durkee, and was past owner of Management

Recruiters Cleveland-West. He was a rental property inspector for the city of Rocky River, a past president of the NE Ohio chapter of Financial Executives International, and the Junior Achievement, Cleveland Chapter. His wife, Dolores, predeceased him. He is survived by two sons, including David Minko '82, and extended family.

**MICHAEL C. NARDI**, Richmond, MA, died June 29, 2015. After earning a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame he had a long and successful career as a sales representative for the Mead Corporation in South Lee, MA. He enjoyed travel and sailing, and was a passionate letter-writer to newspapers and politicians. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Robin; three sons, six daughters, a sister and extended family.

**DR. JOHN H. O'CONNOR**, Bridgewater, NJ, died June 21, 2015. He served in the Army before earning his dentistry doctorate from the University of Indiana. He established a dental practice in Bridgewater and practiced there for 38 years. He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Margaret; a son, a daughter and extended family.

**GEORGE A. VERRETTE**, Haverhill, MA, died May 9, 2015. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he worked for many years as a social worker for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He enjoyed golf, the Red Sox, bowling, and restoring

houses. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Janice; a son, three daughters, a sister, and extended family.

## 1953

**DR. ERNEST J. DIONNE II**, Ridgefield, CT/Longs, SC, died November 12, 2015. He graduated from Loyola Dental School in Chicago before enlisting in the Army and was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. In 1959 he started his longtime dental practice in Ridgefield. Ernest loved golf, the Red Sox, and humor. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons, including Josh Dionne '82; two daughters; his wife's son and daughter, and extended family. His late father, Ernest J. Dionne, was a 1930 Saint Michael's graduate.

**DR. FRANCIS M. DWYER**, Pittsford, VT, died November 13, 2015. Before college he was a boarding student in 1945-49 at the Edmundites' Juniorate in Swanton, VT, and after Saint Michael's earned his master's from Brown University. He worked for the Atomic Energy Commission in Brookhaven, Long Island, before enrolling in New York Medical College. After receiving his M.D. in 1960 he completed his internship in Fall River, MA, followed by a three-year cardiac residency at Rhode Island Hospital. In 1964 he opened his private practice in Fall River and served on the medical staffs of nearby hospitals. Retiring in 1982, he lived many years

in Florida before moving to Vermont in 2004. He loved reading and the sea, including boating and maritime history. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marilyn; a son, a daughter, and extended family.

**DAVID M. MULLIN**, Newcastle, ME, died June 18, 2015, of myelodysplasia. As president of his Saint Michael's class, he forged a lifelong relationship with the College and priests of the Society of Saint Edmund, receiving the Alumni of the Year Award in 2013 following six years on the Alumni Board. Dave enlisted in the Army after college and became a lieutenant. After retiring from *Newsweek* magazine in 1989 (following a long career there in advertising and sales), Dave moved to Maine, where he was president of a local hospice and served on boards for an arts center and libraries. He loved golf, the Patriots, nature, the ocean, travel, storytelling and jokes, poetry, and convertibles. His wife of 23 years, Margie, died in 1982. He is survived by two daughters, two sisters, longtime companion Alice Quinlan, and extended family.

**PETER P. ZUK**, Shelburne, VT, formerly of Rutland, died June 13, 2015. After earning both his bachelor's and education master's degrees from Saint Michael's, he served as a captain in the Marines during the Korean War. He began a career as a teacher, coach, and headmaster at Brigham Academy in Bakersfield, VT, followed by

23 years with the Vermont Department of Human Services at Brandon Training School and Rutland Regional Correctional Center. He co-advocated the establishment of the Center for Developmental Disabilities at UVM in 1978 and was a former member of the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council. He also was past president of the Epilepsy Association of Vermont and post commander/service officer of his American Legion post, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus, Elks, and local Polish-American clubs, and was active in his parishes as Eucharistic minister. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ellen; two sons, including Peter M. Zuk '04, a daughter, and extended family, including daughter-in-law Katerina Wisell Zuk '99.

## 1954

**JOHN P. DIAMOND**, Cheshire, CT, died July 21, 2015, of Parkinson's disease. "Jack" was named Alumnus of the Year in the late 1970s for his service and was a member of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the undefeated 1951 football team. He recruited countless students and athletes to the College. He was a captain and pilot in the Air Force, working many years for International Silver Co. and later founding his own company, JP Diamond & Associates, a manufacturer's representative for promotional premiums. He was very active with

Catholic causes, including Abbey of Regina Laudis, Franciscan Life Center, and his home parish. He founded a junior football league in his community and coached more than 20 years; he also coached Little League and his parish baseball team. He enjoyed gym workouts, had season tickets to the Yankees and Giants, and took up skiing late in life, visiting Vermont most winter weekends with his family. His wife, Ann Marie, predeceased him. He is survived by two sons, including John Jr. '83; two daughters, including Kelly Diamond '77; a sister, a brother, and extended family, including son-in-law Robert Cole '75.

**ARTHUR C. MENADIER**, Brea, CA, died April 6, 2015. An Air Force veteran, during the 1960s he was in sales/marketing for Mechanical Technology, Inc., in Latham, NY; later he was founder and president of the firm Marketing Criteria. He was an avid fly-fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Carol; he also was the brother of Michael '53 and had six children, though no further information was available about survivors.

**ALFRED J. MONAHAN**, East Longmeadow, MA, died October 28, 2015. He attended Boston College Law School and graduated from Western New England Law School, working in the Springfield, MA, area as an attorney for over 45 years. A past alumni president for Saint Michael's, he belonged to the Massachusetts Bar

Association and the Elks and served three years as East Longmeadow selectman in the 1970s. He loved golf and other sports. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mary Thompson '82 and Ann Skiffington '84; a sister, and extended family.

**DR. MAURICE E. MONGEON**, Winooski, VT, died June 7, 2015. After completing medical school at the University of Vermont he did his internship at Worcester City Hospital in Massachusetts and residency at DeGoesbriand Hospital in Burlington, VT. He served as a captain in the Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He practiced internal medicine in Winooski for 32 years starting in 1965. He was a clinical instructor on the staff of Fanny Allen Hospital and Fletcher Allen Health Care, president of the Fanny Allen medical staff, and a Fanny Allen trustee. He also was active in his parish, the Providence Associates and the Knights of Columbus, and was a President's Medallion supporter of the College. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carol; a son, two daughters, and extended family, including nephew Ormond Mongeon '73.

**D. ROSS WARREN**, Dorval, Quebec, Canada, died October 29, 2015. He had a successful journalism career and later was president of his own investor relations firm, CIR Communications in Montreal. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ann, and extended family.

## 1955

**DR. WILLIAM F. CIRMO**, Cheshire, CT/St. Augustine, FL, died October 9, 2015, of cancer. After completing medical school at the University of Vermont he served a tour in the Navy as a physician stationed at the Bethesda Medical Center and the New London Submarine Base in Connecticut. He partnered in a long and busy practice in obstetrics and gynecology in Meriden and Wallingford, CT, for more than 33 years, his walls displaying photos of the more than 8,000 babies he delivered. Retiring in 2000, Bill loved the ocean, UConn sports, travel, gourmet cooking, and gardening. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Christine; three sons, five daughters, and extended family.

## 1956

**CLEMENT S. DELANEY**, Franklin, MA, died May 21, 2015. After earning his master's in history, Clement taught at Worcester State University from 1964 until retiring in 2008. He enjoyed skiing, camping, travel, golf, classical music, and wine collecting. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janet; a daughter, a brother, a sister, and extended family.

**RAYMOND H. GARLAND**, Plano, TX, died November 19, 2015, of complications from open heart surgery following a July heart attack. He served in the Air Force as a navigator for Strategic Air

command from 1956 to 1959, stationed in Idaho and Texas. He then returned to New York City to work for Western Electric. In 1973 he was hired by JC Penney and moved to Plano, working in the company real estate department until he retired in 1998. He fervently supported his children's athletics careers and enjoyed crossword puzzles, Frank Sinatra, and poolside tanning. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary; three daughters, a sister, and extended family.

**PETER J. MURPHY**, Glastonbury, CT, died August 15, 2015 from injuries sustained in a biking accident during a Rhode Island bicycle race. After college he joined Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford before having a long and successful career in computer science at Travelers Insurance Company. He was an avid tennis player, runner, and cyclist, and won many honors as a master cyclist. He also was a top-notch bike mechanic, licensed coach, and mentor. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary; two sons, two daughters, a brother and extended family.

**DANIEL E. MURRAY**, Rouses Point, NY, died November 19, 2015. He spent his working life in private optometric practice in Rouses Point, and was chief optometrist for the State of New York, serving 14 upstate correctional facilities. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Micheline; two sons, and extended family.

**LAWRENCE S. ROONEY**, Derby, VT, died September 24, 2015. He served in the Navy during the Korean War before college and later was employed by the U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Co. of Baltimore, MD, for 20 years as an underwriter and manager in seven cities across the East and Midwest. He returned to Vermont in 1979, working for USF&G in Rutland and later as an account rep for Kinney, Pike, Bell and Conner Insurance in Rutland, retiring in 1992. Larry was invited to have a tryout with the Boston Red Sox as a pitching star out of high school. He is survived by extended family.

## 1957

**PAUL R. KENNEY**, Woburn, MA, died August 17, 2015. He earned an MBA from Boston College and owned Kenney's Deli and Catering, co-founded by his father in 1933. Paul entered the business in 1957 and operated it continually until retiring in 1996. In the 1970s he became Woburn's school lunch director as a public service. He also served the state Restaurant Association, a local hospital, Boys/Girls Clubs, and various Chambers of Commerce. He was active in his parish and enjoyed travel. He was a Medallion Club supporter of the College and had served as Reunion Chair. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia; four sons, including Paul Kenney, Jr. '83, two daughters, a brother, and extended family.

## 1959

**WILLIAM J. CASEY**, Barre, VT, died June 17, 2015. After Saint Michael's Bill earned a master's at Notre Dame and attended the University of Bordeaux in France on a Fulbright Scholarship. Retiring as an Air Force lieutenant colonel, he taught high school English and history for 28 years in Essex Junction and Barre, retiring in 1999. He was a Civil War buff, artist, avid reader, pianist, and walker. Bill had lived in Burlington, on the island of Crete, and in Texas before moving to Barre in 1971. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary; two daughters, a brother, and extended family.

**RONALD I. LAFLEUR**, Nashua, NH, died May 15, 2015. He earned a master's in finance from Boston College and had a successful career with Raytheon, Hazeltine, and Honeywell before establishing Project Management Assistance Company to teach his unique management techniques in the U.S. and abroad. He enjoyed travel, golf, bowling, cross-country skiing, and comedy. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Loretta; two sons, two daughters, including Theresa Scully '83; a sister, and extended family.

**MICHAEL J. FISCHER**, Berkeley Heights, NJ, died December 19, 2014. He worked until retirement as an

engineering supervisor for Western Electric, which later became AT&T. He was an avid gardener and handyman. His wife, Patricia, predeceased him. He is survived by four daughters, three brothers, and extended family.

**RAYMOND A. PAQUIN**, Bennington, VT/Port Charlotte, FL, died July 24, 2015. He worked at Benmont Paper Company in Bennington and later at American National Can and Dow Chemical Company, from which he retired. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golf. He is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons, a daughter, three sisters, and extended family.

## 1960

**FRANCIS H. FLEMING**, Millis, MA, died December 7, 2015. Before Saint Michael's, "Hank" served in the Navy during the Korean War. He settled in Boston and taught history and Latin at St. Mary's in Cambridge and Waltham High School before starting his own real estate brokerage in Waltham. Later he opened the House of Ireland Gift Shop, Fleming World Travel, and Fleming's Restaurant & Pub in downtown Waltham. He visited Ireland 49 times. Later he returned to teaching Latin in Waltham. He loved the Brooklyn Dodgers and the N.Y. Mets and Giants and was active in Toastmasters. He is survived by his wife, Diane, his former wife, Phyllis, two sons, including Francis Fleming '91; two daughters, and extended family.

**JOHN T. HANLON**, Garnerville, NY, died September 26, 2015. His post-graduate studies continued at New York University and Hunter College. He was an Army veteran, serving with the 101st Signal Battalion during the Berlin Crisis and Vietnam era, and worked for more than 35 years at Letchworth Village Developmental Center in Thiells, NY, where he was in the Recreation Department and coached softball, basketball, and bowling for Special Olympics. He also was a volunteer sports writer for his local paper for nearly 20 years. He volunteered for CYO Little League and the North Rockland Sports Hall of Fame and was a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus. His wife of 37 years, Kathleen, died in 2008. He is survived by two sons, a sister, and extended family.

## 1962

**DR. JAMES M. FAGAN**, St. Johnsville, NY, died June 23, 2015. After completing medical school at the University of Rome in Italy, he had a long career as an ophthalmologist, for a time in New York City and most recently with Bassett Healthcare in St. Johnsville. He is survived by his wife, Henriette, and two sisters.

**HON. J. PETER DONOVAN**, East Dennis, MA, died February 21, 2015, from injuries sustained in a fall. President of his Saint

Michael's class, "Skippy" attended Georgetown Law School and graduated from New England School of Law in 1967. He had served as a justice of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and also had been a clerk of the Boston Juvenile Court and a school committeeman in Framingham, MA. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joan; two daughters; a son, John Donovan '96; two sisters, and extended family.

**JOHN J. GILECE**, McLean, VA, died July 1, 2015. After Saint Michael's he served as a captain in the Marines and attended Fordham Law School. He was president and CEO of Fibernet Systems in Annapolis, MD — a turnkey, private dark-fiber network solutions company that he founded in 1997. He is survived by his wife, Gail, two daughters, and extended family.

**WALTER F. HOGAN**, Marstons Mills, MA, died June 8, 2015. After serving in the Navy he was employed for 32 years by 3M Company. He retired to Cape Cod in 1998 and enjoyed golf, volunteering, travel, storytelling, and New England sports. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sally; two sons, a daughter, a sister, and extended family.

**ROBERT W. O'SHEA**, Millsboro, DE, died June 21, 2015. He worked at John F. Kennedy International Airport on Long Island for Pan Am airlines from 1965 to 1990 and retired from Delta

as a supervisor in 2002. He loved sports, particularly golf, road trips, and casinos. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Diane; two sons, a daughter, a brother, a sister, and extended family.

## 1963

**DR. JOSEPH T. DEGRINNEY JR.**, Pine Point, ME/Port Charlotte, FL, died December 1, 2015, of pancreatic cancer. He earned his medical degree from the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, NJ, in 1967, moving to Portland, ME, to complete his medical residency, and was stationed as an Air Force doctor at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, ME. He rose to the rank of major before leaving active duty in 1972 and moving to Livermore Falls, ME. There he and a partner had a family medical practice until Joe moved in 1987 to practice at hospitals in Attleboro, MA, and Woonsocket, RI. He moved back to Maine in 1992 and resumed family medicine at a Portland hospital, retiring in 2003. He loved fishing, his Maine camp, and his family beach house. He was predeceased by his first wife, Patricia; he is survived by his wife since 2011, Judith; a sister, two sons, a daughter, two stepchildren, and extended family.

**DAVID P. GADBOIS**, Northborough, MA, died August 25, 2015. After Saint Michael's he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army, serving in

Germany during the Vietnam War. After his 1966 discharge as first lieutenant, he completed law school at Suffolk University in Boston and started his own practice in Marlborough. He was broadly involved in community service and loved to fish, hunt, golf, ski, garden, and travel. He was a President's Medallion Club supporter of the College. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Virginia; a son, Derek Gadbois '92, a daughter, three brothers, and extended family.

**EDMUND F. MCBRIDE**, Fort Myers, FL, died June 15, 2015. His wife, Carol, died in late 2014. He once had lived in Waltham, MA. No further information was available.

## 1964

**JOHN F. CASEY**, Dover, NH, died May 8, 2015. After Saint Michael's he earned a master's from the University of New Hampshire. He taught French and chaired the department at Dover High School, where he also coached tennis and basketball, directed the summer school program, and was a Homecoming Honoree before retiring in 1997. In retirement, he played piano at nursing homes. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, a brother, and extended family.

## 1966

**BRUCE J. FIELDING**, Marietta, GA, died January 22, 2015. A retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, Bruce had a master's from Catholic University, another from Troy State in Alabama, and an MBA from Southern Illinois. He worked for a time as an instructor for Flightsafety Intl., Inc., and in the 1980s was an independent contractor with a program offering financial programming for military officers. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; a son, two daughters, a brother, three sisters, and extended family.

**WILLIAM KENNEDY**, Sutton, MA, died October 31, 2015. He retired from the College of the Holy Cross where he was the bookstore manager for over 40 years. He was an early and sustaining leader of the Northeast Campus Stores Association as it grew in prominence and strength. He is survived by two daughters, a sister, four brothers, and extended family.

**MICHAEL GEORGE RIEKER**, Holbrook, AZ, died June 13, 2015, in an automobile accident. He worked in Pittsfield, MA, and later Gates Rubber as an accountant in Littleton, CO, before earning a teaching certificate at Idaho State and working as an elementary school teacher in Idaho. Later he was a principal in Utah and worked in accounting for Heritage Mountain there before serving missions in Canada and South Carolina with the Latter-Day Saints Church

**JIM DONOGHUE**, Colchester, VT, died January 23, 2016. He was the former longtime head coach of the Saint Michael's men's and women's swimming & diving teams, coaching more than 200 student-athletes (1984–87, 1998–2010) while continuing a family legacy at the College. The swimming & diving team paid tribute to Jim before the final regular season home meet on January 26 and he was remembered at the January 31 Sunday Mass in the Chapel and a "Celebration of Jim's Life" in the Dion Center. His 15 years as head coach of men's swimming and diving and his 12 years guiding the women's teams were the longest head coaching stints in the histories of either program. His 44 wins with the men remain a program mark. Jim taught social studies and English at Burlington High School for 37 years until his 2011 retirement. He taught Red Cross swim lessons and life-saving courses for decades while coaching many local youth swim teams and running youth camps. His family ties to the College are extensive: Three of Jim's four surviving children were Saint Michael's swimmers: Gregg '96, John Patrick '02, and Meghan '04. Jim's father, John D. Donoghue '32, founded the College's journalism department, served as director of public relations and sports information, and is a member of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Jim's late older brother, John W. Donoghue '65, served as an adjunct professor of Classics, while Jim's younger brother, Michael, is a longtime adjunct professor of media studies, journalism & digital arts. Jim is survived by his wife, Martha; three sons, a daughter, a sister, a brother, his stepmother, and extended family.

prior to retirement in Arizona. He served with the Army Reserves as a pharmacy specialist. He enjoyed gardening, skiing, cooking, swap meets, walking, and Scripture study. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol; two sons, two daughters, a brother, a sister, and extended family.

**1967**

**RONALD E. BRUCE**, Schenectady, NY/St. Petersburg, FL, died July 16, 2015, of cancer. After Saint Michael's he served combat duty in the Army 82nd Airborne in Vietnam 1968-70. His career in the home satellite industry relocated his family from upstate New York to Indiana in the late 1990s before his retirement to Florida. Ron loved travel and motorcycles and bands with great horn sections. He is survived by his wife, Linda; a son, and a daughter.

**FRANCIS G. FEE**, Burlington, VT/Melbourne, FL, died June 27, 2015. Frank, aka "Gordie" to St. Mike's classmates, attended two years of law school after graduation, sold cars, managed a Florida gourmet restaurant, and began work in 1980 as Chittenden County Clerk in Burlington while also taking some classes in the College's public administration master's program. Later he went on to be a professor of business and hospitality arts at Rockland Community College in Suffern, NY, where he also earned his master's. There he found his passion for teaching and cooking. He also loved to travel, write, and fish. His wife, Patricia, died in 1984. He is survived by two daughters, a brother, and extended family.

**NEIL B. CLARK**, Essex, VT, died December 24, 2015. He served in the Air National Guard for many years. With his brothers and son, Neil owned and operated Vermont Church Supply,

which his parents started. He loved travel, camping, and Formula I racing. His wife of 45 years, Suzanne, died in 2011. He is survived by two brothers, a daughter, a son, and extended family.

**ROBIE A. MACLAUGHLIN**, Everett, MA, died May 7, 2015. He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, a longtime auditor for the IRS, and an avid sailor. He is survived by two brothers and extended family.

**1968**

**FRANCIS E. MCGRATH**, Sacramento, CA, died August 18, 2015. With an MBA from the College of Insurance at St. John's University, Frank had a long career in the insurance industry, earning high-level professional certifications in underwriting and risk management. His career took him to the Northeast, Midwest, South, and West Coast before he settled in the Sacramento

area in 2000. He was an avid golfer, competing in amateur tournaments. He is survived by his wife, Marcia; two sons, and extended family.

**1971**

**ALAN F. CRANE**, Gloucester, MA, died April 24, 2015 from complications of COPD. He had a long career in painting, restoring antiques, and computer graphics, creating iconic mermaid paintings, painted furniture, and nudes. He lived and painted in Gloucester for the past 40 years and enjoyed immersing himself in virtual worlds and video games. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ellen; and extended family.

**1972**

**REV. PAUL G. MCQUILLEN**, SSE, Montgomery, AL, died January 11, 2016. A Massachusetts native, he was a professed member of the Society of St. Edmund for 42 years and an Edmundite priest for 38 years. In 1972, Fr. McQuillen graduated Cum Laude from Saint Michael's with a bachelor's in psychology. He made his first profession of vows in 1973. Fr. McQuillen completed his master's in Theology at the University of Saint Michael's College in Toronto, Canada, in 1976, and a master's in Formative Spirituality from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, in 1980. On May 7, 1977, Bishop John A. Marshall ordained Fr. McQuillen at the Saint Michael's Chapel. He first served a parish in Swanton until 1979, and served as director and assistant director of novices at the Edmundite Apostolate Center in Mystic, CT, from 1980 until 1989. Fr. McQuillen ministered at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Marrero, LA, from 1990 until 2007, becoming pastor in 1992. During 2003 and 2004, he also served as president of Bishop Perry Middle School in New Orleans, LA. From 2008 until 2009, he began an Edmundite evangelization initiative developing retreat ministry in Selma, AL. Fr. McQuillen served as pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church in Montgomery, AL, from

2009 until his death. He is survived by three brothers and extended family.

**NICHOLAS A. DURSO**, Westford, VT, died November 28, 2015. He earned a master's and doctorate in English from the University of Notre Dame, taught English and drama for a time at Hebron Academy in Maine, and later was an adjunct English instructor at Saint Michael's and the University of Vermont. He once wrote and directed a play at Saint Michael's titled *Walking Backward*. Later he was proprietor of a building and landscaping business in Westford. He is survived by a brother, Christopher Durso '81, two sons, a sister and extended family.

**1974**

**PETER F. BOYLE**, Norfolk, CT, died May 27, 2015. After Saint Michael's he earned a psychology master's from George Washington University and a communications master's from the University of New Haven. He had a 35-year career as a rehabilitation counselor for the State of Connecticut, taught psychology for 20-plus years at a community college, and served on the Norfolk Board of Education. He excelled at sports, coached youth baseball and basketball, and enjoyed cooking, home-brewing, and wine-making. He is survived by two sons, two brothers, a sister, and extended family.

**SHELDON PALLAZZA**, Ocala, FL, formerly of New York, died October 4, 2014, from complications of a stroke. He lived throughout the United States and held a variety of jobs in different occupations, including shipping and receiving clerk, and had retired to Florida in February 2014. Sheldon enjoyed coaching youth football. He is survived by his mother, a son, three daughters, two brothers, including Glenn Pallazza '76, and extended family.

**1975**

**GUSTAV A. NORDSTROM**, Essex Junction, VT, died September 14, 2015. He was retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Postal Service, and Saint Michael's College (custodial supervisor in the Physical Plant Department, retiring in 1989). He was proud of being the oldest graduate of his 1975 Saint Michael's class (age 46 at the time). He was active with the VFW and Boy Scouts and enjoyed model railroading. His wife, Eleanor, died in 2001, and his son died in 1987. He is survived by a daughter, a brother, a sister, and extended family, including grandsons Bruce Murdough '02 and Casey Murdough '03.

**1976**

**THOMAS A. PICONE**, Basking Ridge, NJ, died October 30, 2015, of Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia. He earned a master's in psychology and neuroscience from the University of Hartford and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Connecticut. He made his career in the pharmaceutical industry, starting in R&D and moving to business development and licensing. He lived in Connecticut, California, and Ohio before moving to New Jersey. He was a Trustee of the Licensing Executives Society for over 10 years, including serving as president, 2007–08. After his diagnosis he served on the Patient Council of the Michael J. Fox Foundation, advising on research opportunities. He enjoyed skiing in Vermont. He is survived by his wife, Claire Picone '76; two sons, a daughter, his mother, three brothers, a sister, Mary Joan Picone '87; and extended family.

**1978**

**ROBERT P. MCNALLY**, Queensbury, NY, died October 18, 2015. An Albany Law School graduate, he had been a Queensbury town justice since 2002 and partner in a Lake George firm. Previously he was an attorney with firms in Albany and Glens Falls. Deeply involved in state and local politics, including zoning and library boards, he served his

**"HER UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO THOSE OF THE COMMUNITY WHO NEED ASSISTANCE MARK HER TIME HERE SO WELL."**

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**CYNTHIA HOEHL M'91/H'10**, Ferrisburgh, VT, a Burlington native and noted philanthropist with close ties to Saint Michael's College, died Monday, January 11. She and her late husband, Bob Hoehl '63, established the Hoehl Family Foundation, which contributed to many causes and organizations in Vermont, in Florida and internationally. The Hoehl Welcome Center on the Saint Michael's College campus bears their name, as does the Cynthia K. and Robert H. Hoehl Scholarship to provide unrestricted support to students with demonstrated financial need — the second-largest endowed scholarship supporting eight students each year. Cindy and Bob Hoehl began their association with the College when both were undergraduates, Bob at Saint Michael's and Cindy at Trinity College. After raising their young children and supporting Bob in his business, from IBM to BDP and finally IDX, she decided to continue her education and in 1991 received her master's degree in history from Saint Michael's. In 2010 she received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the College. In 2002 the Hoehls earned the title "Outstanding Vermont Family Philanthropist" from the Northern New England Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Cindy was active in many charitable organizations in the greater Burlington area with a particular focus on enhancing the lives of Vermonters through the support of their basic human needs: Dismas House, The Lund Center, COTS, and the Cynthia K. Hoehl Institute for Excellence at the Stern Center were among many beneficiaries of her generosity. Her service also including teaching the inmates to read at Chittenden Regional County Correctional Facility, and building houses in Immokalee County, FL and a school in Haiti. Cindy enjoyed travel. She is survived by four sons, two daughters, including Krystin '86; two brothers, and extended family.

church's development committee and several legal-profession groups, and was volunteer counsel for charities. Bob enjoyed exploring nature, foreign lands, history, and antiques. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary; two sons including Michael McNally '16; his mother, a brother, two sisters, and extended family.

**1979**

**LISA J. PANAKIO ROWE**, Lynn, MA, died July 15, 2015. She was co-owner of Panakio Adjusters in Lynn and a longtime board member of the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation in that city. She also championed Lynn's growing arts community

and business sector. She was devoted to athletics — ski and field hockey teams at Saint Michael's, skiing and water-skiing later in life; and to the Knights of Malta worldwide — particularly the Shrine at Lourdes in France, where she made a 2014 pilgrimage. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Harvey; a brother, three children including Shannon Gardner '90; and extended family including granddaughter Lily Gardner '17. Her late father was Louis Panakio '52.

**1981**

**GEORGE SNYDER**, Millington, NJ, died June 18, 2015. He worked as an investment banker for Wells

Fargo in Short Hills, NJ, for over 32 years. He loved fishing, gardening, cooking, skiing, and the beach. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, and extended family.

**1989**

**MAURA SLATTERY**, Andover, MA, died July 7, 2015. She worked as a human resources executive for over 25 years at GE Insurance, Cisco Systems, Sun Life, and Millennium Pharmaceuticals. She enjoyed fashion, baking, and travel, including trips to Ireland, Europe, Canada, and Asia. Maura was proud of her Irish heritage and maintained dual citizenship with Ireland. She is survived by two daughters, a son,

her former husband, Chris Machold; three brothers, and extended family.

**1990**

**THOMAS P. FLAHERTY**, Nashua, NH, died July 18, 2015, of esophageal cancer. After Saint Michael's, where he was captain of the cross-country team, he earned a master's in finance from Bentley College. He worked nearly 20 years as a financial analyst for Kronos Incorporated of Chelmsford, MA, right up to his final days. He volunteered widely in his community, coached CYO basketball, completed marathons, and loved hiking and biking.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Colleen Scully Flaherty '91; his father, two sons, a daughter, two brothers, a sister, and extended family, including his brother-in-law Kevin P. Scully '90 and parents-in-law Kevin and Mary Scully of the campus chapel worshipping community.

**SCOTT D. PURSELL**, Roswell, GA, died August 3, 2015. He had a 23-year career with Sprint, most recently as client executive. In 2014 he began a new career with salesforce.com. He enjoyed announcing his son's football games, and loved music, especially Frank Sinatra. He is survived by his wife, Cathy; a son and daughter, his parents, two brothers, and extended family.

**1992**

**JONATHAN K. SCHMID**, once of Hanover, NH, died November 26, 2013, the College learned recently. He had served as a specialist in the U.S. Army and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In his youth he enjoyed computers, sports, reading, and writing. No information was available about survivors.

**1994**

**KYLE N. WEHRUM**, Garden City, NY, died November 16, 2015. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, and extended family.

**2002**

**THOMAS A. WRIGHT**, Cape Elizabeth, ME, died December 12, 2015 after a long illness. He worked in healthcare for many years at Beth Israel, University of Vermont, and Maine and NorDx Medical Centers. He was a natural athlete and excelled at skiing, tennis, and lacrosse in particular. He also loved music, hiking, skiing, sailing, nature, and beach-walking. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, a sister, and extended family.

**2003**

**EMILY A. WESTFAL**, New Canaan, CT, died July 2, 2015. After Saint Michael's she earned a master's from the Columbia University School of Social Work and worked in that field with the heart transplant team at New York Presbyterian Hospital—Columbia, and in end-of-life care. She received her post master's certificate in Palliative and End of Life Care from New York University in 2013. Emily is survived by her partner Fernando Gamio and his daughter; and by her parents, three brothers, a sister, and extended family.

**FACULTY, STAFF, AND FRIENDS**

**MICHAEL C. GALATOLA**, Philadelphia, PA, died September 21, 2015. A faculty classics scholar in the late 1960s/early 1970s, he later made a career in computer science, but continued to translate and publish ancient works as a hobby. He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is survived by a brother and extended family.

**STEVEN "BUMPY" SHEETS**, Swanton, VT, who served as a glazier in the College's Facilities Department for over a decade, died October 19, 2015. He was a true craftsman, building everything from kayaks to houses. He is survived by two sons, including Willy Sheets '15 and extended family.

**DOROTHY ANN WILLIAMS**, Greenville, MS, died October 12, 2015. "Dot Ann" was the College's first director of Minority Student Affairs (later called director of Multicultural Student Affairs) for about a decade in the 1990s; she served on Gov. Howard Dean's Human Rights Commission for Vermont and taught Saint Michael's courses in African studies and history. She was a lifelong educator with a doctorate, teaching from high school to college in Mississippi and Nevada before coming to the College. She is survived by a son and extended family.

**THOMAS T. BESSETTE**, Shelburne, VT, died December 10, 2015. For many years he was the College's emergency dispatcher and switchboard operator. He was a lifelong Shelburne resident, serving there as selectman, volunteer firefighter, police officer, constable, health officer, animal control officer, and rescue squad driver. He also served the Champlain Water District for 35-plus years and had worked at Parker Brothers, Inc., Trinity College and Corbin & Palmer, Inc. He was active in his parish and the Ethan Allen Club, and loved photography and bird-watching. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Joanne; three daughters, a brother, and extended family.

**BARBARA W. SNELLING**, South Burlington, VT, died November 2, 2015. She received an honorary doctorate from the College in 2002. The former lieutenant governor of Vermont (1993–1997) and wife of the late former Vermont Gov. Richard Snelling, she later served in the state Senate after a brain hemorrhage cut short a run for governor in 1996. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, a brother, and extended family.





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