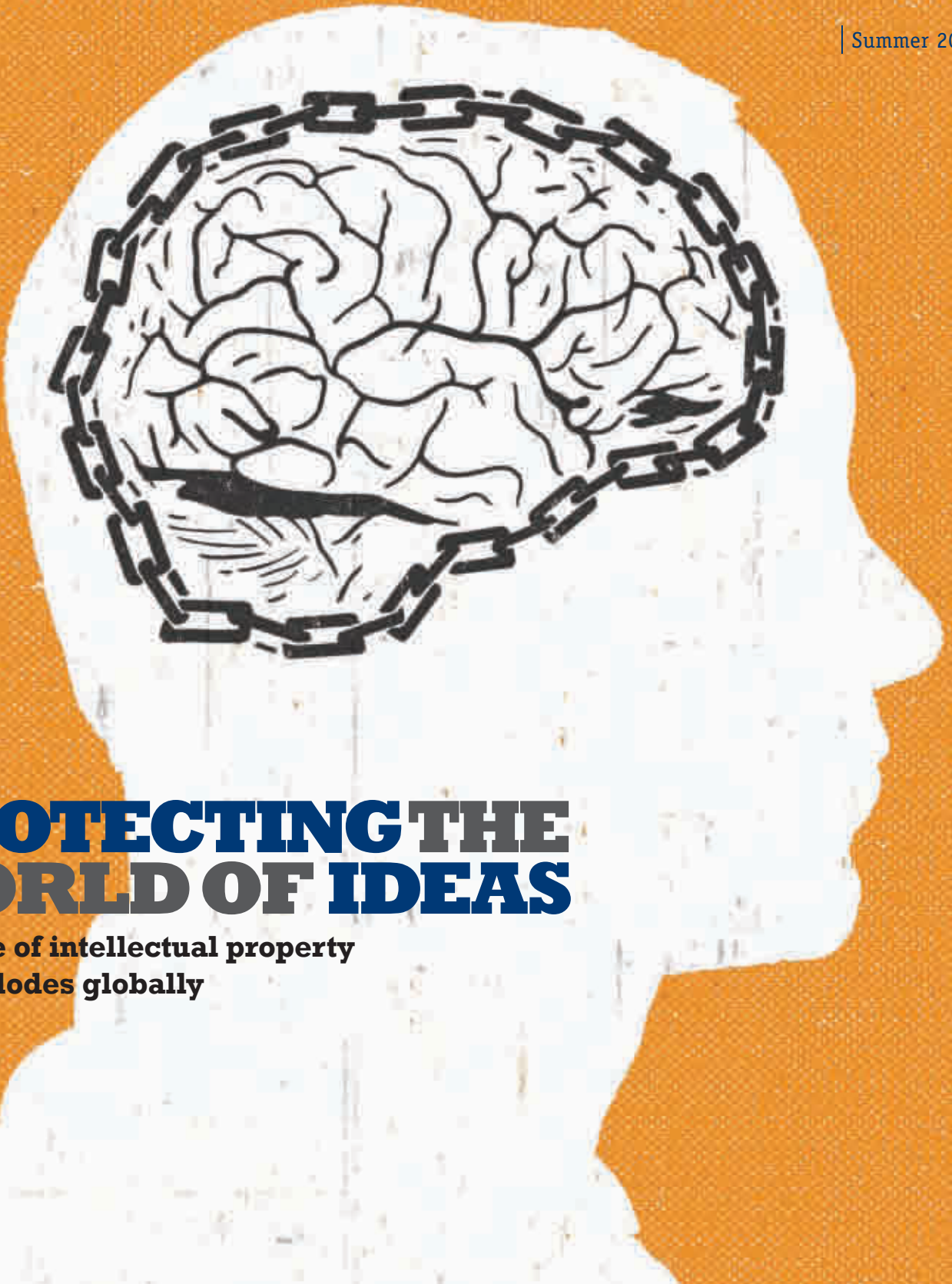


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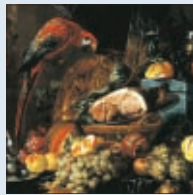
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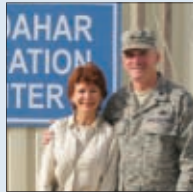
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From the EDITOR

Championship celebration

CHESS CLUB QUIETLY WINS MAJOR TOURNAMENT

After the UConn football team made headlines in January for playing in its first-ever Bowl Championship Series game at the Fiesta Bowl and before the men's basketball team returned from the Final Four with its third NCAA championship in April (p. 17), a less heralded UConn team more quietly celebrated its own title.

In late February, the Chess Club returned to Storrs with the first-place trophy from the college section of the 2011 World Amateur Team East and U.S. Team East Tournament, which took place in Parsippany, N.J. The five-member team competed against 30 other colleges among 200 teams that included more than 1,000 chess players.

The club's top player is senior Robert Hungaski '11 (CLAS), who will complete his studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in December with degrees in philosophy and political science. He is among the top chess players in the nation, holding a ranking of International Master, the category just below a Grandmaster ranking.

Hungaski led the UConn team, which also included Matt Morra '12 (ENG), Ryan Wantroba '11 (CLAS), Miyim Sheroff '11 (CLAS) and Alex Fikiet, a student at E.O. Smith High School ranked No. 5 in the U.S. for under -16 players who is enrolled in the Early College Experience program and whose father, John, instrumentation and computer engineer in the electronics shop of the School of Engineering, is advisor to the Chess Club.

Tom Hartmayer, a self-employed landscape nurseryman who played chess while attending UConn, works with the Chess Club organizing tournaments and assisting with club meetings. He and Fikiet both say interest in chess on campus is growing. There are 45 members in the club, including 27 UConn students. Some college chess clubs include members from the local community, they say.

Fikiet has been expanding interest in the Chess Club, whose members include students representing a cross-section of academic majors, through activities beyond the group's tournaments and regular meetings.

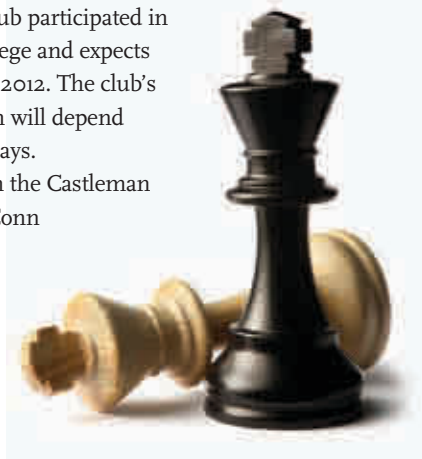
In April he invited world-renowned Grandmaster William Lombardy to Storrs to talk about chess. Lombardy, the first American to win the World Junior Chess Championship, went on to coach Bobby Fischer before his 1972 World Championship match against Boris Spassky, a focal point of the recent HBO documentary film, "Bobby Fischer Against the World."

With support from the School of Engineering, the Chess Club has also started working with schoolchildren attending the Goodwin Elementary School in Mansfield, teaching students how to play chess.

Fikiet says the Chess Club hopes to expand its competition against other colleges and universities in the region. Last year, the club participated in tournaments held at Williams College and Boston College and expects to compete in the Brown University Open in February 2012. The club's ability to begin competing beyond the Northeast region will depend on its ability to obtain funding for travel expenses, he says.

The Chess Club meets during the academic year in the Castleman Building. On Sept. 25, the Chess Club will host the UConn Fall Open tournament.

Ken Best



Opening Shot

Kemba Walker '11 (CLAS) takes the game-winning shot as time expires against Pittsburgh in the quarterfinals of the Big East Men's Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden on March 10. The Huskies' dramatic performance in New York City, winning five games in five days, sent Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun's squad into the NCAA Tournament and on to the team's third NCAA Championship, a 53-41 win over Butler in Houston on April 4. For more, turn to page 17.



Connecticut's fearless investment in higher education

My family and I were thrilled to arrive in Storrs in June and move into our new home on campus. We are excited and honored to become part of the UConn community. As we continue to get settled, I'm devoting myself to tackling the issues before us and making sure I meet and get to know as many of UConn's numerous stakeholders as possible—and hit the ground running.

This year and the years ahead will be both tough and rewarding for the University of Connecticut.

Another incredibly important chapter in UConn's long history will soon be written. In May, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy proposed, and the Legislature approved, a bold, far-reaching plan to dramatically reshape and enhance the UConn Health Center. The plan, Bioscience Connecticut, will elevate the Health Center as a regional and national scientific research hub focused on discovery, innovation and commercialization. It will enable us to draw major outside investment from government and industry, increase access to high-quality health care for our patients and graduate even greater numbers of physicians and dentists into the workforce.

For the state of Connecticut, as much as anything, it will mean jobs. In the near term, the governor expects that roughly 3,000 construction jobs will be generated per year, and in the longer term, the project is expected to lead to more than 16,000 highly skilled jobs being created here in the state.

The new Health Center can be a powerful catalyst that will breathe much-needed life into Connecticut's economy now and well into the future.

It will also accomplish the long-desired but elusive goal of ensuring the financial stability of the Health Center. The plan calls for the renovation of existing facilities to increase research capacity and productivity, a boost in the number of researchers and



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the expansion of our small business incubator facilities. It will increase the medical and dental schools' enrollment by 30 percent and establish a loan forgiveness program to encourage more medical and dental graduates to practice primary care in Connecticut. A new patient tower and new ambulatory care facility will be constructed, and the number of primary and specialty care clinicians will be increased. Through all of this, I want to reinforce that we will be steadfast in ensuring that we continue to deliver the highest-quality care to our patients. And we will demonstrate that we are good stewards of both public and private dollars.

The governor's plan meshes very well with another initiative supported by state Senate President Don Williams: the creation of a UConn Research and Technology Park in Storrs. Like the Health Center plan, it would spur economic development by allowing us to create more partnerships between UConn and industry. This would add a great deal to our existing programs that help companies grow by offering access to advanced technology, faculty expertise and incubator space.

Universities can play powerful roles in the economic lives of their states.

UConn does this well—already pumping billions into Connecticut's economy—but we have so much potential to do even more. It is precisely this kind of serious, forward-thinking investment that will help us to get there, reshaping our future along the way.

One of the things that drew me to UConn was Connecticut's national reputation for fearlessness when it comes to strategic investment in higher education. We know it benefits not only our institutions and students, but the state as a whole. For us, it began more than 15 years ago with the UCONN 2000 and 21st Century UConn construction programs. Gov. Malloy's initiative can be another proud step forward in that tradition and one that I look forward to working on with him, the Legislature and many others.

As with any large-scale undertaking, this will require some heavy lifting and remains a work in progress. Stay tuned—and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Susan Herbst
President

Bioscience Connecticut plan set for Health Center

The UConn Health Center is part of a new economic revitalization plan proposed by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and approved by the Legislature. The Bioscience Connecticut initiative aims to make the state a leader in bioscience research and, in turn, jump-start the state's economy by creating jobs and generating long-term economic growth.

"This proposal represents a new way of thinking about the UConn Health Center and the way in which it can be leveraged to create new jobs now, sustain economic growth and innovation, and improve public health," says Malloy. "More than just a medical and dental school or just a hospital—we have to think about the UConn Health Center in its entirety, as an asset that can make Connecticut become a national leader in a bioscience economy."

Highlights of Malloy's proposal include

- Creating 3,000 construction jobs annually through 2018.
- Generating a \$4.6 billion increase in personal income by 2037, including the creation of 16,400 jobs.
- Doubling federal and industry research grants to drive discovery, innovation and commercialization.
- Increasing access to high-quality health care.
- Graduating and retaining more physicians and dentists to meet forecasted workforce needs resulting from health care reform and the state's aging population.
- Strengthening and stabilizing the Health Center's finances.

"Bioscience Connecticut is different from prior proposals that involved the Health Center," says UConn President Susan Herbst. "While they were principally intended to secure the Health Center's financial footing, this initiative is primarily focused on using the Health Center to achieve state economic and health care objectives."

The initiative also seeks to address the growing shortage of physicians and dentists being predicted for the years ahead.

"By training more physicians and dentists, the Governor's plan responds to these dire trends," says Thomas Callahan, chief of staff at the Health Center. "The

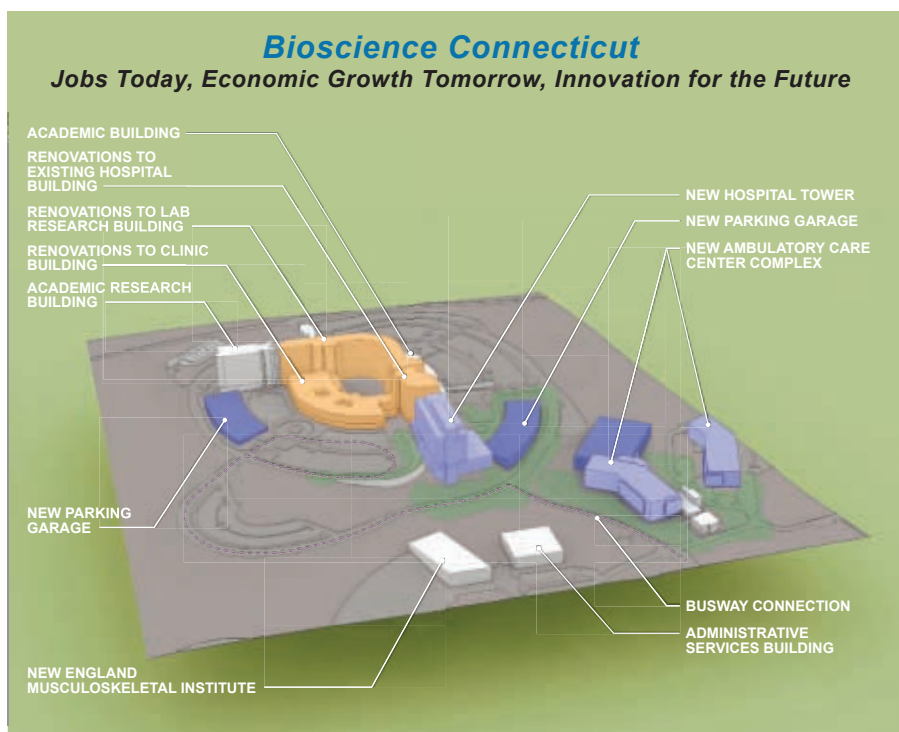
"This proposal represents a new way of thinking about the UConn Health Center that can be leveraged to create new jobs now."

increased enrollment, combined with other elements of Bioscience Connecticut, is expected to raise our schools into top-tier, national status. In turn, this will spur economic growth and lasting public health benefits for our state."

Key components of the plan include

- Renovating existing Health Center facilities to increase bioscience research capacity and productivity, increasing the number of basic and clinical/translational scientists, and expanding small business incubator facilities to foster new business startups.
- Increasing the Health Center's medical and dental schools' enrollment by 30 percent, and establishing a loan forgiveness program to attract more graduates to practice primary care medicine and dentistry in Connecticut.
- Constructing the new patient tower and a new ambulatory care facility, and increasing the number of Health Center primary and specialty care clinicians.

The \$864 million proposal will be paid for by a combination of new and previously approved bonding, private financing and Health Center resources.



Commencement 2011



More than 7,000 graduates joined the ranks of UConn alumni after receiving degrees during 2011 commencement ceremonies in May. Honorary degrees were also conferred upon several individuals in recognition of their accomplishments.

Sir Peter Crane, the Carl W. Knobloch Jr. Dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University, received a Doctor of Science at Graduate School ceremonies; Mia Farrow, actress and human rights activist, received a Doctor of Humane Letters after addressing the School of Fine Arts; and Charles M. Vest, president of the National Academy of Engineering, received a Doctor of Science after addressing the School of Engineering.

During ceremonies at the UConn Health Center, honorary degrees were conferred upon Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind and

Fire and the Music Is Unity Foundation, who received a Doctor of Fine Arts; Charles J. Burstone, a founding father of the UConn School of Dental Medicine, who received a Doctor of Science; and Louis W. Sullivan, founding dean and first president of Morehouse School of Medicine, who received a Doctor of Science.

Eight alumni delivered addresses during undergraduate and graduate ceremonies. Agriculture and Natural Resources: Andrea Dennis LaVigne '03 (BGS), veterinarian and president, Bloomfield Animal Hospital; Business: Gwo-Duan (David) Jou '89 M.S., '92 Ph.D., founder and chairman, Bigrock Asset Management Company; General Studies: Susan Rigano '98 (BGS), executive director, Stamford Public Education Foundation; Liberal Arts and Sciences: William Truehart '66 (CLAS), president and CEO, Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count; Nursing:

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Sept. 23
RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS
Bagpipe Rock

Sept. 24
WISE FOOL NEW MEXICO: FLEXION
Acrobats
Free SFA 50th Anniversary Celebration

Sept. 24
BILLY GARDELL
Family Weekend Comedy

Sept. 27
KRONOS QUARTET
Classical

Sept. 30
**GRACE POTTER AND
THE NOCTURNALS ▶**
Rock/Pop

Oct. 9
SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE
Children

Oct. 14
**ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
WITH GIL SHAHAM**
Classical

Oct. 20
ANGEL REAPERS ▶
Contemporary Dance

Oct. 21-22
**HENSEN ALTERNATIVE:
STUFFED AND UNSTRUNG**
Cabaret

Oct. 27
COLORADO QUARTET
Classical

Nov. 5
**NATIONAL ACROBATS
OF CHINA ▶**
Acrobatics

Nov. 6
HANDELL & VIVALDI FIREWORKS
Classical

Nov. 11-12
AL JARREAU IN CONCERT
Cabaret

Nov. 15
**VIENNA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
WITH EROICA TRIO**
Classical

Nov. 17
JAKE SHIMBAUKURO
Ukulele/pop

The William Benton Museum of Art
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Aug. 30-Oct. 16
**MUSICAL PRINTS: THE ARTIST LOOKS
AT THE MUSICIAN 1568-1949**

**45th ANNUAL ART DEPARTMENT
FACULTY EXHIBITION**

Sept. 16
**Inauguration of Susan Herbst
as UConn's 15th President**

Ceremony, 3 p.m.
Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts
Reception, 4 p.m.
Alumni Center
inauguration.uconn.edu

Oct. 25-Dec. 18
BARKLEY L. HENDRICKS: SOME LIKE IT HOT
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September
**THOMAS J. DODD PRIZE IN INTERNATIONAL
JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
UConn School of Law

Oct. 10-Dec. 16
**A GATHERING OF SPOONS: COLLECTION
OF NORMAN D. STEVENS**
Gallery on the Plaza

**THE WEATHER PROJECT: PAINTINGS
BY SUSAN SCOTT**
Norman D. Stevens Gallery

POCKET FULL OF POSIES: SALLY MAJOR
Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Gallery

**IN TIME AND PLACE: TEXTS AND LANDSCAPES
BY WENDY JACOBS**
*Thomas J. Dodd Research Center,
West Corridor*

Nov. 12-13
**20th ANNUAL CONNECTICUT
CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR ▶**
*Thomas J. Dodd Research
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**Connecticut State
Museum of Natural History**
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M-F, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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AT THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE
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Oct. 6-16
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By Thornton Wilder, Nafe Katter Theatre

Oct. 27-Nov. 6
THE MISER
*By Moliere, Adapted by Miles Malleson
Studio Theatre*

Dec. 1-10
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*By Mike Reiss, World Premiere
Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre*

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von Schlippe Gallery of Art**
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Sept. 9-Oct. 23
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Oct. 28-Dec. 11
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Robin D. Froman '74 (ED), '75 M.A., '81 Ph.D., '84 (NUR), '87 M.S., former dean, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio; Pharmacy doctoral: Charles D. Hepler '60 (PHR), distinguished professor emeritus, University of Florida College of Pharmacy; Pharmacy undergraduates: Erica Peitler '88 (PHR), business and coaching consultant; and Social Work: Pedro Segarra '82 M.S.W., '85 J.D., mayor, city of Hartford.

Other speakers included Graduate programs: Dannel P. Malloy, governor, state of Connecticut; Law: George C. Jepsen, attorney general, state of Connecticut; Health Center: Henry C. Lee, author, forensic scientist; and Education: Kelci Stringer, founder and CEO, Korey Stringer Institute.



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Morrison celebrates Humanities Institute

Acclaimed author Toni Morrison delivered the keynote address at the Student Union in April during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Humanities Institute. Morrison, a Nobel laureate, has won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Critics Award and received the Library of Congress Bicentennial Living Legend Award. She is the Robert F. Goheen Professor Emerita at Princeton University.

Health Center aids meningitis vaccine study

The UConn Health Center is participating in a new North American study that will assess the safety of the meningitis vaccine in pregnancy through the Connecticut Pregnancy Exposure Information Service (CPEIS).

CPEIS, which is based at the Health Center, launched the study on April 24, World Meningitis Day. Exposure to the meningococcal vaccine during pregnancy has not been well studied.

“This is an important vaccine, especially for teens and young adults,” says Sharon Voyer Lavigne, a genetic counselor and coordinator of CPEIS. “The meningitis vaccination is recommended to those ages 16 through 21 years because this group has the highest rates of meningococcal disease. While this disease is not very common, prevention is key. Meningococcal bacteria can cause very severe illness, including meningitis and sepsis, which can result in permanent disabilities and even death.”

In addition to teens and young adults, other groups that may be at an increased risk of meningitis and are recommended to receive the vaccine include those who are living in close quarters, such as college freshmen living in a dormitory, military recruits, individuals who are traveling or residing in countries where the disease is common, and people in certain occupations or with certain kinds of immune disorders.

“We do not have data to suggest that this vaccine would be harmful to the pregnant woman or her unborn child, but good data on its safety has not been reported,” adds Voyer Lavigne. “This highlights the importance of collecting data on pregnant women who receive the vaccination. This data will assist women and their health care providers in making the best choices for treatment and prevention in mothers and babies.”

UConn engineer leads national computer security project

A School of Engineering specialist in computer hardware security is leading a national consortium of experts conducting research aimed at enhancing the integrity of integrated circuits (ICs), the computer chips that are used in virtually all electronic devices.

Mohammad Tehranipoor, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, will work with colleagues from the Polytechnic Institute of New York University, Rice University and the University of California, Los Angeles, under a \$1.2 million federal grant and a Web-based exchange network dubbed trust-HUB, a clearinghouse website where members of the IC hardware security community can share discoveries and other information that accelerates hardware security research and developments.

The trust-HUB consortium aims to establish criteria for determining the “trustworthiness” of integrated circuits and to develop trust benchmarks for the hardware security community. A central feature of the project is the Web-based trust-HUB repository, which will help to ensure widespread access to the latest tools and knowledge in hardware security and trust.

“The objective of the trust-HUB project is to lead a community-wide movement toward stronger assurances in the hardware industry,” Tehranipoor says. “The trust-HUB is a means for information-sharing between researchers and practitioners to accelerate the development of defenses against hardware-level attacks.”

The trust-HUB website serves as a resource for research, education and collaboration among hardware security experts and also includes information about activities such as technical events, workshops, seminars and news stories in addition to online courses and tutorials. Also available on the website are



simulation tools that can be accessed from a local Web browser, enabling researchers to explore and simulate a specific science area.

Co-principal investigators include Farinaz Koushanfar, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at Rice University; Ramesh Karri, professor of electrical and computer engineering at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University; and Miodrag Potkonjak, professor of computer science at UCLA.

“This project will greatly impact the research and development in the security community and has the potential of coordinating research among various institutions and government agencies,” says Potkonjak. “In addition, it helps facilitate technology transfer to industry since the methodology and implementation becomes repeatable in practice.”

\$1M endowment boosts lifelong learning at OLLI

Thanks to the gift of a \$1 million endowment to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UConn’s Waterbury campus, older adults will continue to enjoy lifelong learning programs at the University.

The gift was made by the Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco, which established OLLI with an initial grant to UConn in 2006. Now in its fifth year, OLLI provides lifelong learners with opportunities to engage in intellectual development, cultural stimulation and social interaction in a university environment.

OLLI has served more than 1,100 individuals from 75 cities and towns and offers courses ranging from personal enrichment courses on philosophy, literature and history to practical offerings on health, nutrition and computer usage. To view a list of courses, programs and additional information about OLLI, please visit waterbury.uconn.edu/osher.



DANIEL BUTTREY

Rothenberg returns to talk national politics

Stuart Rothenberg '78 Ph.D., columnist for the Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call* and editor of *The Rothenberg Political Report*, talks with Maggie McCarthy '11 (CLAS), a political science major, after delivering the keynote address on national politics at this year's Alan R. Bennett Lecture Series in Konover Auditorium at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.

Five juniors earn top national scholarships

Five students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering and College of Agriculture and Natural Resources have earned prestigious, highly competitive national scholarship awards.

Juniors David Lindsay '12 (CLAS), studying neurobiology and mathematics, and Kathleen Carey '12 (CANR), a pre-veterinary major, won Goldwater Scholarships, which are awarded for academic merit in the sciences, engineering, mathematics and computer science. The scholarship grants \$7,500 toward the recipient's undergraduate degree.

Ethan Butler '12 (ENG), a chemical engineering major, and Katherine Tsantiris '12 (CLAS), an environmental sciences major, earned Udall Scholarships, which are awarded to students who intend to pursue careers in environmental subjects, Native American health care or tribal public policy. The scholarship has an award of \$5,000.

Colin Carlson '12 (CLAS), a University Scholar, earned both a Goldwater Scholarship and a Truman Scholarship, which acknowledges college juniors for leadership abilities and dedication to careers in public service. The Truman Scholarship provides \$30,000 toward graduate study. Carlson is pursuing a dual degree in ecology and evolutionary biology as well as an individualized major in environmental studies.

2011 Alumni Association Awards

The UConn Alumni Association will hold its 2011 awards presentation during Homecoming Weekend in October.

Alumni Awards presented will include

- Distinguished Alumni Award to Jerold Mande '78 (CANR), senior advisor to the undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services in the U.S. Department of Agriculture;
- Graduate of the Last Decade to Rep. Christopher Murphy '02 J.D., member of Congress from Connecticut's 5th District;
- University Service Award to Christine Lodewick '67 (CLAS), who served two terms on the Association's Board of Directors and was co-chair of the Alumni Campaign, among other activities;
- Humanitarian Award to Bette Gebrian '77 (NUR), '93 (CLAS), public health director of the Haitian Health Foundation;
- Honorary Alumni Award to Phillip Blumberg, emeritus dean and professor of law and business at the UConn School of Law;
- University Service Award to Karla Fox, executive director of institutional effectiveness in the Office of the Provost and professor of business in the School of Business.

Faculty awards will include

- Excellence in Teaching (Undergraduate Level) Award to Kristin Kelly and Excellence in Teaching (Graduate Level) Award to Jennifer Sterling-Folker, both associate professors of political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences;
- Excellence in Research/Sciences Award to Emmanouil Anagnostou, professor of civil and environmental engineering and Northeast Utilities Endowed Chair in Environmental Engineering in the School of Engineering, and Excellence in Research/Humanities-Social Sciences Award to Seth Kalichman, professor of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For more information about the 2011 Alumni Awards, go to UConnAlumni.com.

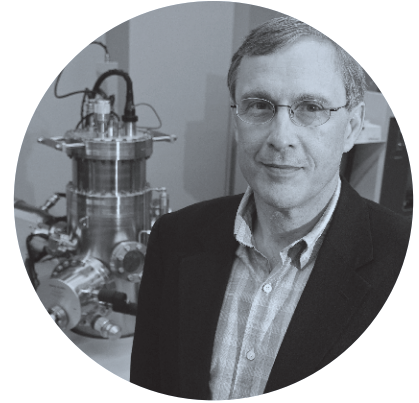


Journalist Woodward delivers Day Pitney lecture

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Bob Woodward delivered the 2011 Day Pitney Visiting Scholar Lecture at the School of Law in April, sharing stories about his more than four decades as a reporter and writer, including his latest book, *Obama's Wars*. The lecture was sponsored by the School, *Connecticut Law Review* and the Day Pitney Foundation.

Technology park proposal for North Campus

State Senate President Donald E. Williams Jr. announced plans in late April to build a technology park on UConn's main campus. The proposal includes \$18 million in state bond funding for the design, site development and infrastructure improvements necessary to create the tech park. Included in the plan is \$2.5 million to establish the Innovation Partners Eminent Faculty Program, designed to attract the nation's top scholars and scientists. The complex, which would be located in the North Campus, will provide space for business incubators and individual companies. Williams' legislative district includes the Mansfield-Storrs area.



Suib wins 2011 Connecticut Medal of Science

The 2011 Connecticut Medal of Science was awarded to Steven L. Suib, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, whose work in solid state chemistry and the synthesis of novel materials has a strong environmental focus. He was cited for his "outstanding impact on the field of catalysis and materials science over the past 30 years." He has collaborated closely with a host of Connecticut companies, and his research has also aided companies looking for catalysts for upgrading fuel and those developing fuel cells.

Doctoral research helps nurse solve surgical mystery

As a veteran nurse anesthetist and hospital anesthesia risk manager, Bonnie Molloy '10 Ph.D. was troubled after reviewing a case in which a healthy patient undergoing robotic surgery woke up completely blind.

"It was shocking and baffling," Molloy says. "It wasn't my case, but I couldn't get it out of my mind."

Molloy's curiosity led her to pursue a doctoral degree in the School of Nursing, where she conducted research on postoperative vision loss. During her research, she discovered that the position of patients during robotic surgery, with their feet slightly elevated above the head, might cause pressure within the eye. After reporting her findings to physicians, Molloy began conducting research as part of her doctoral program, which led to the finding that intraocular pressure does



not return to normal after the second hour in patients whose feet are elevated during robotic surgeries.

As a result of her research, the Molloy/Bridgeport Observation Scale was developed to monitor patients undergoing robotic surgery to check eye pressure and briefly reposition the patient in order to prevent postoperative blindness.

"Thanks to inspired, unswerving guidance from my faculty mentors, the discoveries of my past five years have been converted into authentic science," says Molloy, whose discovery was published in the *American Journal of Nurse Anesthesia*. "On top of that, I earned a Ph.D. in nursing."

Alum leads Startup America Partnership

Scott Case '92 (ENG), an entrepreneur, inventor, philanthropist and co-founder of Priceline, was named chief executive officer of the Startup America Partnership, an alliance of the country's most innovative entrepreneurs, corporations, universities, foundations and other private-sector leaders working to increase the prevalence and success of high-growth enterprises in the U.S.

Case previously served as chief executive officer of Malaria No More, a public-private partnership he helped establish to end malaria deaths in Africa. He remains vice chair of the organization and also serves as the chairman of Network for Good, which has distributed more than \$475 million to 60,000 nonprofits, and provides online fundraising and communications services to more than 5,000 nonprofit organizations.

In 2008, Case was selected as one of *UCONN Magazine's* "40 Under 40," a group of highly accomplished alumni who are emerging leaders in the world.



DANIEL BUTTREY

Colwell recognized for global warming studies

Robert K. Colwell, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, which has recognized accomplished "thinkers and doers" from each generation since 1780. He was cited for his contributions to the field of tropical biology, in which he has conducted research on the potential effects of global warming on plant and animal species in Costa Rica.

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Dental students earn national training grants

First-year School of Dental Medicine students (from left) Stefanie Aquilina, Myungso Chung and Robert Yau received training grants from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research aimed at meeting the substantial need for research scholars in U.S. dental schools. The School's degree program tracks focus on basic biological problems related to dental, skeletal, craniofacial and oral biology in health and disease.



UConn community service recognized nationally

UConn was admitted to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction for its strong institutional commitment to service and compelling campus-community partnerships that produce measurable results for the community.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which has administered the honor roll since 2006, included the University among its list as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. More than 850 universities were considered for recognition. Only 114 received the recognition of honor roll with distinction, 11 were identified as finalists and six received the Presidential Award.

More than 11,753 UConn students on the Storrs campus performed 675,261 hours of service during the 2009-2010 academic year, the time period covered by the recognition. Students worked as volunteers in a wide range of programs including semester-long activities in Connecticut cities and towns and in alternative break programs around the United States and overseas. Activities included tutoring elementary and high school students, assisting with fund-raising events, hospital volunteering, and English as a Second Language Family Literacy Programs.

Engineering degree offers an innovation and management focus

The School of Engineering, in partnership with the School of Business, will offer a master of engineering degree with a concentration in innovation and management (MENG-IM), beginning this fall.

The program targets practicing engineers who wish to enhance their managerial skills, gain an in-depth understanding of emerging technologies and develop a more innovative approach to problem solving. The MENG-IM coursework will be offered during evening hours at the state-of-the-art Graduate Business Learning Center in Hartford, home to UConn's executive and part-time M.B.A. programs, with courses taught by faculty from both the Schools of Engineering and Business.

The degree program capitalizes on the popular on-site Master of Engineering program established in 1999, which has enabled thousands of working engineers to take advanced coursework toward a master's degree while expanding their skills in a range of technical areas.

To earn the MENG-IM degree, students must complete eight three-credit graduate engineering and business courses along with a culminating three-credit team project. The MENG-IM degree will also prepare any students specifically interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in an engineering discipline or an M.B.A. degree.



How hummingbirds really feed

Graduate student Alejandro Rico-Guevara films hummingbirds visiting a feeder during his research in the Andes Mountains in Colombia, which disproved a long-held theory of how the birds feed. His findings, published in the scientific journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, proved the birds trap fluids by dramatically changing the shape of their tongues instead of using their tongues to draw a flower's nectar into their mouths.

Student committee encourages others to give back

For many years, UConn student giving was restricted to the senior class gift, when graduating students first learned about the importance of giving back to UConn in the final months of their college careers.

“We were talking to students one semester before they were leaving UConn,” says Rachel Marshall, the assistant director of Annual Giving at the UConn Foundation. “The problem there is that students would never see the fruits of their giving; they would leave campus and miss the opportunity to fully appreciate the impact of their personal investment to the University.”

In the fall of 2010, Marshall and others in the Office of Annual Giving created the Student Philanthropy Committee (SPC) to build awareness of and encourage student giving. Dozens of students signed up to be a part of the committee, and more than 25 participated regularly in hosting the numerous events the committee sponsored throughout the year.

“Up until recently, I had not known the importance of student giving,” says Taren Sarantos ’11 (CLAS), an SPC member. “After my experiences with the Student Philanthropy Committee, I am now well aware of it and eager to share it with my peers.”

Bryon Bunda ’14 (CLAS) attended Phillips Exeter Academy, a New Hampshire boarding school where philanthropy was part of the culture. “The SPC is my own personal challenge,” he says. “This is my first year at UConn, and this is the SPC’s first year. I am excited to get involved with it early on and watch it grow as I grow.”

SPC coordinated two significant events this year meant to teach the importance of private giving: Philanthropy Day in the fall, and Tuition Runs Out Day in the spring. Booths were set up in the Student Union and on Fairfield Way, where committee members encouraged students to give back to UConn in any area that mattered to them most. They also partnered with the UConn Alumni Association in speaking to freshmen through the Freshman Experience program about the importance of student and alumni giving and involvement.

Their efforts were bolstered by David Barton ’61 (BUS), a member of the UConn Alumni Association and a UConn donor, who issued a challenge to all UConn students: Give \$5 or more to an area of particular interest to them, and he would match each gift dollar for dollar up to a total of \$25,000. “Students need to understand the economics of education—that tuition pays for about one-third, the state pays another third, and philanthropy and grants pay the rest,” Barton says. “In fact, the day they start, they are recipients of philanthropy from people who have gone before them.”

The students responded enthusiastically. Some gave a dollar, others gave \$100, and the effort surpassed Barton’s challenge, raising nearly \$35,000 for a variety of programs and organizations. The challenge encouraged students to give to a fund of their choice, whether it be the Women’s Center or the English Department. “Students were excited to give to something that was important to them,” Marshall says.



From left: Mallory Walsh ’14 (CLAS) and Victoria South ’14 (BUS), members of the Student Philanthropy Committee, on Tuition Runs Out Day, held on March 23.

White Coat Gala honors

The annual White Coat Gala raised close to \$800,000 to support clinical and research missions of the UConn Health Center while honoring Marja M. Hurley ’72 (CLAS), ’76 M.D., associate dean in the School of Medicine and an internationally prominent molecular biologist and endocrinologist; Ravindra Nanda, renowned leader in orthodontics and a professor in the School of Dental Medicine; and UConn men’s basketball coach Jim Calhoun, longtime philanthropic supporter of the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center and the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. From left: Carole Neag, Nanda, Coach Calhoun, Hurley and Ray Neag. The Neags are honorary chairs of the campaign steering committee for *Our University. Our Moment. The Campaign for UConn*. Save the date of April 21, 2012, for next year’s gala.





“Farmer without a farm” donates \$1.5M

Dick DeFavero '56 (CANR), '58 M.S. was 8 when he was first introduced to UConn. He and his father were invited to Storrs to speak to a 4-H audience and demonstrate how to construct rabbit hutches, an event DeFavero says made a significant impression.

A decade later, DeFavero attended UConn himself and went on to a successful career in construction, leading his fourth-generation family business, DeFavero Builders, in development projects across Connecticut. Midway through his career, DeFavero realized that for his entire adult life, he had been “a farmer without a farm.” Turning over control of the company to his son, he returned to his love of the land and purchased a 500-acre Vermont dairy farm, which now boasts 125 head of cattle.

The family connection to UConn remained strong throughout, with several generations attending. With his wife, Barbara, DeFavero has also contributed regularly to support scholarships in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and has now donated \$1.5 million to establish the DeFavero Chair in Agricultural and Resource Economics, the second endowed chair in the College.

“UConn created opportunity for me,” says DeFavero, who received the Augustus and Charles Storrs Award, the College’s highest recognition, in April. “I could not have achieved what I did if I hadn’t come here. I hope this endowed chair helps not only our faculty but also has additional benefits, like attracting even better, high-achieving students to the field.”

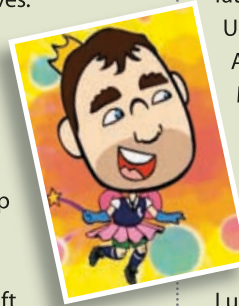
GIVING DIGEST

Writing endowment created

A planned gift from Lynn Bloom, the Aetna Chair of Writing in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Martin Bloom, professor emeritus of social work, will establish the Bloom Endowment for the Mark Twain Distinguished Author-in-Residence, attracting creative writers and scholars. The Aetna Chair’s mandate is to focus on the teaching of writing through a host of events and initiatives.

Saying ‘thank you’

The UConn Foundation found a unique way to thank its donors this year by teaming up with a group of digital media students in the School of Fine Arts. Together, they created a ‘Gift Fairy’ video that showcases the serious nature of how private giving helps the University. The video attracted nearly 10,000 views on YouTube.



When others would not have them

Satoshi Oishi '49 (ENG) was among the Japanese and Japanese-American students who faced discrimination from numerous colleges and universities during World War II, until UConn welcomed him in 1944. In honor of this, Oishi and his wife, Jeanette '48 (SFS), have created a charitable remainder trust to provide financial support for programmatic enhancements at the Asian American Cultural Center. “For many of us, UConn really was like a second home,” Oishi says. “I wanted to say thank you.”

A lifetime of love, fostered by learning

Bernie Perella is visually impaired but gained a set of eyes on the world through his late wife, Susanne Brennan Perella '60 (CLAS). Today, he is memorializing her through a gift to support scholarships for students preparing for careers in her passions: teaching, library sciences, government or writing. “I hope that those

who benefit from this scholarship will gain appreciation in their own life of the need to return something to society,” he says.

Alumnus instructor memorializes father with dental fellowship

Robert Kravecs Sr. loved many things: his family, the dental profession and the University of Connecticut. Following his death, his son, Robert Kravecs Jr. '77 (CLAS), '81 D.M.D., decided to memorialize his father and support the profession and University he loved so dearly. The Robert A. Kravecs, C.D.T. Fellowship in Dental Medicine, established with a gift of \$25,000, will provide support for meritorious students at the School of Dental Medicine.

An inspired gift

Lucretia Dewey Tanner '62 (CLAS) never forgot the financial help she received as a student. So she and her husband, William, have created a scholarship in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for any UConn student who demonstrates a need. Says Tanner: “I wouldn’t have been able to go to UConn—or any school—without a work scholarship. And back then UConn was only \$75 a semester.”

Giving the gift of scholarships

Neil Brigham sought a meaningful gift for his wife, Mary Ellen (Scaffidi) '81 (SFS), and, while attending a UConn event, realized



what that was. “It dawned on him that one of the most important things to me was UConn,” says Mary Ellen, a member of UConn’s alumni chapter in

Atlanta. “Over the course of the event, he got the idea of doing a scholarship.” Together, the couple has created a fund to help students who benefit from the Center for Students with Disabilities.

The view behind the catcher's mask

CROUCHING CATCHERS COMPARE NOTES ON LIFE BEHIND HOME PLATE

Doug Elliot '10 (BUS), '11 M.B.A. this past spring was a redshirt senior catcher for the baseball team who was drafted in June by the Milwaukee Brewers. Andrea Huelsenbeck '14 (CLAS) is now a sophomore catcher for the softball team who led Kimberly Academy to two New Jersey state championships. They discussed life behind home plate for the Huskies.

Why did you decide to be a catcher?

Huelsenbeck: It was decided for me. When I was 9, I was the youngest on our travel team. Our catcher got hurt. I was the one on the bench with the strongest arm.

Elliot: It was decided for me, too. My dad [Doug '82 (BUS)] was a catcher at UConn. It was an easy road to follow.

What are the behind-the-scenes things that most people don't know about catching?

Huelsenbeck: In order for the pitcher to have a perfect game, the catcher also has to have a perfect game.

Elliot: All pitchers are different. They have tendencies to throw the ball different ways. You've got to be in tune with them. It's very easy to just not catch a ball right, and then it's a ball instead of a strike.

How much do you get to control what's going on with the pitcher during the game?

Elliot: Every time I come into the dugout, the coaches ask what he's looking like. It's tough for a coach to see [what's happening], being off at a 90-degree angle. I'm looking straight on and see everything. I always have the freedom to call a pitch.

Huelsenbeck: I have less freedom as a freshman. If something goes wrong with your pitching, it's the other team's game. I have to calm them down and deal with it between innings with the coaches.

If you were not a catcher, what position would you play?

Huelsenbeck: I was always also a third baseman. I played outfield in a non-conference game this year when we switched it up.

Elliot: First base or third base. I don't have a lot of speed. In the summer league I played first base a lot. I haven't seen the field in college.

Of all the parts of being a catcher, what do you think your best trait is?

Huelsenbeck: Throwing. I've always had a good arm.

Elliot: I've always been a good defensive catcher. It's a good excuse to say you don't hit as good as other people. I've always taken pride in catching and calling a good game.

What makes you crazy about being a catcher?

Elliot: I'm not calling out our outfielders, but they show up, take a couple of fly balls and hit the batting cage. Infielders take a couple of balls and throw. Catchers have to work on receiving, blocking [balls] and then you might get to work on your hitting.

Huelsenbeck: I'm going to agree with that. There are some days I don't even get to hit. Hitting is one of my favorite parts of the game.

Elliot: She's fortunate to be playing. When I was a freshman, I redshirted, so there were weeks when I didn't get to hit in batting practice because you're always catching bullpen with the number of pitchers we have.



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Left: Hall of Fame men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun speaks at the White House when the 2011 NCAA men's basketball champions were recognized by President Barack Obama.

Below: All-American Kemba Walker '11 (CLAS) was named the Most Outstanding Player in the 2011 NCAA Tournament.

Bottom: The Huskies celebrate in Houston.



STEPHEN SLADE PHOTOS

Men's basketball wins third NCAA title

When the 2010-2011 college basketball season began, the UConn men's basketball team was not ranked in any pre-season poll. Even after Jim Calhoun's young team and its charismatic leader, guard Kemba Walker '11 (CLAS), signaled that they could be a contender by running through the EA Sports Maui Invitational in November, there were still doubters when the Huskies lost four of their last five regular season games.

But after the Huskies arrived in the glare of New York City's lights for the Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden, the team focused on what was ahead, not what was in the recent past. The Huskies stormed through the Big East's post-season showcase by winning an unprecedented five games in five days to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

Playing out of the western bracket of the NCAA Tournament, which has historically been good to the Huskies, UConn won its third one-and-done tournament of the season at the Final Four in Houston by defeating Butler 53-41, giving the men's basketball program its third national title in a dozen years.

"Butler gave us everything we could handle," said Calhoun, who at 68 became the oldest coach to win a basketball title. "We just happened to be a little better tonight."

With a third championship banner to hang in Harry A. Gampel Pavilion this fall, Calhoun joins the elite group of coaches who have won three or more NCAA Championships: the legendary John Wooden (10 NCAA titles) and Adolph Rupp (4); Mike Krzyzewski (4), who is still coaching at Duke; and former Indiana coach, now an ESPN analyst, Bob Knight (3).



Expanding the pharmacist's role in health care

SURVEY LED BY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY ADDRESSES DRUG SAFETY CONCERNS

Most people see their pharmacist only when they are dropping off a prescription or picking up medication. But new research by the School of Pharmacy and the Connecticut Pharmacists Association has found that allowing pharmacists to be more involved in the delivery of health care improves patient outcomes and reduces costly emergency room visits.

It is estimated that one in three adults over age 57 takes at least five prescription medications, and half regularly use dietary supplements and over-the-counter drugs that could cause potentially dangerous drug interactions. Medication issues are believed to be responsible for about a third of adverse events leading to hospitalizations.

Many people, for instance, may not be aware that taking the popular blood thinner warfarin along with the cholesterol-lowering drug simvastatin can increase the risk of bleeding. Similar problems may arise when taking warfarin and over-the-counter aspirin or aspirin and ginkgo supplements.

Allowing pharmacists to have greater interaction with doctors and patients helps reduce dangerous medication errors and increases the likelihood that patients will take their medications as prescribed, according to the study, which was made possible through a \$5 million grant from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Connecticut Department of Social Services. The findings were published in April in *Health Affairs*, a national peer-reviewed journal on health policy thought and research.

Medication Therapy Management

"Medications are a cornerstone of the management of most chronic conditions such as asthma, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, yet medication



Lisa Bragaw, a field coordinator in the School of Pharmacy and a registered pharmacist, left, and Marie A. Smith '77 (PHR), assistant dean for practice and public policy partnerships and professor of pharmacy practice in the School of Pharmacy.

discrepancies and medication-related problems—some of which can cause serious harm—are common," says Marie A. Smith '77 (PHR), assistant dean for practice and public policy partnerships in the School of Pharmacy and the study's lead author.

The study recommends pharmacist-supervised medication therapy management as one way of addressing the problem. In medication therapy management, or MTM, pharmacists collect a patient's health information and assess their medications to identify potential problems such as omission or duplication of medication, dosages that are too high or too low, adverse reactions, issues relating to health literacy and medication costs. The pharmacist then

develops a plan to address any issues that arise and shares it with the patient, along with his or her family members and physician.

In the recent UConn study, a group of pharmacists provided medication therapy management to 89 Medicaid patients over the course of a year. The pharmacists met with patients in their physician's offices and had up to five monthly follow-up meetings.

The pharmacists found that 50 percent of the medications being taken by the patients had been discontinued and 39 percent had a wrong medication name or dose that resulted in discrepancies between the patient's actual medication

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use and lists that existed in electronic health records or insurance claim records. By advising patients on prevention options (aspirin to prevent heart attacks, stroke and diabetes; calcium/vitamin D to prevent osteoporosis; and smoking cessation therapy) and by working closely with prescribers in adjusting medications accordingly, the pharmacists increased the ability of patients to achieve their therapeutic goals from 63 percent at the start of the study to 91 percent at the patient's final visit with his or her pharmacist.

The most common drug therapy problems encountered in the study involved insulin use, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, proton-pump inhibitors, statins, asthma/COPD inhalers or nebulizers, opioids, steroid inhalers, metformin (for diabetes) and quetiapine (Seroquel).

"The medication lists that are included in electronic health records today often include medications known to a single prescriber only and do not include all medications used by a patient from multiple prescribers, multiple pharmacies or over-the-counter medications, herbal products and dietary supplements," says Smith, a nationally recognized advocate and pioneer in advancing MTM who was recently named UConn's first Henry A. Palmer Endowed Professor of Community Pharmacy Practice.

Devra Dang, associate clinical professor, and Thomas Buckley '82 (PHR), '94 M.P.H. assistant clinical professor, served as co-investigators on the study.

Training Tomorrow's Pharmacists

In recognition of today's rapidly changing health care landscape and the expanding role of pharmacists as partners in the delivery of comprehensive care in what is known as a patient-centered medical home, the UConn School of Pharmacy makes sure its graduates are properly prepared.

UConn students pursuing a six-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree currently are required to take courses in public health, patient communications and cultural competencies, patient assessment skills and pharmacoeconomics in addition to classes in biomedical, pharmaceutical, clinical and sociobehavioral sciences. Students

must also participate in multiple clinical rotations.

"Today's UConn pharmacy graduates are the most well-prepared in our School's history," says Pharmacy Dean Robert L. McCarthy.

"The concept of pharmaceutical care—first described by [Charles D.] Hepler '60 (PHR) and [Linda M.] Strand over two decades ago, in which pharmacists are

Allowing pharmacists to have greater interaction with doctors and patients helps reduce dangerous medication errors.

not simply responsible for the dispensing of and counseling about medications but are jointly responsible with the prescriber for ensuring the intended outcome of drug therapy—is evident in the rigor and complexity of our professional curriculum. Moreover, our students are prepared to be integral members of an interprofessional

health care team caring for patients in a medical home model," he says.

Smith envisions a future in which community pharmacists have online access to patients' medical records and are actively involved with physicians in monitoring patients' care. Pharmacists will continue dispensing medications, but they will also help prevent disease by administering immunizations for such maladies as flu, pneumonia and shingles.

Until then, Smith continues to work on developing more advanced electronic prescribing systems to alleviate medication errors and to push for greater awareness about the value of pharmacist-provided MTM services. Ultimately, Smith would like to see MTM accepted by health care policymakers and covered by insurance.

"Pharmacists have unique training and expertise to detect, resolve, monitor and prevent medication-related problems, including medication errors," Smith says. "Their clinical expertise complements the knowledge and skills of other health care professionals."

— Colin Poitras '85 (CLAS)

KURT SCHWENK



Studying snakes

Kurt Schwenk, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is studying the biomechanics of tongue flicking in snakes. "We want to know at a detailed, mechanistic level exactly how the behavior helps snakes to pull odor molecules out of the air and concentrate them on the tongue tips," says Schwenk, one of the lead researchers who discovered why snakes have forked tongues.

Democracy has risks as well as benefits, refugees find

Since refugees escaping political strife in Liberia began fleeing to a camp set up by the government of Ghana 20 years ago, the Buduburam Refugee Camp in Accra has since grown to accommodate 40,000 people, and Ghana's sense of hospitality has stretched thin.

Exactly how things are unfolding politically in the camp is the topic of research by Elizabeth Holzer, an assistant professor of sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who is spending the summer visiting Liberia and the camp in Ghana, where she previously lived for 13 months. She hopes to explore how humanitarian interventions influence

people to consider the potential benefits—and the risks—of participating in seeking democratization.

"This is a small city. It has concrete structures and a fluid population," says Holzer, who has a joint appointment with UConn's Human Rights Institute. "But refugees never run the camps and are treated like political children. There is a lot of oppression there."

Most of the Liberians face a hard choice: At home, civil war has destroyed their homes as well as the infrastructure, including the water system and electricity. So they often stay for years in the camp in Ghana, where they are not permitted to

choose their leaders and have no effective means of making a personal grievance if things are not going smoothly.

"There is a very authoritarian structure in the camps, and there is no room for civic debate," Holzer says. When the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announced plans in 2007 to withdraw support from the camp, about 3,000 residents returned to Liberia. The rest could do little but mount a protest.

Holzer is hoping to reconcile the feelings of compassion the humanitarians have for the refugees with the authoritarian principles they use to run the camp.

Measuring yoga's effectiveness

As interest in yoga continues to expand—an estimated 15 million Americans participate—scientists are beginning to refine their methods for accurately gauging the health benefits of the millennia-old practice.

Crystal Park, professor of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is leading a national team of researchers in developing a standardized assessment tool that can be used to measure and compare different yoga therapies.

Research studies have shown that yoga can be beneficial for people with many specific health problems, including cardiovascular disease, cancer and chronic pain. Yoga has also been known to reduce stress, increase strength and flexibility, and improve concentration and mood.

The problem, Park says, is that it is difficult for researchers to compare the effectiveness of different yoga interventions because yoga

practice is so diverse—from the fast-paced and intense Ashtanga (power) yoga to Iyengar yoga, which concentrates on holding poses and proper body alignment.

"You may read a study in which individuals did yoga for back pain or did yoga for a headache, but was it the same yoga intervention? Probably not," says Park, who has been practicing yoga for six years. "Because yoga interventions can differ dramatically from each other, it is hard to compare yoga across studies.

Our project is designed to identify what the different dimensions of yoga interventions are and then create an instrument that is reliable and valid for researchers to use to describe their interventions."

Supported by a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the five-year research study will attempt to break down, measure and ultimately better understand how different forms of yoga therapy may improve physical, mental and spiritual health.





Patented UConn reactor uses more efficient process to make biodiesel fuel

As biodiesel is proving to be a valuable and important substitute for traditional petroleum-based fuels, a UConn researcher has led development of a process that may help speed biodiesel production.

Richard Parnas, a professor of chemical, materials and biomolecular engineering, and a team of students have patented a biodiesel reactor that turns a mixture of methanol, potassium hydroxide and waste vegetable oil into about 2,000 gallons of nearly pure, cheap, environmentally friendly biodiesel fuel a year.

Biodiesel releases more energy than is consumed during its production, making it four times more efficient than traditional diesel fuels. It is a renewable fuel source that can be produced locally, cutting down on transportation costs, greenhouse gas emissions and the nation's reliance on foreign oil reserves. Because it is made from

plant materials, biodiesel is also 100 percent biodegradable.

Parnas, along with colleagues Yi Li and Harrison Yang in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Steven Suib and Fred Carstensen in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is preparing to build a larger pilot biodiesel production facility using part of a two-year, \$1.8 million grant from the Department of Energy. The reactor will be capable of producing up to 200,000 gallons of biodiesel a year.



Watch Parnas and his team make biodiesel—a process that every chemical engineering student at UConn learns as part of the academic program today—by using your smartphone's barcode scanner application to scan the Quick Response Code at left. Don't have a smartphone? Visit <http://bit.ly/if0RvF> to watch the video.

Simulating a beating heart

Clifford Yang, director of cardiac radiology and assistant professor of radiology at the Health Center, likes to compare a new heart model he has developed—which simulates a beating heart—to a flight simulator.

Like a pilot who is able to test his flying abilities before he actually leaves the ground, a technologist working in cardiac imaging can use the device created by Yang to perfect his scanning techniques before imaging a living, breathing patient.

The device uses a technology called cardiac computed tomography angiography (CTA) to evaluate the coronary arteries for atherosclerotic disease, the leading cause of death in the U.S.

"A technologist has one chance to do a cardiac CTA image correctly," says Yang. "If you do a cardiac CT poorly, the patient will need an unnecessary invasive coronary angiogram to reevaluate the coronary arteries."

The radiation dose for cardiac CT is the highest of the CT exams, which is why getting the exam right the first time is so important.

On-the-job training can be difficult because the Health Center may have only one or two cardiac CT patients a week.

"Now that we have a model, we can scan as many times as we want until the new technologist gets comfortable with it," says Yang, who is working with UConn's Center for Science and Technology Commercialization, which has filed a provisional patent application on the device.

The Center has also begun contacting companies to determine whether any are interested in licensing the technology.

Sooklall engineers a move from Waterbury to Storrs

MOTIVATION FOR INVENTION COMES FROM GRANDFATHER'S ILLNESS

A biomedical engineering major transitioning from UConn's Waterbury campus to Storrs this fall is intent on changing the world.

The long-term goal of Jerry Sooklall '15 (ENG), who earned a UConn Presidential Scholarship, is to design a prosthetic that incorporates the nervous system so that it functions like a natural limb.

"Some prosthetics already connect to the brain but, for example, only two or three fingers move," Sooklall says. "I want to invent a prosthetic that acts like a real hand. It will take research, testing how the nervous system works and finding a light enough material for the brain to move. I believe this is a way of not only changing the world but helping people in general."

Sooklall's motivation for invention is his grandfather, whose leg was cut off at the knee from gangrene, resulting in hospitalization for most of his life. "That triggered something—maybe subliminally—in me, but it just came to me that I like engineering, and biology is fascinating," he says. "So studying biomedical engineering is a way I can help people not miss out on life and help disabled people not be profiled as different."

Born in Guyana, Sooklall lived there until he was 3 years old. He earned a certificate in computer-aided drafting and design at Kaynor Technical High School in Waterbury and was student council president. The class valedictorian, Sooklall focused his graduation speech on a co-ed teen leadership class he characterized as the best part of high school. "A lot of kids carry a lot of burdens," Sooklall says. "We agreed that 'what's said in this classroom stays in here,' which helped people open up, accept each other's flaws and connect. We poured ourselves into that."



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He also poured himself into making a decision regarding where to continue his education. "I had to choose between four other schools, and UConn seemed best," Sooklall says.

Accepted to the Storrs campus within the School of Engineering, Sooklall began his studies at the regional campus because he thought it would be less stressful. He also eased his transition by participating in the Student Support Services program, six weeks of summer school designed to acquaint incoming students with University coursework. "I earned seven credits and got an idea of how to manage the workload and myself," Sooklall says. "I've seen a lot of kids not doing

what they're supposed to do, playing pool instead of getting down to it. I know I can play pool afterwards."

With his turbocharged ambitions, having time management under control is a necessity. "I want to see new places and study biomedical engineering abroad my junior year, which is offered in Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand," Sooklall says.

He then plans to apply to UConn's five-year biomedical engineering B.S. and M.S. degree program and work in an internship along the way.

But first—"I really want to join the student Biomedical Engineering Society," Sooklall says. "I'm all excited to be coming to Storrs." — *Lauren Lalancette*

In WiMSE, Van Dugteren experiences everything

A WOMAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH MATH, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The acronym WiMSE stands for Women in Math, Science and Engineering, although for Jenna Van Dugteren '12 (CLAS), the "E" could stand for Everything.

The "Everything" includes her list of activities at UConn: biology mentoring, Outing Club, Husky Ambassadors, Debate Club, Guard Dogs, Nature and Wildlife Club, Alternative Spring Break and Huskies Away From Home mentoring.

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But it is her work as the resident assistant for the WiMSE Learning Community where Van Dugteren discovered a passion for helping people. Learning Communities at UConn allow students with similar majors or interests to choose to live together in a residence hall.

“I love being an RA,” says Van Dugteren. “It’s definitely one of the best things I’ve done. It made a huge difference in my life. I love my job.”

As a student at Lakeland Regional High School in New Jersey, Van Dugteren took a forensics class that sparked her interest in science. “We did everything that you see on [the television show] CSI,” she explains. “There were lots of ‘crimes’ that went on in our classroom, and we had to prove who did them and why.”

The experience led Van Dugteren to take AP biology, a decision that ultimately brought her to UConn.

“I knew biology was definitely what I wanted to do,” she says. “I thought I

wanted to do research, but then I became an RA, and I realized how much I love people, so I wanted something more people-oriented—which is nursing.”

A semester spent volunteering at Hartford Hospital reinforced that decision. “I got to run around the ER, which was absolutely amazing,” she says. “It’s been helpful because I thought nursing was what I wanted to do, but you never really know until you’re there. It’s exactly what I want to do.”

This summer, Van Dugteren is spending a month in South Africa combining her love for biology and nursing. After a week volunteering in a rape clinic, soup kitchen and homeless shelter with nonprofit Come Back Mission, she will camp on a reserve for three weeks and track animals as part of a natural resources and the environment class in the fall semester.

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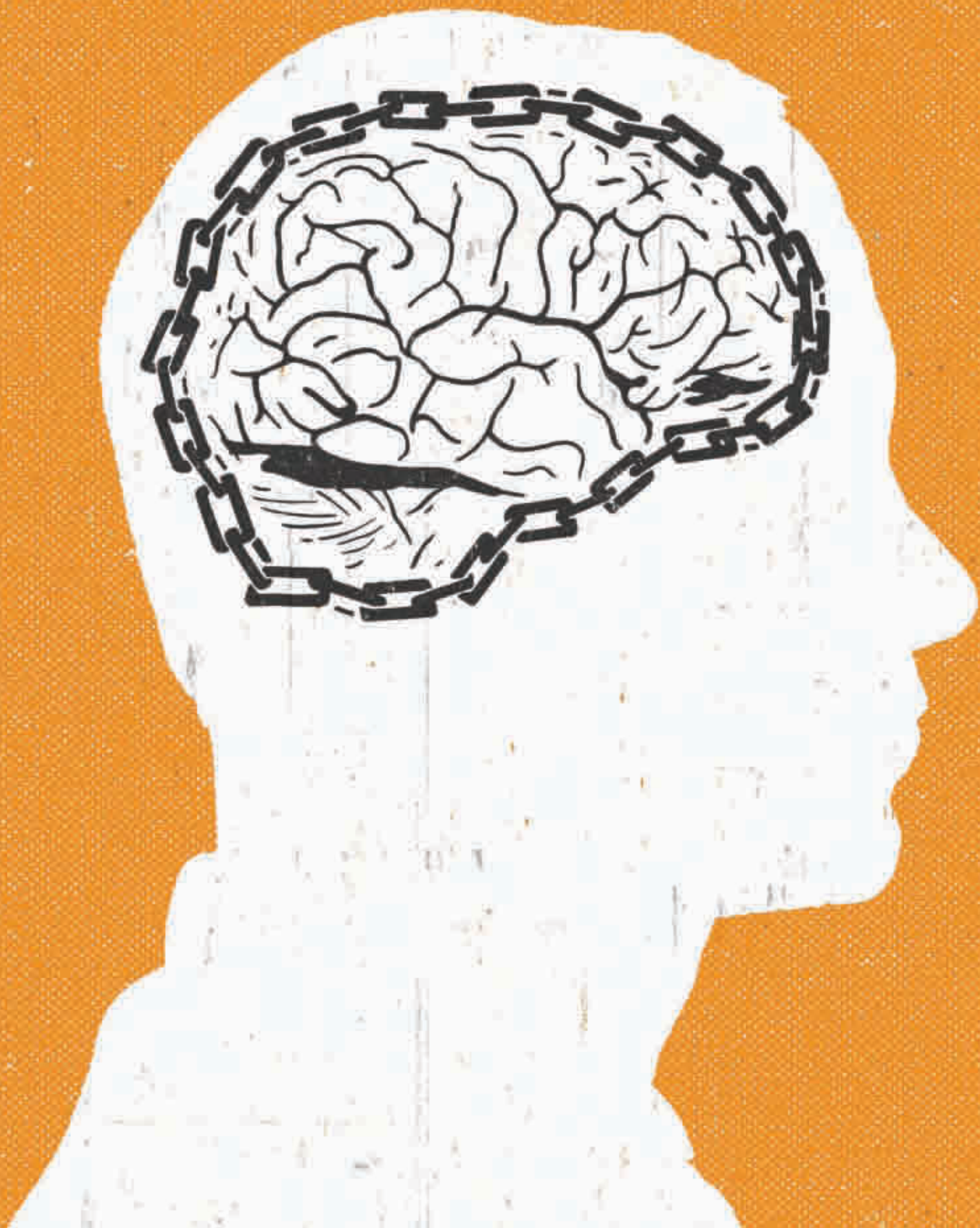
Van Dugteren brings the same compassion and resolve to the WiMSE Learning Community.

“I think it’s really important that we do what we do. It’s a lot easier to live with people who understand what you’re going through,” she says. “I think it’s really important that they have each other to see that they’re not alone.”

Ultimately, Van Dugteren wants to earn a graduate degree in nursing. “I want to work in the nurseries. I like newborns. But the ER is fascinating and always so exciting. I’d like to get an internship in the nurseries to see how it compares.”

— Craig Burdick '96 (CLAS), '01 (ENG)





Practice of intellectual property law explodes globally

By Todd Rosenthal

Thomas Edison knew something about ideas. The holder of more than 1,000 patents, he developed many of his ideas into inventions, bringing him to conclude that “the value of an idea lies in the using of it.”

Yet once value translates into dollars and profit, things get complicated, particularly in the 21st century. One of the most prominent examples of this is still playing out in court — the legal wrangling over who came up with the idea for Facebook, the popular social media website whose origins and subsequent legal case was the central focus of the 2010 Oscar-winning film “The Social Network.”

The world of ideas — including copyrights, licensing, patents, trademarks and other “creations of the mind” — falls under the legal definition of intellectual property (IP), an area of law with roots in 18th-century copyright and patent law that has exploded as technology has advanced to include information, computer software and other developments connected to electronic commerce and communications media.

PROTECTING THE WORLD OF IDEAS

PROTECTING THE VALUE OF IDEAS

Students attending the UConn School of Law have learned firsthand about the challenges of this area of law through the School’s Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Law Clinic. Located in East Hartford, Conn., the IP Law Clinic provides its students an extraordinary opportunity to undertake a wide range of intellectual property pro bono legal services, under the guidance of supervising attorneys, by assisting Connecticut-based entrepreneurs, inventors and startup companies.

Since its opening in January 2007, the IP Law Clinic has assisted more than 160 clients with intellectual property counseling, patent searches, patent applications, trademark clearance searches and registration applications, copyright and trade secret matters, drafts and negotiations of intellectual property agreements, and Connecticut LLC formation. Assisting clients representing a variety of industries, including agriculture, biotech and medical devices, computers and information technology, entertainment, consumer and food products/services, engineering design and material sciences, the Clinic also is committed to expanding its work with clients in green and high-tech industries.


In 2008, the IP Law Clinic was selected by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as one of six law school clinics in the United States to be part of a two-year pilot program under which law students provide pro bono legal services, under the supervision of an attorney, before the Patent and Trademark Office. Last year, the program was expanded, renewing UConn’s participation for an additional two years.

“The Clinic proved to be the most important facet of my law school education,” says Hilary Sumner ’09 J.D., who chose the School of Law because of its IP program. “I was given an invaluable opportunity to work directly with small business owners, counseling them on a variety of issues. ... I left with a solid understanding of business organizations, transactional work and negotiation strategies. It was this experience that gave me the confidence to open my own IP-focused firm.”

The IP Law Clinic is directed by Hillary Greene, associate professor of law, who previously served as project director for intellectual property in the Federal Trade Commission's Office of the General Counsel and as a litigation associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in New York City. Clinic classes are co-taught by Geoffrey Dellenbaugh, associate clinical professor and supervising attorney, who has practiced patent and licensing law with Johnson & Johnson and the Warner Lambert Company for more than three decades, and Lily Neff, assistant clinical professor and supervising attorney, who worked at IBM for two decades, first as a hardware/software architecture engineer and then as a senior intellectual property attorney. Prior to joining UConn Law, the IP Law Clinic's program coordinator, Kathleen Lombardi, practiced law with Adams & Rafferty in Massachusetts for a half dozen years, focusing on matters including small business representation and licensing.

KEEPING CONNECTICUT COMPETITIVE

"The IP Law Clinic embodies three of the finest traditions at UConn Law," says Greene. "First, it strengthens and deepens the School's long-standing commitment to clinical education. Second, it furthers our innovative approach to the study of intellectual property law. And, finally, it continues the School of Law's dedication to serving the people of Connecticut and contributing to the economic well-being of the state." Greene emphasizes that in addition to serving clients one-on-one, the clinical faculty regularly deliver presentations to innovator/entrepreneur groups throughout the state and to important organizations with complementary missions, such as the Yale Entrepreneurship Institute and UConn's Center for Clean Energy Engineering.

"If Connecticut is going to have a competitive economy long into the future, our country must continue building a robust intellectual property system," says Jeremy Paul, dean of the School of Law. "That is why we put so much effort into our Intellectual Property Program and why we are committed to assisting Connecticut entrepreneurs and innovators by providing the important services offered by the IP Law Clinic." 

Alumni with expertise in IP law help business growth

Using their expertise in intellectual property and other areas of law, UConn School of Law graduates Michael Grillo '91 J.D., Gerald DePardo '94 J.D. and Mark Myers '08 J.D. together have had a hand in stimulating economic growth in Connecticut.

With strong science and technical backgrounds in diverse fields—Grillo in electrical engineering and physics, DePardo in electrical engineering, and Myers in biology and applied mathematics—their careers all eventually intersected about a decade ago with a single company.

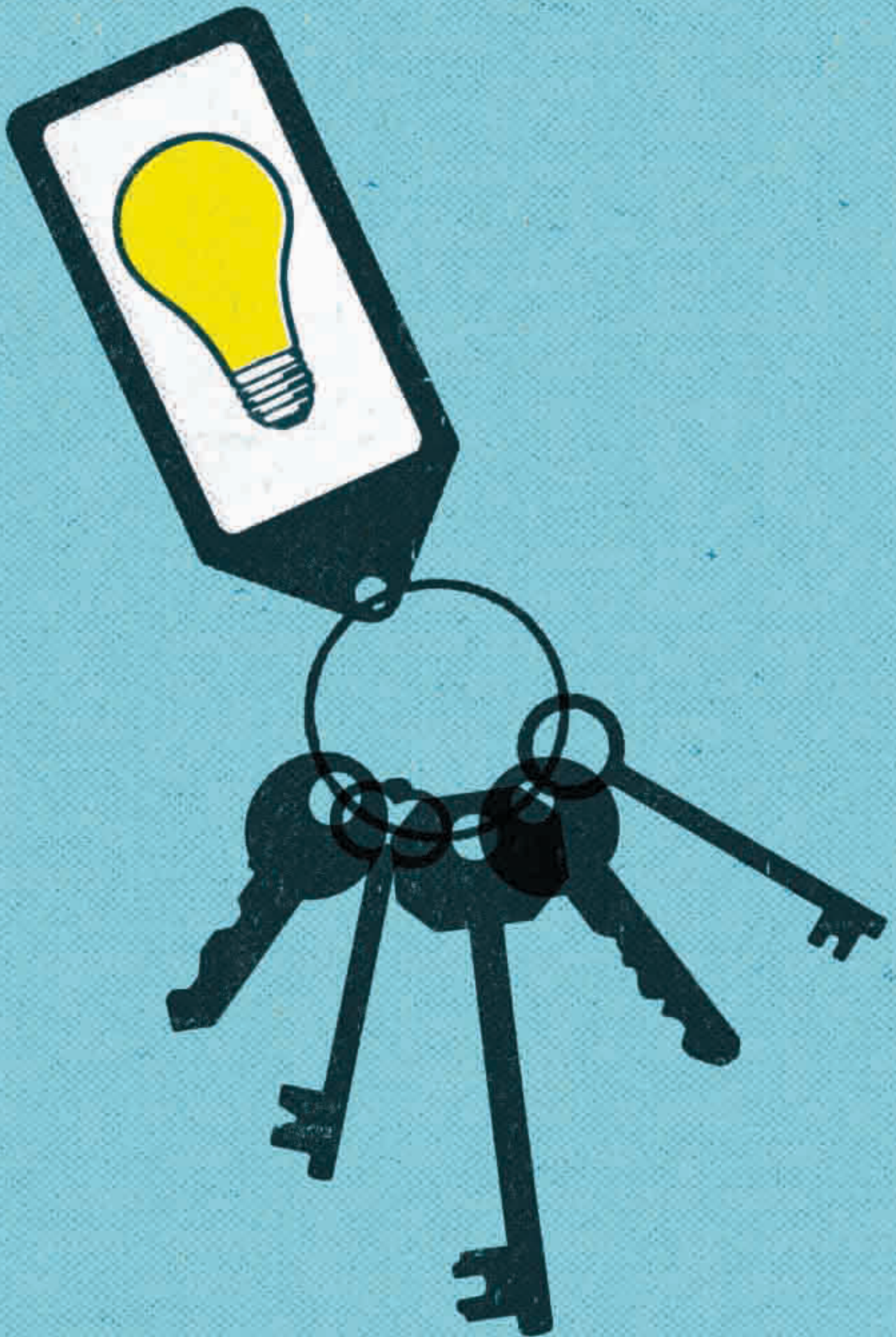
At CiDRA, a Wallingford-based company that designs and manufactures sensors used today in the mining, oilsands, and pulp and paper industries, Kevin Didden '81 (BUS)—CiDRA's president and CEO, and a fellow UConn alum—worked in different capacities with Grillo, DePardo and Myers to secure intellectual property rights for a developing sensor technology used in measuring temperatures, pressures, sound and flow in oil wells.

As a result of their work, Weatherford Industries, one of the largest oilfield service companies in the world, in 2001 bought—for \$130 million—the prototypes, intellectual property and know-how necessary to build the sensor technology. Grillo, DePardo

and Myers were integral in the deal, with Grillo serving as general counsel, DePardo helping potential acquirers understand CiDRA's intellectual property portfolio and crafting the sale of that portfolio, and Myers taking the lead on demonstrating how the technology worked in the field. "When we sold the division, revenues were quite low," recalls Grillo. "The value was in the intellectual property."

Today, CiDRA's primary product—a technology that Grillo, DePardo and Myers were instrumental in bringing to the marketplace—is used by leading companies in the mining, oilsands and pulp and paper industries. With the help of the law school alums, the company retained the rights to apply its sensor technology in other areas, including telecommunications and biotechnology.

Nearly a decade later, Grillo, DePardo and Myers are enjoying separate careers in which intellectual property continues to play a significant role in generating wealth for Connecticut businesses. Today DePardo serves as vice president, intellectual property counsel at The Travelers Company, Inc.; Myers heads up his own Storrs-based technical and business consulting firm, Point Break Associates LLC; and Grillo remains at CiDRA, where he is executive vice president, general counsel and secretary.



The anthropology of Feasting

By Natalie Munro

The success of the fall harvest has been a life-and-death event for our ancestors since the first seeds were sowed about 10,000 years ago in the Near East. It is not surprising that, across the globe, many important events of the year coincide with the harvest, including in North America, where we mark the harvest by celebrating Thanksgiving as a sumptuous feast.

The centrality of the feast in human gatherings, however, extends far beyond harvest festivals to major holidays and the marking of important life events. Special meals form not only the centerpiece of religious holidays, such as Christmas, Passover and Eid al-Fitr, which ends Ramadan, but also of weddings, graduations, birthday parties and funerals. The integration of feasts and special events is universal across human cultures.

So what exactly is a feast? A feast is a large and elaborate meal set apart from everyday dining in its size and investment and expressed in the use of special foods prepared in distinctive ways, often steeped in traditions that require significant time and resources. The foods—perhaps a favorite family recipe for cranberry sauce—also may be served using treasured tableware, such as Grandma’s china.

The Social Side of Feasting

At their most obvious, feasts serve to provision guests and to celebrate or commemorate special events. Feasts, however, also play much more subtle social roles. In particular, they serve as a social glue that holds communities together by smoothing tensions, forging alliances, creating shared memories and exchanging information.

An example at UConn is Midnight Breakfast, a “feast” that takes place to treat students before final exams. The meal is special because of the untraditional time of the event and because the type of food available is not typically consumed at night. In addition, students are served by faculty and staff who volunteer for the event. The breakfast creates a sense of community by flipping the traditional relationship between staff and students, promoting camaraderie and allowing these groups to mingle in a relaxed setting atypical of everyday interactions.

Given how deeply ingrained feasting is in modern human cultures and the significance of its social role, it may be surprising that until recently no compelling evidence for feasting prior to about 10,000 years ago existed.

Over the past decade, serving as an excavator and analyst of animal remains (bones and teeth) at the site of Hilazon Tachtit, a burial cave in the Galilee of Israel, I have uncovered evidence of feasting further back in history. The cave was in use around 12,000 years ago, when humans still hunted and gathered for a living. These folks were the first groups to settle down into more or less permanent communities and intensively harvest and process cereal grains, such as wheat, that now provide the foundation of our modern economy.

At least 28 individuals were buried at Hilazon Tachtit. One of these was an unusual older woman laid to rest in a specially prepared grave plastered with stone slabs and clay, accompanied by a variety of unusual animal remains. The animal parts included a leopard pelvis, a wild cow’s tail, the wing tip of a golden eagle, the skulls of two martens and the shells of at least 70 tortoises.

A variety of lines of evidence—including tool marks, bone fractures and burning patterns—tells us that the tortoises were roasted in their shells and then cracked open. The butchers removed the meat carefully so that the top of the shell was left whole. All of this happened at the time of burial, and then the tortoise remains were buried with the woman in her grave.

The site of a neighboring structure, meanwhile, has provided evidence of a second large feast, on wild cattle. The skeletal remains from at least three wild cows indicated that the meat had been removed using stone tools, and the marrow cavities breached to remove the valuable fat within. Adjacent limb bones were tossed into the fill when still bound by connective tissue, indicating that the bones were fresh when buried. Like the tortoises, the cattle bones provide evidence for the consumption of vast quantities of meat—enough for at least 2,000 half-pound hamburgers! This is of particular interest given the rarity of these animals in contemporary human sites. Although an intact





human burial rests on top of the cattle bones, it is impossible to know whether the cattle feast accompanied the burial of this individual or another person in the cave. Nevertheless, the tortoise and cattle remains found in the two structures attest to the importance of feasting at funerals, even at the very beginnings of the shift toward an agricultural lifestyle.

The Beginnings of Community

Given the universality of feasts at important events today, we might expect to find them 12,000 years ago in a burial cave in Israel. After all, feasting at funerals or near the graves of the dead are central to modern-day events, such as the Irish wake or the Mexican Day of the Dead. The items left at Hilazon Tachtit indicate that people visited this place specifically to bury their dead. In some cases the funerals were invested, signifying the respect that these people had for death.

Nevertheless, the site of Hilazon Tachtit provides the earliest evidence for a feast recovered to date. So why, even if people were feasting prior to this, do we first start to find the evidence for feasts at this juncture of human history?

I believe that it is because the site of Hilazon Tachtit came into use near the beginning of a period of profound social and economic change that culminated in the origins of agriculture. Heading down the pathway toward an agricultural lifestyle marked a point of no return for these hunter-gatherers. The intensive harvest of cereal grains and other wild plants and animals led people to settle into more permanent villages, which was fraught with new tensions caused by dramatic increases in interpersonal contact among community members. These folks needed new mechanisms to iron out everyday conflicts that arose under crowded living conditions and new experiences from which to develop a shared sense of pride and belonging to their community.

These are the kinds of roles that feasts continue to play even today. So this year when you sit down to Thanksgiving dinner, you need not worry when Auntie Marie and Grandpa start to quibble. Remember that you are in fact engaging in an important ritual feast that will strengthen social bonds and ultimately produce a more effective and cooperative community. 🍷

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TEACHING IN WARTIME



BY ANGELA GRANT '73 (CLAS), '77 J.D

During my final year at UConn, I did two things: I took “Law and Society” with Professor Ridgeway Davis and promised myself that, if I made an A, I would apply to law school. And just in case, I also took the minimum number of classes required for a teaching certificate.

I got the A and the teaching credential and taught part time for two years before heading to UConn Law, where I studied international law and served as president of the International Law Society, thinking I might return to Japan, the land of my childhood. I turned down an offer to join the Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) so that my son, Erik Goepner '89 (CLAS), could have an all-American childhood. I went to work as a staff attorney for the Connecticut General Assembly, where I spent much of my time educating legislators on how the state's bail bond system worked.

Several years later, armed with his own UConn degree, in political science—including credits in that same class with Professor Davis—Erik planned to take Capitol Hill by storm, perhaps as a legislative aide. He worked on Lowell Weicker's 1990 gubernatorial campaign, running errands and drafting white papers, before making the rounds in D.C.

Capitol Hill did not beckon, so Erik found his route to government service through a military career. His role models were his two grandfathers, who had fought on opposite sides in World War II. My father was a Navy chaplain in the Pacific, and Erik's Opa fought with Field Marshall Erwin Rommel in North Africa, winning the Iron Cross for bravery.

Now an Air Force colonel, Erik likes to say he has had the best career in the world. He has worked hard, has been steadily promoted, met his beautiful wife, Nancy, and earned two master's degrees, one in organizational studies and the other in military operational art and science, all thanks to the Air Force.

Meanwhile, teaching offered me a way home. I taught for two years at an international school in the Philippines, and my daughter, Clara, and I spent vacations with Erik, who was by then a captain in the United States Air Force, stationed in Japan. Later, I was recruited by the Department of Defense Dependents Schools to teach the children of active-duty military members at Lajes Field, Azores, in Portugal.



Angela Grant '73 (CLAS), '77 J.D.
and her son, Col. Erik Goepner '89
(CLAS), in Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Col. Erik Goepner, '89 (CLAS), center, commander, Zabul Provincial Reconstruction Team, accompanies other military personnel during a visit to local merchants in Qalat, Zabul province, Afghanistan, last June.

I also taught evening classes for the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) and last year was granted a leave of absence to teach full time at the Army Education Center at Kandahar Air Field (KAF), Afghanistan. UMUC has been teaching armed forces members since 1949, and in 2005 became the first to hold classes downrange.

Last fall, it all came together. Erik was serving as commander of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan's Zabul Province, a mere 45 minutes from KAF as the Chinook flies. He was building schools and helping the Afghan government find its footing, while I was teaching government and writing to the soldiers who shipped and repaired the equipment and supplies that sustained his team.

Teaching in a combat zone is like teaching anywhere, sort of. Students stash their stuff (M-4 rifles) where the teacher can trip on it. Sometimes they miss a class—but can't tell the teacher where they'd been. They write narrative essays about interesting experiences, such as their wild ride from Kuwait to join the Iraq invasion. Their mission, of course, lies outside the classroom. The way I see it, they are keeping our country safe for everyone who wants to study full time.

Proximity notwithstanding, the mission comes before Mom,

and I saw Erik only once, when he redeployed through KAF on his way home. His going-away gift was a referral to the command sergeant major at Forward Operating Base Apache, Christopher Martinez, who really wanted his infantrymen to go to college last winter.

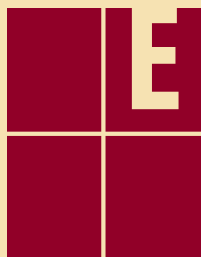
Erik and I are both still working in education, and Clara may follow soon. For the next year, he will be sharing lessons learned in counterinsurgency with members of a Washington, D.C., think tank, most of whom have never been downrange, while in turn learning from policymakers. After years of deployments throughout the Middle East, he will have a year at home with Nancy and my grandchildren, Rachel, Josh and Daniel.

I plan to teach forever, but even when I finally leave the board markers and textbooks behind, I expect I will still be informing anyone who will listen that U.S. military members are American's finest—inside and outside the classroom. 🇺🇸

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Challenges in Social



“Social work is a passion as well as a profession.”

Earlier this year, *UConn Magazine* brought together a distinguished panel of alumni from the School of Social Work to discuss current issues and challenges in the field of social work. The alumni who gathered in the Zachs Community Room in Hartford included Joseph Bisson '93 M.S.W., vice president of business development, Saint Raphael Healthcare System, New Haven; Robin McHaelen '94 M.S.W., executive director, True Colors, Hartford; Heidi McIntosh '92 (SFS), '98 M.S.W., senior policy advisor, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.; Carlos Rivera '94 M.S.W., director, Department of Health and Human Services, Hartford; and Patricia Wilcox '78 M.S.W., vice president of strategic development, Klingberg Family Centers, New Britain. Catherine Havens '74 M.S.W., '84 J.D., associate dean of the School of Social Work, moderated.



Catherine Havens '74 M.S.W., '84 J.D., center with back to camera, leads a roundtable discussion on current issues in social work with alumni from the School of Social Work. Clockwise from left: Carlos Rivera '94 M.S.W., Patricia Wilcox '78 M.S.W., Joseph Bisson '93 M.S.W., Heidi McIntosh '92 (SFS), '98 M.S.W. and Robin McHaelen '94 M.S.W.

Work Today

What do you see as some of the major challenges for social workers today?

McHaelen: One of the most significant challenges is this concept about doing more with less. The range of responsibilities for social workers continues to grow exponentially, but the number of employees doesn't grow. Each social worker has to be both a micro and a macro person.

Rivera: As the needs of our environments pull at us and really stretch our resources, it's more and more difficult for social workers to find good mentors. I was fortunate in that I had certain mentors, but nowadays you're just thrust into the environment without much support.

McIntosh: There's been a national decline in caseloads, but I think people confuse caseload with workload. It's not a one-to-one metric. Whether it's your state legislature, or even Congress, they want to build a budget according to caseload decline. The struggle of social workers is to put into words the work that needs to be done on cases. People want to assign a dollar amount to the caseloads so that the [budget] dollar declines as the caseload

declines. It's important to have a conversation about workload versus caseload.

Bisson: We're all involved in health care to an extent, and I think it relates very strongly to the national debate right now regarding health care reform and how you manage some of the issues that are coming down the pike. Where does social work fit into helping manage populations and helping to create accountable care organizations? There are some real national challenges when you're trying to deal with diminished resources.

Wilcox: The work that social workers do is hard work because you interact with so much pain. Whatever realm the social worker is in, they end up connecting with a lot of difficult experiences. In order to keep people fresh and vibrant in this work, they need time to take care of themselves; they need time to talk to others about what they're experiencing.

Rivera: Our degree is a multifaceted degree. When you get an M.S.W., people always ask, 'What exactly are you going to be doing?' You're expected to do a little bit of everything. I think that the schools, the academic institutions, are being challenged

“The work that social workers do is hard work because you interact with so much pain.”

more and more. They need to be up to the challenge to adequately prepare the students for an ever-changing environment because there're all types of demands being placed on social workers.

What are some other issues that you think are particular challenges across all your various experiences?

McIntosh: Everything is data-driven now, and I think it's probably something all of us could relate to. It impacts social workers, but it impacts all of our entities as well. We know that data drives the budget. It drives billions of dollars. But for social workers, trying to translate it [into helping clients] is what we struggle with the most. That's a significant challenge.

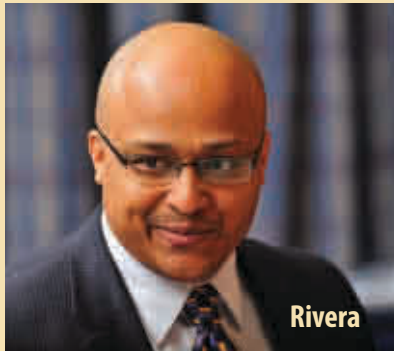
Wilcox: What we have a really hard time with, and it affects social workers, is that some of the people in the world are very badly hurt and can't be fixed in six-week programs or 12-week programs. We really need a concerted approach over years, and yet that's pretty hard to come by in our system today.

What role can social workers play in current societal issues such as social justice, health care reform, education and others?

McHaelen: Social workers can help frame the questions appropriately.

We can, at the policy level, help people look at the issues from a human perspective and, in using the construct of social work, help inform the questions that they're asking. I worked with gay, lesbian, bi- and transsexual youth, and for a long time they were viewed as a monolithic group. We began to discover that not all gay kids are at risk; that a subset of gay kids are the ones that are at risk, and this is where the resources should go. [You] look for ways for the social workers at the higher levels to be able to say, 'Here's what the question should be, and here's how you should be looking at the issue.'

McIntosh: It's important for our voice to be at the national level [and] at the state level because it's important to say that we see it from the ground level, and we need to blend our resources together. Social workers are nimble and flexible where others aren't, and we have the ability to bring people to the table to really talk about resources, where there are policy gaps, and reframe issues.



Rivera



McIntosh

How do you think your social work education at UConn influenced you?

Rivera: I still remember the first thing my field instructor asked me. He said, "So, tell me about yourself." And I immediately felt threatened. I said, "This isn't supposed to be about me. It's about them." That has really stuck with me because as a social worker—which I really feel I still am—you have to know yourself. Unless you do a lot of introspection and really consider why you do what you do, it really minimizes your effectiveness. That's something that I preach to my management team all the time.

Bisson: I was working full time when I got my social work degree. They worked it so I could do my field instruction at my place of employment. I remember that it was tremendously helpful to me, in terms of the work I was doing, that I could apply what I was learning to work.

to understand that they have rights too, and that voice needs to be heard. We need to help them find that voice. That's a critical role.



Wilcox

McIntosh: It was a time of self-reflection, a time for me to really think about what I wanted to do and how I was going to apply what I was learning in the classroom and in my field placement.

Wilcox: You don't often get a chance to try on a couple of jobs—do one job for a year and then a different job for another year; that really helps you formulate what you're looking for. If you can try different parts of social work, hopefully your two placements are quite different from each other, [and] you can clarify what kind of job you want.



Bisson

What do you think the School of Social Work, through its M.S.W. program, should do to prepare future social workers?

Rivera: I think it's important for the instructors to connect strongly with the students. It was something that I was passionate about, so taking an individual's passions and making perhaps some individualized time, bringing more experiential things into the classroom.

Wilcox: Something the School has improved quite a bit since I was here is being flexible with adults who have lives and have to have various adaptations but still want to learn and contribute a lot.

McIntosh: I like that the School has broadened out to get more of a generalist role in the first year and to offer everybody having both micro and macro experiences in the first year.

McHaelen: One of the ways that the School helped me the most and how it influenced me was that they were willing to be really flexible with me. They were supportive and gave me the resources to create my own experience. And out of that fieldwork experience grew the agency that I run. One sort of just grew right out of the other.



Havens

Bisson: There's a real connection happening with the people who have graduated from the School and the broader community of social workers who have left the educational setting. My sense is there's a real outreach to professionals in the field.

Wilcox: I think that partnership idea is very important—having more and more active partnerships with all the agencies of social workers and having people from the practice come in to talk to the students.

What would your advice be to someone who expresses an interest in pursuing social work as a profession?

Wilcox: There's such a wide variety of things you can do. You can clarify with your field placements and your experience what part of the profession you want to go into.



McHaelen

McHaelen: Social work is a passion as well as a profession. The best social workers don't do this as a job. They do it as a career and as a passion, something that fills up who we want to be in the world and what we want to be in the world. If you want to take your passion, create something and work with people to create something

in their lives, social work is the place to be able to do that.

Bisson: I would encourage anyone who is going into it to do the real social work first—in my case, it was families—to really have a sense of what the foundation of the practice is before you go into policy or to administration. It helps to understand the scope of what you're dealing with and what you're trying to impact on a broader level when you take on greater responsibilities.

McIntosh: From private practice all the way to huge think tanks in Washington, D.C., social work has a huge influence, and you want to dream that you can be that as a social worker. That's what I think is amazing about our profession. 🌱

Mills marches band to success

'GREAT ADVENTURE' IN LEADING STUDENTS ON THE FIELD



PETER MORENUS

When David Mills arrived as UConn's assistant director of bands in 1990, the basketball program was only just emerging on the national stage, and another 12 years would elapse before a full-fledged Division I-A football team materialized. At the time, the UConn Marching Band comprised a mere 120 members.

"The University was not, in 1990, what it is now," says Mills, a music professor in the School of Fine Arts and director of the UConn marching, pep and symphony bands. "Back in the day at Memorial Stadium, there was really very little of what anyone would call a traditional collegiate football atmosphere. People liked the band but didn't think anything of it."

In the 21 years since, however, Mills has more than doubled the size of the marching band. Today, its 300-plus members make up the largest student organization on campus, dedicating many hours a week to rehearsing music and intricate drills on the field in hopes of firing up devoted fans of Huskies football and basketball throughout the year. They also travel nationwide to perform at bowl games and NFL games and have appeared at other major events such as

the 1992 Presidential Inaugural Parade and 1996 World Series.

"Now, there's a real atmosphere at football games," Mills says. "There's energy flowing through the band—not just from the band—and that makes a tremendous difference. Then you tack onto that the excitement of TV, the Big East and playing real football schools. ... The magic of it is that [the students] come in, and their energy, their dedication, their desire to do something better is just so energizing. They feed that energy back."

Crediting the triumphs of basketball coaches Jim Calhoun and Geno Auriemma, the revitalization of the campus through the UCONN 2000 program and the rise of UConn's football team, Mills says such strides collectively boosted the University's profile to provide the momentum necessary to build

the caliber of marching band program he always envisioned.

"All things had to work together," he says. "It was like riding a wave that's perfect. We were ready to catch that wave."

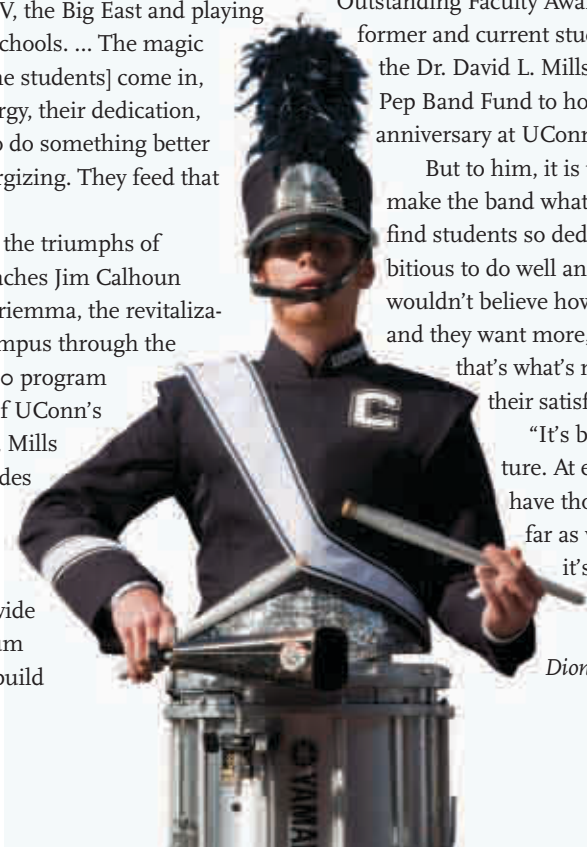
Recalling the marching band's trip this past September to play at halftime before 113,000 impassioned football fans at the revamped University of Michigan stadium, Mills acknowledges his pride in the band's powerful presence.

"We get off the bus in Michigan, looking like a million dollars. We were ready. You could see it in their faces. We looked the part," he says. "We were rehearsing that morning, and [Michigan fans] knew somebody was there—not just some little school from the East but somebody significant."

Mills' enthusiasm for teaching music and band directing has not gone unnoticed. This past year, the Alumni Association presented him with a Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award and the School of Fine Arts granted him an Outstanding Faculty Award, while his former and current students founded the Dr. David L. Mills Marching & Pep Band Fund to honor his 20th anniversary at UConn.

But to him, it is the students who make the band what it is today. "We find students so dedicated and so ambitious to do well and work hard. You wouldn't believe how hard they work, and they want more," Mills says. "And that's what's most rewarding—their satisfaction."

"It's been a great adventure. At every point that I have thought, 'This is as far as we're going to go,' it's been the foundation for the next step." — Stefanie Dion Jones '00 (CLAS)





Having read her way to a new career

SHARON HARRIS' SECOND CAREER IN RESEARCH AND LITERATURE

Working in the business world for 15 years, little did Sharon Harris know that the literature courses she was taking in the evening for her own enjoyment would eventually lead to earning a doctorate and a new career in academia.

"I had some terrific professors who encouraged me to go on to grad school," says Harris, today an English professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and director of UConn's Humanities Institute. "I thought the most I would do is to get an M.A. But once I was immersed, I realized that what I loved more than anything was doing research."

That passion for research has led her to publish dozens of articles and book chapters, in addition to 15 books—from

collections of critical essays to anthologies and, among her most recent works, a scholarly biography—all of which have stemmed from her fascination with literary history.

"My primary focus is always the literature," says Harris, whose current projects include an anthology of international feminist writings from ancient Greece to the present. "But it's really the culture itself that fascinates me and what the literature was presenting and why."

An expert in 19th-century American literature, women writers and feminist literary theory, Harris has also come to discover over the past decade an interest specifically in the field of literature and medicine.

"I kept seeing these representations of women physicians in the novels and realized that I didn't really know much about when women became physicians. So I started doing some research and became fascinated with it," she says. "You start looking at things and trying to get a sort of historical and cultural perspective, and the next thing you know, you have a mass of materials."

The result of her curiosity was *Dr. Mary Walker: An American Radical* (Rutgers University Press, 2009), a critical biography focused on one of the nation's first female physicians and an activist for women's suffrage, one of four books Harris published in 2009 alone.

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For Harris, who in 2009 was also honored with the UConn Alumni Association's Excellence in Research Award for the Humanities, exploring archives, recovering early literature and continuing to discover the past remain crucial to understanding our present and seeing the "parallels from the 19th century to our own contemporary world."

Within the classroom, Harris not only hopes to pass on her love for literary history and early women writers but also to challenge how students think about the past. "We don't know everything about the past. ... We can continue to learn about it," she says. "I think if we have that in mind, we're much more willing to also learn in the present—to understand that those are connected."

Ultimately, she says, "Whatever we teach, our hope ... is that we really want [students] to think critically. Not to say this is how you should think, but these are the skills you need to be able to question what you read or whatever commentaries you hear or whatever you're writing yourself."
— Stefanie Dion Jones '00 (CLAS)

1930s



Morton N. Katz '39 (CLAS), '51 J.D. received the 2010 Hartford County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for

his extensive volunteer work, including working with Statewide Legal Services since 1996. The award was presented at the association's annual Law Day ceremony on April 30, 2010. Morton also served as pro bono counsel with the Connecticut Bar Association's "Law Works for People" for 10 years and as a special public defender with the Public Defender's Office since 1997.

1940s

Mary (Wiemann) McShane '44 (BUS) is retired in Florida, where she is busy as an avid quilter making full-size quilts and baby quilts, knitting baby hats as a church project, delivering Chemo Hats for cancer patients and a new project—making prayer squares for hospice. She also enjoys her six grandchildren and getting together with her high school and college classmates
Inez (Abel) Lattimore '44 (CLAS) and **Patricia (Confrey) Thevenet '44 (ED)**.

1950s

Richard Harrington '53 (CLAS), '91 6th Year, retired airline and Federal Aviation Administration procedures pilot, lives in Florida and teaches driver's education, drug and alcohol, anger and road rage classes.

Shirley (Cadwell) Horn '54 (NUR) is retired. She and her husband, Robert, celebrate their 58-year anniversary this August.



Albert Kaplan '56 M.S. is enjoying retirement from Albuquerque Public Schools after teaching history and

biology for 42 years. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force after 28 years of active and reserve duty with two tours in the Far East. He has been included in *Sports Illustrated* for coaching high school tennis and winning 16 state championships.

1960s

Holger Lundin '60 (CLAS) has been elected to a second term as the chairperson of Wethersfield (Conn.) Computer Learning Center, a group of retired men and women who help seniors to use computers. The Center has taught more than 400 seniors in the greater Wethersfield community the skill of using a computer to enrich their lives since its founding some years ago. He and his wife, Judy, live in Wethersfield.

Mark F. O'Neill '60 (RHSA) has retired from landscape design, consulting and serving as a U.S. Army Reserves captain.



Brian Flesher '63 (BUS) is a hairstylist and salon manager after going to beauty school in 1997. He does

hair and makeup for plays, earning him a Zoni Award in 2006. He also reviews plays and is expanding his career to become a professional makeup artist.

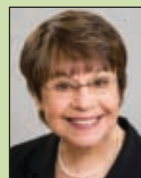
Glenn S. Allen '64 M.S.W. is retired and living in Pawling, N.Y.

John A. Cutler '66 (BUS) is a senior advisor for Chevy Chase Trust in Washington, D.C.



Dick Pirozzolo '67 (SFA) is founder of Pirozzolo Company Public Relations in Wellesley, Mass. He recently led a seminar in Indonesia on

U.S. public relations and crisis management practices for executives from international corporations. He is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America.



Kathleen A. Butler '68 (CLAS), '70 M.A., '81 Ph.D.

is acting dean of the School of Education at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn. She is a professor of education and resides in Columbia, Conn.

Scott Cowen '68 (BUS), president of Tulane University in New Orleans,

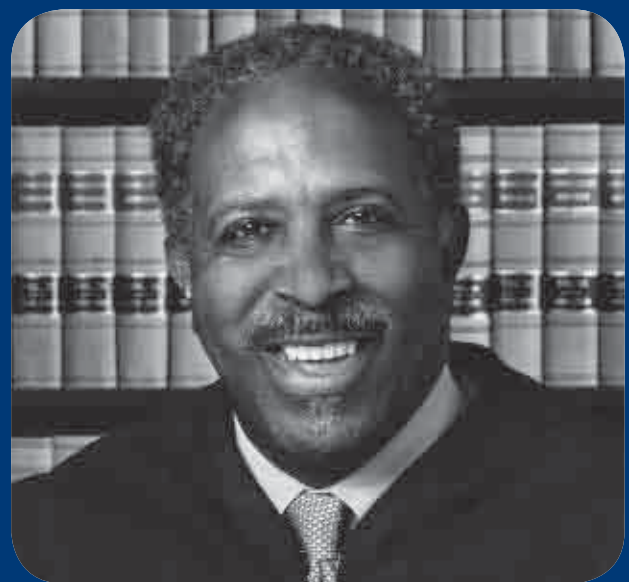
was named to President Obama's newly formed White House Council for Community Solutions, which provides advice to the president on the best ways to mobilize citizens, nonprofits, businesses and government to solve specific community needs.



Richard B. True '68 M.S., '72 Ph.D., chief scientist at L-3 Communications in San Carlos, Calif., received the Institute of

Electrical and Electronics Engineers and Electron Devices Society's award for excellence in vacuum electronics in May 2010. He is a member of the UConn Academy of Distinguished Engineers.

Robert Stepno '69 (CLAS), assistant professor in the School of Communication at Radford



Named to Connecticut Supreme Court

Lubbie Harper Jr. '67 M.S.W., '75 J.D. is an associate justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, nominated by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and confirmed by the General Assembly. He is chair of the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System and the state's representative to the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts. He lives with his wife, Twila, in North Haven, Conn.



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University in Radford, Va., launched a media history blog and podcast on jheroes.com, focusing on the portrayal of journalists in popular culture.

1970s



Christine Gelineau '72 (CLAS) teaches poetry and American literature at Binghamton University in

Binghamton, N.Y., and is the author of her second full-length collection of poetry, *Appetite for the Divine*, published by Ashland Poetry Press in April 2010. She is on the core faculty of the low-residency Creative Writing Program at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. She and her husband, Stephen Herz, have bred Morgan horses under the Hartland prefix since 1972.



Jay Sher '72 (CLAS) practices general dentistry in Livingston, N.J., and is president of the Essex County Dental Society for

the current year.



John Zeaman '72 (CLAS), art columnist for *Design New Jersey* magazine, is the author of *Dog Walks Man: A Six-Legged Odyssey*,

published by Lyons Press in October 2010. He regularly reviews New York-area museum shows for *The Record* and *Star-Ledger*, New Jersey-based news outlets. He lives with his wife, Janet Chatfield, in Leonia, N.J., and has two children.

Jeff Davidson '73 (BUS), '74 M.B.A. received the trademark "Work-Life Balance Expert" from the United States Patent and Trademark Office after a 10-year campaign. He has written more than 50 books.

Rita Barredo '75 (CLAS) received her master's degree in public history from Central Connecticut State University in 2010.

Rosalyn Cama '75 (CLAS), president of CAMA, Inc. in New Haven, Conn., was named among the top 25 most influential in health care design for 2009 and 2010 by Vendome Publishing's *Healthcare Design* magazine.

Robert W. Crispin '75 M.B.A. joined the PFM Group's board of directors. He formerly served as chairman and chief executive officer of ING Investment Management Americas and is the first independent outside director to serve on PFM's board.

Susan Goldstein '75 (CLAS) is the author of *Hollywood Forever*, a murder mystery set in Hollywood, published by Five Star in February.

Thomas Piacentini '75 (BUS) is managing director for Babson Capital in Springfield, Mass., where he is responsible for investments in media, cable and telecom sectors. He recently traveled to Japan to honor the 50th anniversary of the Uechi-Ryu Kenyukai Karate organization with participants from Europe, Latin America and Africa. He has practiced karate for 40 years and has recently opened a school in Southwick, Mass., where he resides with his wife, Elizabeth.



Steven H. Rosenberg '75 (BUS) is chief financial officer at Western Connecticut Healthcare, where

he oversees finances at Danbury Hospital, New Milford Hospital and the affiliates of the company. He is a member of the Connecticut Hospital Association Finance Committee and the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He lives with his family in New Haven County.



Katz takes on DCF leadership

PETER MORENUS

When she was a public defender, Joette Katz '77 J.D. represented a man who was charged with killing two children. The man had had a troubled childhood moving in and out of the child welfare system.

"I viewed him as a real failure of our system," Katz recalls. "I knew by the time I represented him it was too late. Most of the time, these people fall through the cracks; so did this gentleman, but we've had records so we could see where things went awry. I always carried that case with me."

The memory of that case helped lead Katz to a major decision in her life—to resign her position as an associate justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court after 18 years and take on what is considered one of the most difficult jobs in the state—commissioner of the Department of Children and Families (DCF), an agency operating under federal oversight because of its long history of problems.

Katz's appointment by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy was one of his first major announcements after his election last year. At the time, it was noted that she had no experience leading a large agency beyond her work as administrative judge for the state's appellate courts. Katz views it as beneficial to tackling the job.

"I don't pretend to have a magic wand, and I don't think I'm any better than my predecessors," she says. "I come at it with a slightly different perspective because I'm an outsider. I can approach something with a fresh perspective. When I talk to people and question them, I get a lot of 'Well, this is the way we've always done it.' That is the culture, and I'm not wedded to that."

Since taking on her new role, Katz has barnstormed throughout Connecticut to meet many of the more than 3,000 DCF workers she oversees in offices and facilities throughout the state with an overall budget of \$900 million. She has started to reorganize many of the agency's functions to work more efficiently for their clients. She says she is working her way through each agency issue and hopes to use the lesson she learned as a justice: Not every issue can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

"I take that experience to this one and realize I'm not going to right every wrong and make everything perfect," Katz says. "I'm not going to make anything perfect. I'm just going to try and make it better."

— *Kenneth Best*



Onofrio: Instinctive communicator for clients



Being a proud UConn alum is not enough for Fran Onofrio '81 (CLAS). Serving as a mentor for a current UConn student, sitting on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors and sharing his knowledge as part of the Association's membership and marketing committee, Onofrio is eager to offer his professional expertise as a way to give back to the University.

"If people want my counsel or energy or a set of hands, I'm here to do that," says Onofrio, president of Mason, Inc., a Bethany, Conn., brand development and marketing communications firm. "I'm doing it because I've just been so impressed with the changes at UConn—not just the physical changes, but the success of the sports, the academic successes. I'm proud

to be a graduate of UConn."

With more than 25 years of expertise in public relations and communications, including 13 years at Mason, Onofrio is a valuable resource and has the kind of knowledge that also serves him well in the business world. At Mason, he guides clients of all sizes and across many different industries in discovering how to showcase their greatest strengths to their own customers.

"You hear the word 'authenticity' a lot today, and it's become a buzzword in marketing. But it's true. ... We don't position a client beyond their capabilities and what they can deliver. You get one shot," says Onofrio, who has partnered with clients as diverse as Yale-New Haven Hospital, The United Illuminating Company, Bruegger's Bagels, Travelers Insurance and the Connecticut Sun.

Onofrio, a longtime member of the Public Relations Society of America and a 2010 inductee to its College of Fellows for his contribution to the public relations profession, has what he calls an "instinct" for uncovering the specific strengths of companies. He and his team at Mason help clients articulate their company's unique story or leadership in a particular market and then communicate it not only with authenticity but also with consistency.

"We always start with looking at what they are trying to do," Onofrio says of his clients. "What products or services are they selling? Where do they fit into the marketplace? What's true to them? ... It's really looking at what's at the heart of an organization, what it delivers well and bringing that to life."

— *Stefanie Dion Jones '00 (CLAS)*

Susan A. Kinsman '76 (CLAS), '94 J.D. is director of communications for the Connecticut attorney general's office.

Nancy Rudner Lugo '76 (CLAS) is president and nurse practitioner coach for HealthAction.biz, a Florida workplace health services company. She also serves on the executive council for AARP Florida.



Trudie Lamb Richmond '76 M.A. serves on the board of the New England Foundation for the Arts. She is retired from her previous position as director of public programs at the Mashantucket Pequot

Museum and Research Center in Mashantucket, Conn.



Robert Britt '77 (BUS), chief financial officer at SBE, Inc. in Barre, Vt., was elected chair of the Vermont Economic

Development Authority board of directors. Prior to joining SBE, he was an independent management consultant to companies needing turnaround assistance and served as the chief executive officer and on the board of directors at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.

Scott Brown '77 (BUS) is president and chief operating officer of U.S. operations at Southwest Windpower

in Flagstaff, Ariz. He brings more than 25 years of experience in designing and implementing reconstructive strategies to large public and privately held companies.



Janine Gelineau '77 (SFA) is a multi-media specialist and photographer at the UConn Health Center in Farmington, Conn.

She is a finalist for the da Vinci Eye Award from the Eric Hoffer Project in recognition of superior cover artwork for her graphic design work for the book *Appetite for the Divine*, written by her sister, **Christine Gelineau '72 (CLAS)**.



John Healey '77 (CLAS) is serving his fifth consecutive term as district attorney of Fort Bend County, Texas.

He was appointed district attorney in 1992 after serving for 10 years as the assistant district attorney. He and his wife, Theodora, reside in Richmond, Texas.

John Malfettone '77 (BUS) is senior managing director at Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, where he oversees compliance, finance, operations, human resources, administration, information technology and work on cross portfolio initiatives.

Richard Slutsky '77 M.B.A. is president and chief executive officer at Tower One/Tower East assisted living facility in New Haven, Conn. He has more than 20 years of senior-level experience managing elder-care organizations in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Nadine D. McBride '78 M.B.A. is director of operations at the *Norwich Bulletin*, where she oversees the newspaper's departments and daily operations of the company and its products.



John R. Morgan '78 (CLAS) oversees license exams for the government of Bermuda and has written nine exam preparation books for real estate license exams. He has lived in Connecticut since 1998 after earning his master's degree at Brown University. He lives with his wife, Barbara, and sons, John and Charley, in Waterford, Conn.

Dennis Wolff '78 (BUS) is head coach of the women's basketball program at Virginia Tech. He previously was director of basketball operations for Virginia Tech's men's basketball team.

Kevin Fauteux '79 M.S.W. is the author of *Defusing Angry People: Practical Tools for Handling Bullying, Threats, and Violence*, published by New Horizon Press in February.

Brian A. Gragnolati '79 (BUS) is senior vice president of the Johns Hopkins Health System, where he heads Johns Hopkins Medicine's community division, which was recently created to ensure greater system-wide clinical integration.

1980s

M. Jeffrey Spahr '80 M.B.A. is president of the board for the Connecticut Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities, in East Norwalk, Conn. He is a major advocate for people with ADHD and learning disabilities and was the driving force behind former Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell's issuance of an official statement recognizing ADHD awareness week in Connecticut.

Paul E. Bouton '81 M.B.A. is chair of Nixon Peabody's regulatory and real estate department, based in Boston, and previously served on the management committee as chair. He focuses his practice in the area of multifamily housing finance and development, primarily representing owners and developers of affordable housing developments.

Cynthia Booth Lord '81 (CLAS), '82 (CANR) is clinical associate professor and director of the physician assistant program in the School of Health Sciences at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. She was appointed to the Primary Care Coalition of Connecticut, a group that promotes a more effective system of primary health care in Connecticut.



Kerri Mansberg '81 (CANR), '86 M.B.A. is a client executive for the Eastern Region at ITA Partners in Philadelphia.

Daniel Schwartz '81 (CLAS), head of school at Baker Demonstration School in Wilmette, Ill., is planning a national education conference with the Progressive Education Network in Chicago for November 2011. The conference aims to create networking opportunities and discuss progressive education.



Ken Tager '81 J.D., an attorney for the city of Rio Rancho, N.M., is president of the New Mexico Municipal Attorneys

Association. He performed for the second year in a local production of *The Nutcracker*, in Albuquerque.



Jennifer Doble '83 (CLAS), '83 (ED), a physician in Ann Arbor, Mich., specializes in traumatic brain injury and neurological rehabilitation. She practiced

as a physical therapist for five years before attending medical school at Brown University. She is married with two children.

Lou A. Oleksy '83 (BUS) is vice president of sales at Hyde Tools in Southbridge, Mass., where he manages sales to large national accounts, including Home Depot and Menards. He has been with the company for 26 years and has provided leadership for shaping the company's sales strategy for national accounts.

Joan Hofmann '84 6th Year, '90 Ph.D. is a professor of special education at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn. She lives in Columbia, Conn.

Steve Patten '85 (CLAS) earned the Certified Commercial Investment Member designation from the CCIM Institute, a commercial real estate association, in recognition of completing graduate-level education and presenting a portfolio of experience. The designation was awarded at the Institute's annual business meeting in Orlando in December.



Hal Smullen '85 M.B.A. is president of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.'s Hartford location.

He has more than 30 years of industry experience in insurance brokerage and underwriting.

Peter LaPorta '86 (CLAS), a motivational speaker, is the author of his third book, *A Quote For Every Day*, published by AuthorHouse in February, which follows his previous two books, *Ignite the Passion* and *Who Hired These People?*

Donald B. Mills '86 M.B.A. is chief financial officer at St. Augustine Gold and Copper Ltd., a mining company focused on bringing the advance-stage King-King property, located in the Philippines, into production.

Allison M. Keeton '87 (BUS) is the author of her first book, *Ace That Interview: Advice from a Real Recruiter*, available for the Amazon Kindle.



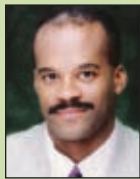
War stories from Iraq

Eric Owles, '98 (CLAS), chief multimedia producer for *The New York Times* online edition, spoke to journalism students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in March about his experiences covering the Iraq war and combining traditional reporting skills with new technology to tell stories from around the world.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Walt Paskowski '87 (BUS) is vice president of North American sales at Harris Corporation, an international communications and information technology company. He previously was vice president of North American vertical markets sales with Alcatel-Lucent for 11 years.

Lynn Dailey '88 (BUS) is manager of the marketing services division for ESSA Bank & Trust in Stroudsburg, Penn. She has been with the company for nine years and most recently was marketing officer.



Lewis A. Wallace Jr. '88 (BUS) is a general manager of global engine services sales and marketing for United

Technologies' Pratt & Whitney. He has spent 22 years in the commercial aviation aftermarket services sector. He resides with his wife and two young children in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Ramona Carlow '89 J.D., vice president of public policy and strategy for AT&T, is chairman of the board of directors of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, where she will serve a one-year term. She also serves on the board of the Connecticut Science Center and is actively involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She lives with her husband, Brian, and their two teenage daughters in Cheshire, Conn.



Dennis J. Stanek, Jr. '89 (BUS) is senior vice president of RBC Wealth Management in Hartford, Conn. He was recently named

one of the top financial advisors by *Connecticut Magazine* and is a longtime member of the board of directors for The Hospital of Central Connecticut and vice chair of the hospital's investment committee.

Robert Zarnetke '89 M.A. is the regional administrator of the General Services Administration's New England region, where he oversees the administration's operations in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, including federal real estate and information technology.

1990s

James Czapiga '90 (BUS) is vice president and Connecticut and Rhode Island agency services manager at Stewart Title Guaranty Company. He has served for 15 years in the title insurance industry.

Lawrence H. Davis '90 M.A., '01 Ph.D. is a professor of history and was awarded tenure at North Shore Community College in Danvers, Mass., where he teaches world and European history. He lives with his wife, Donna, and 9-year-old son, Harrison, in Middleton, Mass.

Lisa Ellin '90 (CLAS) opened a Boston branch of her information technology consulting and staffing company, Safari Technical Staffing. She volunteers at the Suffolk County House of Corrections in South Boston and teaches job-searching strategies to incarcerated males who want to make changes in their lives.



Christine Higgins '90 (BUS), '92 M.B.A. is vice president of underwriting at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in

Connecticut. She previously was director of sales for the public sector sales team and has been with the company since 1992. She is involved with the company's employee culture team, which provides volunteer and financial support to various nonprofit agencies. She lives with her husband, John, and children, Connor and Tyler, in Stratford, Conn.



Donald J. Costello '91 (CLAS) is director of the Eye Clinic at St. Thomas Community Health Care Center in New Orleans. He has

lived in New Orleans since 1996, residing there with his wife and two sons.

Walter Ellison '91 M.S. is the editor of *Second Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Maryland and the District of Columbia*, published by The Johns Hopkins University Press in December 2010.

Christine Shaw '91 (CLAS), '96 J.D. is chief of staff for Connecticut State Treasurer Denise Nappier, overseeing the operating divisions of the Treasury, including the pension fund, and cash and debt management.

Klarn DePalma '92 (BUS), vice president and general manager at WFSB Hartford, was named "General Manager of the Year" by *Broadcasting & Cable* magazine. He began his career with WFSB as an entry-level salesperson shortly after graduating from UConn.

PETER MORENUS



Flynn leads Greater Hartford CVB

Robert Flynn '00 M.B.A., vice president of strategic marketing for The Travelers Companies, was elected chair of the Greater Hartford Convention & Visitors Bureau. Before joining Travelers, Flynn was founding executive director of the Connecticut Insurance and Financial Services Cluster and served in strategic management positions with Aetna Financial Services and a financial services technology subsidiary of Mellon Financial.

Academic coach on the bench



When Alyssa Budkofsky '01 (ED) listens to the student-athletes on the men's basketball team at Quinnipiac University describe the challenges of getting their schoolwork done and still meeting their obligations for practice, games and travel, she is sympathetic up to a point.

After all, Budkofsky, assistant athletic director for men's basketball academic support at Quinnipiac, once faced a similar situation herself, as a student manager for the Huskies. Today, she tells her student-athletes: "I had to go to practice and go to class. I know you're going to have to make sacrifices in your personal life, but that's what you have to do to make that commitment."

Soon after earning her degree in sports marketing, Budkofsky received a call from Karl Hobbs '84 (CLAS), who had been named head coach at George Washington University after being a Jim Calhoun assistant coach at UConn, asking if she would be interested in going to graduate school and working as a

student manager. While obtaining a master's degree in business administration, Budkofsky tutored basketball players at George Washington to earn extra money. With her M.B.A. in hand, she then spent a year and a half working for the management division of Ripken Baseball, led by former Baltimore Orioles star Cal Ripken Jr., before returning to George Washington as an academic advisor and earning a second master's degree in higher education.

Budkofsky started as academic advisor for men's basketball in 2007 at Quinnipiac, when Tom Moore was named head men's coach and established an academic advisor position for his team. Moore, a former assistant coach to Calhoun at UConn, had previously hired Budkofsky as a student manager for the Huskies.

"Alyssa has been invaluable in our efforts to establish a culture of academic excellence in our men's basketball program," says Moore. "Her work ethic, loyalty and commitment to the academic process have been the driving forces behind us being noted by FoxSports as having the largest increase in our academic progress rate score of any Division I men's basketball program in the country."

Budkofsky met Moore on her first day in Storrs as a freshman in 1997, when she visited the men's basketball office to see how she could get involved with the team. The meeting put her in a front-row seat for a basketball journey she never anticipated, including being part of the Huskies' first NCAA title in 1999.

"I was never very good at sports," says Budkofsky, who sits on the team bench during games. "I played softball and danced. I grew up in Connecticut [Bloomfield] and loved watching UConn basketball. That's where my passion for sports started."

Budkofsky has offered academic support not only to her student-athletes, but has also worked with Quinnipiac assistant coach Scott Burrell '10 (BGS). Burrell, who left UConn before completing his degree to pursue his playing career in the NBA, completed his UConn degree requirements 17 years after he left Storrs. — *Kenneth Best*

Traci Mayette '92 (BUS) is assistant principal at Plainville Middle School. She recently taught seventh and eighth grade at Sedgwick Middle School in West Hartford, Conn., and has held teaching positions in the public and private sectors.

Robert W. Clark '93 (CLAS), '97 J.D. is special counsel for legislative affairs for the Connecticut attorney general's office, where he represents the attorney general before

the General Assembly and the constitutional offices. He previously was assistant attorney general in the office's special litigation department, where he litigated significant and high-profile lawsuits.

Kenneth Wales II '94 (BUS), '01 M.B.A. is vice president and relationship manager at RBS Business Capital in Stamford, Conn. He has extensive portfolio, relationship management and credit underwriting experience.



Bill Brough '95 (CLAS), president of the government affairs firm Brough Consulting, Inc., is serving a four-year term on the Dana

Point, Calif., City Council. He is a former presidential appointee, congressional aide and U.S. Army veteran.



Zygmunt Dembek '95 Ph.D., '05 M.P.H., a mobilized Army reservist, presented at the NATO Weapons of Mass Destruction

Forensics Conference on the "Discernment between deliberate and natural infectious disease outbreaks," which is also the title of a review article he published in *Epidemiology and Infection* in 2007.



Danielle P. Ferrucci '95 (CLAS), '99 M.P.A., '99 J.D. is a partner at law firm Shipman & Goodwin LLP in Hartford, Conn.,

where she practices in the areas of estate planning, estate settlement and trust administration. She lives with her two children in West Hartford.

Gerald Starsia '95 M.B.A. defended his dissertation and received a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. He is senior associate dean for administration and finance at the University of Virginia.

Michael Carlon '96 (CLAS) wrote his first novel, *One Last Round*, published by eBookIt.com in March and available through online booksellers.

Diann Nicole (Grammer) Tuck '96 (CLAS) and Josh Tuck announce the birth of a son, Braden Zachary, on Oct. 13, 2010, in Charlotte, N.C.



Brett Buchheit '97 (CLAS) started his own law firm, Buchheit & Associates, LLC, in Littleton, Colo. He previously

volunteered for the Peace Corps in Morocco before being admitted to the Colorado Bar. He was recently honored by the Allen P. Wilson Society for his contributions to at-risk youth.

Abigail (Carreno) Miller '98 (CANR) and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of a daughter, Nora Dickinson, on July 18, 2010, in Durham, N.C.

Robert A. Phillips '98 (CANR), '01 M.S., is the town planner for Ellington, Conn. He and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Kayleigh Jane, on Nov. 4, 2010, who joins an older brother, Bretton Alan.

Christopher G. Codeanne '99 M.B.A. is chief financial officer at Premier Research Group Limited, an international pharmaceutical and medical device services company. He previously was chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Oncology Development Partners, LLC. He has more than 20 years of management, operational, finance and accounting experience.

Eugene V. Gartlan '99 M.B.A. is assistant vice president of Toll Brothers' Florida West Division. He previously was senior project manager, responsible for leading sales, marketing, project administration and production.

Timothy Shanahan '99 (CLAS) is human resources information system manager at Firth Rixson Ltd. in East Hartford, Conn. He previously worked with Valassis Communications, Inc.

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Peter J. Karp '00 (BUS) and his wife, Jocelyn, announce the birth of a daughter, Caitlyn Elizabeth Karp, on Feb. 18, 2011, in Hartford, Conn. The couple was married in 2009 and resides in Cromwell, Conn.

Diane A. (Nesprido) Phelan '00 (BUS) is director of product management and key account sales for Permatex, where she assumes full sales responsibility for the company's Home Depot and Lowe's accounts. She has been with the company since 2003, in charge of product management and marketing departments, as well as overall marketing communications and new product introductions.

Thomas R. Sullivan '00 M.B.A. is a principal with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP, for national financial services regulatory practice. He previously served as commissioner of the Department of Insurance in Connecticut. He also spent more than 20 years with The Hartford.



Raymie Wayne '00 J.D. is associate professor of social work/Latino community practice with tenure at Saint

Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn. She resides in Avon.

Robin (Lovell) Knowles '01 M.S., '10 Ph.D. successfully defended her dissertation, titled "Defined Benefit Pension Sponsors & Market Prices: Early Evidence from Pension Accounting Reform" and is assistant professor of accounting at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.



Needham leads Kenyon field hockey

Christina Needham '00 (ED), '01 M.A. is the head field hockey coach at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, after serving as assistant field hockey coach at the University of Massachusetts. As a Husky, she was a four-time selection to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Academic team and a Big East Academic All-Star.

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Christopher Buck '02 (BUS) and **Rachel (Barker) Buck '01 (ED), '01 M.A.** announce the birth of a daughter, Lucy Eliza, on May 14, 2010.



Jenna (Castle) Hoyt '02 (CLAS) and **Thomas Hoyt Jr.** announce their marriage on Aug. 28, 2010, at the Holiday Recreation

Center in Mansfield, Conn. The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay and Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They reside in Coventry.

Hillary (Royer) Sirois '02 (CLAS) and **Eric Sirois '09 (ENG)** announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Claire Kathleen, on July 13, 2010.

Sarah (Wechter) Church '03 (CANR) is a practicing certified nurse-midwife at Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Conn. She and her

husband, John, announce the birth of their first son, Daniel Gerald, on Sept. 27, 2010.

Mathew Jasinski '03 (CLAS), '06 J.D. and Valerie Jasinski announce the birth of their first child, Samuel Jones, on Nov. 10, 2010, in Hartford, Conn.



Laura Molnar '04 (ED), '05 M.A. married **Robert Catino '03 (CLAS)** on Aug. 1, 2010, in Middletown, Conn. The couple resides

in Connecticut.

Michael E. Seifert '04 M.D. is an assistant professor of pediatrics, specializing in pediatric nephrology, at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Ill. He is board certified in pediatrics and board eligible in pediatric nephrology, and his research

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interests include the role of angiogenesis in chronic graft rejection and proteinuria kidney diseases. He also holds an adjunct faculty appointment in pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Melissa Malone '05 J.D. is assistant director of member services at Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island. She previously was senior associate at Taylor Duane Barton & Gilman, LLP. She serves on the Providence Public School Board.

Katia Noll '05 (CLAS) received a Ph.D. in microbiology and molecular genetics from Rutgers University in September 2010. She is a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral associate in the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University.

Rupendra Paliwal '05 Ph.D. is interim dean of the John F. Welch College of Business at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. He recently spearheaded the business school's efforts that led to its recent accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Joshua Proulx '05 (CLAS) is coordinator of international experiential education at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I. He previously was complex coordinator in the Office of Residential Life at the university. He recently started a photography business, Josh Proulx Photography.

In Memoriam

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- Francis O. Cunningham '41
- Sidney Elston '41
- Sophie L. Gianninoto '41, '48
- Margaret Miller
- Brundage Christie '46
- Carol E. Crooks '46
- Dorothy S. King '47
- Richard D. Robertson '47
- Robert G. Brash '49
- Alfred W. Hamann '49
- Harriet K. Chamberlain '50
- Joseph R. Coates '50
- Jayne M. Armstrong '52
- Timothy A. Quinn '54
- Philip R. Marzolf '58
- John A. Villano '58
- Elizabeth Balco '65
- Pamela (Brackett) Withee '66, '80
- Joseph M. Lugo '73
- Richard J. Benesevich '74
- Lawrence E. Earnshaw '75
- Henry T. Watson '76
- Karen M. Heebner '77
- Mary Leeney Oslin '81
- James F. Duffy '91
- David P. Parlato Jr. '94

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ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Cynthia A. Chapo '06 (CLAS) graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Jakub Kucharzyk '06 M.B.A., '06 J.D. is an associate attorney in the private client practice group at Kaye Scholer LLP in New York City. He focuses on counseling high net-worth individuals, their families, family offices and closely held businesses on U.S.-based and cross-border wealth planning and preservation matters.

Lacey L. Bigos '07 M.B.A. is commercial portfolio loan officer in commercial lending with TD Bank in Glastonbury, Conn., where she handles the daily activities and supervision of a portfolio of middle market commercial loans. She previously was senior credit analyst with the company and has six years of experience in banking and lending. She volunteers with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.



Julie Peck '07 M.B.A. is vice president of strategy and market development at TyMetrix, part of Wolters Kluwer Corporate Legal Services in Hartford, Conn. She previously was principal at Peck Place Consulting.



Eric Chen '08 J.D. is associate professor of business administration with tenure at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn. He resides in South Windsor.



Patrick Earl Hammie '08 M.F.A. received the 2010 Tanne Foundation Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement and is an expression of gratitude to artists for their

passion and commitment to their work. He is one of eight 2011 Arts and Industry residents at the John Michael Kohler Art Center who had work exhibited at The Painting Center in New York City in March. He also had a solo exhibition of his work at University of North Carolina-Wilmington in April.

Benjamin Sanady '08 (BUS) completed the Prince of Wales' Building Craft Apprenticeship, a program teaching craftspeople to advance their knowledge and experience in traditional and sustainable building crafts.

Joshua Sheid '08 (BUS) and Kathryn Slenk announce their marriage on Dec. 18, 2010, in Holland, Mich., where the couple resides.

Anthony Krize '10 (CLAS) is executive assistant for the Connecticut attorney general's office.

Daniel J. Oleksiak '10 (CLAS) graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Miguel A. Ramirez '10 (CLAS) enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps under the Delayed Entry Program at Military Entrance Processing Station in Boston.

Alumni News & Notes compiled by Jillian Legnos '12 (CLAS).

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Cindy Dubuque '10 M.S.W. is director of constituent services for the Connecticut attorney general's office.

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DAVIS TELLS UNKNOWN TALE OF SAN NICANDRO PEASANTS

When John Davis was a graduate student at Oxford in the 1970s, he became intrigued with the fantastic case of a group of peasants in southern Italy who had spontaneously converted to Judaism in the 1930s and immigrated to Israel in 1949. How did this remote community of poor agricultural workers come to learn of Judaism? Why did they even want to convert during one of the most dangerous decades in European history to be a Jew?

Thirty-odd years and a half-dozen books later, Davis, the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair in Modern Italian History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,

The campaign won over key figures in European Jewry, who concluded the San Nicandrans' faith was honest.

pursues answers to these questions in *The Jews of San Nicandro* (Yale University Press, 2010).

The tale begins with a crippled San Nicandran shoemaker named Donato Manduzio, who in the late 1920s acquired an evangelical Bible, read it cover to cover and became convinced that all the Christian religions had it wrong and that Judaism was the one true faith. Manduzio quickly renounced Catholicism, proclaimed himself a Jew and persuaded his neighbors to join up. Initially, they believed they were the only Jews on the planet, the original tribes all having died out in the great biblical flood, but soon Manduzio and his disciples learned that

there were millions scattered across the globe, and they decided to make contact with “the wider community of the Children of Israel.” They wrote letters to prominent rabbis and Zionist leaders, pleading for religious guidance and official recognition.

The campaign won over key figures in European Jewry, who by the late 1930s concluded that the San Nicandrans' faith was honest and sincere. It was hardly an auspicious time to be a Jew of any sort, whether by birth or by choice, yet Manduzio held his flock together through the decades of Mussolini's fascist regime, with its racial laws, and World War II. By a perhaps providential combination of luck, personality and location, the San Nicandrans managed to stay connected to their newfound brethren and escape Italian fascism unscathed, eventually immigrating en masse to Israel.

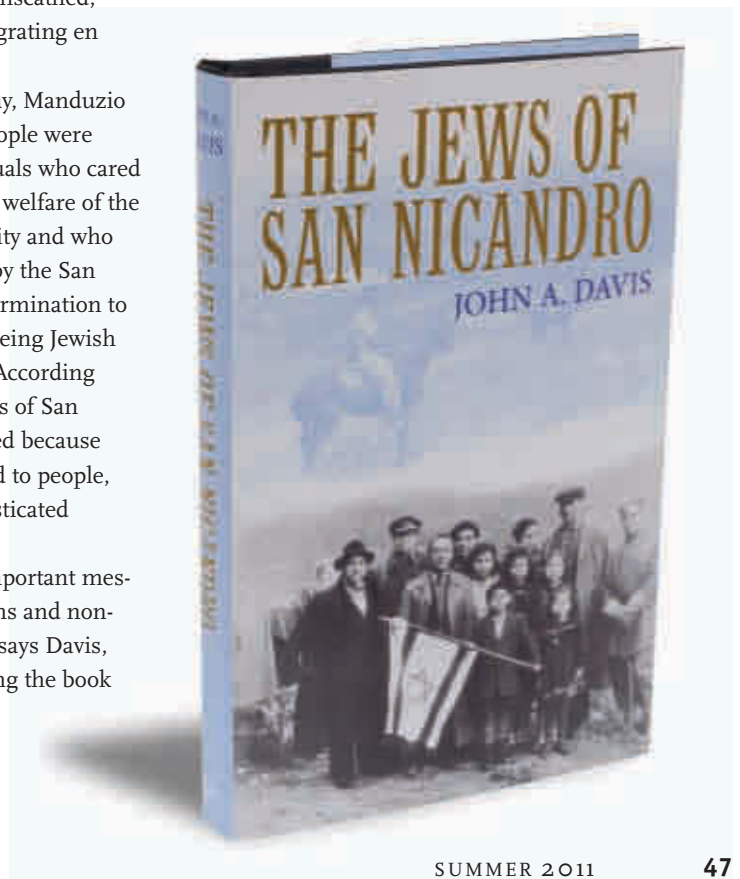
Along the way, Manduzio and his townspeople were aided by individuals who cared deeply about the welfare of the Jewish community and who were prompted by the San Nicandrans' determination to reflect on what being Jewish meant to them. According to Davis, the Jews of San Nicandro survived because religion mattered to people, even to unsophisticated Italian peasants.

This is an important message for historians and non-historians alike, says Davis, who in composing the book

says he tried to convey it in a way that would be enjoyable and enlightening to a popular audience.

“I wanted this to be accessible to someone who knew nothing about history,” he says. For professional academics, writing for nonexperts can be the biggest challenge of all, and indeed Davis found that it was a struggle to condense so much information into a rich, readable narrative. But thanks to suggestions from his editor at Yale University Press and from UConn colleagues, Davis says, he has found the process of writing for a broad audience to be one of his most rewarding scholarly accomplishments.

Now, for the second time, the Jews of San Nicandro will find their place in the world. — *Daniel Platt*





HERB GREENE

Left: “Haight-Ashbury,” one of the earliest portraits of the Grateful Dead, standing at the corner of Haight and Ashbury streets in San Francisco.

Below: Photographer Herb Greene peers over his glasses in front of a similar portrait he took of Jerry Garcia, one of the images from his exhibition in the Stevens Gallery at the Homer Babbidge Library earlier this year.

Brief Encounters with the Dead

If every picture tells a story, there are at least several tales behind the exhibition “Brief Encounters with the Dead”—a collection of portraits of the Grateful Dead—and how it arrived at the Stevens Gallery at the Homer Babbidge Library this past spring.

Two years ago, Brinley Franklin, vice provost of UConn Libraries, accompanied his wife, Raynna Bowlby, an academic library consultant, when she traveled on a work assignment to the University of California at Santa Cruz, which was just beginning to organize a major acquisition—The Grateful Dead Archive, containing tour documents and artifacts, as well



KEN BEST

as items from the band’s loyal fans, The Deadheads—from the 30 years of the band’s existence.

“They had just been given the material, so they laid out some things from the collection for me to look at,” says Franklin, who has listened to the band for many years. “One of the things they put out was

the photo ‘Dylan and The Dead’ from 1987. I decided to track down the photographer. It turned out he lived in Maynard, Mass., an hour and a half away from UConn.”

The photographer was Herb Greene, who began taking portraits of San Francisco-area bands in the mid-1960s, including Jefferson Airplane, Blue Cheer and Santana. Greene met Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia one day when he heard bluegrass music coming from a local bar. It was the start of what was to become a decades-long friendship.

Greene says he has discovered that

his connection to the musicians he worked with for so long is important to fans, so to connect with them he is using social media and updating his website, herbgreenefoto.com. “All of a sudden, I realize this is important,” he says. “I’ve thought the work was important, but I never

thought of myself as important. All of a sudden I am important to other people. That’s why I’m interested in social media. What’s happened now is that there’s not that many of us left. The work has been recognized for what it is, thankfully. I might as well take credit for it.”

— *Kenneth Best*

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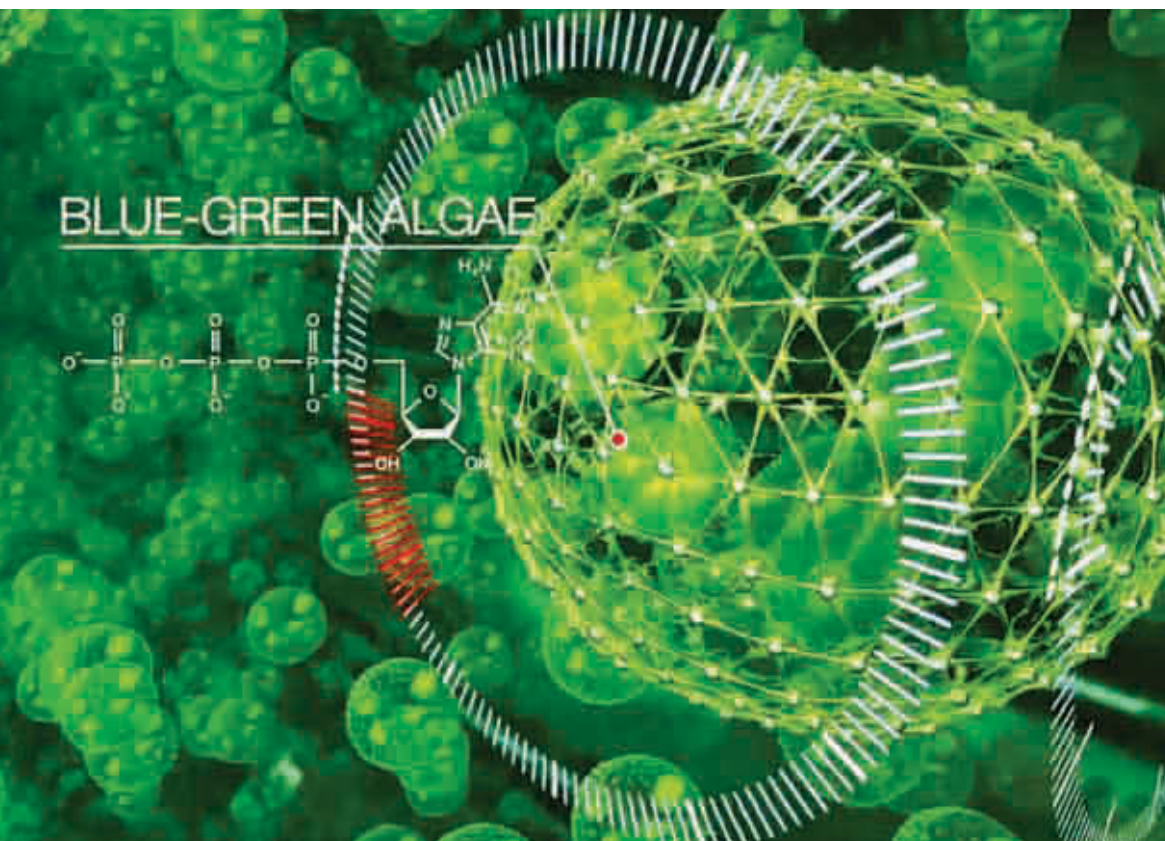
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