

# Alumni Notes

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## COWELL COLLEGE

'67 **Peter MYERS**, a writer/producer, was hired to write an epic drama feature film about the life of Leonardo da Vinci. He completed the screenplay in 2012. Various film companies are considering it for production, and publishers have been considering it for a book adaptation.

'69 **Margaret (WADE) Krause** retired in 2006, having taught French language and literature at Reed College, Oberlin, and Linfield College. Since retiring, she's written short stories and poetry for several years in workshops. She lives with her husband, a photographer, in Portland. **Larry ROBINSON** has retired from his 25-year psychotherapy practice and from 12 years on the Sebastopol, Calif., city council. He serves on the boards of Meridian University, the Climate Protection Campaign, and the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy, but most of his time is devoted to poetry and pottery.

'70 **Tom (Charles T.) HASKELL (III)** has retired from his full-time position as associate director after 31 years with Buena Vista University's Council Bluffs, Iowa, site. He remains employed part-time as an adjunct faculty member teaching courses in political science, geography, history, and education. **Betsy Buchalter ADLER** retired from Adler & Colvin, the law firm she co-founded, in December 2012, after 30 years of practicing philanthropy law. She is a trustee and program officer of an independent foundation that focuses on young people under 18, and continues to be involved in the nonprofit sector.

'72 **Dan THOMPSON** has opened a new cupcake shop, Cutesy Cupcakes, in Scotts Valley with his wife, daughter, and granddaughter. **Randy LENT** works as a computer programmer for the Monterey County Office of Education, supporting the financial system and credentials. He also plays mandolin with the local

bluegrass band, Courthouse Ramblers.

'73 **Sharon REDFORD** retired last June from teaching middle school math and science. She will visit the Costa Rican rainforest and Italy this year.

'74 **Don WALLACE**, film critic, journalist, and author of *One Great Game*, sold his memoir, *Village Idiots: How a Ruin They Couldn't Afford on a Tiny French Island Too Far from Home Renovated the Lives of an American Family*, to Sourcebooks. His agent is fellow UCSC grad **Laurie FOX** (Porter '75).

'75 **Suzanne PERRY** has resumed writing novels after a nearly 20-year hiatus, and has a growing number of books on Amazon, Smashwords, and other ebook venues. Most recent is *Scar Jewelry*, a work of literary fiction about a family with secrets.

'77 **Robert J. LOMBARDI** works as a Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor for the Harley Davidson versions of the MSF training. He is member of the Tea Party, the California Rifle and Pistol Association, and the Madison Society. **Gary STEVENS** recently purchased FB Publishing House, which has just published its first book and has three others in various stages of completion. He can be reached at [gary@fbpublishinghouse.com](mailto:gary@fbpublishinghouse.com).

'78 **Clare CAVANAGH** is chair of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and professor of Slavic and comparative literature at Northwestern University. Her most recent book, *Lyric Poetry and Modern Politics: Russia, Poland, and the West*, received the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award in Criticism. **Jean ROSS** recently moved to New York to take a position as the U.S. Program Officer for Transparent, Effective, and Accountable Government at the Ford Foundation. **John KENNEDY** was recently appointed to the Town of Davidson (North Carolina) Planning Board and to the Davidson Land Conservancy Board of Directors.

'79 **Susanne McLEAN** has been self-employed as the owner of two women's clothing shops in Washington, D.C., and Maryland for 29 years.

'81 **Ellen MURTHA** has taken a new pilot position as business services representative of the Workforce Investment Board of Santa Cruz County. Contact her at [emurtha@scgoodwill.org](mailto:emurtha@scgoodwill.org).

'82 **Tammy PILISUK** is married and has worked in public health for over 20 years. UCSC will always hold a special place in her heart.

'87 **Dinah SANDERS** is a San Francisco-based author whose first book—*Discardia: More Life, Less Stuff*—just sold its 3,000th copy and has recouped its costs. She is now working on her next books.

'88 **Diana EICHER** collaborated with a Danish artist to organize a print portfolio, "Where the Border of Water Meets the Air, Dragonflies Gather." The portfolio includes works by 13 artists from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the U.S., and will be exhibited at the Museum of Printing History in Houston, Texas, from February to May 2013. In March 2012, she was invited to Donghua University, in Shanghai, China, to have a one-person exhibition. She coordinates the Printmaking and Papermaking Department at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

'90 **Betty SPINDLER** is still making ceramic art, and is 100 percent Slug.

'91 **Sarah ALEXANDER**, who has taught art history for 10 years at a small art college in San Francisco, will travel to Paris with her husband for a six-month sabbatical from July-December this year. She plans to take art classes and survey and document Paris by bike, and with her camera.

'92 **Kim MORROW** is in her third year as associate minister at First-Plymouth United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Neb., where she directs a Sustainable Living Ministry to raise consciousness

about the connections between faith and the environment. She consults for the city of Lincoln's ReEnergize program, and is a 2013 Fellow in the GreenFaith program, which prepares religious leaders for environmental leadership.

'93 **Sameet KUMAR** received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Miami in 2001. He has been working in psycho-oncology, specializing in end-of-life care, for the past 11 years, and has written several books about grief and mindfulness meditation.

'06 **Tamar SBERLO** is camp director for Galileo Learning summer camps. She has also been teaching high school in the Oakland area for the last few years.

'08 **Bryan RINKUS** obtained his MA in communication at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. While at GU, he coordinated a partnership program for adults with developmental disabilities and an after-school mentoring program for at-risk youth through the Center for Community Action and Service Learning. Rinkus now works with accounts at digital advertising start-up PaperG in San Francisco.

## STEVENSON COLLEGE

'68 **Allan M. HARRIS** visited his 100th country and became eligible to join the Travelers' Century Club after setting foot on Grand Turk Island on December 21, 2012.

'69 **Alan J. DeYOUNG** has been appointed the new director of the Institute of Educational Development at the Aga Khan University, Pakistan. DeYoung holds a Ph.D. in anthropological and sociological studies in education, as well as an MA in child development from Stanford University. **Bonita BANDUCCI** is a lecturer teaching gender and engineering in Santa Clara University's School of Engineering Graduate Program Core for Engineering and Society. She will present a workshop for the Women in Engineering

ProActive Network (WEPAN) 2013 National Conference.

'70 **Aleck DARR** has retired after working more than 30 years for the state in various jobs including the maintenance of his office's website. He supports UCSC projects including the Dickens Universe and the Stevenson Writing Center.

'73 **Dennis HAGEN** and '75 **Diane SIPKIN** have retired and returned to Santa Cruz after decades in Sacramento.

'74 **Christine BROWNE** is author of some 40 nonfiction and fiction books under her professional name Dr. Angela Browne-Miller. She is also an editor and ghostwriter. See [www.metaterralliterary.com](http://www.metaterralliterary.com) and [www.drangela.com](http://www.drangela.com). **Bob THOMAS** has published his ninth business book and commutes between Boston, Mumbai, Beijing, and London in his role as managing director of Accenture's Institute for High Performance. He also teaches part-time in Brandeis University's International Business School.

'75 **Diane SIPKIN** and '73 **Dennis HAGEN** have returned to Santa Cruz after a 37-year absence. They spent almost four decades in the Sacramento area.

'77 **Mitch HALPERN** is a new grandparent and announces that his daughter has just received her master's degree in social work. He still thinks of all the nice experiences from UCSC that are with him today and wishes everyone from UCSC well.

**Mitchell Lee MARKS** received his Ph.D. in organizational psychology from the University of Michigan. He is a tenured faculty member in the College of Business at San Francisco State University and leads the consulting firm *JoiningForces.org*. He is the author of six books.

'78 **Rebecca ISAACS** is an attorney and executive director of the Equality Federation, the national alliance of LGBT state-based equality organizations that work on marriage, nondiscrimination, and safe schools policy change.

'79 **Pamela REVLING** has passed the 10-year survival mark after treatment for Stage III squamous cell colorectal cancer back in 2002-03. After 25 years as a licensed clinical social worker for health and hospital systems in the San Diego area, she received a master's degree in public health and health systems management from San Diego State University.

'85 **Frieda WEISS** received a master's degree in occupational therapy in 1989. She has been practicing hand therapy for the past 15 years and works at Sutter Medical Center, Santa Rosa.

'87 **Kyria BIANCHI Osborne** is an English teacher and professional editor in Fremont.

'89 **David GAK**, a certified professional life coach, has started publishing a free monthly series of coaching exercises and activities at his website, [www.rightontargetlifecoaching.com](http://www.rightontargetlifecoaching.com).

'91 **Dominique TAUZIN** has been practicing law for over 10 years and branched out on her own in 2010 exclusively in the area of estate planning. She continues to dabble in gardening, yoga, and playing piano—all hobbies she took up when attending UCSC. Her passion for these activities is rubbing off on her kids.

**Roberto Carlos DELGADILLO** of the UC Davis Peter J. Shields Library, is the first UC librarian to win a Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award, which recognizes 10 librarians for service to their communities, schools, and campuses. More than 1,500 library patrons nationwide nominated a librarian.

'93 **John SCHWEITZER** has been accepted into the registry of CFE Certified Financial Educators with the Heartland Institute of Financial Education, a nonprofit that teaches classes on financial literacy in the workplace.

'95 **Tlaloc RIVAS** was appointed assistant professor of directing at the University of Iowa. He became the first Chicano in U.S. academia to hold a tenure-track position in the area of Theatre Directing at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in an accredited theatre program.

'11 **Forrest PHILLIPS** is currently associate producer on the cultural/political radio show *In Deep* with Angie Coiro.

## CROWN COLLEGE

'70 **Mary HOWLAND** earned her doctorate and is now an instructor at UCSF in the special education credential/MA program. She taught special education for 30 years.

'71 **Jeff MILLER** is a retired pediatrician and health administrator and living in Santa Rosa with his wife. He is traveling, doting on his grandchildren, and volunteering at a local school-based health clinic as well as serving on

the Sonoma County First Five Commission.

'72 **Susan FISKE-KOEHLER** has relocated to Washington, D.C., as the ED of Hopecam, a charity that uses technology to connect children with cancer with their friends and classrooms. **Mike WALLACE** has published his first mystery novel, *The McHenry Inheritance*, on Amazon. **Cindy (METZ) Zechenelly** has moved from California to Washington state, where she is building her dream home with her husband Blaine and working to expand their insurance business. Her son and daughter are in college nearby.

'73 **Tom BELICK** continues to work as a consulting civil/environmental engineer, is married and living in Palo Alto, and plays the clarinet in a Klezmer band. He keeps in touch with Crown people in the Palo Alto area and will be returning to campus for Alumni Weekend in April.

'74 **Sandy (GINSBURGH) Barnes** is a student at the University of Washington and lives in Seattle with her husband. She has four children and a granddaughter. **Julie PACKARD**, executive director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, was selected as the recipient of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award by the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. She helped found and leads the nation's first major public aquarium dedicated to interpreting a single region—the Monterey Bay.

'75 **Lori A. JOHNS** has retired from the CA Army National Guard and is working as a family nurse practitioner at a rural health clinic in Brookings, Oregon. Her daughter also graduated from UCSC. **Lorraine (CLARKE) Young** is a professor of medicine at UCLA Medical School and runs the clinical section of dermatology. She is married and has three children.

'76 **Mark DRESSEN** is in Chicago. He and his wife have two grown sons and a daughter in college. **Gale WATKINS** is in his 18th year as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Ariz. He has completed six marathons and is training for the Big Sur marathon in April.

'78 **Sana SIWOLOP** is working as a journalist and teaching journalism in New York City. **Valarie Ellis STEPHENSON** obtained a B.S. in environmental engineering and sciences at the University at Buffalo in 2002. Seven years later, she earned her professional engineering license

in Vermont and New York State. She has been employed with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation for eight years, overseeing the water quality remediation of Onondaga Lake and its tributaries. She is married and has three adult children.

'80 **James BATEK** began taking feminizing hormones under doctor's care and has chosen the name Ise Alexandra Batek. Visit [isebatek.com](http://isebatek.com). **Ted KRAYNICK** is serving on the Pension Board of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

'85 **Joy (ALBRIGHT) Souza** is using her experience with Dr. Ray Collett and the UCSC Arboretum as a water-wise landscape designer and owner of Albright-Souza Garden Design. In 2012 she was honored to have photos of her designs included in the book *Landscape Ideas You Can Use*.

'86 **Calvin HUI** is working at Cetecom as a wi-fi certification engineer. He lives in Northern California with his wife and son. **Jody RAWLES** is an associate professor of psychiatry at UC Irvine and lives in Long Beach with his wife and two daughters.

'91 **Stephen MACKNIK**, Ph.D., has been selected to be featured on a new medical website, [Barrow50.org](http://Barrow50.org). He is a scientist at the Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix.

'94 **Erika (HERETH) Adams** recently relocated to Montreal, where she is teaching in Print Media at Concordia University.

'96 **Lawrence RACHLEFF** lives in Santa Cruz with his wife and new baby and is the Apple computer department manager for ClickAway computers.

'97 **L. Jan REID**, the principal of Coast Economic Consulting in Santa Cruz, has worked for several years as a ratepayer advocate in a variety of cases before the California Public Utilities Commission.

'98 **Torin MONET** is a principal within the Management Consulting Group at CSC, focused on improving strategic alignment and reconfiguring organization structure for the U.S. federal government. Additionally, he is launching a personal and organizational growth-focused nonprofit.

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'12 **Russell PETERSEN** is the lead product development engineer at Elemental LED in Emeryville, Calif., and hoping to move to Berkeley in the coming year.

### MERRILL COLLEGE

'70 **Karlene FAITH** is professor emerita at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and lives in the West End of Vancouver, where she writes and goes to concerts, political rallies, and human rights events. She has four children and seven grandchildren living in the U.S.

'71 **Chris VORSTER** is still teaching elementary school in Gold Beach, Ore. It is his 24th year there. One way he is applying his Merrill College days is in the organic garden they have built at school. He fondly remembers his time spent in the garden on the hill below the college.

'72 **Greg LEHMAN** lives and teaches high school in Pacific Grove, where he is still playing tennis.

'74 **Katherine (JAYE) McHale** received her masters degree in art history from Hunter College in 2012. She had an article published in *Master Drawings* in 2012; she presented at the College Art Association's national conference in February; and another presentation based on her thesis research will be presented at the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies national conference in April.

'77 **Olga NÁJERA-RAMÍREZ** is a professor of anthropology at UCSC, where she specializes in documenting and critically examining expressive cultural forms practiced by Mexicans living in the United States and Mexico. She recently completed a documentary and, in 2011, was awarded the Américo Paredes Prize by the American Folklore Society. **Scott TENNEY** is an elementary school teacher in Santa Cruz. He raises money for student scholarships for a school in Kathmandu.

'89 **Michael STRAUS** would shyly admit having grown up surrounded by cows, but later helped launch his family's pioneering Straus Family Creamery organic dairy. Later, his Straus Communications PR agency was one of the first to specialize in organic and environmental causes. He is now a senior editor for the eco-travel website *GreenTravelerGuides*.

*com*, a freelance journalist, and writing a book about real life X-Men and his own unexpected personal journey into the paranormal. He blogs at [www.MichaelStraus.org](http://www.MichaelStraus.org).

'90 **Allison CLAIRE** was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of California in 2012. Before taking the bench, Allison enjoyed a career at the Office of the Federal Defender in Sacramento. She lives with her wife and teenaged triplets in the Sacramento area.

'91 **Charles HARDER** is a partner at Wolf Rifkin law firm in West LA, where he practices entertainment and intellectual property litigation for several celebrities. He is also the editor of the law treatise Entertainment Litigation, and was recently named one of the "Top 100 Power Lawyers in America" by the *Hollywood Reporter*. **Jennifer (MERRILL) Wall** just celebrated her 17th harvest as Winemaker for Barefoot, making Bubbly, Still, and Refresh wines. She is looking forward to the upcoming release of a sixth Barefoot Bubbly type and Barefoot Impression.

'95 **Abra BRAYMAN** is the inaugural winner of Hot Set, a production design challenge show on the SyFy Channel.

'00 **Jennifer SMYTHE** is an attorney in San Francisco focusing on U.S. employment and family-based immigration. She has begun presenting to the UCSC international student body upon graduation about their post-grad immigration options.

'06 **Caroline MCCORMICK** is attending Georgetown University School of Medicine and living in Washington, D.C., with her husband **Reese ORNELLAS** (Kresge '05)

### PORTER COLLEGE

'71 **Maria von BRINCKEN**, principal in Maria von Brincken Landscape Garden Design, had five landscape projects published in the 2012 book *Landscape Ideas You Can Use*.

'73 **Jim HULL** has published his novel *The Vampire in Free Fall* as an audiobook online.

'74 **Eric HAMBURG** just published a new book *Give Peace A Chance: Preventing Mass Violence*, which he coauthored with David Hamburg. **Dency NELSON** recently received the Franklin J. Schaffner Achievement Award from the Directors Guild of America.

'75 **Ira HEILVEIL** was awarded the 2013 Distinguished Humanitarian Contribution award from the California Psychological Association for his work creating Pacific Child, a company that provides behavioral treatment to children with autism throughout the U.S., as well as his efforts starting a nonprofit school for children with autism in Armenia, and his involvement with Safe Water International. **Susan YANOW** is a consultant to organizations working to advance access to abortion as well as serving on the boards of the ACLU of MA, NARAL ProChoice MA, the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women, and Chennai Children. She lives in Cambridge, Mass.

'76 **Robert BOVILL** has just completed his soon-to-be published novel *The House of Pearl* and is beginning work on a graphic novel. He encourages people to friend him on Facebook. **Lynda MATUSEK** has retired from teaching at University of Kentucky and is now working as a stagehand and lighting designer, as well as volunteering, dancing the tango, and working in national parks across the country.

'77 **Laura MARELLO** has published her second novel *Tenants of the Hotel Biron*. **Debora GILLMAN** continues to enjoy writing and illustrating her children's books as well as holding art workshops for children. View her work at [deboragillman.com](http://deboragillman.com). **BJ GLOWACKI** has been showing his artwork in San Diego and is working on publishing a book of his work. **Rebecca MORGAN** started a program, Books for Treats, that enables individuals and communities to give books at Halloween instead of candy. Learn about it at [booksfortreats.org](http://booksfortreats.org). **John YEWELL** is finishing his master of fine arts at San Francisco State, living in San Rafael, and completing his first novel.

'78 **Ted BARONE** is the principal of Albany High School and just received his Ed.D. from UC Berkeley.

'79 **Jill KOENIGSDORF** just published a novel, *Phoebe & The Ghost of Chagall*.

'80 **Thom ZAJAC** has inexplicably completed his 28th year of publishing the *Santa Cruz Comic News*, a now-monthly rag that satirizes the news with the aid of America's leading editorial cartoonists. Someone's got to do it, right? [www.thecomicknews.com](http://www.thecomicknews.com). **Scott JONES** received

is JD/MBA from Columbia University and is now an attorney with Jones Day in Japan.

'86 **JANA MARCUS**'s book *Transfigurations* was included in the top 10 of the 2013 Over the Rainbow Project book list, sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table of the American Library Association. **Heather CLINE** has retired from a career in biotech and is now tutoring and teaching underserved kids in Vallejo. She lost her cousin and fellow Banana Slug, **Jeff ESSEX** (Porter '82), an inspiration, this year.

'89 **Eric GROSS** is the director of academic equity and categorical programs for Santa Cruz City Schools and is a founding member of the UCSC Education Department Alumni Association, which connects alumni in the teaching profession. For more info, contact Ann Pham, Education Department manager, at [akpham@ucsc.edu](mailto:akpham@ucsc.edu). **Aaron LEVENTMAN** premiered his play *Almost Adults* at the Manhattan Repertory Theatre in New York City in 2011. He continues to act in productions in the Bay Area and Santa Fe, was a producer of the Bioneers Moving Image Film Festival in Marin from 2007-11, and was a curator for Fabulous Thursdays, a GLBT film series in Santa Fe.

'91 **Julia DVORIN** just published her first novel, *Ice Will Reveal*. **Andrew EHRNSTEIN** is an energy consultant at SolarCity in Littleton, Colo., where he and his family relocated in 2012. He is enjoying gaming with his children.

'96 **Renee SANCHEZ**, Esq., was recently named the newest (and youngest) partner at the law firm of Wohlner Kaplon Phillips Young & Cutler. She will continue to practice traditional union-side labor law, representing the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and various other labor unions in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. She also volunteers for the National Lawyers Guild.

'97 **Christopher J. BOGHOSIAN** is living in his hometown of Los Angeles, working as an independent filmmaker. Connect with him at [cjboghosian.com](http://cjboghosian.com). **Marisa J. FUENTES** completed her Ph.D. in African American studies at UC Berkeley in 2007 and is currently an assistant professor in women's and gender studies and history at Rutgers University-New Brunswick. She resides in Harlem, New York.

**'98 Tanya HAMPTON Strauss** is living in Walnut Creek with her husband and two children.

**'99 Jessica (MIKELS) Appelgren** recently assumed the role of VP, communications, at Saatchi & Saatchi S, a sustainability consultancy and communications agency. She lives in Oakland with her husband Christopher Appelgren and their son Desmond. The Appelgrens are also expecting a second child in April.

**'00 Carl SCHMITZ** is the Visual Resources and Art Research Librarian for the Richard Diebenkorn Foundation, where he is working on publication of Diebenkorn's catalogue raisonné. He has also compiled the catalogue bibliography for an exhibition to be held at San Francisco's de Young Museum this summer.

**'07 Jeremy LOCURTO** is in London working for Samsung Electronics, where he works in business development on Samsung's ebooks platform.

**'08 Ryan ANDREWS** and **Francisco NUNEZ** ('07) received their second Emmy award for Team Technical Remote for ESPN's Winter X Games 2012. They both work at Cameron Pace Group in Burbank. **Claire FRYER-Bohbot** has recently published a short story "I never wanted a Mexican baby" in the literary journal *Trajectory*. **Laura 'Lily' KELLY** is the interim director for Global Green USA's New York City office and the Coalition for Resource Recovery. Prior to joining Global Green USA, she contributed to various environmental and social stewardship projects with both for- and non-profit agencies, including the Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, the Majora Carter Group, and the Earth Institute.

**'12 Matthew PRESCOTT** returned to LA after graduation and is working in post-production on feature-length films and primetime network television.

## KRESGE COLLEGE

**'74 Bethany HAMPTON** received a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. She is in independent clinical practice in Dallas, applying cognitive behavior therapy to depressed and anxious adults. She lives in Dallas with her husband, and they have two daughters in college. She makes it back to the Bay Area as often as she can to enjoy the Jazz Festival in Monterey and sample tastes in the wine country.

**'75 Jim CURL** has produced special events since leaving UCSC, except for the six years he learned and then practiced law.

**'77 Jeff MILLER** is a real estate broker, selling for 26 years, practicing in the Palm Springs area. He lives with his partner of 18 years and their three pooches in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

**'79 Neal ARONSON**, son of Elliot Aronson (emeritus professor of psychology), brother of fellow alumni Hal, Julie, and Joshua, has been retired for several years now after a career in home remodeling and cabinet work. After 10 years he joined the Santa Cruz City Fire Department, where he worked for 20 years. In his retirement, he has been spending many happy hours in his woodworking studio, teaching himself to make furniture.

**'80 Patricia BEDFORD** lives in New Hampshire with her partner Vivian, their son Christopher (10), 2 dogs, 7 chickens, and 2 rabbits. She is finishing up a long career in higher education and launching a teaching career in women's studies.

**'81 Lynn GARRETT** is planning a move to the mountains in Panama with her partner, author George Prue. She has had a private practice as a spiritual healer/psychic/masseuse/hypnotherapist, and a teacher for those skills for more than 20 years.

**'87 Sheila WALTERS** was recently appointed as administrative law judge, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration. Now in Springfield, Mo.

**'89 Beth LILACH** is the senior director of education and community affairs at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center on Long Island. She curated her center's Holocaust museum, and oversees special exhibits and archives. Under her leadership, the center has evolved into the preeminent genocide and social justice education resource center on Long Island and provides professional development courses to the military, law enforcement, physicians, attorneys, and community leaders.

**'95 Jason PORTER** has sold his debut novel, *Why Are You So Sad?*, and expects an early 2014 release.

**'98 Christopher BROUGHTON** has been selected as a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. The Term Member Program provides promising young leaders with an opportunity

to deepen their knowledge and experience with international affairs and U.S. foreign policy through interactions with high-profile leaders from government and the private sector, both from the U.S. and abroad.

**'01 Valentin MACIAS Jr.** has been an instructor of composition and academic presentation at the Sungkyun Language Institute, Sungkyunkwan University, in the Republic of Korea for over six years. He's lived in Korea since 2003 and has traveled all over the world, especially Asia. He has presented at the International KOTESOL Conference in Seoul, Korea, and is studying for an MLIS through the University of Alabama. He married a lovely Korean woman and has two boys. **Scott YUNDT** is the staff attorney at Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment in Livermore, Calif. He is married to **Kenda BURKE** (Cowell '02), who is a chiropractor at Awaken Chiropractic in Oakland, Calif. They have an adorable one-and-a-half-year-old named Cyrus.

**'05 Katie MOURNING** has taken a month-long, cross country road trip, recorded an album and toured as a folk duo for a couple of years, attended and worked at the Berkeley Psychic Institute for a couple years, and took a year-long naturalist training at the Wilderness Awareness School, in Washington state. She lives in Placerville, Calif., and is having a baby boy in May.

## OAKES COLLEGE

**'79 Paul GLICKMAN** is managing editor for Investigative & Projects at NPR station KPCC in Los Angeles. He lives in Sherman Oaks with his wife Janetta, a nurse practitioner, and their sons, Jonah, 17, and Caleb, 15.

**'80 Diana BERMUDEZ** and her family of four, including a high school sophomore and UCSC junior, recently had a fabulous tour of Vietnam. She was a freshman at UCSC in spring 1975 when the Vietnam War ended.

**'84 Gregory FRANK** moved with his wife and daughter (Eliana and Talia) to Austin, Tex., after living in the Bay Area for almost 30 years. He has taken on the business development role at XBiotech, a private biotech company that has a drug in clinical development for chronic, sterile inflammation. They love Austin and are enjoying their adventure.

**'95 Nia FOX** is a published author of interracial romance

with sci-fi and paranormal twists. She has written short stories and full-length novels since 2005 ([www.niafoxx.com](http://www.niafoxx.com)). She is the proud mother of three spectacular children and hopelessly in love with the man who continues to inspire her.

**'97 April ECONOMIDES** moved back to Long Beach, Calif., in 2010 to help "green" her hometown after living in San Francisco, Berkeley, D.C., and Portland. A green business consultant, she founded Green Octopus Consulting in 2003 and attained an MBA in sustainable management in 2009. She speaks around the U.S. and Canada about the business case for bicycling and how to create bicycle-friendly business districts, after starting the nation's first few programs. She also recently assumed the role of general manager of the city's upcoming bike share program.

**'00 Nancy GUTIERREZ**, former principal of the Clyde L. Fischer Middle School in San Jose, Calif., and a current student in the first cohort of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Doctor of Education Leadership Program, has begun a yearlong residency working with New York City Department of Education.

**'02 Niketa CALAME** was in a production of *The Color Purple* at Celebration Theater in Los Angeles. She was also selected to be an advocate at Call to Congress in Washington, D.C., for the American Diabetes Association in March, and will be one of the few attending the Special Administration Conference with the Obama Administration.

**'04 Christina OSUMI-CABAYA** will be celebrating three years of marriage, a total of 11 years with Walter. They've been taking short trips, with her mother in tow, and trying for their first child together. Lately, she's been reminiscing about her good ol' Slug days.

**'10 Jessica CARSTEN** is happy to announce that there is a UCSC Alumni Chapter in Washington, D.C. She recently joined the UC Washington, D.C., Alumni Advisory Board to represent UC Santa Cruz, and with the help of fellow alumni, she looks forward to hosting exciting events and connecting with more alums in 2013.

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## COLLEGE EIGHT

'75 **Gary WESLEY** has been a California attorney since 1978 and is based in Mountain View.

'77 **Susan BOK** heads up transit planning for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and previously worked on developing new mass transit projects in Los Angeles, dragging that city of car addicts into the 21st century. She is married to Kent Stewart and lives in an iconic 1950s ranch-style pool home in the iconic San Fernando Valley. She has three children, four grandchildren, and one brand new great grandchild.

'81 **Jim PRICE** works for Aon Global Risk Consulting in San Francisco and lives with his wife Pam in Sonoma. Jim is a founding member of the Medicare Advocacy Recovery Coalition ("MARC"), an advocacy group working to reform the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.

'82 **Thomas WITTMAN** became an organic farmer at Molino Creek Farming Collective, then returned to UCSC to work at the Apprenticeship Program at the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems. Now he has a wildlife control business, Gophers Limited, that gives people alternatives to using poisons for pest animal control.

'85 **Daniel Weiss** is still the chief of staff for U.S. Congressman George Miller (D-Calif.). Over the last several years his office has had a string of interns from UCSC, and they have all been terrific. **William PRATT** is a member of the Workforce Investment Board of Ventura County, and member of the board of the Southern California Biomedical Council. He rows with Lake Casitas Rowing Club, his oldest son is attending Rochester Institute of Technology, and his youngest son recently shared a first place award in sales presentation.

'87 **Carrie KAHN** was appointed NPR's Mexico City correspondent, covering Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, in 2012. The whole family, husband, two kids, and the dog, moved to Mexico City. She'll be covering everything from the drug war to politics and economics, and hopefully some fun. A great opportunity for a UCSC biology major!

'88 **Mysti (RUBERT) Berry's** short story "Inside Job" is included in the Sisters in Crime anthology *Fish Nets*, due out this spring. Her story "Something Shiny," which first appeared in issue 4 of *Switchback*, is included in the Public Safety Writers Association anthology *Felons, Flames, and Ambulance Rides*, to be published in summer 2013.

'89 **Tiffany Kay BUCZEK** has just had her first novel, *The Accidental Cougar*, published under the pen name Tiffany N. York. She lives in Southern California and often misses the beauty of UCSC, as well as the Banana Slugs! Visit her at [www.tiffanynyorkauthor.com](http://www.tiffanynyorkauthor.com).

'95 **Inemesit WILLIAMS** transitioned to the field of international higher education at San Jose State and CSU Long Beach after five-plus years in the corporate biopharmaceutical industry. More than seven years later, she continues that journey as a temporary science educator and volunteer in Shanghai's expat K-12 education community. She will start a Ph.D. program in Comparative International Education in fall 2014.

'01 **Chandra Mikelle HENDERSON** will begin a Ph.D. program in general psychology at Grand Canyon University in mid 2013.

'09 **Alexandra HOLMQVIST** married the love of her life and, since graduating from UCSC, received her masters of science in community development from UC Davis. She is now working at an urban planning consulting firm in Sacramento.

## COLLEGE NINE

'07 **Omar PADILLA** has been selected for the 2012-13 Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar award. He is a graduate student at CSU Los Angeles, studying Chicano studies, and plans to pursue a doctoral degree in an interdisciplinary field.

'08 **Anne HOPKINS** recently joined Snell & Wilmer law firm as an associate in its Orange County office. She focuses her practice in labor and employment law.

'09 **Nathan ZARU** has focused on technology marketing and is a marketing consultant. He also helped found two SAAS companies, one of which is with his good college friend and former freshman year roommate. **Brenda Mae BARNHART** is a full-time art teacher at her old elementary school, the Meher

Schools in Lafayette, Calif. She plans to return to school to get her teacher's credential in the coming year.

'12 **Nicol GAFFNEY** has taken his passion for culture and teaching to southern Ecuador and is working as a professor for WorldTeach, a Harvard-affiliated program that brings native English speakers to communities that request them.

## GRADUATE STUDIES

'73 **James R. HEIN** has just started his 40th year with the USGS. He continues research on deep-ocean mineral deposits with the Pacific Coastal and Marine Science Center in Santa Cruz, and participates in numerous international activities related to deep-ocean minerals, including talks at the UN, briefings to members of Congress, and to resource managers of all Pacific Island Nations. He will be president of the International Marine Minerals Society in 2013-14, and he has been chief scientific advisor to the Department of State delegation to the International Seabed Authority for the past seven years.

'78 **Julie PACKARD**, executive director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, was selected as the recipient of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award by the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. She helped found and leads the nation's first major public aquarium dedicated to interpreting a single region—the Monterey Bay.

'85 **Linda BERGTHOLD** has had several careers and is now combining several of her favorites—writing, health policy, and political advocacy. She blogs for Huffington Post and several other online clients and consults to employers about health benefits and the new Affordable Care Act.

'88 **Joost HILTERMANN** was appointed chief operating officer of the International Crisis Group, a conflict-prevention organization headquartered in Brussels, in January.

'95 **Maria OCHOA** was invited to participate in the 42nd Annual Community of Writers held in Lake Tahoe during summer 2012. While there she presented excerpts from her forthcoming memoir *Adventures of a Brown Biscuit: How Reading and Writing Changed my Life*. In the fall, she was awarded the Alameda County Supervisors

Award for contributions as a writer and activist.

'98 **L. Jan REID**, the principal of Coast Economic Consulting in Santa Cruz, has worked for several years as a ratepayer advocate in a variety of cases before the California Public Utilities Commission. **Debra Ann FISCHER** was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in October.

'01 **Matthew HUBER**, a professor of earth, planetary and atmospheric sciences at Purdue University, was named director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center.

'03 **Valentin MACIAS Jr.** has been an instructor of composition and academic presentation at the Sungkyun Language Institute, Sungkyunkwan University, in the Republic of Korea for over six years. He's lived in Korea since 2003 and has traveled all over the world, especially Asia. He has presented at the International KOTESOL Conference in Seoul, Korea, and is studying for an MLIS through the University of Alabama. He married a lovely Korean woman and has two boys.

## IN MEMORIAM

'77 **Ron FINK** (Porter) passed away in 2011. He was a composer and publisher of children's musicals performed in classrooms all over the world. His wife, **Kathy EBERHARDT Fink** (Porter '77) became a grandmother in September. Her grandson, Levi, was born to **Anna (FINK) Pow** (Porter '04).

'87 **Chuck L. PETERSON** (Cowell) died May 25, 2012. Chuck was well-known to the UCSC computer subculture of the 1980s as author of "tforum" and the popular "mtrek" real-time multiplayer game, both of which ran on the campus network. After graduation he worked as a software engineer and entrepreneur. He was 47.

'88 **Kimberly (DAVIS) Marks Wolfe** (Cowell) died January 4, 2013, after a seven-year battle with breast cancer. An avid cyclist, she placed 14th in the Olympic trials and was invited to join the prestigious Women's Olympic Developmental Team. She earned a degree in biology from UCSC, and subsequently graduated from UC Hastings College of the Law in 1995. Her practice focused on patent and trademark litigation, business transactions, and estate planning. She was 47.