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2007 University of Michigan TASS participants (L-R): Brian Williams, Brooke Young, Xeryus Coard, Jakara Lee, Innocent Akujuobi, Sebrina Campbell.

## "1 OF 6"

*2007 Sophomore Seminar students campaign to raise awareness of global poverty rates*

At the 2007 University of Michigan TASS, 31 students worked to prove that community service can influence important issues. The TASSers employed creative methods to alert the Ann Arbor area about the one out of six people worldwide who live on less than a dollar each day. The group "1 of 6" was created after Brooke Young inspired her tutors and fellow TASSers with her PubSpeak about the ongoing war in Uganda and the devastating effects of war and poverty on child soldiers. "I was extremely impressed to see someone so passionate and well-informed about global issues. The PubSpeak and discussion gave me hope that communities can do something to eliminate problems," said one of Brooke's

tutors. The mission of "1 of 6" is to help larger, already established organizations raise awareness and funds to decrease war, world poverty, and hunger.

To further understand this fight against poverty and war, the TASSers held a screening of the 2003 documentary *The Invisible Children* ([www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com)). The film, made by three American college students who traveled to Uganda, details the impact of armed conflict on children, especially as refugees and soldiers. Lynn Nestor, a UM TASS II participant, said, "It wasn't at all what I expected it to be. You always see stuff on TV, like 'donate money to Third World countries,' and

you think, 'oh, that's so fake.' But the movie really threw you into their  
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# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Convention 2008** will be held in Ann Arbor from June 13-16. Watch for an email invitation in early May.

**MBTA** was featured in a *Michigan Daily* article entitled "The Genius House" (2.13.08). To view the article, go to: [www.michigandaily.com](http://www.michigandaily.com) and type in key words: Genius House.

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**Deep Springs College Trustees** announced the departure of President Louis Fantasia in January 2008 and, shortly thereafter, the appointment of David Neidorf to the post.

The Awards Committee announces the **2008 Yarrow Winner** is Beenish Ahmed, MB07. Beenish will spend the summer working with the Dosti Foundation to improve literacy and literacy development in English and Urdu among children and women in the Northwest Frontier Province of Pakistan.

The winner of the **2007 Mansfield-Wefald Senior Thesis Prize** was Harvard graduate Irene Yuan Sun, SP02, for her thesis "Population as Discourse: Medicine in Late Colonial Kenya."

**TADAS (Telluride Alumni Development and Support) Alumni Weekends** were held in Ithaca (Sept. 28-30) and Ann Arbor (Oct. 12-14).

**TASP Reading Days** were held this year in New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. Thanks to everyone who participated.

**An Alumni Gathering** was held in New York on November 2 at the home of Jan (SP76) and Stefan Ford, SP81. More than 60 alumni attended. MBTA hosted its annual Winter Gala on January 12, 2008.

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situation. It touched your heart and made you want to do something."

Efforts included posting fliers around campus with information about "1 of 6" and chalking the pavement around the University of Michigan's central campus with a simple proclamation: "1 of 6 people live on less than \$1 a day." TASSers solicited donations from area businesses and placed donation jars and fliers at those which were supportive. Stucchi's Ice Cream was especially generous and helpful. The TASSers also painted "The Rock" at the intersection of Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue. The Rock, a campus sounding board, while typically covered with the colors of a fraternity or sports team, was instead utilized to raise awareness of issues of world hunger and genocide.

The advertising efforts culminated one afternoon on the Diag, one of the busiest sites on campus. Despite temperatures reaching into the high nineties, a dedicated group of TASSers went straight from class to start soliciting donations. Educational games and fun activities were planned, including a competitive Twister tournament entitled "Twister to Save Lives" by Haley Kossek. However, most of the work involved stopping those passing by in order to solicit donations. Thanks to their charm and wit, the TASSers were well received by the Ann Arbor community who listened and donated generously. One man, who had seen a flier posted on a campus vending machine the night before, went out of his way to donate \$20 for the cause. Thanks to the participation of TASSers, combined with support from the UM TASPers, our community was able to raise \$349.47 in a matter of only two hours. The money was donated to UNICEF, United Nations Children Fund ([www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)).

Currently, Daniela Garcia, a UM TASS II tutor, is working on a website and helping TASSers spread the messages of "1 of 6" to their classmates. Any questions about "1 of 6" can be directed to Daniela at [garciadannie@gmail.com](mailto:garciadannie@gmail.com). The group is currently in need of volunteers who can support its efforts toward expansion.

Those who are interested in learning more about the events in Darfur may want to read *Not On Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide In Darfur and Beyond*, co-authored by Don Cheadle (*Hotel Rwanda*) and John Prendergast, a human rights activist. Also recommended by UM TASS I tutor Emanuel Harper, SS03, is *Inside Sudan: Political Islam, Conflict, and Catastrophe* by Don Petterson, which provides a more historical account of the conflict in Sudan.

—Daniela Garcia (tutor), Haley Kossek, and Corey Rateau, 2007 UM TASS

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# ONE VOTE FROM THE PRESIDENCY

*Svejnar's bid for Czech Republic's top job*

Cornell Branch alumni often move on to positions that require the same passion toward self governance that the democratic environment of the House both attracts and refines. However, few take this passion as far as a presidential election campaign. Yet that is exactly what Jan Svejnar, CB71 TA74, professor of economics and public policy at the University of Michigan did in February, losing the Czech Republic presidential election to incumbent Vaclav Klaus by a single vote.

Professor Svejnar spoke of his campaign experiences while addressing Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy on March 12. The lecture came less than a month after his loss in the parliamentary election, which concluded on February 15. In fact, it had only been four months since he had announced his candidacy in November. He reflected with a smile on his "roller coaster" campaign, which saw him move from an unlikely oppositional candidate to the leader in public polls in less than three months.

"It was a unique experience," he said with a grin. "I recommend it to all of you, if you ever get the chance."

Running for public office was a possibility that Dr. Svejnar had entertained for the future, but certainly not one that he envisioned himself being drawn into in 2007. He had declined to run in the spring of 2007 and had downplayed such a possibility until the fall. However, in September a group of influential members of the liberal Social Democrat party approached him with the possibility of campaigning for the presidency. Though he initially expressed some reservations, after some reflection on the Czech political climate and consultation with his family he decided to run.

Short on time and money, he created a small "commando-type team" designed to target areas of the country where he could quickly and cost-effectively generate public support without the expense of a massive media campaign. Dr. Svejnar described the process with significant amusement. He had to "get a European haircut, stop wearing shirts with button collars, write a book—all the things you need to do in a European campaign."

This was especially true given public perception of him as a "foreign" candidate. Going to school at Cornell and Princeton universities after fleeing Czechoslovakia, emigrating officially in 1990, and marrying an American woman were all points used by political rivals trying to discredit his candidacy. However, his involvement as an outside consultant as well as his connections with academic and policy organizations within the Czech Republic helped him to build a certain fame, even though the majority of his time is spent in the United States.

His campaign platform was relatively simple. Dr. Svejnar promised to "bring the country to the world" by strengthening international relations. He also hoped to create additional economic and political consensus in a country often hindered by its many political factions. He believed that his independent political position would lend itself to the brokering of such compromises.

However, his lack of party support also made his campaign more challenging, as he had to woo a variety of parties

representing all parts of the political spectrum in an effort to garner enough parliamentary votes to win the election. This would eventually be a critical weakness, as President Klaus' party was able to obtain significant influence, often through bribery and intimidation, according to Dr. Svejnar and a number of European newspapers. Unwilling to match these strong arm tactics in kind, Professor Svejnar found it difficult to at-



*Photo: Jan Svejnar (left), Francis Fukuyama (right), Denis Clark and Pepper Trail (background) at the 1975 Telluride Convention. Photo by Curt Foerster.*

tract the broad base of party support that ultimately won Klaus the election.

Despite coming up just short in his presidential bid, Dr. Svejnar said he found the entire experience immensely educational. When asked about his Telluride experience in conversation after the event, he did not hesitate to describe the self confidence and public speaking skills he gained in his three years in the Cornell Branch, spent living and studying alongside the likes of Francis Fukuyama, SP69 CB70 TA71, and Jeremy Rabkin, SP69 CB70 TA71 SPF00. But, there was one habit he learned on the Hill that was invaluable: Question everything. It was this same willingness to challenge authority and strive for answers that made Svejnar an appealing candidate to such a broad array of Czech citizens and political officials.

While he would make no definitive statements about his future political career, it seems likely that Svejnar will run again. If the tremendous positive response from this campaign was any indication, the public is eager for a candidate with the same confidence, oratory skills, and intellectual inquisitiveness that the Telluride Association has promoted and cultivated for so long.

*—Matt Wyble, MB06, and Chris Detjen, MB06*

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# TA ONLINE

*The Nunnian Network goes digital*

This year, Telluride Association sponsored two new opportunities for associates to extend their social and professional networks online, with official Association groups on both Facebook and LinkedIn. The use of these groups is constantly being refined, and we encourage Associates to join and let us know how they can be more useful.

The Facebook Telluride Association Group ([www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8700055867](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8700055867)) – TA's "official" home on Facebook – is a great way to keep up to date on all the latest TA news and events, and to link up again with friends who shared your formative Nunnian experience. We'll be updating the group page with news and announcements, and there is a list of other Telluride-related groups on Facebook that you may be interested in joining. In fact, Facebook is already home to many Telluride groups, all started by associates in the grand spirit of Nunnian participatory democracy. Our new Telluride Association group doesn't replace these groups – it's intended to facilitate and nurture them, introduce them to each other, and strengthen our understanding of our shared roots. If you're not already a member of the Facebook site, you can join at: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

For associates extending their professional network, TA now has an official group on LinkedIn. LinkedIn provides an easy way to create a short professional profile which helps you find and be found by former clients and colleagues. When you join you are connected into a 20 million+ strong professional network. You can add more connections, highlight your skills, education and past jobs, find members at companies of interest, browse jobs, post questions to the network, and discover connections to people you are interested in meeting.

If you are already a member of LinkedIn, you can join here: [www.linkedin.com/e/gis/35439/36C064104C6D](http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/35439/36C064104C6D). All associates have been preapproved using the email address that is currently on file with the Office. For assistance joining, contact Shannon Saksewski ([shannon@tellurideassociation.org](mailto:shannon@tellurideassociation.org)).

— Ryan Ismert, CB98 TA06  
Development Committee

Unlike the other partners in the exchange, Cornell does not offer a university-wide system for accepting visiting graduate students. Thus, the committee worked with individual departments on the Hill to identify those with an interest in participating in the exchange. This year, the four participating Cornell units are the Department of History, the Department of City and Regional Planning, the Medieval Studies Program, and the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs. CEU students could apply to study in any of these departments and these departments were given the opportunity to advance their own applicants for the outgoing Miller Exchange Scholarship to CEU. Despite the limited departmental options at Cornell, CEU vetted a competitive pool of applicants in these fields and advanced two very impressive candidates for our consideration. Likewise, UCT also had an internal evaluation process and they advanced three candidates for our consideration to attend UM next fall. Through consultation with each Branch, the candidates were evaluated and ranked. Both UM and CU departments admitted the top ranked candidates preferred by both Houses, and both candidates have accepted the scholarship offers. The committee is still sorting through the seemingly infinite details of the paperwork for visa applications, but we hope that the lessons learned can be passed along to next year's committee to smooth the process.

Without further ado, we announce the 2008-2009 Miller Scholars: The University of Michigan and the Michigan Branch will welcome Samantha Richmond from the University of Cape Town. Samantha is doing a master's degree in democratic governance at UCT; during her year as a Miller Scholar she will work with faculty in the UM Institute for Social Research. Nate May, MB07, has been selected as the outbound Miller Scholar from the University of Michigan. Nate, currently an MBTA resident, is enrolled in UM's jazz and contemplative studies program. His plans for a community service project in Cape Town involve writing and producing songs for performance and radio with local youth. Oana Paltineau, a doctoral candidate in history at the Central European University, will be the incoming Miller Scholar at Cornell next fall. Oana is currently working on the concept of "assimilation" in the context of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and more specifically in the Romanian community. Morgan Ng, CB06, who graduated from Cornell's architecture program, will study the intellectual history of architecture at CEU.

— Vern Long, CB99 TA02  
Chair, Overseas Student Exchange Committee

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## MILLER UPDATE

*Scholars named*

With a few transatlantic flights and some high stakes negotiating, the Reese Miller International Exchange is on the verge of launching four exchanges for 2008-2009. The University of Michigan and the University of Cape Town (UCT) will exchange students for the 2008-2009 school year, while Cornell and the Central European University (CEU) will begin their first exchange this fall. The process of putting together each leg of the exchange has been quite challenging. However, the groundwork laid by the committee in previous years provided a firm foundation undoubtedly responsible for the recent successful negotiations with each institution.

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## CENTENNIAL ALERT

*Celebration planning commences*

Plans are underway for the celebration of Telluride's centenary in 2011. The Development Committee has settled on a major event to be held in Ann Arbor in mid-August. There are also discussions about another event in Ithaca at a different time of the year. To contribute ideas or help with the planning of these events, please contact Phil Kaplan at [phil.kaplan@tellurideassociation.org](mailto:phil.kaplan@tellurideassociation.org), or Shannon Saksewski at [shannon@tellurideassociation.org](mailto:shannon@tellurideassociation.org)



## INTO THE VALLEY

*What Deep Springs taught four Michigan Branch women about shared roots*

Two weeks later, it is difficult to conjure up images of my first trip into the desert, or of our caravan's second glimpse of the elusive Deep Springs Valley; it was only after we had stopped for gasoline in Big Pine at Google Map's definition of "Deep Springs Ranch" (a parking lot near a post office in the town of Bishop) that we realized we had missed Deep Springs Ranch — by a mountain range. In March, I and three other fairly intrepid, mostly curious and perhaps dangerously idealistic Michigan Branch of Telluride Association members made the midnight flight to Las Vegas and the early morning drive through the brothel-spotted lands of Western Nevada to spend forty-eight hours at Deep Springs College. If one could articulate the feeling of a return home after a long time wandering, it might begin to describe our time at Deep Springs.

For those of us who lived with the spirited Joshua Smith, MB02 TA03, or attended one of the TASP's at which he served as factotum, Deep Springs has always conjured the spunky, hyperbolic tenacity of myth. MBTA had dispatched exchanges to Deep Springs in the past; whatever the institutional results, the lore of Deep Springs as the point of origin of all true Telluriders came to permeate our institutional culture. From the time that Josh regaled my TASP (Washington U., 2005) with tales of brains sent in cardboard packaging from some Jeffersonian utopia just beyond the ever-receding frontier, I was taken by the idea of Deep Springs. However, immediate cultural and/or biological circumstances led me to scribble that name, next to ancient Carthage and Black Mountain College before their demise, on the list of compelling places that I

wouldn't get to see this lifetime around. Then MBTA Director Shannon Saksewski forwarded correspondence from Paul Huang, DS07, asking whether anyone had interest in revitalizing a DS-MBTA exchange. I leapt at the chance to reconnect our two ventures. The dilute comments about a rift between the two institutions that I had gathered during my three semesters at MBTA had convinced me that a revitalized exchange was essential to promoting understanding between a relatively ancient Nunnian institution and one of its twenty-first century doppelgängers.

Since most of the procedural memory of earlier exchanges had vanished from either side, Paul and I were on our own to set up the details. In many ways, the historical vacuum was liberating. We drafted a statement of purpose for the exchange that Paul brought before Deep Springs' Student Body, and contemplated structures for informal and formal "ambassadorship" that would make the trip more than a voyeuristic peek over the fences of Deep Springs Ranch. We eventually proposed a two-way exchange, but complications in locating a source of funding for the visitors from Deep Springs tabled those thoughts for this semester.

By the time all of the details had been straightened out, we were in Las Vegas — three hours behind Eastern time, and still waiting for our 3:00 a.m. pizza delivery. The hectic jumble

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Photos taken by Valerie Montes, SP06 MB07. Above: Nathan Balles, Valerie Montes, SP06 MB07, Jessi Holler, SP05 MB07, Mala Dedrick, MB05, Amanda Mennis, SP05 MB06, and Nathan Garrett, DS07, on a hike above the Ranch.

of city lights, rental car insurance forms, and lost cameras (mine, alas!) kept us from thinking too much more about Deep Springs until we arrived—or, rather, until we realized that we had rambled too far West to arrive on time. Our dusty Chevy finally delivered us to Deep Springs Ranch two hours late. We were greeted on the porch of DS's Dorm building by four or five young men with cigarettes; they seemed bemused but willing to allow us to contribute to evening labor. While Amanda and Valerie joined the dinner crew at the Boarding House making salad, Maia and I were indirectly responsible for a kicked milk bucket and some amount of introductory chaos at the dairy barn. Dinner found us scarfing down burgers, swapping tales of Nunnian camaraderie and institutional difference. Seated at different tables, we launched our effort to avoid the formation that would haunt us throughout the weekend—the MBTA “clump.” President David Neidorf, “... on behalf of those present who are *not* clairvoyant,” asked that we introduce ourselves; we promptly obliged, but it took us our fair share of attempts before we could distinguish among the similarly-mustachioed student body.

So much for the politics of visibility. Like it or not, thanks to the TA-DS Liaison Committee's budget and some sort of clause in the Deep Springs rules of governance that considers visits from Telluriders to be “official business” rather than a breach in isolation, the four of us were clearly marked as resident outsiders for the remainder of the weekend. Suffice it to say that we revelled in that questionable glory. Those young men whom we got to know made an incredible effort to acclimate us to life on the ranch, and to explain—and show—some small part of what it means to live and learn at Deep Springs. In fact, shortly after dinner, we were summoned to the site of Friday night's student body meeting: we were to gather in the company of our gracious hosts around a campfire behind the dorm. Self-governance would commence under the stars.

Parliamentary procedure at MBTA, we are sorry to say, involves nowhere near as much high-spirited ritual, costumery, contemplative good humor—or misdirected campfire smoke—as did self-governance at Deep Springs. We witnessed not only the SB's strikingly poignant and deep-rooted commitment to the spirit of democracy, labor, and critical inquiry, but were won by what Peter Taylor, DS06, described as a dynamic process of “communal self-actualization.” We were also witness to the election of the next Deep Springs historian. So impassioned was the rhetoric, so outrageous the project proposals, and so earnest the competition that the SB decided to elect *two* historians. Unfortunately, we cannot divulge further information about the proceedings. We were also pleasantly surprised to see that DSSB meetings end with time for reflection, followed by a time for spoken appraisals of the last week's worth of life at Deep Springs. Such a gesture (which we've been told descends from Quaker practices) could do much to foster a more critically evaluative and self-aware community at MBTA.

The SB meeting ended with a flurry of excited talk and quick changes of clothing in preparation for the “BOO-jie” (which we were later to find out, thanks to our friendly DS interpreters, is a slight phonological spin on the good old low-English “boogie”), which entailed a strobe-lit, frenzied, and most superbly sweaty dance party. Before the boogie, the Deep Springers gathered in the “rumpus room” (a sort of condensed and well-loved common room) to open belated Christmas presents. Among the bounty (pajamas, boxers, and some sort of

arts-and-crafts “pet”) was a smoke machine, much to the pleasure of the boogie crowd.

For those of us who weathered the sleepless glory nights of breathless conversation and failed attempts to complete seminar reading that characterize TASP, our Friday night was an enthralling throwback. For various hours and in various combinations, we spoke to the students of Deep Springs about education, life, love, Lacan, and what they (and we, in some odd and less direct way) were seeking in a place like Deep Springs. After mistakenly buying into dominant myths of sovereign subjectivity, I was invited along on an abortive midnight venture to wait for a newborn calf to stand and suckle. It didn't, but I learned quite a bit about patience and the random luck of working with tamed parts of nature. I also mustered the courage to borrow a “cold-proof” sleeping bag to sack out under the stars—to do so was, I had been assured, an essential part of the “Deep Springs experience.” I woke up cold, embarrassed to find that the great Western plain where I'd staked my cot was only a garden, and with eyes strained from the impossible effort to see stars through thick spectacles. But, as I returned my borrowed alarm clock, threw on a sweater, and headed to the Boarding House to join Maia and Charles Pletcher, DS07, for his 7:00 a.m. feed run, I realized that there was something exhilarating and important about this kind of life.

By the time the MBTAers reconvened—this time, to join Don the Butcher, DS07, for a cow slaughter—we confirmed that this dawning feeling was shared. The event was far more momentous than one might think—and not just for myself and Maia, the struggling vegetarians. We spent over six hours with a once-was cow named “Number Twenty-Two,” until she looked just like the carcass in a butcher's manual of cuts. We shared the rickety flat truck bed back to the ranch with our day's worth of tools, our good friend and guide Nathan Garrett, DS07, and four chunks of meat wrapped in bed sheets (which Don single-handedly delivered to the meat locker in the butcher's quarters).

We came home to warm dinner again—and by this point had become familiar enough around the ranch (or were *still* trying to prove ourselves “hardcore” enough) that we “signed up” (or were signed up—thanks, Maia!) for kitchen duty. Three hours and a full set of Stravinsky, early Pink Floyd and Velvet Underground songs (courtesy of Paul) later, the dishes were done. By the time we were free of Boarding House duties, our hands were both water-logged *and* crispy—but nobody complained that we hadn't done our share.

On our last day, the intrepid Nathan took us on a tame hiking tour around the red rocks that overlook the Ranch. As we stopped on a high outcropping to look out over the Valley, we were all taken by a collective calm—something another of our companions recognized as happiness. We must admit: we were moved by the mountains. We were startled by the slow time that seemed to creep over life at Deep Springs, even for us visitors. It was as if we came to see that another type of life is possible—one in which thought, speech, and action sharpened in the valley air, and in which simplicity and physical labor led to self- and communal understanding.

However, we also had to strive not to be taken by the despair that came when we realized that Deep Springs is not Ann Arbor, and that no number of dish-washing shifts or old shirts borrowed from the “Bone Pile” could afford us any more time in the Valley. And so, on the last day, our group held two meetings: in the first, we met with Deep Springs President David Neidorf, Dean Justin Kim, and Professor Katie Peterson

to analyze those aspects that make the college so distinctive—localized service, a tradition of public address, isolation, and the much-beloved single-sex student body. Moreover, we spoke about Telluride, Convention, and how the three pillars of MBTA—almost a century removed from DS—reach toward delivering a similar experience, albeit in a vastly different setting.

After our fruitful hour, we asked David whether we might hold a meeting with the student body, since he indicated that few knew much about TA, and most knew even less about MBTA. And so we came to force our fragmented Thoreauvian ramblings into pointed questions about the makings of good community life and modern intellectual and moral development. We realized that we could discuss specifics of life at MBTA and the relationship between the House and the University of Michigan, or could root up details about life, labor, and academics at Deep Springs.

No matter our intentions, our conversation with the SB was a conversation of ideas—and a glorious one, at that. We debated the effects that societal and civil immersion may have on a community, compared to the effects of relative isolation. We swapped notes on review procedures, and scrutinized the role of procedure and debate in an individual's development within a community.

The group flickered in and out of the eerie light of connection and, at the end of the day, we all spoke the same language. We laughed together over the acronyms from Robert's Rules that bind us. However, the moments of difference were equally powerful. Our conversation hinged on one fundamental disparity: MBTA's individual accomplishment within the wider structure of an established university system could not be reconciled to DS's "self-government" of much of the means to education in the Valley. It was difficult, in light of these discussions, to justify MBTA's status as a "hanger-on" or democratic supplement to an otherwise standard model of American university education. DSers consoled us, reminding us that we had come to this crossroads of discussion from two very different places; we couldn't expect MBTA to look like Deep Springs, and certainly shouldn't bemoan the very different sort of community that had sprung up in the Valley. After all, they said—the desert and the mountainous surrounds shape the preliminary community-building, or at least avert distraction.

We were most startled by a question that came near the end of the conversation: "Do you consider yourselves to be a Nunnian institution?" The answer from the MBTA delegation was an unequivocal yes—had three of us not undergone the intensive ideological training in democracy-plus-life-of-the-mind that is TASP? Did we not also live under the sign of a portrait of our loving "Uncle L.L."? (Both DS and MBTA have framed the same portrait of Nunn. Either we're not so far removed after all, or Uncle L.L. had only one photograph taken in his life.) Each group, it seems, views Nunn—his legacy, his words, and moreover, the imperative that his gift placed over how we live our lives in the world—as its chief progenitor. However, the inner workings of TA were as obscure to the SB



Photo: President David Neidorf addresses part of the SB during Sunday's brunch

gathered in the Valley as the intricacies of the application process at Deep Springs were to the MBTA crowd.

In attempts to swallow our sorrows over leaving, we asked the DSers to share their own apprehensions about leaving the Valley. What does it mean to them that Deep Springs, in any year's incarnation, is such an ephemeral experience? They replied much as we did in our self-searching conversation during the five-hour trek back to Vegas: Deep Springs is something that one carries along with oneself, that shapes the self for any situation, and for any new community.

We took the long loop around the driveway before leaving for good—the DSers who had already waved to us three times raised an arm to wave again, and then we were back in the desert. Home is, at least, some sort of destination. With the faith that a stronger sort of self-governing community than we had previously known can and does exist, we were eager to isolate the practices that could be lifted from Deep Springs and applied to strengthen the community of MBTA. Despite the fact that we at MBTA do not control the structure of our education as the young men of Deep Springs can, the lessons of isolation hit home for a Branch that does not emphasize internal community-building. We tried to catalogue all that we had learned so that we could maintain the clarity of the desert, even in suburban Ann Arbor. But experience fades. If anything, we learned that our two organizations, and all of the ventures that have scattered from the pocketbook of Nunn over the past century, are kin. Situations differ, and democracy, self-governance, community-building, service, and inquiry differ accordingly. We miss the mountains, the slobbering calves, the one-time sunrise food-run, and some less grisly aspects of the slaughter. But we've returned home driven to find new and better ways to learn the same old rickety lessons about self and community, responsibility and inquiry, democracy and grace—even if our mailbox is on our porch, and not in the next town over.

—Jessi Holler, SP05 MB07, Maia Dedrick, MB05,  
Valerie Montes, SP06 MB07, and Amanda Mennis, SP05 MB06,  
2008 MBTA delegates to Deep Springs College

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# AN ADVENTUROUS SCHOLAR

*The 2007 Yarrow recipient reports on a summer of service in Chicago*

"Hey, Chris" yelled my coworker, Jed, to my boss. "I was just thinking how lucky we are to have an 'adventurous scholar' with us this summer." "Hey, Alvar, stop reading in your office with the lights off, we wouldn't want anything to happen to our 'adventurous scholar's' eyesight." The "adventurous" title certainly got me some jeers this summer, but Chicago's Working Hands Legal Clinic really was lucky to have me. I don't say this as a reflection of my skills as a legal intern, but rather as a reflection of the great need that the organization I worked with this summer is trying to meet, and the insufficiency of people and resources available to help meet that need.

The clinic is a new organization whose young roots grow out of the worker centers in Chicago. Worker centers are grass roots organizations that seek to educate and advocate on behalf of low-wage workers with the community's support. Chicago has five such centers located in different parts of the city. While worker centers support African Americans, Polish immigrants, and anybody else in need, Latino immigrants—documented and undocumented alike—constitute the largest percentage of these centers' membership. Working Hands arose to meet the centers' need for professional legal expertise and to increase their members' access to legal representation.

Given the grassroots connection to worker centers, Working Hands lawyers get to do more than sit behind a desk writing complaints and litigating cases. They get to be part of a greater movement to empower low wage workers and thus participate in the diverse set of experiences that this movement entails. This summer I worked with a public interest organization that makes full use of every resource; that reality translated into a great legal experience. I got to dig up dirt on various companies we found to be robbing employees of their minimum wages and overtime through elaborate schemes. I got to draft the class action complaints against these companies, including day labor agencies and well known businesses like "Dunkin Donuts" franchises in Chicago. (America may "run on Dunkin," but Dunkin often runs on exploitation.) I also got to participate in the discovery stages of other lawsuits. That was actually a very "interesting" experience at times. I doubt many other law students' discovery experiences this summer involved latex gloves or insects crawling out of old moldy boxes.

Aside from that legal experience however, I got to go down to Social Security and abusive worksites on any given afternoon and exercise my right to protest along with organizers and low wage workers from multiple ethnicities. I had the opportunity to participate in the planning of local media campaigns to bring abusive employers to justice, as well as in national efforts to oppose anti-immigrant laws and regulations. More importantly, however, I got to interact closely with a community of admirable men and women who break their backs in the fields, factories, and restaurants of this country to earn their right to the all-famous American Dream.

Every Monday I would go down to the Iglesia de Nuestra Senora Tepeyac, a Catholic church in Little Village, Chicago, and the site of the Chicago Workers' collaborative, one of the worker centers in Chicago that we have ties with. I would sit down in one of their offices and see workers, mostly Spanish-speaking Latinos, as they came in. If Working Hands had twenty

lawyers on staff, all twenty lawyers would be busy listening to the stories I heard every week. Most of these workers would be making minimum wage, but even those small earnings would often be violated by employers. These people's need to work and to provide for their families drives them to endure wage theft, verbal abuse, and even physical abuse for weeks, months, and years. I met with men and women who had lost body parts due to hazardous work conditions but whose employers would fire them and refuse to give them compensation. I saw people with families who had worked for weeks under the promise of pay and then gotten checks that bounced. I also saw people who suffered abuse from local authorities or injury on account of local service providers' refusal to help them in their time of need. As these workers were often undocumented they would live too afraid to come forward with their claims and under the false belief that they have no rights and protections in this country, a belief that employers would too often perpetuate through their oppressive actions and threats of calling ICE on them. This ignorance with respect to their rights, however, and fear of coming forward with their claims, was certainly not a characteristic exclusive to undocumented immigrants; it is present amongst citizens and residents of this country, as well.

There is a great need to educate these workers on their rights so that they may return to their communities and educate others on their own account. The common sentiment "knowledge is power" could hardly find a better case in which to prove itself true. That is ultimately the mission that worker centers are in the business of carrying out: empowering people. Given their often uncertain immigration status, their race, and the economic sectors where they work, most of these workers fall outside of the protection of the traditional labor movement. Thus, worker centers have risen as a response to their vulnerability. While I would be listening to these stories and taking notes to draft complaints the next day, Martin, the collaborative's main organizer, himself an immigrant and once an aggrieved worker, would be holding a meeting to teach other workers about their rights and galvanizing them to defend them through both individual and collective action.

I saw people rise together from oppression to defend their rights. I saw abused workers find justice at the end of litigation and settlement conferences. I also saw them participate in negotiations to successfully recover their wages. These were some of the more rewarding experiences this summer.

The Yarrow award made these experiences possible by helping me cover my living expenses throughout the entire summer. Both Working Hands and I are thankful to Telluride for this opportunity and sincerely hope that the next "adventurous" scholar will find his or her summer to be as interesting and exciting as I did.

—Alvar Ayala, MB06

*The Yarrow award honors founding Pasadena Branch member and committed Quaker Clarence "Mike" Yarrow, DS25 CB28 TA28. Fellow Pasadena Branch alumni and friends created the award to extend Yarrow's work for world peace at home and abroad by supporting summer educational projects that build upon his legacy.*

# COLLEGE CHOICE SURVEY OF SUMMER PROGRAM STUDENTS

## Cornell I TASP '06

Donald Bickmann—Deep Springs College  
Richard Bicknell II—University of Michigan  
Christopher Dantzierward—Harvard University  
Ingrid Hernandez—Stanford University  
Sarah Howland—Harvard College  
Anthony Mariano—University of Michigan  
Omonigho Oiyemhonlan—Stanford University  
Diya Sikka—University of Texas/Austin  
J. Alberto Solis—Kenyon College  
Jennifer Tiskus—Stanford University  
Levent Tuzun—Yale University  
Kira Wojack—Yale University  
Gary Zhang—Columbia University  
Mindy Zhang—University of Pennsylvania  
Yu Zheng—Columbia College

*unknown:* Michael Teshome

## Cornell II TASP '06

Michael Adelson—Princeton University  
Nahla Ahmed—Purdue University  
Maria Avrutsky—University of Michigan  
Johes Bater—Stanford University  
Daniel Briggs—Dartmouth College  
Co'Relous Bryant—New York University  
Brendan Carroll—Princeton University  
Martin Geiger—Cornell University  
Laura Gonzalez—Yale University  
Marina Magloire—Harvard University  
Aida Manduley—Brown University  
Sheron Mui—Loyola University  
Freya Rajeshwar—University of Michigan  
LeeYong (Grace) Statwick—Vassar College  
Ali Wright—Cornell University

*unknown:* Stanley Beliar

## Indiana TASS '05

Porchea Fort—California State (Northridge)  
Chantai Meadows—University of Georgia  
Adrian Swann—Duke University  
Michael Woods—Indiana University

*unknown:* Bianca Ashley, Ashley Barnes, Quiera Bryant, Danielle Gavin, DeAntwann Johnson, Sadozai Malik, Jordan Moore-Fields, Brandon



Norton, Jennifer Price, Shelly Taylor, Ashley Williams

## Michigan TASS I '05

Angela Abiodun—University of Michigan  
Tia Hicks—Cornell University  
Laurence Levi—Michigan State University  
Patrice Mann—Harvard College  
Nneka McGuire—University of Chicago  
Ebony Minter—Bethune-Cookman  
Kiara Russell—Fisk University

*unknown:* Noelle Blanchard, Jasmine Bolton, Deon Brown, Sunita Denton, Ariadne DuBois, Justin Malcolm, Isaiah Miller, Corbin Moseley

## Michigan TASS II '05

Etonde Awaah—Columbia University  
Emmanuel Bamfo—Washington U., St. Louis  
Kristin Berry—Columbia University  
Yuri Jean-Baptiste—University of Florida  
Stacey Tingle—Chabot College

*unknown:* Shineka Barnett, Shakayla Byrd, Roderique John, Danielle Lawson, Comet Mekonen, Gabrielle Reese, Lana Superson

## Michigan TASP '06

Alec Arellano—Colorado College  
Elisheva Ash—Stanford University (2008)  
Shruti Ayyar—University of Cambridge  
Conor Gannon—Princeton University  
Joey Glick—Colorado College  
Ali Hussain—Cornell University  
Ivana Miao—Brown University  
Valerie Montes—University of Michigan  
Wang Pan—Harvard University  
Pablo Rojas—Brown University  
Peter Runfola—Princeton University  
Stuart Shirrell—University of Arkansas  
Lucy Sun—Columbia University  
Angela Torney—Stanford University  
Heng Wang—Princeton University

*unknown:* Matilda Asuzu, Sarah Evans, Vanessa Wheeler

## The University of Texas, Austin TASP '06

Katie Chang—Harvard University  
David Harmon—Brown University  
Peter Hatch—Brown University  
Michelle Hofmann—UC Santa Barbara  
Paul Huang—Deep Springs College  
Ye (Tracy) Huang—Amherst College  
King Leung—University of Chicago  
Joy Liu—Brown University  
Edward Lochocki—Rutgers University  
Jon Noronha—Harvard University  
Ryan Parsons—University of Mississippi  
Nicholas Rosenbaum—Yale University  
Varun Sivaram—Stanford University  
Monica Smith—Washington University  
Rachel Smith—Pomona College  
Ivana Stosic—Harvard University  
Stephanie Wright—Stanford University  
Fangyu Zhang—Harvard University

## Washington University, St. Louis TASP '06

Miranda Becker—Wesleyan University  
Jordan Billups—University of Pennsylvania  
Kathryn Brown—Washington U., St. Louis  
Ryan Brown—Duke University  
Spencer Burke—Harvard University  
Breanna Byington—Cornell University  
Mina Chang—Harvard University  
Rodney Dennis, Jr.—Michigan State University  
Manasi Desai—Dartmouth College  
Gerardo Diaz-Bazan—Boston College  
Tianshu Han—Harvard University  
Alison Hudson—Oxford University, Oriel College  
Katharine Lauderdale—Harvard University  
Max McClure—Stanford University  
Leonel Merone—Carnegie Mellon  
Ruben Montiel—University of Chicago  
Fuyuo Nagayama—Harvard University  
Bom Yoon—University of Michigan

## 2008 SUMMER PROGRAM TOPICS

### Cornell I TASP — Caribbean Dialogs [.com]

with Professor Petrine Archer-Straw (Cornell University) and Professor Petrina Dacres (Edna Manley College for the Visual and Performing Arts)

### Cornell II TASP — Human Rights, Cultural Rights, and Economic Rights: Views from the "Global South"

with Professors Johanna Schoss and Marina Welker (Cornell University)

Indiana TASS — **Social Identity in Contemporary African American and LGBT Theatre** with Professors Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe and Marlon Bailey (Indiana University, Bloomington)

### Michigan TASS I — Pros and Cons of "Getting Involved" - Community Participation in

**Multicultural Communities** with Professors Robert Ortega and Charles Kieffer (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Michigan TASS II — **Imagining the Congo, Performing African History and Culture** with

Professors Mbala Nkanga and Nancy Hunt (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

### Michigan TASP — The Environment and Our Health

with Professors Jerome Nriagu and Nil Basu (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

UT Texas at Austin TASP — **The History and Images of Hollywood's Africa** with Professors James Wilson and Keith Robinson (The University of Texas at Austin)

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1960s

DOUGLAS MACDONALD, SP62, left his position as the Secretary of Transportation for the State of Washington in July in order to pursue other interests.

GAYATRI CHAKRAVORTY SPIVAK, CB63 CBG86, an Avalon Foundation Professor in Humanities at Columbia University, was elected to the American Philosophical Society on April 27, 2007. She paid a visit to the Cornell TASP's for dinner on July 25, 2007.

NATHAN TARCOV, SP63 CB64 TA65, was featured in an article published by the *Chicago Reader* on August 24, 2007, for his efforts to debunk the popularly held belief that Leo Strauss was responsible for the rise of neoconservative politics and the eventual invasion of Iraq. The link to the article is: <http://chicagoreader.com/features/stories/leostrauss>.

JANICE WILLIS, SP64, presented *Mandala: Building a Sacred World* at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art in Ithaca on September 24, 2007.

DAVID FRIED, SP66 CB67, opened his own law practice in Cambridge, MA, a year ago. He specializes in employment law, civil rights litigation, and representing low- and middle-income tenant associations. He lives in Brookline and has sons Kevin, 13, and Jesse, 10.

HOWARD RODMAN, SP66, lives in Los Angeles with his wife, author Anne Friedberg, and his 14-year-old son, Tristan. Howard is a screenwriter and a professor for the School of Cinematic Arts at USC and serves on the board for the Writers Guild of America. *Joe Gould's Secret*, a film he wrote, opened at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival, and another two of his films, *Savage Grace* and *August*, had their U.S. debuts at Sundance. *Savage Grace*, which stars Julianne Moore, had its world premiere at Cannes in 2007.

RICHARD VELKLEY, SP66 CB67 TA69, left the Catholic University of America in July to accept a faculty position at Tulane

University as the Celia Scott Weatherhead Chair of Philosophy.

AARON MANSON, SP67, announces that a work he co-edited, *Charisma: The Gift of Grace, and How It Has Been Taken Away from Us*, was published in 2007.

1970s

After over 20 years in scientific research at Cornell and elsewhere, MICHAEL DEHN, DS74, ([mdehn@netscape.com](mailto:mdehn@netscape.com)) now works as a writer and editor. In addition, he is hoping to network with other TA alumni on two unrelated matters. First, he seeks a suitable investor and partner to participate in the patenting and marketing of a new type of search engine feature. He also hopes to connect with an entrepreneur (especially a serial entrepreneur) interested in discussing two potential startups (one Web 2.0 and another that is not in the technology sector at all).

*Free Speech and Human Dignity* by STEVEN HEYMAN, SP75 TA79, was published this spring by Yale University Press.

WILLIAM MASTERS, DS79, is a professor and associate head of agricultural economics at Purdue University. He is currently conducting research on economic policy for food and agriculture focusing on Africa.

2007 was a big year for BARBARA PATRICK, SP79, and ARTHUR STOCK, SP79. He writes, "In addition to celebrating our twentieth wedding anniversary and our son Isaac's fourth birthday, we shared an especially intimate experience in January when I needed a working kidney and Barbara had a spare to offer. The transplant was a smashing success; no surprise as we have long known ourselves to be, in technical language, a good match. By August we were both back at work, Barbara as a professor of English at Rowan University and me as a securities fraud litigator." The couple shuttles between residences in Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. SP79 visitors always welcome.

1980s

REBEKAH NUTTER (néé Becky Pinnick), SP83 CB84 TA88, and her husband, Brian, welcomed their second child, Joshua Nicholas Nutter, into the world on November 16, 2007, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and 21 inches long. Rebekah writes, "He took one look at big sister Elena (five years old on April 1) and started trying to catch up to her. He's made good progress, too! At two months old, he weighed what Elena weighed at six months. In January, Brian left his job at NASA, and we moved to Wilmore, KY, where he will be pursuing an M. Div. and probably an M. Theology at Asbury Theological Seminary. It makes some intuitive sense to me—he just moved from the celestial realm to the heavenly realm. Of course, now that we are poor starving students, I am nervously anticipating my new career as a vegetable gardener and home economist extraordinaire. Elena starts home-school kindergarten this year, so life will be busy enough. I don't expect that many will pass through Wilmore, but our home is open if you do."

LYNNE SACKS, SP84 CB85 TA88, and husband PAUL KIM, SP84 TA93, moved to Newton, Massachusetts, where Lynne is pursuing her doctorate through Harvard's Graduate School of Education.

CHARLES PAZDERNIK, SP85 CB86 TA87, and MIRIAM AUKERMAN, SP86 CB87 TA88,



2008: Cara and Thea Aukerman Pazdernik

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announce the birth of their second daughter, Cara, two weeks later than expected on January 29, 2008. He writes, "Following a surprisingly easy delivery, mother and child are doing very well. Big sister Thea is overjoyed."

**NORWOOD ANDREWS**, SP86 CB87 TA88, received his PhD in history from The University of Texas at Austin in December 2007. In January 2008 he moved to England and joined the staff of the Centre for the History of Medicine at the University of Warwick. He is studying the tangled relationships between medicine and criminal justice, and capital punishment in different historical contexts. Currently he is working with the Triangle Theatre Company of Coventry on a production titled "The Last Women." He was also part of the large crowd attending a lecture by **KEN POMERANZ**, SP75 CB76 TA78, at Warwick on February 27. Ken's lecture was titled "Chinese Development and World History: Putting the 'East Asian Model' in Perspective."

**DAVID GREENE**, DS87 CB90 TA91, and **SARAH AVERILL**, CB89 TA97, live in Syracuse, New York, with their children, Isabel and Calvin. Sarah is in medical school and Dave works for an electronics company that develops vote-counting devices.

**MICHAEL BOOTH**, SP88, is a Mellon postdoctoral fellow and assistant professor of English at Haverford College.

**PHIL BUDDEN**, CB88 TA90, moved to Boston last summer to become Britain's consul general for New England. After five years at Britain's Embassy in Washington D.C. (including a year's overlap with the Pazdernik/Aukerman family), Phil is set to continue his fascination with the U.S. and science/technology. He looks forward to linking up with other Telluriders and can be reached by his new e-mail: [phil.budden@fconet.fco.gov.uk](mailto:phil.budden@fconet.fco.gov.uk).

**JEANNIE CHIU**, CB88 TA89, and Jim Morehead welcomed their first child, Steven Jia-Lin Morehead, on August 17, 2007, 7 pounds, 3 ounces and 20 inches.

**MAX EDELSON**, DS88 CB90 TA91, and family are living in Takoma Park, Maryland, through June 2008, enjoying a year-long sabbatical from the University of Illinois. He is camped out at the Library of Congress, where he can be found unfolding old maps and reading imperial correspondence as the Kislak Fellow in American Studies.

**DAVID J. WILLIAMS**, SP88, sold a science fiction trilogy to Random House's Bantam Spectra last year; the first book, *The Mirrored Heavens*, will be released on May 20. For details, see his website: [www.autumnrain2110.com](http://www.autumnrain2110.com). He would love to hear from Telluriders in general and members of the Williams 1988 TASP in particular.

Film producers **BRAXTON POPE**, SP89 CB90 TA92, and Andrew Weiner, of Ithaca Films, announced the opening of *THE TAKE*, which debuted theatrically in Los Angeles and New York City on Friday, April 11, 2008. It stars John Leguizamo, along with Tyrese, Rosie Perez, and Bobby Cannavale. Sony Pictures released the film and it had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival last fall.

## 1990s

**MARTYN ATKINS**, CB90 TA91, married Sarah Williamson on 18 August 2007 at St. Luke's Church in Chelsea (London).



2007: Steven Jia-Lin Morehead, son of Jeannie Chiu

Martyn completed his three-year stint in Brussels as House of Commons Representative to the EU in October and returned to London to take up another post in the House of Commons service. Sarah is the finance director for Espresso Education, a digital curriculum content provider. They have settled in Hammersmith, west London – very convenient to Heathrow!

**TODD PRICE**, SP91 TA96, and his wife, Andrea, announce the birth of their son, James Andrew Price, on November 27, 2007.

**MARIE SEGARES**, SP91, is excited to report that she received her MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business in January 2008 and has accepted a position as a partner manager for the National Academy Foundation.

**ALICE SHEPPARD**, CB91 TA92, performed with the *AXIS* Dance Company at the College of Staten Island Center for the Arts on Friday, March 28, as part of the company's national tour. [www.csi.cuny.edu/arts](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/arts).

CNNPolitics.com published an op-ed by musician, activist, and entrepreneur **DERICK ASHONG**, SP92, commenting on presidential hopeful Barack Obama's March 2008 speech on race in America. "It was not his repudiation of small thinking that struck me," wrote Ashong, whose passionate defense of Obama made a splash on YouTube. "It was the fact that here we had an American politician speaking with both candor and compassion about the proverbial elephant in our national living room." Google: CNN Ashong

**DANIEL ALARCON**, SP94, appears in a special edition article published by the Smithsonian Institute entitled, "37 under 36; America's Young Innovators in the Arts and Sciences."

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Daniel was recognized for the success of his novel *Lost City Radio* which explores humanitarian issues in Peru. The article states, "The world of Alarcon's fiction is raw, harsh, filled with calamity and dislocation. But for all its broken dreams, it is a world where humanity reigns."

On August 12, 2007, VALERIE JAFFEE, SP94 TA01, married Ian Washburn in Sequim, Washington, and has since changed her name to Valerie Jaffee Washburn.

SHARON TREGASKIS, CB94 TA96, hasn't traveled far. She lives – with the now-elderly feline Kat and husband Dean – only a few blocks west of CBTA. Sharon works from home as a freelance reporter, covering health care, the environment, and higher ed for a bevy of college and alumni magazines, as well as a growing slate of regional pubs. Fave stories to date: green cemeteries, composting toilets, and the finer points of how to prepare armadillo for *Organic Gardening*. Yum.

IAN BLECHER, SP96, and wife Sara are proud to announce the birth of their son, Solomon Nichols Blecher. Solomon weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces at birth.

*The New Yorker* ran "The Repatriates," by SANA KRASIKOV, SP96 CB97, in April 2008. Her first anthology, "One More Year," will be published in August.

JAMES HAYDEN, DS97 CB06, and his advisor received a National Science Foundation "Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant" for \$10,137.00 to cover a 2-year period. He adds "It will pay for research that will "significantly improve" my dissertation. I study the taxonomy of tropical insects, so the grant will pay for extra travel to museum collections in Europe and Latin America, training in histology (fine dissection) in Canada, and expenses for advanced photography."

STANKA FITNEVA, CB98 TA01, and William Macy welcomed their daughter, Anna Fitneva Macy, into the world on November 7, 2007. Her parents report that at 7 pounds, 20 inches, Anna is happy and healthy.

VONIQUE R. WILSON (néé Ford), SS99, writes, "I got married Aug 6, 2005, to my high school sweetheart and finished my undergraduate degree (BS in Sciences) spring 2006 at Illinois State. I immediately entered graduate school at Illinois State and will be done with my master's program by the end of the summer. I'll hold an MS in biological sciences with a focus on biotechnology. I'll be writing my thesis on my work with the bacteria *Haemophilus influenzae*."

2000s

Congrats to PAUL BENECKI, SP01 CB03 TA06, on his acceptance into the masters program with Cornell's Department of City and Regional Planning. Paul has deferred admission for one year for a job with Habitat for Humanity of New York City.

RANGARAJAN RAJAGOPALAN, CB01 TA04, accepted a position as a portfolio analyst for Babcock and Brown in San Francisco, CA, where he will be managing a \$5 billion portfolio of jet aircrafts.

TERESA O'MEARA (néé Rodgers), SP02, married Matthew O'Meara, fellow University of Chicago alum, on June 16, 2007. She is now pursuing a PhD in genetics at the university program for genetics and genomics at Duke.

IRIT RASOOLY, SP02, received a Fulbright to evaluate diabetes prevention programs aimed at First Nations youth in Canada. She encourages anyone passing through London, Ontario to contact her at [irasooly@princeton.edu](mailto:irasooly@princeton.edu).

In 2007, AMY SALTZMAN, SP02 CB03 TA05, received Cornell's department of government Sherman-Bennett Prize for the best thesis discussing the principles of free government. She has also won a 2008-09 Fulbright scholarship and will go to Malawi to study the implications of development aid for small farm crop diversification.

As a recipient of the 2007 Rowe Koehl Student Travel Award, TARA BUENTELLO,

SP03, will travel to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico to research the significance of ancient caves for the local population.

LINDA LOUIE, SP03 CB04, will begin teaching English and earning a master's degree in Education this fall through the New York City Teaching Fellows program. Telluriders will be welcome at her spacious, comfortable, reasonably priced NYC apartment, as soon as she finds one.

MICHAEL BARANY, SP04 CB05 TA07, will begin research for an MPhil in October at Cambridge's department of history and philosophy of science under a Marshall scholarship ([www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Nov07/Barany.Marshall.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Nov07/Barany.Marshall.html)), which will also fund his subsequent year in Edinburgh. For when he returns to pursue a doctorate, Barany also received a three-year Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

CHRISTIAN GROSTIC, MB04, was hired through the Attorney General's Honors Program as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, in Washington, D.C.

FLOJAUNE GRIFFIN, MB05, finished a fellowship at the California Department of Public Health in August where she was instrumental in the development and completion of two projects: characterizing risk factors for alcohol consumption among pregnant women and the impact of preconception chronic disease hospitalization on fetal and infant mortality. The results of the first presentation were presented at the Substance Abuse Research Consortium Conference and will be published in the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*; the second will be presented at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Preconception Care Conference in San Francisco October 29-30 and will appear in the *American Journal of Public Health*. She is a co-presenter and first author of the articles.

TSISTI JAJI, CB05, will join the University of Pennsylvania faculty in fall 2008.

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While working toward her PhD in comparative literature at Cornell this spring, she also fielded offers from Williams College, Rutgers, College of Wooster, and Penn State as well as a post-doc opportunity at Oberlin and a dissertation fellowship from the Carter G. Woodson Centre at UVA before making her final decision. In her words, it's been "surreal."

In 2007, Cornell's department of government awarded **ANDREW NG**, CB05, the Lieutenant David Chrystall Prize for the best senior thesis dealing with international relations and diplomacy.

The film *Loveloveliebe* by **BRANWEN OKPAKO**, MBG05, is part of the tenth anniversary selection DVD created by German Films for their annual film series Next Generation, which is noted as "a program of the year's best shorts by students at German film schools." The DVD was presented in Cannes this year.

**SZE WEIANG**, CB06, will complete her dissertation "The Transnational Subject in an Economy of Difference" this spring. She has won a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities at UCLA and for two years beginning in September 2008, she will resist daily temptations to turn into a beach bum.

**ADRIAN KINSELLA**, CB06, is finishing his senior honors thesis on the reallocation of moral responsibility in military organizations and will graduate from Cornell with majors in philosophy, classics, and a concentration in law & society. He reports to Marine Officer Candidate School on June 1 and will attend The Basic School and then Military Occupational Specialties school (he's hoping for infantry). He plans to pursue military law as a JAG or civilian law as a criminal prosecutor when his contract is fulfilled.

**BEENISH AHMED**, MB07, spent most of her summer interning with the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York-based nonprofit working for judicial reform both in the U.S. and abroad. She worked on developing a means for internal reform in the juvenile and criminal justice systems of

China and coordinated the North American portion of Police Stations Visitors week, a demonstration project to enhance community-police relations and accountability.

**MOSES ICYISHAKA**, SS07, was featured in an article published by the *Courier Journal* of Louisville, Kentucky for his participation in the University of Michigan's sophomore seminar on infectious disease.

**BRIAN ROSA**, CB07, who will complete his master's in City and Regional Planning at Cornell this semester, will be cycling from Santander, Spain, to Budapest, Hungary, this summer.

## IN MEMORIAM

**DONALD BURNS READ**, DS28 TA30, died October 10, 2006. He was 94. Born in Ohio, Read was offered the chance to attend Deep Springs when Otto B. Surh, the director of Deep Springs, had dinner with his family and was sufficiently impressed with him to offer him the chance to fill a vacancy at the college. Read later received his medical degree from Cornell and served as a plant physician and medical director of Colgate and Company before working as an obstetrical anesthesiologist. He is survived by his second wife, Janice, and his four children.

**JAMES HAUGHEY**, DS30, a state senator, attorney, and artist, died on September 11, 2007. He was 93. After beginning his legal career in 1943, James went on to serve as Republican state senator in Montana for ten years and became the minority leader from 1968 - 1971. He also enjoyed significant acclaim as an artist; his work has been shown in exhibitions throughout New York and Montana. Along with his wife, Katie, who died in 2003, Haughey helped found the Yellowstone Art Museum in 1964. James is survived by his daughter, Kathy Loo, and his son, John.



PETERSON FAMILY, 1957

**BERTIL PETERSON**, DS39 CB42 TA46, died May 31, 2007. He was 86. Peterson is survived by Jean, his wife of 58 years, as well as eight children and thirteen grandchildren. His memorial service was held on June 23 in Buffalo, NY.

Peterson enjoyed a distinguished education and career, graduating from Deep Springs College, Cornell University (Economics and Political Science) and Cornell Law School. He also served in the Army during World War II, and retired as a colonel from the Judge Advocate General Corps. From 1974 through 1991, he served as honorary Swedish consul for seven Western New York counties, having been appointed by the King of Sweden. He served as a school board attorney for two districts and as president of the New York State Association of School Attorneys. Most recently, Bertil and Jean practiced law in Buffalo, NY.

The program distributed at his memorial reads, "Bert was especially proud of being a graduate of Deep Springs College in California and a Telluride House Scholar at Cornell University. It is here where he learned the value of hard work, where his character was tested and strengthened, and where he developed his leadership skills."

**FREDERICK BALDERSTON**, DS40 CB42 TA42, died October 18, 2007. He was 84. Balderston received a bachelor's degree in economics from Cornell and a PhD in economics from Princeton before joining the faculty at UC Berkeley in 1953. He served as Telluride Association president from 1949-1951 and on the Board of Custodians from 1951-53. He was a trustee

IN MEMORIAM, continued



BALDERSTON, 1940

of Deep Springs College from 1986-1991.

A renowned professor emeritus at Berkeley's Haas School of Business, Balderston was considered a leading expert on the savings and loan industry, and many recognized his 1984 book, *Thrifts in Crisis*, as an essential guide for all professionals in the industry. In remembering Balderston, Leo Helzel, a colleague at Haas, remarked, "He loved people, people loved him, and the students were crazy about him."

Balderston is survived by his second wife, Elizabeth, four children, five grandchildren, and his brother, Robert.

DONALD E. CLAUDY, DS44 CB46 TA46, died September 20, 2007. He was 78. At Cornell, Claudy earned his AB with Distinction in government and an LLB with Distinction from the law school. Claudy was an officer of the *Cornell Law Quarterly* and was elected to both the Order of the Coif and Phi Kappa Phi. He also served as CBTA house president from 1950 to 1951 and was president of the Telluride Association from 1955 to 1957.



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Early in his career, Claudy served as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Material Command, stationed in Dayton, OH. Following his service, he worked as an associate with the law firm Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. At retirement, Claudy was employed as senior counsel by Standard Oil of New Jersey (later Exxon). He also volunteered as an executive recruiter for the International Executive Search Corps in Stamford, CT.

Claudy is survived by his wife of 49 years, Elizabeth Osborne Claudy, as well as his daughter, Lisa Fleischman, and four grandchildren. His memorial service was held on September 29 in Greenwich, CT.

RICHARD MOORE, DS44, died July 31, 2007. He was 80. He was born in Hollywood, California, on January 19, 1927, and received a BA in engineering from the University of Missouri. He also received advanced degrees in bioengineering (DSc) from George Washington University and biophysics (PhD) from the University of Rochester. He was a research biophysicist with the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., from 1960 to 1969 and an associate professor in the department of radiology at the University of Minnesota from 1969 to 1982. He taught at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa (1982-87) and worked for the Idaho National Engineering Lab in Idaho Falls as a senior scientist from 1987 until his retirement in 2003.

JOHN "JACK" WARNER SEDER, DS44, died on June 26, 2007. He was 79. He led an eclectic life as an investment banker, writer, political activist, and jazz aficionado. After Deep Springs, Jack eventually received his Juris Doctor from Harvard. He went

on to become vice president of Merrill Lynch and enjoyed a very active role in regional politics which included a run for mayor of New York City in 1968. He is survived by his friend and companion Wilda von Stein, his two sons, and three grandchildren.

THOMAS N. BILLINGS, DS48, died September 13, 2007. He was 76. He went to Harvard and received a bachelor's degree in government and a master's in business administration. He later became a chief financial officer for several publishing companies and successfully founded an independent management consulting firm. As an actor and theater aficionado, he directed several plays and musicals in his community and served as a local theater critic. Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Marie, and is survived by his sister, two children, and five grandchildren.

ROBERT BULL, DS48 TA50 CB51, passed away on February 26, 2008, in Temple, Maine. He was 76. He attended Deep Springs, Cornell, and the University of Delaware, where he spent the first half of his career as an assistant professor of marketing. For the second half of his career, he headed his own consulting organization, based in Temple, Maine, and served clients worldwide. He authored over 700 manuals, books, and magazine and journal articles on food, marketing, health care, and child safety. His interests included gardening, American Indian history, promoting childhood injury prevention, orphanages, writing family history, raising exotic poultry, and nature studies.

In response to a question on the 1991 Telluride Association survey he wrote: "As I contemplate the influence of LL Nunn's ideals on my own life it occurs to me that this query may be omitting the most important question of all: 'What contributions have you made in the realm of volunteer public service?' Public service played an important role in Robert's life. In addition to his work on several state and federal government advisory boards, he developed the "Tall Pine" program on American Indian culture and shared the knowledge with school children throughout Maine. He was also the founder of the Maine Coalition for Safe Kids.

He is survived by his children, Stephen, Fred, Robert, and Laura, and several grandchildren. In lieu of donations in his name, Robert requested that "persons inclined toward such kind acts do something special to benefit a child in need."

HAROLD FISHMAN, PB49 CB52, passed away on August 7, 2007. He was 75. He was a member of the Pasadena Branch before coming to Cornell where he received a bachelor's in government in 1953. He earned his master's ('56) and PhD ('60) at UCLA and began a career as an assistant professor of govern-



HAROLD FISHMAN (far right) with Pasadena Branch alumni and friends in 1998.

ment at California State, Los Angeles. Shortly thereafter Fishman was invited by KCOP-TV to teach an on-air class in politics coinciding with the Democratic National Convention held in Los Angeles during the summer of 1960. The station asked him to stay on, thus beginning a respected career in television broadcasting that led to the distinction of being one of the longest-running anchors in television history. In a 1985 interview with an *LA Times* reporter he said that his formal education in government enhanced his effectiveness as a newsmen: "When I was a professor, I used to tell my students, 'You can't have a properly functioning democracy without an enlightened electorate.' It's our job as newscasters to enlighten the electorate. We are the conduits of information." In his role as an anchor he could "reach more people in one broadcast than [he] could teach in a lifetime."

Fishman was also a passionate and skilled aviator and held several records for speed and altitude. He attended the reunion celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pasadena Branch in 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Nolie; and a son, David.

**SHAW LIVERMORE, JR., SPF60**, passed away on October 21, 2007. He was 80. After receiving degrees from Mercersburg Academy and Harvard, Shaw returned to school to receive a PhD in American history from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He began teaching at Princeton University and later became a professor of American history at the University of Michigan, where he taught for over forty years.

His long association with Telluride began in 1960 when he co-taught a Cornell TASP titled "The Bill of Rights" with fellow Princeton faculty member James W. Smith. He went on to teach four more times in 1962 through 1964 and again in 1978 when he co-taught a TASP at Deep Springs College on "The American Political System: Styles of Challenge and Response." In January 1999, Dr. Livermore and his wife, Nancy, graciously hosted a reception marking the inauguration of the new Michigan Branch of Telluride Association.

He is remembered as an excellent teacher, creative scholar, and a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his daughter Jorda, and his granddaughter, Evelyn Rose.

**JOHN V. KELLEHER, CBG77**, passed away on January 1, 2004. He was 87. Kelleher was a professor emeritus of Irish studies at Harvard where he is best remembered for his love of "all things Irish."

After receiving his AB from Dartmouth, Kelleher went to Harvard as a member of the Society of Fellows and eventually became the founder of Irish studies at the university. The *Harvard Gazette* remarked, "Kelleher's colleagues remember him for the extraordinary range of interest he displayed in all things Irish, for his phenomenal memory, for his genial humor, and for his gracious, considerate, often self-deprecating manner." While visiting Cornell with the Society for the Humanities in 1977, John and his wife, Helen Kelleher, spent a semester in the House. The Kehellers impressed the Branch with their warmth and erudition, and their contributions ranged from the physical, such as building a much needed laundry table, to the intellectual, running stimulating seminars on Irish literature. He was preceded in death by Helen, with whom he raised four daughters.

**DHANANJAI SHIVAKUMAR, SP88**, died on February 24, 2007. He was 34. He was the loving husband of Claire Priest, devoted

father of Neal and Rohan, and beloved son of Charu and Jayasankar Shivakumar. He is survived also by his sister, Sumati Rajagopalan, and his brother Sujai Shivakumar.

Dhananjai was born on June 18, 1972, in Coimbatore, India, and moved to the United States when his father joined the World Bank in 1978. He was a 1989 alumnus of St. Alban's School in Washington D.C., graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard University in 1993, and received his law degree from Yale in 1996. After completing a federal clerkship, Dhananjai worked in the New York law firm Wachtel Lipton and the Chicago law firm Skadden Arps.

Dhananjai's life was as radiant as it was short. He will be long remembered for his genuine concern for others and a sparkling sense of humor that brightened so many lives. Danny also had a deep knowledge and interest in music, the arts, and philosophy. His empathy for people of all walks and seasons of life earned him the respect, admiration and deep friendship of all who came across his path. His family and large circle of friends will sorely miss him.

(Submitted by Jayasankar Shivakumar)

**LISA MOYNIHAN, CB97**, died October 7, 2007. She was 37. Moynihan came to Cornell as the Frances Perkins Scholar to pursue her doctoral work in human resource studies and organizational behavior at the School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 1997. After receiving her PhD at Cornell, she accepted a position at the London Business School as an assistant professor of Organizational Behavior. Randall Peterson, a long-



(L-R): VERN LONG and LISA MOYNIHAN on the Telluride House porch, Ithaca, NY

time colleague of Moynihan's remarked, "Lisa was a tireless and talented scholar who had already achieved international recognition for her work on high-performance work systems. . . She was also a delightful, smart, and hardworking colleague. Her loss will be felt throughout the London Business School community and beyond."

### *Also Remembered*

**LOUISASEVEDO**, a legendary Deep Springs cowboy, passed away on September 23, 2007. He was buried in a casket that his family built for him. They then placed his cattle brand on the top it, filled the grave themselves, and decorated it with cow pies. True to form, although he was very ill, he clung to life until the last cattle were brought in from the mountains. Prior to his death, he attended his own (living) memorial service. For a copy of the text, please email [comcom@deepsprings.edu](mailto:comcom@deepsprings.edu).

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