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# Deep Springs Convention – June 2013 Nearly 90 TA Guests Visit College, Cattelino & Zatz Honored

The 2013 Convention of the Telluride Association was held from June 13-16 at Deep Springs College in California. TA members and associates were treated to beautiful scenery, camping under the moonlight, and even a dip in the reservoir after some volunteer labor (digging out an irrigation ditch and weeding a garden)! The event also featured a special graduation party for Noah Zatz and Jessica Cattelino, with champagne toasts and bats flying overhead on the porch!

From Noah and Jess on their graduation: “What an inspiring way to say farewell to membership in TA. The discussions of purpose & plan were particularly impressive: full of passionate ideas, clever arguments, and the occasional surrender to the temptations of collective wordsmithing. As folks on our way out the door, we took special delight in watching newer members, and some who had not yet even joined, turn the generational wheel and respectfully challenge leaders who only yesterday were promising upstarts themselves.” TA President Thomas Miller shared his reflection on the annual meeting:

*“It’s the nature of TA to be always in a time of transition, in that it’s our responsibility to be constantly reexamining what we do and continuing to discuss what it means to be preparing ourselves and others for lives of service. Convention is the moment each year when we get to do this face to face. A milestone of Convention in 2013 was the adoption of a statement articulating our current view of the Association’s purpose, which – subject of course to revision – will serve to guide us as we undertake future projects. Thanks to the generous hospitality of the Deep Springs community, our deliberations this year were inspired by the austere and challenging beauty of the desert.”*





## TASS@20!

The TASS@20 event came out of a passing (and welcomed!) reminder from Telluride Association Administrative Director, Ellen Baer; in 2012, that TASS would be turning 20 years old the next year. Soon after, a “kitchen cabinet” of members of the Association met in the offices of the Michigan Telluride House to begin discussing details and goals of a TASS@20 celebration. After a year of conversations, emails, and conference calls, our efforts were realized on the weekend of October 18, 2013 where over 70 people gathered around the theme of “Reflecting, Reconnecting, and Recommitting: Celebrating the Legacy and Promise of Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar” on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Our keynote speaker was Karla FC Holloway, Ph.D., M.L.S., James B. Duke Professor of English and Professor of Law at Duke University. The title of Dr. Holloway’s keynote address was “One Wants a Teller...” Dr. Holloway juxtaposed the 20 years of TASS into broader conversations around the trajectory of race, space, and place in America.

Other events of the weekend included presentations by Natasha Vaubel and Audrey McCluskey, PhD and Khalid el-Hakim. Vaubel and McCluskey, TASS faculty, engaged the audience in conversations around race films in a “post-racial America” and extolled the need for critical spectatorship in fast-changing American society. El-Hakim explored the importance of leaving a strong historical legacy for our youth through the usage of rare video clips, images and artifacts that he has collected and compiled for the Black History 101 Mobile Museum.

On Sunday, TASS alumnus and tutor, Theo Foster engaged participants in a discussion of the future of TASS. Participants were asked questions around: How do we envision TASS, Telluride Association and the communities they both serve evolving twenty years into the future? How do we engage critical Ethnic Studies similarly or differently? What value do we place on the humanities and Ethnic Studies in 2013 so that they both exist in 2033?

Finally, participants were surprised with the good news that Cornell University had officially signed paperwork to bring the TASS program to their campus in 2015. On the heels of this exciting announcement and in the spirit of recommitting, TASS@20 Chair, Jay Meeks launched the official TASS@20 Capital Campaign with the goal of raising \$35,000 towards supporting additional TASSes at campuses like Cornell. If you would like to support this campaign, please visit: [http://tellurideassociation.org/news\\_events/tass\\_at\\_20/tass20\\_support.html](http://tellurideassociation.org/news_events/tass_at_20/tass20_support.html)



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## 2013 Purpose & Plan Statement

Be it resolved that the following is the Sense of the Association:

The purpose of Telluride Association is to promote the highest good by educating promising individuals to serve thoughtfully in the world. Since how best to serve the highest good is a question continually renewed by changing circumstances and problems, the education the Association offers is essentially ethical: it prepares those who receive it to make, on their own and with others, decisions about how to discharge their obligations to humanity, as well as developing in them the skills, knowledge, and strength of character necessary to carry those decisions out.

We attempt to fulfill this purpose through intense experiential education programs grounded in intellectual inquiry, democratic self-government, and meaningful work. Membership in the Telluride Association is itself one of these programs. They are offered at no cost, without regard to need, in order to stimulate the interest of individuals from all circumstances, to relieve financial burdens so that all participants may contribute and benefit fully, and to encourage participants to view any moral obligation for the opportunity they have received as dischargeable through service in the world. Although content and structure vary across our programs, all share three qualities: they require a high degree of reflection and self-criticism, at both the individual and communal levels; they place special emphasis on community, rhetoric, and debate, both in order to teach participants to respect and engage those who disagree with or differ from them, and in order to train them to value finding truth and reaching actionable agreements above winning arguments; and they put their participants in positions of responsibility on the basis of demonstrated potential rather than prior knowledge or experience, in a manner designed to promote each participant's personal development. Thus, while the programs are independent, they are interlinked, and we value possible trajectories through them for the ways they deepen the education from each. Indeed, since one of the lessons in responsibility we impart is that the recipients of benefits such as the education we offer are obliged to pass similar benefits on to others, those in the later stages of such trajectories are often involved in administering programs at the earlier stages. Empowering program participants in this way sometimes exposes our programs to inefficiency or even failure; while we anticipate and attempt to mitigate these negative outcomes, when they occur we embrace them as a necessary part of our experiential educational model, which would not function without real consequences.

Because we believe service poses intellectual problems worthy of sustained consideration, an important aspect of the promise we look for in our program participants is a combination of intellectual curiosity and the willingness and desire to think rigorously and creatively. As a way of maximizing our contribution to the highest good, we select participants not only on the basis of their promise, but also based on the likelihood that the benefits we provide will be a decisive factor in their fulfilling that promise. Additionally, we select participants with the goal of ensuring that our educational communities will be diverse along many axes. We do this both because we see the expansion of educational opportunities as a way of serving the highest good, and because a rich variety of experiences and perspectives is a necessary condition for the kind of education we provide, which aims to awaken its recipients to claims and needs far beyond their personal ones, or the ones a given social or political setting may have brought them to consider.

Be it further resolved that this resolution, along with the supporting document prepared by the Three-Year Purpose and Plan Review Committee in 2013, be placed on file in the Ithaca and Ann Arbor offices. In order to inspire reflection, debate, and inquiry about our purpose, this resolution shall be distributed by the staff of those offices to factotums, tutors, Branch members, and applicants for Telluride membership. Recipients are advised that, as the result of the deliberations of the 2013 Convention, the statement in this resolution includes language not anticipated by the supporting document.

## A Letter From TA President Thomas Miller Serving Thoughtfully in the World



Dear Associates and Friends of Telluride,

I'm happy to report that the Association continues to thrive in its mission of "educating promising individuals to serve thoughtfully in the world." That is a quotation from a statement on the purpose of Telluride

Association that we passed during our annual Convention this past June, held at Deep Springs College. The ideal of "thoughtful service" rings true to me as an articulation of the unique calling that we want the participants in our programs to hear and follow. In a time of political division, social injustice, and violent conflict on a global level, thoughtful servants of humanity are urgently needed!

The adoption of a statement on the Association's mission was part of a broader three-year process of reviewing our purpose and plan. Although we know that our core activities – our two summer programs, TASS and TASP, and our residential branches at Cornell and Michigan – are transformative for many participants, ongoing self-examination is the foundation of our culture as an organization. We feel obligated to ensure that we are using our resources in the very best possible way. We invite everyone to contribute to this important discussion, led by the Three-Year Purpose and Plan Review Committee (3PPRC). Do you have comments or criticisms about our programs? Ideas about things that we should be doing but aren't? The committee would love to hear from you.

This year we're making a commitment to stay in much better touch with our alumni and friends. Ultimately, we want our alumni outreach not to be just about raising money, but to actually help foster the kind of social and intellectual communities that we value in our educational programs. For instance, we've initiated a pilot program in Washington, D.C. involving monthly "PubSpeaks" on different topics by area members and alumni. Let us know if you'd be interested in participating in something similar. Volunteering for Telluride – by reading applications and interviewing finalists for the summer programs, or by mentoring our young graduates – is also a rewarding way to stay involved in the life of the Association. I hope that you have enjoyed our more frequent electronic newsletters. And watch out for our first Annual Report, coming soon.

I recently attended the celebration for the 20th anniversary of the Sophomore Seminar (TASS), held at Indiana University on October 18-20. I will leave it to others to describe this event in detail: suffice to say that it was incredibly energizing to hear first-hand from past participants about the transformative difference that this wonderful program has made in their lives. At the same time, we also had many frank conversations about how much more we can and must do to make our programs accessible to talented young people from all backgrounds. Fortunately, we received the great news during the weekend that Cornell University has extended their support for us to initiate a third TASS program site beginning in 2015. We now all have a lot of work to make this exciting opportunity a reality!

On a personal note, my own work with the Telluride Association continues to be a pleasure and a privilege, even in the context of my often hectic life as a graduate student. No other organization gives a group of young idealists the structures and resources to put into practice a social vision in the way that Telluride does. To deserve this privilege, we must continue to be both bold and self-critical, pragmatic and creative. Thank you for all of your support.

All the best,

**Thomas Miller**  
*President, Telluride Association*



# Summer Programs 2013

From late June to early August, Ann Arbor, Bloomington, and Ithaca were home to Telluride Association's 2013 summer programs for high school students. This year, TA organized two TASSes, one at Indiana University and one at the University of Michigan, and four TASPs, two each at the University of Michigan and Cornell University. 2013 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TASS, which was founded at Indiana University in 1993.

In total, nearly 100 students participated, representing 36 US states/territories and 7 countries. Seminars covered a wide range of diverse topics, such as food in contemporary US culture and portrayals of African Americans in Hollywood films. Students came away with expanded intellectual horizons, fond memories, and friendships that will endure throughout their lives.

*"Living with 31 other vibrant human beings for six weeks has led me to believe that the seemingly irreconcilable gaps in our knowledge of both self and society usually stem from the existence of multiple answers rather than none, that exercises in community lend themselves indefinitely to a high degree of introspection, that the validity of inquiry for inquiry's sake is something we need not ever contest. Between the impassioned discussions of Turkish imperialism and the viewing party for Tommy Wiseau's cinematic masterpiece The Room, TASP was far and away the best thing that could have happened to me last summer."*



Caroline Fernelius, Sugar Land, TX  
University of Michigan TASP II



*"TASS was an exceptional experience. The knowledge and relationships I gained at the program have helped me grow immensely and will be with me for the rest of my life."*

Ian Askew  
Takoma Park, MD/Washington, DC  
Indiana University TASS

## TASS

### Indiana University Program – *"Race Films in a 'Post-Race' America? Film Studies and Critical Spectatorship"*

Faculty: Audrey T. McCluskey and Natasha C. Vaubel, Indiana University

Tutors: Alexander Bolden, Bates College and Samantha Renker, University of Tulsa

### Michigan Program – *"Race, Ethnicity, and Difference in Modern Medicine and Society"*

Faculty: Barbara Berglund, University of South Florida and Alexandra Stern, University of Michigan

Tutors: David Luna, Columbia University and Morgan Whittler, Loyola University

## TASP

### Cornell I Program – *"Literature Takes on Moral Complexity"*

Faculty: Kathleen Long and Marilyn Migiel, Cornell University

Factotum: Lian Zhu, Princeton University

### Cornell II Program – *"Times Square"*

Faculty: Nat Hurley, University of Alberta and Sara Warner, Cornell University

Factotum: Christopher Levesque, Cornell University

### Michigan I Program – *"FOOD"*

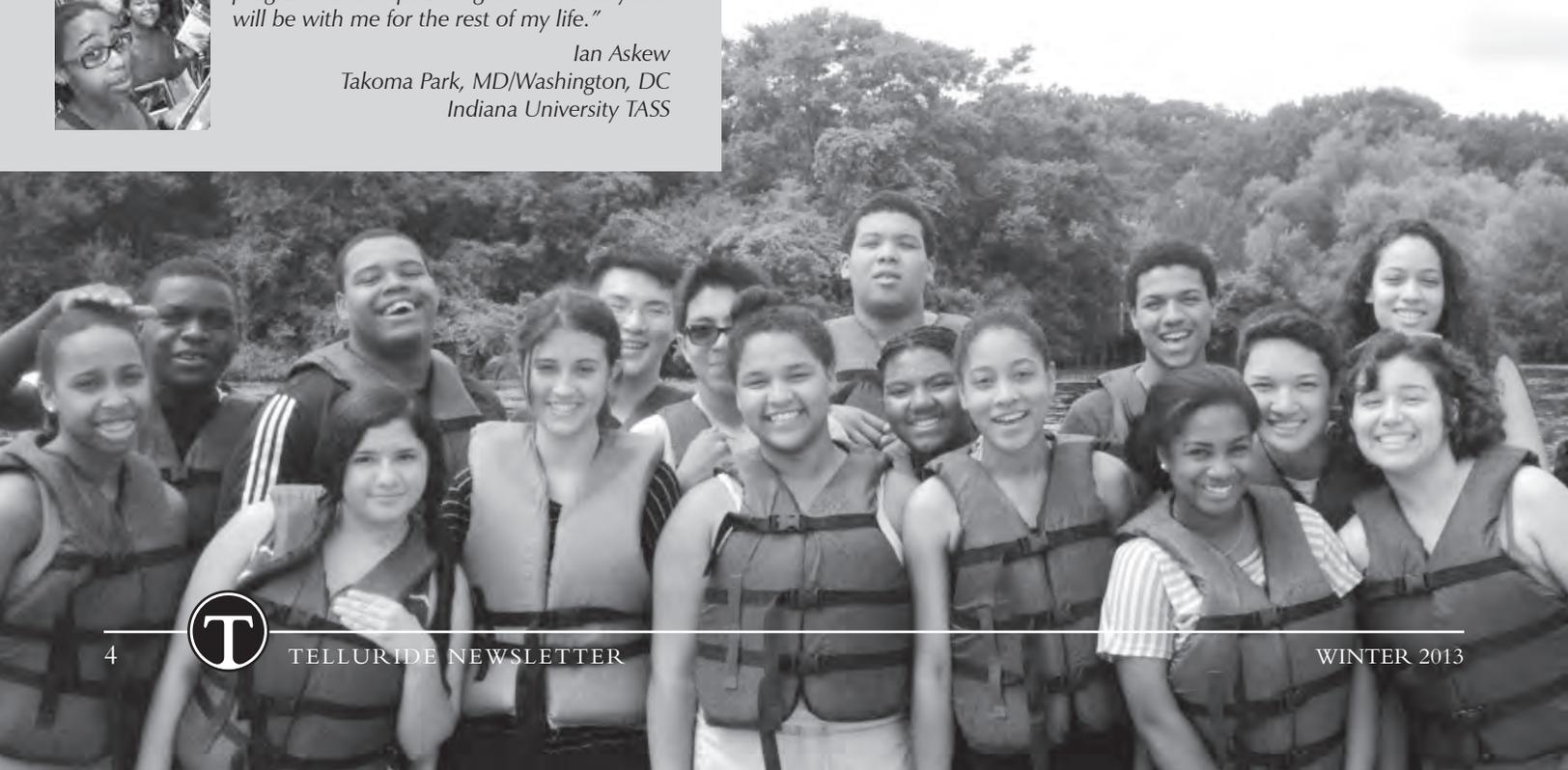
Faculty: Christian Stayner, University of Michigan and Jason Goldman, Independent Scholar

Factotum: Matthew Slayton, University of Chicago

### Michigan II Program – *"Dark Phrases of Womanhood: Black Feminist Approaches to History and Literature"*

Faculty: Tayana L. Hardin, Rutgers University and Grace L. B. Sanders, University of Michigan

Factotum: Sarah Asman, Cornell University





## Ways to Stay Connected

### 1: Reading Days

Applications for TA summer programs are due in January, and shortly thereafter TA will be organizing Reading Days in select cities across the country: New York City, San Francisco, Boston, Washington, DC, and possibly New Haven. Anyone interested in chairing an event in one of those locations should contact Ellen Baer ([ta@tellurideassociation.org](mailto:ta@tellurideassociation.org)).

### 2: Interviewing

Shortly after the Reading Days are held, candidates will be shortlisted for interviews. TA needs the help of a wide network of members and associates across the world to help ensure that every candidate has the opportunity to interview in person. The TA office will be sending out an e-mail to ask about interest and availability for interviewing. Please contact Ellen Baer ([ta@tellurideassociation.org](mailto:ta@tellurideassociation.org)) to update your e-mail if it has changed recently.

### 3: Donations

The success of Telluride's programs relies on the intellectual vitality of our participants, the talent and commitment of our volunteers, and the financial support of our donors. In 2013, Telluride Association celebrated the 20th anniversary of TASS and committed to expanding it in the future, and we have initiated a campaign to raise \$35,000 to support this goal. With your support, we continue and deepen our commitment to our core programs, offering them to an ever-widening circle of aspiring leaders. Donations of any size are welcome and much appreciated; you may donate online by visiting:

<http://www.tellurideassociation.org/support.html>.

We also welcome contributions by mail, payable to Telluride Association, Inc., and sent to:

**Telluride Association, Inc.  
1735 Washtenaw Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

Telluride Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Any donation postmarked by December 31 will be eligible for a 2013 tax deduction to the extent allowed by law.

### 4: City Branches

TA City Branches are a nascent movement whose ultimate goal is to create self-governing regional communities of Telluriders. We want these to be lasting groups that collectively decide on a common goal, and then execute with the Association's help. Thus far, there is one in Washington, DC, and one in New Haven, CT. Recently, there have also been discussions about a possible City Branch in Providence, RI.

#### Washington, DC

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Ten Telluride Associates gathered at the West End Library in Washington, DC, on Saturday, September 14, to hear a talk given by Tom Miller (DS04, TA07) on the topic of immortality in history and philosophy. The talk was the first in a new series of pubspeak-style events, where local DC-area Telluriders present on topics of interest, a format that was voted on and decided to by the DC City Branch. Tom Miller volunteered to give the kick-off talk, whose subject relates to the PhD he is currently pursuing at Princeton University. Attendees discussed, among other things, the Rig Veda, computer downloads of the mind, and the "Cannibal Problem" that arose during Medieval philosophical debates about resurrection. Afterward, the group continued the discussion over dinner at a restaurant in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, eating on the patio in gorgeous late summer weather.

#### New Haven, CT

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New Haven-area Associates came together on Friday, October 18, to reconnect and talk about the future of the Association. The roughly 30 attendees discussed the recently passed Sense of the Association, and enjoyed Mamoun's falafel. The group will be meeting again in a couple weeks to strategize about a more organized, formal Telluride presence in New Haven. Stay tuned!

#### Providence, RI

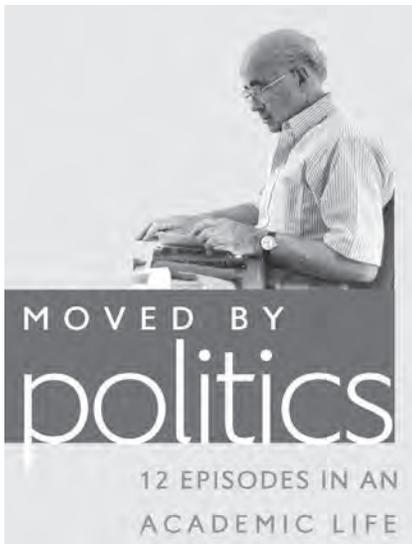
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On October 7th, six Providence-area Telluriders gathered for dinner and discussed City Branches, Telluride engagement, the goal of doing projects together, and the possibility of having associates mingling and building community in Rhode Island. Conversation then turned to the possibility of some sort of TASS or TASP in or around Providence.

# N EWS & N O T E S

## 1940s

**Gerhard LOEWENBERG**, CB46 TA48, has published a memoir entitled *Moved by Politics: 12 Episodes in an Academic Life* (Iowa City: Gray Pearl Press, 2012). It contains a chapter on his college years at Cornell, which included four years as a resident at Cornell Branch from 1946 to 1950. The book is available from The Sheridan Press or from Amazon. CBTA residents enjoyed a recent visit from Jerry and his wife, Ina, when they were in Ithaca at the end of September 2013.



**William VANDENHEUVEL**, DS46 CB48 TA48, was awarded the Queen's Commissioner Medal of Merit of the Province of Zeeland in The Netherlands by Karla Peijs, the Queen's Commissioner.

**Robert RICHTER**, PB47, directed and co-produced a documentary entitled *The Ultimate Wish: Ending the Nuclear Age*. The film screened in New York in October 2012. Robert also served as a consultant for the recently released *The Prosecution of an American President*, a documentary about the famed prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi, best known for prosecuting Charles Manson and writing a best-seller, *Helter Skelter*, about the case.

## 1950s

**Jonathan BLACK**, CB57, writes, "June of 2011, during my 50th reunion, found me negotiating for a one year, part-time appointment in Cornell's relatively young Department of Biomedical Engineering at Ithaca. I have just finished my first year there as an adjunct professor, teaching biomedical design in the MEng program. It has been an exciting, exhilarating year guiding very strong, motivated students from all over the world, and sufficiently successful that I have just accepted a 3-year appointment. Now that we will be in Ithaca more of the time, my wife, Toni, and I have bought a house there, although we remain based in King of Prussia, PA. Strange experience: I came to Ithaca first in 1947 but now feel like the new boy in town!"

## 1960s

**Daniel FOGEL**, SP64 CB65, is the co-editor of a new book entitled *Precipice or Crossroads? Where America's Great Public Universities Stand and Where They Are Going Midway through Their Second Century*. The book, published June 2012, is available through the SUNY Press.

**Rev. Alexander GOLITZIN**, BB67, has been named Bishop of Toledo for the Toledo-based Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America. Reverend Golitzin is the first Bishop of Toledo not to be born in Bulgaria.



## 1970s

**Elizabeth KOLBERT**, SP78, published an article in the *New Yorker* on September 20, 2012, "Hotter than Paul Ryan: Candidates Ignore a Natural Disaster." The article discussed the Arctic sea ice and how despite its importance, the issue had largely been ignored in the presidential campaigns.

## 1980s

**Alan SCHWARTZ**, SP87, has been named editor-in-chief of the journal *Medical Decision Making*, for 2013-2017. He will be the 7th editor-in-chief of the 32 year old journal.

## 1990s

**Joy GOODWIN**, SP90 TA00, writes, "My husband and I and our two kids (4 and 1) moved to Chapel Hill in July of 2012. I'm teaching creative writing and screenwriting at UNC-Chapel Hill and the North Carolina School of the Arts. I have a movie coming out in November that I executive produced. It's called *Black Nativity*, and it's inspired by the Langston Hughes play. Fox Searchlight is opening it wide on Thanksgiving weekend."

**Laura STEELE**, SP90 CB91 TA93, and **Amanda LITTAUER**, CB95 TA96, were featured in a *Kane County Chronicle* article about their daughters and the strong family bond they share, called "Every Day is Mother's Day."

**Rosamond KING**, SP91 CB92, was recently chosen as one of ten Emerging Poets Fellows by the venerable NYC organization Poets House. She writes, "While this award does not come with money, it provides valuable time and space to work on my poetry. In happy synergy, I have several readings coming up in NYC and Cambridge; details are at [www.rosamondking.com](http://www.rosamondking.com). After many years of arduous work, I can finally say that my scholarly book, *Island Bodies: Transgressive Sexualities in the Caribbean Imagination* is forthcoming from a university press! The book should be available in summer 2014."

**Erin CHAPMAN's**, SS93, first book, *Prove It On Me: New Negroes, Sex, and Popular Culture*

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in the 1920s, was recently published by the Oxford University Press. She is an assistant professor of history at George Washington University.

A healthy baby boy (6 pounds, 1 ounce, 18 inches) was born July 18, 2012 to **Adam ARENSON**, SP95 TA01, and Rebecca Rosenthal at Cedars-Sinai hospital in Los Angeles. His bris was on July 25, and he was given the name Leo Evan. He is the couple's second child.

**Albert CHO**, SP97 TA05, is vice president of strategy and business development at Xylem, a \$5 billion global water technology company focused on solving the world's most pressing water challenges. He is based in New York City.

**Lydia POLGREEN**, 1997 St. John's factotum, published an article in The New York Times on November 10, 2012 about how the rural poor of Mozambique are being affected by the growth of coal mining.

**John BRIGGS**, SP98 CB99 TA01, writes, "**Anthony MARIANO**, SP06 MB07 TA10, and I were surprised to run into each other in a New York courthouse while interviewing for clerkships in our final year at different law schools. What's more, we were both hired by the same judge (the Hon. Amalya Kearse of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit), for whom we have recently started work. We are delighted by this turn of events, and we would love to hear if there has ever been a Telluride cohort within a judge's chambers before."

**Angus JENNINGS**, CB99, and his wife Kristen celebrated the birth of Carolann Jane Jennings on November 20, 2012.

## 2000s

**Justin LEADER**, SP00, is the co-founder of Melodramatics Theatre Company, a community theatre company based in Ithaca, NY. The company, founded in 2004, incorporated as a nonprofit in 2007, continues to grow and develop. Learn more at [melodramatics.com](http://melodramatics.com).

**Jennifer O'KELL**, SP01 TA07, and Aaron Heisler were married on May 20, 2012 in Toronto. The ceremony was performed by

Rabbi Dani Passoway at the Keshet Israel Congregation.

**Ernestine NARCISSE**, SS01 CB03, and Devon Mings were married on September 10, 2011 in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. They met at Cornell in 2003. He is a graduate of Syracuse University, and an electrical engineer. Ernestine is a practicing attorney in Brooklyn.

**Adam HOGAN**, MB02 TA05, published an article on his website *Design&Analytics* entitled "The History of Philosophy as a Social Network."



**Michael BARANY**, SP04 CB05 TA07, and **Stephanie KELLY**, SP05 CB06 TA10, were married in Melbourne, Australia, on August 17, 2013, and again, for good measure, in Chicago on October 13, 2013. The Melbourne reception featured a toast in the form of a BIRT from Breanna Byington, SP06 CB07, and Liz Soltan, SP07 CB08, and the Chicago reception was graced with a cake from CBTA chef Suzan Schatz and a healthy delegation of Telluride revelers. In January Michael will join Stephanie in Montreal, where Stephanie is in her second year of medical school at McGill University and where Michael will be writing up his Princeton PhD in the History of Mathematics.

**Sean ELDRIDGE**, DS04, and his fiancé (now husband) Chris Hughes were profiled in *The*

*New York Times* on May 4, 2012 in a piece called "A Powerful Combination." Hughes, a co-founder of Facebook and a majority owner of *The New Republic*, was described as "a significant force" in New York City political circles. The couple has run major events for political candidates, and Hughes was a key player in the 2008 Obama campaign. This "power couple" characterization has become particularly apt since, on February 7, 2013, Sean announced that he will be running for Congress. These are exciting times for Sean and Chris, and we look forward to following their story.

**Hyunok LEE**, CB04, accepted a tenure track professorship in the Department of Global Public Administration at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. She spent the previous two years on a post-doc/research fellowship at National University's Asia Research Institute in Singapore.



**Neil RAO**, MB04 TA09, ran in the Detroit Marathon on October 21, 2012 and placed 15th with a time of 2:42:03.

**Ian CROVISIER**, SP05 CB06, spent two years (2010-12) in Russia teaching English on a Fulbright scholarship. He's been working in the International Program Office at Bard College since November 2012.

**Aida MANDULEY**, SP06 was quoted in an April 16, 2012 *New York Times* article about Harvard's Sex Week.

**Valerie MONTES**, SP06 MB07, spent a year in Egypt at the Center for Arabic Study Abroad (a program administered by The University of Texas at Austin and hosted by the American University in Cairo). This fall, she started working toward a master's in Middle Eastern languages and cultures, with a focus on Arabic literature and linguistics at UT Austin.

**Beenish AHMED**, MB07, wrote an article for the *Huffington Post* on October 11, 2012, following the arson attack on the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, her own place of worship. Read "What it Feels Like When Someone Sets Fire to Your Place of Worship." and more at: [www.huffingtonpost.com/beenish-ahmed/](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/beenish-ahmed/).

**Aditya BALASUBRAMANIAN**, SP07, writes that he entered Harvard in fall 2008 with eight fellow Cornell TASPers, many of whom he still keeps in touch with. Aditya took a year off from Harvard to work at the Poverty Action Lab in Delhi. Having graduated with a major in history and minor in economics, he is studying econometrics and mathematical economics at the London School of Economics for the next two years as a Marshall Scholar.



**Alex SOBOLEV'S**, MB07, company, Weinreich Labs, was awarded a loan by the Michigan Microloan Fund Program. The music technology startup was one of seven pre-seed companies that, in total, received \$232,000 in funding this quarter. Weinreich Labs' Digital Violin is the first amplified violin to accurately reproduce the beloved sound of instruments of fine violin makers like Stradivarius and Guarneri del Gesu. Find out more at [www.weinreichlabs.com](http://www.weinreichlabs.com).

**Sarah ASMAN**, SP08 CB09 TA12, graduated from Cornell University this spring in the college scholar program with a major in biology as well as in feminist, gender, and sexuality studies. She was the 2013 Michigan II TASP factotum and is taking the next year to apply to medical schools from her home in Raleigh, NC.

**Chris LEVESQUE**, SP08 CB09 TA13, graduated from the Cornell University with

a bachelor's degree in government and German studies. Chris was the 2013 Cornell II TASP factotum for the seminar entitled "Times Square." Chris is in Germany for a year, having accepted a DAAD fellowship for sociology research at Humboldt University in Berlin.

**Jong MIN YOON**, CB09, graduated from Cornell in May 2013 with a bachelor's in physics, philosophy, and math. He began a PhD program in physics at Stanford University this fall.

## 2010s

**Judah BELLIN**, CB10, and Rivkah Elizabeth Blutstein, were married in Harrisburg, PA on June 30, 2012.

**Hu FU**, CB10, received a PhD in computer science from Cornell University this year. He started a 2-year post-doc on July 1st at Microsoft Research New England.

**Chong GUO**, CB11, graduated in May 2013 with a double major in neuroscience and statistics from Cornell University. He began a 5-year program in neurobiology at Harvard Medical School this fall.

2011-13 Atkinson-Tetreault Scholar, **Angela PREVIDELLI**, CB11, finished her master's in city and regional planning in May. Her studies over the past two years focused on the complex politics surrounding international development and agricultural production.

**Martin ROMO**, CB11, graduated from Cornell in May with a master's degree in city and regional planning. During his time at Cornell he worked on a variety of international and economic development projects. He has been investigating the nexus of the current development paradigm in the U.S. and its implications abroad. In 2011-12, he was a Miller-Sidgwick Scholar on exchange to Central European University. He recently joined the largest tax credit syndicator in the U.S. and is working towards increasing the amount of affordable housing in the nation.

**Aldo GARCIA**, CB12, graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor's in electrical and computer engineering. His main areas of interest are robotics, artificial intelligence, and web systems. He is working as a consultant for a web startup. He plans to go back to school to further his research in robotics.

**Tom MOORE**, CB12, published an article in the *Cornell Daily Sun* on November 13, 2012, entitled "Choosing Survival." The article, which discussed Hurricane Sandy and where the burden of responsibility lies for reducing dependence on fossil fuels, was a follow-up from an article two weeks earlier.

**Ziyou "Rick" PENG**, CB12, graduated from Cornell University in May 2013 with a bachelor's in chemical engineering. He works as a chemical engineer for Merck & Co. in the Pennsylvania/New Jersey region.

Miller Scholar **Zbigniew TRUCHLEWSKI**, CB12, spent the 2012-13 academic year at Cornell furthering progress on a PhD in political economy. After a summer of travel, he returned to Central European University in Budapest.

**Violeta JUAREZ CROW**, CB13, joined CBTA in January and graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering in May. She's back at Cornell pursuing a master's in systems engineering, and was elected by CBTA as the branchmember representative on the Cornell Branch Committee.



*Andy Ruina's Bio-Robotics Lab, Cornell University. In 2011 Violeta Crow worked on the Cornell Ranger project in which the 4-legged bipedal robot surpassed the goal of walking an ultra-marathon on the energy provided by a single battery charge. She notes that she walked approximately a half-marathon while helping to steer the robot around the track.*

**Jennifer ROWE**, CB13, was named the new Atkinson-Tetreault Scholar for 2013-15. Jennifer will spend the next two years working toward a master's degree at Cornell's Department of City and Regional Planning. She received her bachelor's degree in environmental science from Williams College in 2011.



**MARGARET NORTON YARROW**, widow of **CLARENCE J. "MIKE" YARROW**, DS25 CB28 TA28, passed away on October 9, 2012 at the age of 100.

Margaret, a student at the University of Michigan, met the "shy" Mike Yarrow (then a recent Cornell graduate) in New York City where they were participants in a summer community service project. When Mike received a fellowship to study in Rome for a year, the couple decided to marry, and in June of 1936, they began a life together promoting education, service in the community and peace for the world.

Mike helped to found the Pasadena Branch of Telluride Association (PBTA) and he served as its director from 1947 until it closed in 1952. While the family was in California, Margaret taught English and history in a small Quaker School in Temple City.

When alumni and friends gathered in 1998 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Pasadena Branch, Margaret was among them. Plans to establish an award to honor Mike Yarrow's legacy formed at the reunion and by the following year, the Association was able to award the first "Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Award" to Stanka Fitneva, CB98 TA01.

Margaret Yarrow was a firm and long-time friend of Telluride Association, involved not only with the Pasadena Branch and the Yarrow Award, but in the formation of many Telluride careers. Margaret's lifelong zeal for education, exploration, social justice, and the broadening of horizons is reflected in the recollections of friend and TA associate, Robert Richter, PB47.

*Over Labor Day weekend in 1946 I hitch-hiked from New York City to Cornell University to visit with people who turned out to be the sister and brother-in-law of Margaret Yarrow, who was then also staying with them. It changed my life. That is because, over breakfast, Margaret told me about the TA decision—made only a few months earlier, to start a new Branch in Pasadena, to be run by Mike Yarrow. She encouraged me, just out of high school, to apply. I did, and was the first person to be accepted by Mike for this new experimental junior college program that began in January 1947. It was initially called the Pacific Oaks Branch of Telluride Association, a name changed to the Pasadena Branch in a couple of years.*

*Margaret was a warm-hearted wonderful person, who wrote me at least yearly about how pleased she was that TA had adopted the Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Fund, and how interesting she found the reports by the students who were involved with it.*

Mrs. Yarrow is survived by two sons (Michael and Douglas) and their families, including four grandchildren, and five great-granddaughters.

Thank you to Michael and Douglas Yarrow and to Robert Richter for sharing their remembrances.

**MARY LOUISE SPROULL** died peacefully on July 29, 2012 at the age of 93. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, **ROBERT SPROULL**, DS35 CB38 TA38, two children and their families. She was a graduate of Rockford College and a great lover and supporter of the arts throughout her life. Also an enthusiastic amateur painter, she gently encouraged her children and grandchildren to create their own art. She was a welcoming and gracious hostess at Cornell University (where Robert was vice president for academic affairs) and the University of Rochester (where he was provost and later president)

Donations in her memory may be directed to the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester.

**GORDON KIDDOW**, CB38, 91, died Saturday, February 25, 2012 at his home in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. He attended Cornell University and received a five-year chemical engineering degree in 1943. During WWII and for several years thereafter he worked with a consortium of major oil and gas companies on technology for making synthetic gasoline and chemicals from natural gas. He spent nearly 40 years in the petroleum, chemical and plastics industries in a series of executive positions with National Research Corporation; Air Products and Chemicals; and Standard Oil Company. He retired early (at age 58) and became interested in several nature and conservation organizations. He was a life member of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation and of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Gordon was also active in Cornell alumni affairs and in a variety of civic and charitable activities. During the last 10 years, he exhibited a renewed interest in the history of Telluride Association and the students at Cornell Branch. He visited Telluride House on several occasions when he was in Ithaca to attend a Cornell Reunion or meeting at the university. He was predeceased by his wife, Lois, and is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and his sister and her husband.

**JOHN LUCKETT MURRAY**, CB39 TA42, aged 92, long-time resident of Hastings-on-Hudson, died on August 24, 2013. John attended Cornell University on a full scholarship while residing at the Telluride House. In 1941, while at Cornell, John met Ruth Miriam Gillett of Slingerlands, NY. A year later, he was drafted into the Army Air Force where he served as a cryptographer (T-Sgt.). John and Ruth were married on May 27, 1944.



After the war, John completed law school at Cornell. He and Ruth moved to Knoxville, TN, where John worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority, and they started a family. In 1953 they relocated to upstate NY, where he worked for the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Co. In 1960, John joined Hertz Rent-a-Car in Manhattan as VP/legal counsel and the family moved to Hastings. In 1972, John went into private practice in White Plains, NY. In recent years he continued to practice law from his residence. He participated in local government, serving as village trustee and village attorney. He had a passion for history and for sailing, following his Nova Scotia maritime heritage. He loved to sing, read poetry, and take long walks in the Rockefeller Preserve and along the Hudson.

John was a political activist, a staunch believer in restraint of U.S. military intervention abroad and his letters to the editor often appeared in local newspapers. Ruth, his wife of 59 years passed away in 2004. John is survived by his second wife, Joyce, his four children, and five grandchildren.



**ROGER CARTWRIGHT**, CB41, died in Amherst, Massachusetts on August 9, 2011. He was a teacher and planter of traditional English Morris dancing. His son Steve Cartwright wrote:

*Most of all, he danced. He sought spontaneity, not security. He lived for the moment, not the past, not the future. [...] My dad preferred a wild tangle of brush to a manicured yard -- or life. [...] He practiced community-building and social*

*networking before they were buzzwords. He got people together to sing and dance and celebrate their common humanity.*

Roger graduated early from Cornell in order to join the U.S. Army. He was a second lieutenant in WWII. He received a PhD from NYU and taught at City and Country School in Greenwich Village, City College of New York, and Wheelock College in Boston. He also worked at a teachers' resource center and a cooperative pre-school. He is well-remembered and loved by his son.



**RICHARD WOLGAST**, DS41 TA43 CB46, died on June 5, 2012 while he was touring in Yellowstone Park. He attended Deep Springs College and earned a bachelor's degree in engineering at Cornell. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Cornell for a PhD in aeronautical engineering. There he met and married Elizabeth Hankins. He worked for several years at Boeing before he decided to pursue studies in physics at the University of Michigan. He worked at the University of Michigan in Donald Glaser's "bubble chamber" group,

which relocated to the Radiation Lab at UC Berkeley. He spent the remainder of his career working on the design and construction of cyclotrons (a particle accelerator), including a two-year stint in Zurich, Switzerland, before returning to the lab until he retired. During his retirement, Richard was active with the Berkeley Friends and was especially committed environmental causes, specifically the conservation of natural resources and the protection of wildlife. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, two children, Johanna and Stephen, a granddaughter, Jillian, and his brother, David.

**HAROLD DIETZ**, DS44, passed away April 11, 2010 at the age of 82. He attended Deep Springs College and received a bachelor's degree in 1947 and a medical degree in 1951 from the University of Cincinnati. He was a physician with the United States Air Force for 20 years, and was subsequently employed by B.F. Goodrich until his retirement. He was a member of several professional societies, such as the American College of Preventive Medicine, Aerospace Medical Association, and American Board of Preventive Medicine in Occupational Medicine. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; sons, Gregory and Douglas; daughter, Carol; and six grandchildren.



The Pasadena Branch members on a Mount Whitney field trip (1950-51), standing from left: Philip Green, Alan Lyons, Martin Washburn, Harold Fishman, Donald Utvik, William Williams, sitting from left: Donald Adams, Clarence "Mike" Yarrow, and Koya Azumi.

**DONALD ALAN ADAMS**, PB49, age 81, passed away January 23, 2013 in Price, Utah. Donald was a theatre academic and professional, having served as an actor, director, designer, and professor. He was in the U.S. Navy, and then worked in costume design for the Oregon Civic Theatre and the Seattle Repertory Theatre. Donald was a professor at Western Washington University, Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, Southwest Missouri State University, and finally the College of Eastern Utah, where he retired from the theatre department in 1998. He was involved in many community and church projects. He was among those gathered in Pasadena in May 1998 to commemorate the Pasadena Branch's 50th anniversary. He is survived by his wife Pamela, a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

**JANE MORHOUSE BREISETH**, wife of **CHRISTOPHER BREISETH**, CB58 TA59 SPF69, passed away on June 16, 2012 at her home on Lake George in Ticonderoga, NY. Jane and Chris met at Telluride House while they were students at Cornell University, where she received a bachelor's degree in comparative literature and master's in education. Jane was certified to teach language arts and social studies in several states and taught in several schools during her career. In 1968, while serving on the staff of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, she was instrumental in creating, "Toward a Social Report," a study to develop social indicators of a nation's health to be used in conjunction with economic indicators.

Jane will be most remembered as playing complementary and intertwined roles as devoted wife, mother, teacher, first lady and hostess. She was an invaluable partner to her husband throughout his career in academia and public service. Jane was a dedicated citizen in the communities where they lived (including Williamstown, MA, Deep Springs, CA, where the Breiseths were influential as President and First Lady of Deep Springs College (1980 to 1983), Wilkes-Barre, PA where they were President and First Lady of Wilkes University from 1984 to 2001, and Hyde Park, NY). She considered her greatest accomplishment to be the lives her children are leading.

She is lovingly remembered by her mother, husband, three daughters, two grandchildren, and many other friends and relatives. Donations in her memory can be made to the Ticonderoga Alumni Association Scholarship Program, Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

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**THERESE TISCHLER**, SP66, aged 63, passed away January 26, 2013. She was an attorney and co-founder of the Moosewood Restaurant in Ithaca. She is survived by her husband, Jody Stackman and son Daniel, of Trumansburg, NY.

**LYNN DARSH**, SP68, age 61, passed away on August 23, 2012 in New York City. She received a bachelor's from Cornell University and a master's in business administration from Columbia University. Lynn was a technology officer for several New York City banks and a vice president at Chase Bank. She was a former president of the Amateur Astronomers Association of New York City. She enjoyed reading, traveling, music and art. She is survived by her mother, four sisters, former husband, nine nieces, nephew, and countless relations and friends who will miss her. Those wishing to honor her memory may do so by making a contribution to the Lymphoma Research Foundation at [www.mskcc.org/giving](http://www.mskcc.org/giving).

**MARTIN BERNAL**, CBG72, passed away at the age of 76 on June 9, 2013. He taught at Cambridge University before coming to Cornell University in 1972 where he was a professor of government and Near Eastern studies until he retired in 2001. He was best known for his controversial three-volume work *Black Athena*, in which he challenged the traditional Eurocentric interpretation of the origins of Greek civilization. Other works include: *Black Athena Writes Back*, *Chinese Socialism Before 1907*, and *Cadmean Letters: The Westward Diffusion of the Semitic Alphabet Before 1400 B.C.* He was a faculty in residence at Cornell Branch for several years during the 1970s and maintained a relationship with subsequent generations of Telluriders as a frequent guest and participant in discussions over a meal in the Telluride House dining room. He will be missed. Martin is survived by his wife, Leslie Miller-Bernal, five children and step-children, a half-sister and nine grandchildren.

**LAWRENCE HANKS Sr.**, SPF04, aged 57, passed away November 10, 2011 at his Bloomington residence. He received his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and his master's and doctorate in government from Harvard University. He was a professor of political science at Indiana University and served as Dean of the Office of African American Affairs from 1993 to 1998. As dean he was a strong supporter of the Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) and he co-taught the 2004 TASS seminar "*Conflicting Visions: A History of African American Political Thought and Action.*" He was the co-editor of *Black and Multiracial Policies in America*, and authored many journal articles, essays, and other publications. His research interests included black political empowerment, African-American political thought and action, race and politics and the politics of difference. Lawrence also volunteered as a reviewer for and consultant to the National Endowment for Humanities, with the U.S. Department of Justice, and with several statewide organizations in Georgia and Alabama. He is survived by his wife, children, siblings, and extended family members.

**PETRINE ARCHER-STRAW**, CBG05 SPF08, passed away on December 5, 2012. Dr. Archer-Straw was a noteworthy scholar in art history, especially Jamaican art, and possessed a strong publication and curatorial background. She was a Society of the Humanities fellow while at Cornell and lived at Telluride House for two years. In 2008 she co-taught the Cornell I TASP, "*Caribbean Dialogs [com].*" At the time of her death, she was a co-creator and head of the art history department at Edna Manley College of Visual and Performing Arts in Jamaica.

## Just for Fun

A poem by Desiree Barron, SP05 CB06 TA09, in honor of Chuck Pazdernik, SP85 CB86 TA87, on his 25th year in the Association:

There once was a member named Chuck,  
Who exemplified wisdom and pluck!  
His contributions perennial,  
For a quarter centennial,  
For us Nunnian stewards, what luck!





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