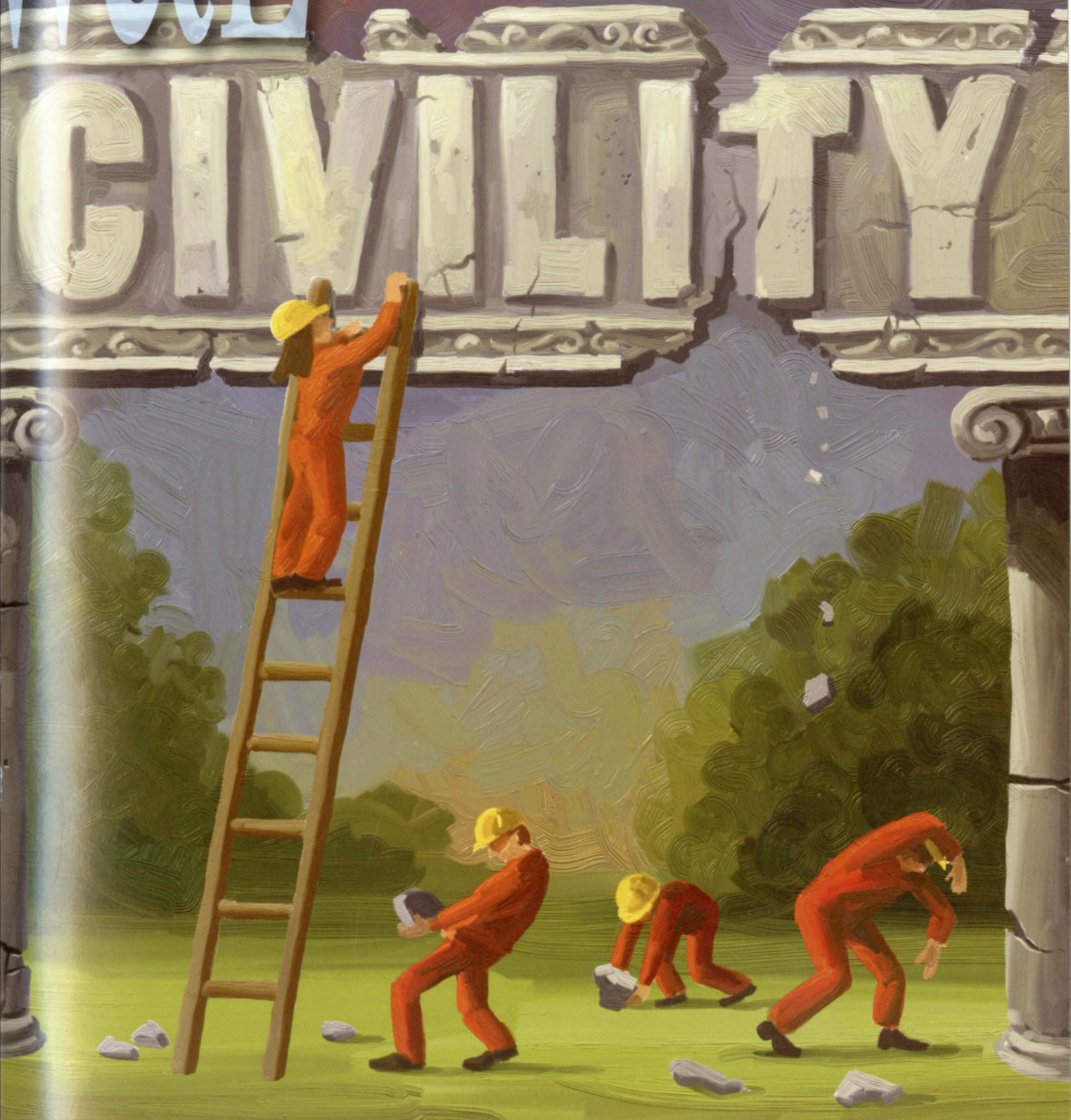


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“THE ROCKBRIDGE REPORT”—THE PUBLIC FACE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS AT WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY—GOT A MAKEOVER THIS SUMMER, WITH A THOROUGH RE-DESIGN OF THE DEPARTMENT’S BROADCAST STUDIO, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW NEWS SET AND LIGHTING GRID BY FX GROUP OF ORLANDO, FLA.

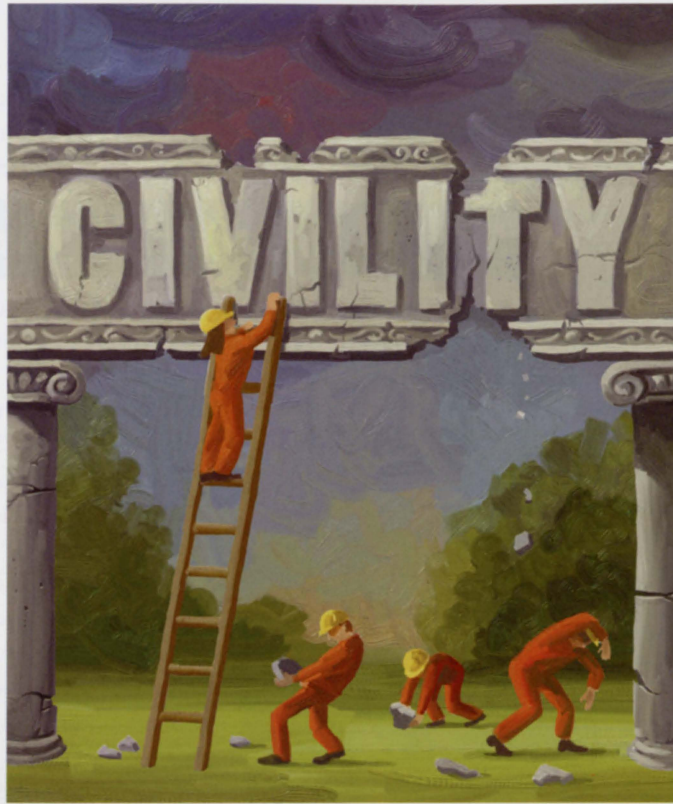
A three-year, \$1.75-million grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation also funded a sweeping renovation of the department’s digital multimedia technology to accommodate conversion to high-definition broadcasting.

The grant has also funded a series of journalism, politics and law seminars, summer internships for prospective journalists, and a three-year faculty position in legal reporting.

“We’re delighted with our new look,” said Department Head Brian Richardson ’73. “The more professional look and feel will better help our students prepare for careers in broadcast and online journalism.”

“The Rockbridge Report” is the department’s multimedia local news production. It is broadcast live at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays during the fall and winter terms, and appears on the Web at [rockbridgereport.wlu.edu](http://rockbridgereport.wlu.edu). It is a combined production of several journalism classes taught by department faculty.





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As I wrote this column, I was excited to be in Lexington for Parents and Family Weekend. I hope your memories of fall there will be triggered when I say that the trees were at their peak colors.

## CORE VIRTUES ON AND OFF CAMPUS

When I see students during my visits to campus, I can tell that their four years at W&L have the potential to be among the very best and most influential of times for them. This issue of the magazine reminds us of the



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core virtues that underpin campus life; see the article on pp. 20-25. In September, President Ruscio's convocation address (see [wlu.edu/x34825.xml](http://wlu.edu/x34825.xml)) articulated George Washington's commitment to a liberal arts education and self-sacrifice in the name of a greater good, combined with the University's obligation to prepare students to become leaders. Virtually unique in higher education, we strive to do so with an abiding respect for personal honor and civility.

These qualities serve all of us well, as students and in our pursuit of professional development and personal relationships. The Alumni Board is fortunate to be working on behalf of alumni who share this very special experience.

Your Alumni Board and the Alumni Affairs Office are busy supporting and strengthening our 24 focus chapters. We see real progress. Most of these chapters now have a leadership team, a succession plan and an event calendar. As chapters graduate from this list, they are replaced by others that we can help to prosper. Our goal is to have 80 percent of our 88 chapters in good health and functioning properly by 2012. We are well on our way, with every board member solidly behind this effort and assuming personal responsibility for a group of chapters.

At our October meeting, we worked closely with more than two dozen chapter leaders at the Chapter Leaders Conference. They got new ideas and left Lexington with new energy to make their chapters even stronger. The board enjoyed seeing so many alumni at the inaugural Young Alumni Weekend and at Black Alumni 2009. Both events were a smashing success. We spent quality time with President Ruscio, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Dawn Watkins and Vice President for University Advancement Dennis Cross. We had lively conversations with students, including officers from the IFC and Panhellenic, about ways to assist Student Affairs in keeping Greek life positive and viable for future students. We look forward to updating you on the progress of this new effort.

The alumni association values your input. Your continuing involvement on and off campus makes our organization so strong. Thank you!

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### John Warner '49

The Summer 2009 magazine is another first-class issue, chock-full of interesting news, commentary and photographs. I especially enjoyed the feature on John Warner. That coverage of this distinguished alumnus, with the accompanying photos, brought back lots of memories of classmates and events of the late 1940s. Although I probably had some classes with John, I do not remember knowing him personally, although several of his Beta Theta Pi fraternity brothers were valued friends with ties to my hometown (in those days) of Ashland, Ky. Among them was Fred Vinson Jr. I sort of wondered if he was the individual referred to in the interview instead of "Fred Benson." In response to Warner's

comment that the article "may not be read by many," I expect the story was well read by many friends, acquaintances, classmates and other admirers of this truly outstanding public servant. Certainly it was by this alumnus.

*Richard E. Hodges Jr. '50  
Marietta, Ga.*

Betas will never forget one quiet Friday night in 1978, when John Warner suddenly opened the front door of the frat house with his then-wife, Elizabeth Taylor. John Long '78, the president, graciously gave them a tour of the house, including Warner's old room. It made a boring Friday night into an event never to be forgotten.

*Charlie Stieff '78  
Baltimore*

Sometimes I puff with pride

when I read the alumni magazine. Other times, like now, with the Summer 2009 issue, everyone featured seems to be so smart and perfect, I pretend that I went to VMI. Sure, John Warner deserves his section—he's had since 1949 to wend his way. But brand-new students like Olivia B. Burr '12 have already surpassed me with their excellent accomplishments. Wow!

My character and awareness of meaningful purpose and what has turned into a lifetime of service to others came from my grounding in Lexington. I am so glad that everyone is welcomed and challenged to be their best selves at W&L. I'm glad that the inclusion of women has enhanced and strengthened the University.

So thanks, alumni magazine. It's great to learn about all the thoroughbreds and their incred-

ible feats. Next time can I be in the Regular Guy/Gal issue?

*Bruce W. Rider '66  
Grapevine, Texas*

### From the Editors

As we went to press, we learned of the Nov. 13 death of Army Spec. Chris Coffland '88 in Afghanistan. We will run an obituary in the next issue. For online coverage, see [wlvnews.wordpress.com/2009](http://wlvnews.wordpress.com/2009).

This fall, we received several letters about current events and civility. Since we publish letters only about material in the magazine, we hope the article on pp. 20-25 will address those writers' concerns. We welcome responses to it at [magazine@wlu.edu](mailto:magazine@wlu.edu).

And our apologies to Jeanne Warner for misidentifying her in a photo in the Summer 2009 issue.

## CLASS OF 1984 MAKES SECOND-LARGEST 25TH-REUNION GIFT EVER



check for \$1.4 million from the Class of 1984 at its 25th reunion, in May during Alumni Weekend. While it has become tradition for the 25th-reunion class to stage a major fund-raising effort in honor of their milestone, this year their class gift seemed particularly remarkable. As Class of 1984 Co-chair Dwight Emanuelson (left), of Dallas, noted, "This was not the easiest of years, but we set lofty goals, and we got the horse in the barn." Co-chair Mike Wyatt (center), also of Dallas, joined him on stage with President Ruscio.

On May 2, the Class of 1984 presented the University a gift of \$1.4 million, including:

- ◆ \$500,000 to support the restoration and renovation of the Colonnade, and name the Class of 1984 Washington Hall Seminar Room
- ◆ \$500,000 to support the Annual Fund (over five years)
- ◆ \$400,000 supporting other University priorities

After the reunion, members of the class committed another \$125,000 by June 30, bringing their official class gift to \$1,525,000—the second-largest 25th-reunion gift in W&L history.

*From the Editors: We extend our deepest apologies to the Class of 1984. Due to a production error, we accidentally omitted this photograph and caption about their generous reunion gift from the Alumni Weekend pictorial in the Summer 2009 issue of the magazine. Here it is now, with updated information on their gift.*

"This could have been a year of excuses," began President Ken Ruscio '76, before accepting an oversized



# RESEARCH ORIENTED

W&L's R.E. Lee Summer Scholars, founded in 1960 by an 1899 graduate, is an important part of the University's undergraduate research program. To participate, students must be nominated, which involves either assisting a professor in research or carrying out a student-planned project under the supervision of a professor. This past summer, students and faculty collaborated once again to ask how and why on a number of interesting topics. Here's a selection.

## Brain Power and Aging



W&L PROFESSOR WYTHE WHITING, RIGHT, CONDUCTS RESEARCH WITH CAMILLE SAMPLE '11, LEFT, AND KATIE BLACKBURN '11.

**W**e know that as people age, their responses and decision-making processes slow down. What we don't know exactly is why this happens.

Wythe Whiting, associate professor of psychology, hypothesizes this may be due to a breakdown of the brain's neural circuitry, resulting in what he calls "neural noise." "This means we lose neural connections and we process information at a slower rate," he said.

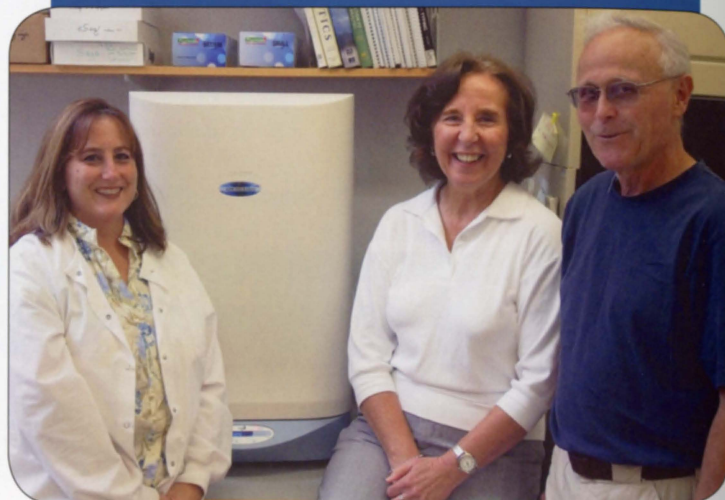
Whiting and two students, Camille Sample '11 and Katie Blackburn '11, tested his theory in W&L's Cognitive Lab, with interesting results. They compared the responses of a group of young adults 18 to 29 years old with a group of adults 60 years and older. The team found that the older adults were disproportionately more susceptible to the static noise than the younger adults.

Camille Sample, a neuroscience major, was surprised at how distracting the static noise was to the older adults. "I wasn't really expecting that," she said.

Whiting has been working on aging and cognition research since 1993, and said he has tested close to 1,000 adults. Both

Sample and Blackburn are R.E. Lee Research Scholars. Sample's support was funded through the Levy Neuroscience Endowment for student summer research.

## Is it Sneezeweed?



FROM LEFT, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE KELLY HEMMINGE AND PROFESSORS MARYANNE SIMURDA AND JOHN KNOX.

**F**irst, the experts doubted it existed. Then, it was protected under the Endangered Species Act. Now, that protection is in jeopardy, and the status of a rare herbaceous plant lies largely in the work of a team of biologists at W&L.

Also known as Virginia sneezeweed, the plant stands about a meter tall and has attractive yellow clusters of flowers. It's been a long journey for the plant *Helenium virgincicum*, as well as for John Knox, professor emeritus of biology, and Maryanne Simurda and Paul Cabe, professors of biology.

The journey began in 1974, when Knox stumbled across a plant while doing general field-work. He looked it up in a reference book and found it was listed as *Helenium autumnale*, a common plant found all over North America. End of the mystery, he thought. Then





he noticed a footnote that said a similar plant was a suspected new species found only in Rockingham and Augusta Counties in Virginia, and nowhere else in the world.

Over the years, working with W&L biology students (many of whom were R.E. Lee Scholars), Knox gathered seeds from both species, raised hundreds of plants and studied their development and their DNA sequences. In 1998, their work persuaded the federal government to declare *Helenium virginicum* a new protected species. They thought their work was complete, but yet another questionable specimen popped up in Missouri.

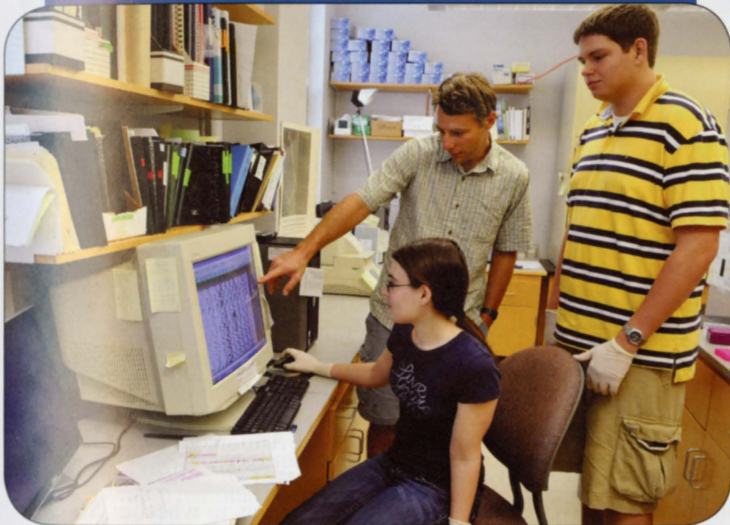
Knox, who retired from the faculty in 2009, said he relishes the challenge. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have funded the W&L team to sequence the DNA of the new Missouri plants to determine if they really are *Helenium virginicum* and to quantify the extent of genetic variation within the species.

Marsh, along with Claire Bayer '11 and Andrew Sackman '10, spent the summer conducting ongoing research into a possible new species called the Sherando salamander. It lives on top of a tiny ridge 20 miles north of campus. They have been catching the salamanders, taking samples and then testing their DNA in the lab.

Marsh said that the salamanders are found mostly on land managed by the U.S. Forest Service, which is paying for a good chunk of this work, "because they are responsible for managing all the rare species on Forest Service land. If this turns out to be a new species, it will be one of the most spatially restricted species in North America. It will affect how the Forest Service manages these lands and may affect timber harvesting policy, mining and other things that go on in the area."

The R.E. Lee Scholars program and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grants provided funding.

## The Sherando Salamander



DAVID MARSH, ASSOCIATE BIOLOGY PROFESSOR, IN THE LAB WITH CLAIRE BAYER '11 (SEATED) AND ANDREW SACKMAN '10 (RIGHT).

**T**hey've been living on a small ridge in the Blue Ridge Mountains, probably for centuries, but only now are they being discovered.

David Marsh, associate professor of biology, and his students are investigating what may prove to be a new species of salamander in the George Washington National Forest, "I think it's very exciting from a local biodiversity perspective," said Marsh.

"Some peaks in the Blue Ridge Mountains are the equivalent of the Galapagos Islands for salamanders," he continued. "These mountains never had glaciers, so salamanders have been up there for a very long time. Groups of salamanders probably became isolated on some of the ridge tops and went off on their own evolutionary trajectories."

## Understanding Poverty



CAROLINE HEAD '10, RIGHT, WITH HARLAN BECKLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE SHEPHERD POVERTY PROGRAM.

**S**pending your summer gathering data on how the U.S. government has funded social programs to combat poverty over the past 50 years would hardly seem to qualify as a day at the beach.

But Caroline Head '10, an economics major with a minor in poverty studies, has discovered that such data mining is not as dull as it might seem, especially when you consider the stories behind the data.

Head has taken data from different sources and turned it into visual graphs. It is an important element of the research that W&L's Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability has been conducting for the past two years.



The graphs, she explains, help people understand poverty—how it affects people in the United States and how the United States treats its poor compared to other countries.

The other students working with Beckley were Xiaoxi Liang '10 and John Grigsby '12. Liang worked on data involving asthma, infant mortality and low birth weight, while Grigsby researched how the total compensation package of non-supervisory workers—compensation, health care and pension benefits—has changed over the years.

## Soil Sustainability

Stepping on a nest of yellow jackets was just part of Meredith Townsend '11's experience during her summer research project.

Townsend has been working with David Harbor, professor of geology, on a project that will try to answer the question of whether we are using soil in a sustainable or unsustainable way. The project is one small part of a broad new, multinational effort funded by a five-year, multimillion-dollar grant from the National Science Foundation, and is based at Pennsylvania State University.

W&L is one of six satellite sites on the project. The center is the Shale Hills site in central Pennsylvania. The satellite sites are located along a climatic gradient in the mid-Atlantic region and are being used to test the models developed at Shale Hills, and to provide regional data on weathering rates as a function of climate changes.

Townsend and Harbor are working at a number of different sites around Lexington, including one just south of Clifton Forge and one at the top of White Rock Mountain, which is east of Brattons Run in western Rockbridge County.



MEREDITH TOWNSEND '11  
AND DAVID HARBOR.

## A Flat World



FROM LEFT, MICHAEL ANDERSON,  
KATIE BOILES '10 AND IAN STURDY '12.

When you think about research into global economics, the cost of lipstick and toilet paper is hardly the first thing that comes to mind.

But that is precisely what Katie Boiles '10 and Ian Sturdy '12, both economics majors, researched over the summer. Along with the prices of light bulbs, bottles of wine and toasters, they are looking at the prices of nearly 200 products around the world.

It's all part of research that Michael Anderson, professor of economics at W&L, is pursuing in order to contribute to an ongoing conversation among economists as to whether the world is economically flat.

"There is this idea in the popular literature that there are no longer any frictions in the world market, and that markets are integrated," he explained. "It really doesn't matter anymore whether you are in Boston or Bangkok in order to compete in the American market. This was best represented by Thomas Friedman in his book *The World is Flat*."

There is, however, substantial literature that finds that frictions in markets are in fact enormously large. Seemingly innocuous borders, such as the one between Canada and the United States, provide all manner of market separations.

One purpose of Anderson's research is to try to get some insight into whether that is true. The team's research also examines how well markets are integrating over time, and whether these market frictions are changing or constant. ♣



## Captain's Log



### The Canadian Rockies by Rail Aug. 22-31, 2009

High mountains in August. Above their snowy peaks, wispy clouds float against the deep blue of northern skies. Below, a train snakes through the Douglas fir forests along the Fraser River Valley of British Columbia, the glass domes of the observation cars glinting in the sunlight. In one of the cars, a group of W&L travelers peers at the Canadian Rockies while their study leader explains how the Rockies began forming some 15 million years ago. Geologic time may be dizzying, but summertime in such scenic latitudes and elevations is pure bliss.

W&L's latest trip to Canada (our tenth in 22 years) attracted 35 alumni, families and friends. With an alumni age span of nearly 50 years, a broad spectrum of travelers found the holiday in the Canadian national parks of British Columbia and Alberta appealing. The trip included three days in Vancouver and Victoria, two days on the rails in an observation car of the Rocky Mountaineer passenger train, and several days exploring Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff before concluding in Calgary. Highlights included visits to Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island, Maligne Lake near Jasper, the Athabasca Glacier in the Columbia Icefields and two nights at the picturesque Chateau Lake Louise.

The W&L Traveller will journey north again next summer, with a small ship cruise along the Inside Passage of Alaska to observe whales, eagles and bears. Other destinations for 2010-2011 include Antarctica, Vietnam, Morocco, Turkey, the Rhine/Moselle, the Mediterranean, Italy, England, Botswana, Australia/New Zealand, Israel and Ireland. All of the trips will be escorted by W&L faculty or select study leaders, for the bliss of travel with Washington and Lee invariably comes with illumination.

For further information, contact the Office of Special Programs at (540) 458-8723 or [spclprog@wlu.edu](mailto:spclprog@wlu.edu) or see [wlu.edu/x11068.xml](http://wlu.edu/x11068.xml).

—Rob Fure, Director, Special Programs

## New Trustee

Sally P. Lawrence, of Greenwich, Conn., has joined the W&L Board of Trustees. She is a graduate of Smith College and holds an M.B.A. from New York University. She worked at IBM for 14 years, retiring as a systems engineering manager. She and her husband, Larry, have three children, Peter '08, Ben '10 and Christina '12. She and Larry are class co-chairs of the Parents Leadership Council. Lawrence also serves as a trustee and board secretary for the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich and Reach Prep and as co-chair



for the Annual Grant Awards Luncheon for the Fund for Women and Girls, Fairfield County Community Foundation. She has been a trustee of the Greenwich Country Day School and the Greenwich Family YMCA.



## Here to Stay

President Ken Ruscio '76 with long-time employees Nellie Rice (left) and Kitty Dunlap at a reception honoring their 50 years with the University. Dunlap works in the President's Office as a receptionist and office assistant, and Rice is an executive assistant in the Student Affairs Office. Both have deep roots with the University. For example, Dunlap received a spruce seedling from the Christmas tree farm at Skylark on the occasion of W&L's 250th anniversary celebration in 1999. The tree, a reminder to pay attention to one's roots, eventually outgrew her yard. And so, in 2009, a spot was found near Lee Chapel where her spruce will have all the room it needs to grow.



## CREDITWORTHY

**Melina Bell**, assistant professor of philosophy, won the Open Lightweight and Open Overall titles at the 30th Annual IART (International Association of Resistance Trainers) Hercules Bodybuilding Championships Pro-Qualifier. This qualified her as a WNBF (World Natural Bodybuilding Federation) pro bodybuilder. Bell also writes about bodybuilding in terms of feminist philosophy and the construction of gender. Her article, "Strength in Muscle and Beauty in Integrity: Building a Body for Her," appeared in *The Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* in 2008. She's also contributing an essay on gender norms and women's bodybuilding, "Is Women's Bodybuilding Unfeminine?," to the forthcoming book *Strength and Philosophy*, and she is featured in recent issues of *Natural Bodybuilding* and *Fitness Magazine* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

**Domnica Radulescu**, professor of Romance languages and head of the Women's and Gender Studies Program, received the Library of Virginia's 2009 fiction prize for her novel, *Train to Trieste*. Winners receive \$3,500 and an engraved crystal book. The independent panel of judges characterized it as a "stunning debut novel written in lyrically beautiful prose that transcends the pitfalls of first novels."

**Lesley Wheeler**, professor of English, won the Barrow Street Poetry Book Prize for a new manuscript titled *Heterotopia*. The prize comes with \$1,000 and will be published this spring. In August, Wheeler published her debut book of poetry, *Heathen* (C&R Press, 2009) (see p. 9).

**The Campus Kitchen** received \$1,000 in the national online True Hero™ Competition. It was one of the top seven winners of the competition, which had 54 student community service projects posted from 32 colleges. *Truehero.org*, a showcase for community service projects on the Internet, went live in early 2009. The student-run service organization collects surplus food from campus dining services, catering operations and donations, and then provides nutritious and tasty meals to those in need in the Rockbridge County area.

**W&L has received a \$200,000 accelerator grant** as part of the Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Faculty Career Flexibility. It coincides with W&L's new program under the leadership of President Ken Ruscio '76, who launched a study in 2006 of work-life issues in relation to expectations for teaching and research at the University. The resulting initiatives, which debuted during the 2008-09 academic

year and are continuing this year, will provide more options for child care, offer technological alternatives to compensate for necessary time away from campus and create a culture of acceptance for flexible career trajectories.

**The Lettie Pate Evans Foundation has given W&L \$1 million** toward the renovation and restoration of Newcomb Hall, the first of the historic Colonnade buildings to undergo the extensive improvement planned for all of them. Work on Newcomb began in May and will be completed next year. The restoration will subtly upgrade infrastructure and will maintain characteristic Newcomb features such as fireplaces, chalkboards and a large, glass-roof lantern that once again will provide natural light to the top floor. The renewed Newcomb will be home to the history and sociology-anthropology departments and the teacher-education program. Reconfigured space will contain faculty offices, a computer lab and rooms designed for classes, seminars and group study.

**W&L has received a \$650,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** to enhance the educational effectiveness of the University's four-week spring term. W&L has embarked on a revitalization of its spring term, which has been shortened from six to four weeks and during which students will now take a single, intensive course. This revitalization has entailed the development of more than 175 new and innovative courses.

**The Chemistry Department** received a grant from the National Science Foundation for the addition of a new mass spectrometer. According to Professor Lisa Alty, the new instrument, which costs slightly more than \$280,000, will enhance both research and undergraduate classes. While she expects the new spectrometer to be standard in every chemistry department in about 10 years, the NSF grant means that W&L will be one of the very few liberal arts colleges to have the instrument.

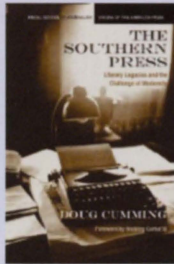
**Caesar Andrews**, one of the *Detroit Free Press* staff that won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for local reporting, is the newest Reynolds Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications. Andrews, who left as executive editor of the *Free Press* to pursue his longtime interest in education, joined the department for the 12-week fall term. He taught Editing for Print Media and a course of his own design, Covering Classic Journalism.



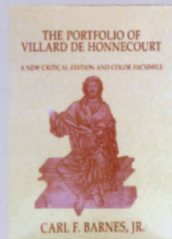
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Assistant professor of journalism  
**Doug Cummings**

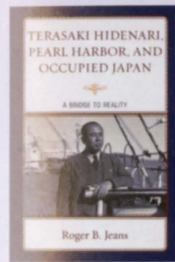
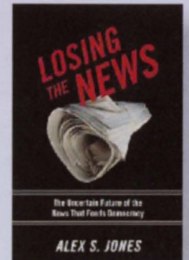
co-authored *The Southern Press: Literary Legacies and the Challenge of Modernity* (Northwestern University Press), in which he argues that the South's journalism struck a literary pose closer to the older English press than to the democratic penny press or bourgeois magazines of the urban North.



(Ashgate Publishing Ltd.). This is the first time the drawings of this 13th-century French artist have been published at full size and in color. Barnes is professor emeritus of art history at Oakland University, Rochester, Mich.



Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Alex Jones '68** argues that the demise of the newspaper industry is corroding the iron core of information that is at the center of a functioning democracy in *Losing the News: The Future of the News That Feeds Democracy* (Oxford University Press).



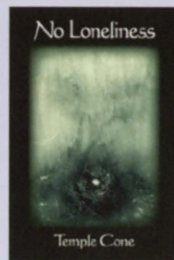
In *Terasaki Hidenari, Pearl Harbor, and Occupied Japan* (Rowman & Littlefield), **Roger B. Jeans**, the Elizabeth Lewis Otey Professor of History

Emeritus, reassesses the diplomat Terasaki Hidenari's story, using the FBI's voluminous dossier on him, decoded Japanese Foreign Ministry cables and the papers of an isolationist, a pacifist and an FBI agent and chief investigator at the Tokyo war crimes trial.

**Lesley Wheeler**, professor of English, published *Heathen* (C&R Press), her debut book of poetry. One reviewer wrote, "Wheeler strikes an impossible balance between wildly witty and tenderly elegant detail."

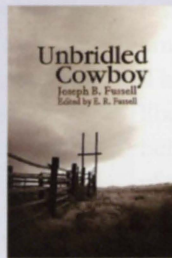


**Carl F. Barnes Jr. '57** published *The Portfolio of Villard de Honnecourt, A New Critical Edition and Color Facsimile*

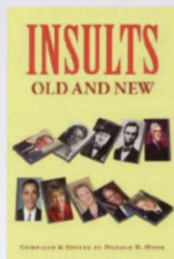


at the U.S. Naval Academy, is the author of five chapbooks of poetry and two critical reference books.

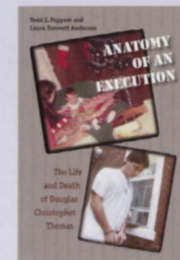
**E. Robert Fussell '64** edited his grandfather's autobiography, *Unbridled Cowboy* (Truman State University Press), and won the Will Rogers Medallion Award for outstanding achievement in the publishing of Western literature.



**Donald D. Hook '50** takes an entertaining and informative look at the rancorous nature of insults and the impact of TV, talk radio, the Internet, blogs and e-mail in



*Insults: Old and New* (self published).



**Todd C. Peppers '90**, associate professor in the Department of Public Affairs at Roanoke College and a lecturer in law at W&L's Law

School, co-authored *Anatomy of an Execution: The Life and Death of Douglas Christopher Thomas* (Northeastern University Press, University Press of New England). While providing insight into the legal workings of the modern death penalty system, the book offers a rare glimpse of a young, condemned man's life before and after the crime.

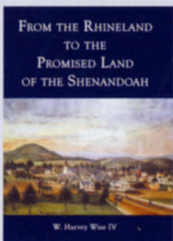


**Mark Slomiany '99** published *Eastbound* (Outskirts Press). Set in the emotional aftermath of his rambling bus epic, *West of 16W*, Mark's book explores the growing discontent of a generation coming to terms with the tail end of an era of optimism and economic boom. He is an associate professor with a dual appointment at



the Medical College of Georgia and Medical University of South Carolina.

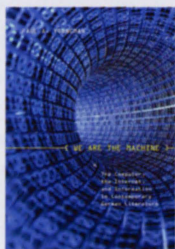
Marooned in San Francisco in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, **Aaron Wilkinson '97** began swapping songs with Chris Mulé, an old friend and the guitarist for the Eric Lindell Band. They formed the Honey Island Swamp Band and just released their first full-length CD, "Wishing Well," on which Wilkinson sings and plays mandolin.



**W. Harvey Wise IV '70** follows 20 families who left their homes in Europe in the early to mid-1700s and settled in Pennsylvania, Maryland and

later the Shenandoah Valley in *From the Rhineland to the Promised Land of the Shenandoah* (Warwick House, Lynchburg, Va.).

**Paul A. Youngman '87**, associate professor of German and director of the Center for Humanities, Technology and Science at the University of North Carolina, published *We Are the Machine: The Computer, the Internet, and Information in Contemporary German Literature* (Camden House). He notes that the revolution in information technology has led to unease about its possible misuse, abuse and even its eventual domination of humankind.



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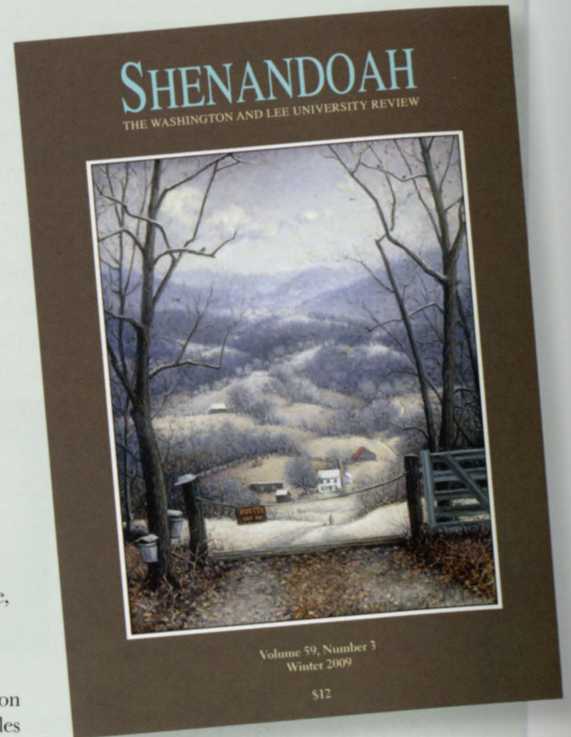
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# CIVIL SPEECH ON THE WEB

## *Fighting Gossip With Values*

—By Rod Smolla, Dean of the Law School



**T**he stubborn persistence of Internet Web sites pandering to campus gossip, encouraging students to post salacious anonymous attacks on classmates, faculty and staff, encourages a culture of rumor that challenges the essential values of W&L and other universities. The first of these sites, JuicyCampus, shut down last year amid a maelstrom of protest from student victims and threats of lawsuits. New strains of campus gossip sites are emerging, however, that promise the best in give-it-all-you've-got-let-it-rip-the-dirtier-the-better anonymous messages naming fellow members of campus communities (usually students) and graphically describing all aspects of their lives.

Many of us are deeply disturbed by these sites, but uncertain about our options. Freedom of speech and academic freedom are central, defining values of any university, along with respect for human dignity, political, cultural and religious pluralism, collegial civility and rational discourse. Because this type of speech takes place on sites not sponsored by the University, one tempting impulse is to just let it go. When our counseling lawyers caution that a federal law (Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act) broadly immunizes Internet sites from liability for user-generated content and that free speech principles protect the right of citizens to speak anonymously, we may feel an additional nudge toward a slouching resignation—this may be very bad stuff, but there's nothing we can do about it.

Our reverence for academic freedom and our deep commitment to freedom of speech lead us to grant substantial breathing space for the caustic personal attacks that are sometimes part of productive public discourse. Yet it is worth remembering that human dignity and protection of individual reputation and privacy are also vital to any concept of ordered liberty. The dirty politics of defamation and smear have been tools of tyrants and vigilantes for centuries, from the Salem witch trials to the communist witch-hunts of Sen. Joe McCarthy.

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Much on campus gossip sites is simply trivial and juvenile and not worth our worry. But some of it is horribly destructive, causing searing pain to its victims and corroding the quality of our campus life. We are not duty-bound by our respect for freedom of speech to give these crude attacks a free pass. But the legal obstacles that frustrate criminal or civil redress are formidable, including the threshold task of unmasking the real identity of cyber-bullies. Yet we have more than lawsuits in our tool kits. We may all boycott these sites and the thrashers who populate them, thereby affirming what we believe in and stand for.

Anonymity may be protected by the First Amendment, and gossip-mongering Web sites may be largely immunized by federal law, but neither anonymity nor immunity need be embraced as defining values of our University. Those who participate in the discourse of the liberal arts and sciences do not customarily hide behind screen names. Anonymity in the service of genuine political dissent is one thing; anonymity in the service of the destruction of human dignity quite another.

We ought never be intimidated by the claim that fighting back against a culture of rumors is itself antithetical to free speech values. The University's very existence is predicated on making principled value judgments about the content of speech. In our daily work on campus, all ideas are not created equal. We make scientific judgments, mathematical judgments, historical judgments, philosophical judgments, legal judgments, creative and artistic judgments, day in and day out. We hire and fire on the basis of content. We assign grades on the basis of content. The notion that all content-based judgments presumptively violate freedom of speech is conceptually incoherent as applied to a university.

I have faith that the overwhelming majority of our students will want to do the right thing. They need to be encouraged to boycott the race to the bottom and instead join the noble quest for a campus culture of robust expression tempered by respect.



# FOUR ALUMNI JOIN HALL OF FAME

BY BRIAN LAUBSCHER



*Washington and Lee inducted the 22nd class into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 11-12. Established in 1987 by the Alumni Association, it honors and memorializes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to W&L athletics and have brought recognition, honor, excellence and distinction to the University and its intercollegiate athletic program. From l. to r.: Gibby McSpadden '56, Rebekah Prince '96, Jan Hathorn, director of athletics, Glenn Kirschner '84 and Nathan Hottle '97.*

**Gibby McSpadden '56** was a four-year letter winner in wrestling and a one-year letter winner in track and field. He was named the team's outstanding freshman wrestler in 1953, when he finished second in the 157-pound weight class at the Southern Conference Tournament. As a sophomore, McSpadden was named the Southern Conference's outstanding wrestler after finishing with an undefeated record and claiming the title of the 157-pound weight class at the Southern Conference Championship. McSpadden also



went undefeated and won the SoCon title at 167 pounds as a junior. His senior season, he served as a team captain and was named the team's outstanding wrestler and the school's top athlete. That season, he finished first in the Southern Conference Tournament at 177 pounds. McSpadden completed his collegiate wrestling career with a 40-3 overall record.

**Glenn Kirschner '84** was a three-year letter winner for the football team and served as a team captain during





his senior season. As a center, Kirschner cleared the way for three first-team all-conference running backs, and he was the first football player to earn First Team All-ODAC honors three times, doing so his final three seasons. As a senior, he was named a Kodak/AFCA First Team All-American, one of just seven W&L players to receive first-team honors in the Division III era. Kirschner helped lead the Generals to a 25-13 overall record and the 1981 ODAC Championship.

**Rebekah Prince '96** was a four-year letter winner and two-year captain for the women's swimming team. She received the team's Most Valuable Swimmer Award and garnered First Team All-ODAC honors in each of her four seasons. Prince was named the ODAC Swimmer of the Year following her freshman, junior and senior seasons, and she qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke and 200 Individual Medley all four years. A 12-time All-American, Prince earned First Team All-America honors all four seasons in the 200 back and in the 100 back as a freshman. Prince held school records in the 100 back (59.66), 200 back (2:07.67) and 200 IM (2:12.60) until all three were broken during the 2009 sea-



son. Her 100 back and 200 IM records stood for 16 years, while her 200-back time held up for 12 seasons.

**Nathan Hottle '97** earned four letters as a member of the men's swimming team and garnered three more letters with the water polo team. He also served as a swimming captain during his senior season. In water polo, he was named the team's co-defensive player of the year and garnered all-tournament honors at the Division III Championships as a senior. In swimming, Hottle was an 11-time All-American and the 1995 NCAA Division III Champion in the 200 breaststroke. He graduated with school records in the 100 breast (57.21), 200 breast (2:03.93) and 200 IM (1:54.08) and was a member of the record-setting 200 freestyle relay (1:25.42), 400 freestyle relay (3:06.45) and 800 freestyle relay (6:53.01) teams. His 100 breast, 200 breast and 200 IM times remain as the top times in school history. Hottle was a two-time GTE Academic All-America selection and a 1997 recipient of an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. He completed his career by being named the 1997 W&L Outstanding Senior Male Athlete and the William McHenry Scholar-Athlete in 1997.



The screenshot shows the W&L Generals website interface. At the top is a search bar and the site logo. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for Men's Sports, Women's Sports, Athletic Dept., Facilities, History & Traditions, Visitors, Athletic Giving, and W&L Home. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- GENERALS SCOREBOARD:** Features a large image of a football game. Below it, a headline reads: "Bridgewater Football Survives Generals, 35-34, in OT". The text below states: "The Washington and Lee football team missed a potential game-winning 24-yard field goal with four seconds remaining and fell in overtime to Bridgewater by a score of 35-34 on Saturday afternoon at Wilson Field." There are navigation arrows for previous and next pages.
- ATHLETICS HEADLINES:** A list of recent news items:
  - > 11/05: Five Generals Selected to CoSIDA Academic All-District Football Squad
  - > 11/05: ODAC Releases Women's Basketball Preseason Poll
  - > 11/02: Washington and Lee Football Game Notes - Game #10
  - > 11/02: W&L's Delaher and Espina Named to Academic All-District Team
  - > 11/02: W&L Women's Soccer to Host Lynchburg in ODAC Semifinals on Wednesday
  - > 11/02: Two W&L Student-Athletes
- SPORTS SPOTLIGHT:** A section titled "FROM THE SIDELINES" with the subtitle "The Official Blog of W&L Athletics". It features a small image of a football game.
- FOR RECRUITS:** A section with the text "Prospective Athlete Forms | Camps & Clinics".
- MULTIMEDIA:** A section with the text "Live Stats | B2 Networks Video | WLJR Radio".
- SCORES & EVENTS:** A section with the text "Composite Schedule".

## Generals Online

Check out the new and improved Web site for W&L's 23 varsity athletics teams at *generalsports.com*. The site has several new features, including integration of video. There are enhanced photography and scoreboards, a new blog and a newsletter. An archive of W&L athletics will continue to be available, featuring information dating back to the original launch of a Generals athletics site in 1995-96.

Just for fun, Brian Laubscher, sports information director, has been looking back over the last decade of Generals' athletics, sport by sport, to pick out his most memorable moments. The first offering was on football and included the ESPN video report on the fake spike play that won the 2002 Guilford game. See if his highlights are yours at the "From the Sidelines" blog.



# Interning 9 to 5

*Putting students to work in the Washington and New York Spring Term Programs*

Wendy Lovell '90



Every spring term, several students head to New York and Washington for valuable internships in everything from think tanks to TV. Pictured clockwise from top: Alexandria Kierst '10, Jarrett Brotzman '11, Carlos Morales '10 and Jennifer Nunes '10. The Washington Term and New York Term Programs will continue in their usual format as part of the revitalized spring term, which debuts in 2010. The rest of the courses will be four weeks.



# Washington

For W&L students participating in the Washington Term Program, one measure of a good internship on Capitol Hill is whether they are assigned a desk. Students in the spring 2009 program who had key placements with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-Va.), CBS News and the Democratic National Committee got desks—and much more.

The head of the Washington program is William F. Connelly Jr., the John K. Boardman Professor of Politics.

He came to W&L from Capitol Hill in 1986, when he was a Congressional Fellow and a legislative assistant to Senators Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) and Dick Cheney (R-Wyo.). The new professor recognized the value of hard-earned experience in Washington, and he wanted his students to have a turn of their own. Connelly took the students in his first spring term course on politics to D.C. in 1987, and the Washington Term has been going strong ever since.

Interns work full time, four days a week, in congressional and senate offices, news organizations and think tanks, and with lobbyists and political consultants. On Fridays, they spend the morning in class with Connelly and the afternoon hearing lectures with D.C. insiders. The 2009 lineup of speakers included Donald Wolfensberger, director of The Congress project at the Woodrow Wilson Center; reporter Shailagh Murray, of the *Washington Post*; Terry Eastland, publisher of *The Weekly Standard*; and CBS White House correspondent Chip Reid.

“I run Washington Term as a seminar, and my students bring their experiences as interns into the classroom,” said Connelly. “It’s very exciting to watch them learn by doing in what I call ‘participant observation research.’”

According to Tom Mattesky '74, former deputy Washington bureau chief for CBS News, the program is the perfect laboratory for students contemplating careers in politics, public service or journalism. Mattesky has been involved with Washington Term since the mid-1990s and has helped place half a dozen students in internships, including Alicia Budich, a junior who is double majoring in politics and broadcast journalism (see sidebar on pp. 18–19).

“The students spend four days a week working side by side with those who actually run our government and drive our political system, or those in the media who perform a watchdog role over both,” said Mattesky. “To me, that actual on-the-job experience is the most important benefit of the Washington Term Program. It also seems to be the perfect showcase for the many talents of this generation of Washington and Lee students.”

Mattesky remembers an example from 1998, when Kristi Slafka '00 showed up in the CBS newsroom displaying an infectious passion for politics and a talent for writing. By the end of her internship, the then-sophomore was handling important assignments for the network’s political unit. She’s now one of CNN’s top Washington producers.

Budich’s 2009 internship with CBS News carried over into the summer, thanks to a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. One of her colleagues was Bob Schieffer, CBS’s chief Washington correspondent. Her largest project began when Supreme Court Justice David Souter announced he was stepping down. Budich gathered information on the short list of nominees to his post and met daily with the deputy bureau chief,

Chengpeng Mou '11 interned for the Senate Banking Committee, helping its chair, Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), prepare for a hearing with U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.



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senior producer and chief political strategist. Her work on the project didn't end until Justice Sonia Sotomayor went through confirmation proceedings.

"One of the things I took away professionally is that the best thing I can be at my age is good help," said Budich. "I realize that's what I was—sometimes I was good help because I contributed real journalistic things like research and sound bites, and other times I was good help because I didn't cringe at refilling the printers or going to get coffee for Bob Schieffer." Of her famous coworker, she said, he "never asks you to get him coffee, but when you do, he will pay for yours and then sit down and chat with you for an hour."

Chengpeng Mou, a junior from Chengdu, China, also thoroughly enjoyed his Washington Term experience, but discovered that he is not suited for a career in politics; instead, he'd like to explore investment banking. An intern for the Senate Banking Committee, Mou spent a majority of his time helping its chair, Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), prepare for a hearing with U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner that focused on regulating systemic risk in the financial system.

"I learned a lot about American politics during my tenure on the Hill," said Mou, who got the internship through Justine Sessions '05, press secretary for the Senate Banking Committee. "America's strength lies not in its F-22s or shiny buildings, but in its people. I think this program gave me what a foreigner needs to know to appreciate America's national politics." In

2003, Sessions took part in Washington Term and interned in the office of Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.). Two years later, she began her career in Washington as deputy press secretary for Dodd. "Politics is a field that puts a premium on hands-on experience," said Sessions. "The W&L Politics Department provides students with a strong foundation of political history and theory in the classroom, and Washington Term gives them the chance to begin building on that foundation by immersing them in the real world of Washington politics. I firmly believe that this combination gives Washington Term alumni a leg up in the political job market."

For Summer Lollie '11, Washington Term was an extension of her political activity on campus last fall. An intern for President Barack Obama's Campaign for Change in the Rockbridge area, the Dallas native canvassed neighborhoods, made calls and registered voters. While her goal was a Washington Term internship in the White House, she was pleased to land a spot with the Democratic National Committee.

The internship delivered on excitement. Lollie monitored the hundreds of news articles on political figures, events and ideas that came through the office and helped screen press inquiries. "My favorite part was being in the middle of all the action in the press and communications office," she said. "This is where the message of the whole Democratic Party is managed. Not only was I immersed in national politics, but every experience I had was also enhanced by the guidance of Professor Connelly,

who was accurately dubbed an 'intellectual firepower' in the *National Review*."

Andy Budzinski '10, a politics and music major, interned in Speaker Pelosi's office. He spent the first half of his internship responding to correspondence in her district office, and the second in her press office. He learned a lot but found the best part of the program to be Fridays, when he and Connelly and his fellow students discussed their experiences. "All 15 of us had something we could share and understand on a level we couldn't before," said Budzinski. "Now we knew more about how our government actually worked, rather than theorizing about how it worked. We knew more because we were actually in it."

Connelly finds one of the strengths of the program is the Honor System, which keeps the Friday class discussions completely confidential so students are free to learn from one another while upholding their responsibility to protect the privacy of their offices. "My students were energized by their experiences and really learned a lot from each other," added Connelly. "Every single year I've led this program, I've learned a lot, too, through my students' eyes."

## 2009 Washington Term

### Participants and Placements:

Adrianna Alley '11, Center for American Progress  
Rebecca Beeson '10, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions  
Jarrett Brotzman '11, House Republican Conference  
Alicia Budich '11, CBS News  
Andy Budzinski '10, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)  
Cameron Dewing '11, The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)  
Greg Franke '11, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research  
Michael Huntress '10, The McManus Group  
Alexandria Kierst '10, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
Summer Lollie '11, Democratic National Committee  
Scott Matarese '11, Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-Va.)  
Chengpeng Mou '11, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs  
Jennifer Nunes '10, Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas)  
Jamie Sunderland, exchange student, Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Kevin Trempe '10, David All Group

## 2009 New York Program in International Finance and Commerce

### Participants and Placements:

Carolyn Adamik '10, J.P. Morgan  
Catherine Carlock '10, CNBC  
Erin Galliher '10, Forbes  
Cale Grove '10, J.P. Morgan  
Carlos Morales '10, Investment Technology Group Inc.  
Michael Morella '10, Ark Media



# New York

Politics students aren't the only ones who leave Lexington each spring to find out more about their fields of interest. Since 2005, the Williams School has offered the New York Program in International Finance and Commerce. The program blends internships in internal auditing, sales and trading, investment banking, portfolio management and research with weekly seminars and speakers. Most of the students remain on the job through the summer.

The competition for these positions is fierce, and it was especially so last spring, when some companies put their internship programs on hold due to the shaky economy. W&L placed six students instead of the typical eight or nine. Applicants are vetted by the program's directors, professors Mark E. Rush and Robert S. Culpepper '66, '69L, and then interviewed on campus by representatives of the sponsoring firms. Occasionally students travel to New York for second interviews.

"Our internship sponsors are alumni for the most part, and they really take our students under their wings," said Rush, the Robert G. Brown Professor of Politics and Law. "Because of W&L's spring term schedule, our students get into these firms ahead of other summer interns, which gives them a tremendous advantage. Through the experience, they learn more about global commerce, and often these internships lead to full-time employment."

That was the case for Cale Grove '10, who interned with J.P. Morgan Investment Bank's Syndicated and Leveraged Finance Group. He worked under Managing Director Ken Lang '82. Grove conducted research and financial modeling and developed reports for clients. He and fellow intern Carolyn Adamik '10 have accepted full-time jobs with J.P. Morgan following graduation next May.

"I found the whole experience immensely beneficial," said Grove, who is completing degrees in business administration and math. "I pushed myself further than ever before, and did things I never thought possible. About seven weeks into the internship, I was meeting with company CEOs and CFOs, and helping to raise hundreds of millions of dollars in financing—it was an amazing experience."

Although he found it challenging to complete his class assignments due to the demands of his internship, Grove appreciated the academic portion of the program, particularly semi-

nars led by Timothy M. Diette, assistant professor of economics, and Ayse Jajich Zarakol, assistant professor of politics.

The Friday seminars during the early part of the program were a highlight for Michael Morella '10, an English and journalism double major. He interned at Ark Media, a documentary film company. While he was the only one who didn't work in the financial sector, Morella was particularly interested in class discussions that explored how the media has portrayed the economic crisis.

Both Carolyn Adamik '10 and Cale Grove '10 have accepted jobs with J.P. Morgan, where they spent the summer interning.







Michael Morella '10 interned at Ark Media, conducting research for *Faces of America*, a four-hour series on the genealogy of a dozen celebrities that will air on PBS next year.

“We prepped for our seminars with readings, which often blended scholarly journal articles with pieces from all sorts of media outlets, a perfect nod to the way the seminars were struc-

tured and a nice blend of formal discussion and analysis, as well as casual and relaxed conversations between the students and professors,” said Morella. “The small size of our seminars enhanced their quality and intimacy, and I enjoyed a week’s crash course on business and the economy. Our discussion on health care with Professor Diette was a fascinating primer on a debate that’s now raging across the country, a perfect example of how our New York Term lessons extended far beyond the walls of Washington and Lee.”

Morella conducted research for *Faces of America*, a four-hour series on the genealogy of a dozen celebrities that will air on PBS next year. He investigated topics ranging from turn-of-the-century mining in Montana to the German revolutionary Gustav Landauer. “Without any sort of film school at Washington and Lee, working at Ark really allowed me to plunge into this world,” said Morella. “Some of my work with the *Rockbridge Report* involved producing video packages and working with the Journalism Department’s video editing equipment, but it was nothing like this. It was great to see behind the scenes how a series is produced—how it takes the efforts of a great deal of people working around the clock to really get it all done.”

## An Intern's Life: *What do interns do? Alicia Budich '11*



“Associated Press Television News sends out footage literally 24 hours a day, and we roll on it constantly. Occasionally, there will be sound or footage we want to use, and that’s when you have to comb through the endless logs for the time code, convert it from GMT into EST and then locate it on the tape. APTN footage is a bear to comb through because of the sheer quantity of footage and because a lot of it isn’t in English—meaning I had to rely on my lackluster French skills and powers of visual interpretation to find the right thing.”

“I’m searching the archives with Editor Dan Radovsky for B-roll that a producer remembered shooting while on a trip with President Bill Clinton over 10 years ago.”



While students benefit greatly from their experiences, so do the organizations for whom they work, said Mats Goebels '88, managing director and general counsel for Investment Technology Group Inc. (ITG). He sponsored Carlos Morales, a senior from Quito, Ecuador, who interned with the company's international sales and trading group.

"The most important thing any organization can do is to make sure it has the best talent," Goebels said. "You have to have really good people to be successful and to grow. Our firm was small 10 or 11 years ago, but we've grown, and now I am able to come to W&L to interview potential interns." Goebels added that firms often develop relationships at their employees' colleges, and with successful placements, they often go back to the same well. He and his colleagues were impressed not only with Morales, but also with the entire group of interns who worked for ITG last summer.

"I have taken a couple of courses in investments and finance, and at ITG, I had to apply all the theory learned in class in order to understand what was going on in the office," said Morales. "I also got a better sense of how things work in real life, as it is very different being in an office and working with people on projects than being in a classroom and paying attention to what the professor is saying; these are two very different ways of learning."

While Morales didn't work closely with Goebels during his internship, he did enjoy getting to know his sponsor personally. The two share the common bond of coming to W&L as international students—Goebels is from Belgium—and having a connection to the University during the internship was a plus for Morales. So was beginning the program five weeks before his fellow interns from other schools, which "helped me get to know

everybody at ITG better," he said. "By the time June 1 came and the others showed up, I was already used to the schedule, I had already begun my big project and I had established a relationship with my team."

Those relationships with colleagues and alumni are one of the key benefits of both the New York and Washington Term programs, said Rush and Connelly. Both are quick to point out that alumni support has been crucial to their programs' success. "Our alumni have opened doors to opportunities that allow our best students to shine even brighter," said Rush. "These New York firms have plenty of good interns in their backyard, but with the help of our alumni, our students get into these programs, too, and that gives them the ability to compete with larger schools, not only for internships but also full-time jobs."

The bottom line for Larry Peppers, dean of the Williams School, is that these programs provide an academic opportunity that cannot be achieved solely on the University campus. "Both programs provide an invaluable link between the classroom and the world of work," said Peppers. "Having studied political theory or Congressional politics, there is no better way to see how actual political institutions function than to work closely with Congressional leaders in D.C."

"Likewise, economics, business and accounting take on an entirely different focus when students are thrust into the intense world of investment banking and are simultaneously writing research papers on topics such as the impact of illegal immigration on economic and political stability," he added. "In the end, both programs build on a strong liberal arts foundation—students who return from these programs are more engaged in the intellectual life of the classroom." †

## *explains some of her daily duties while at CBS.*



Budich sat at this desk whenever she could because she was surrounded by White House Producer Rob Hendin, Senior Producer Ward Sloane, Producer Mark Katkov and Transportation Producer Carter Yang. "It was the most central location for overhearing things that needed to get done," she explained. Occasionally she got booted to another desk when Evening News Producer Rick Kaplan was in D.C. for the day.

"I'm watching the news live at 6:30 p.m. with producers Mark Katkov (left) and Andy Triay (right). We had worked on an airline story that day, and correspondent Nancy Cordes (on the far left screen) was getting ready for her live standup from Reagan National Airport. The screens on the wall are what's on air, what's previewing and what just went down. The screens on the desk in front of us are tuned into ABC, NBC and our show. We keep an eye on the other networks just to see how our lineup and our stories measured up."



# Rooted in Respect:

NAME-CALLING, AND EVEN VIOLENCE, AT CONGRESSIONAL TOWN-HALL MEETINGS. A PROFANITY-LACED OUTBURST FROM TENNIS PLAYER SERENA WILLIAMS AT THE U.S. OPEN. VICIOUS GOSSIP ON WEB SITES, POSTED ANONYMOUSLY BY AND ABOUT COLLEGE STUDENTS. THE INTERRUPTION OF AN AWARDS CEREMONY BY SINGER KANYE WEST. A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE YELLING “YOU LIE” AT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA DURING A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS.\* ROUTINE SHOUTING BY GUESTS AND HOSTS OF TELEVISION AND RADIO TALK SHOWS. OBSCENE GESTURES DIRECTED AT OPPOSING FANS BY THE 86-YEAR-OLD OWNER OF A NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAM. THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.

Is civility on the decline, a quaint relic from the past? There seems to be plenty of evidence pointing to the demise of this value so important to Washington and Lee.

In the wake of these headline-making events, I asked several members of the W&L community—alumni, students, faculty, staff—what civility means to them. The question began a conversation about the state of that concept both at the University and in the nation in general.

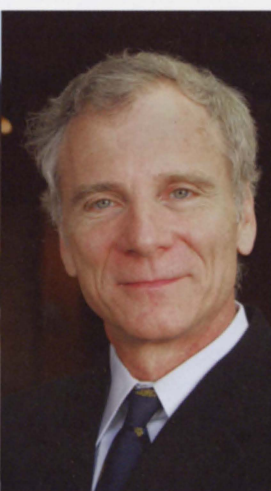
Our interviewees, who represent a cross-section of occupations and disciplines, have different interpretations of civility and of how it is threatened. They all believe, however, that it is something deep and vital to productive discourse, a democratic society and a life well lived. Civility, they also agree, should be held in high esteem, regardless of time or place. It is a value that commands high priority whether in Lee Chapel, in a classroom, at a board meeting, in a hospital, in a court of law or at a war protest.

It is, they all say, a W&L tradition worth fighting for.

*\*The congressman in question was, in fact, a Washington and Lee alumnus from the Class of 1969. Joe Wilson, a South Carolina Republican, apologized to the president immediately after that much-publicized event. In a subsequent news conference, on Sept. 18 in Lexington, S.C., he said: “I am a graduate of Washington and Lee University, that, in Lexington, Virginia, is a college of gentlemen, and so I truly support civility.” He declined to be interviewed for this article.*



Katie Abplanalp '05, '11L



Ed Wasserman



Eric Hoffman '10L



Quiana McKenzie '08



Lad Sessions



Elizabeth Knapp '90



# W&L and Civility

BY GREG ESPOSITO '00

## What is civility not?

"Civility should not be mistaken for a search for agreement," says W&L President Kenneth P. Ruscio '76, whose academic background is leadership and democratic theory. He has spoken often about the value of civility, most recently at convocation in September and most extensively at the 2008 commencement.

"A lot of people confuse civility with meaning that you can't be contentious or argumentative or anything like that," says Eric Hoffman '10L, the president of the student body.

Lad Sessions, the Jo and James Ballengee 250th Anniversary Professor of Philosophy, has taught a great variety of courses over his 38 years at W&L, most often ones on Immanuel Kant, John Rawls, Aristotle, Chinese philosophy, the philosophy of religion and the concept of honor. "I don't think civility should be viewed as a tactic or a useful game to further one's ends," says Sessions, who is working on a book entitled *Honor for Us*, "as if you can simply act nice toward people while you're manipulating or using them for your own dubious ends. It's got to be something deeper and more rooted in respect."

## Does civility mean being nice or having good manners?

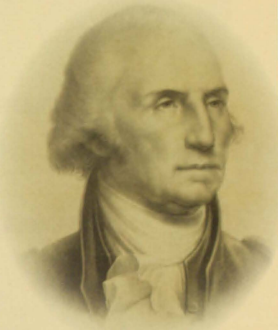
If it's just about that attribute, says Sessions, then civility could "become merely perceived as a means to an end. Civility then becomes just talking nice. And you could talk nice to all sorts of people while you are doing them in, doing harm."

Civility "is not simply a matter of your manners or politeness or etiquette," he continues, "but it is something that involves individual character and attitude—a deep-seated habit involving how one feels toward others."

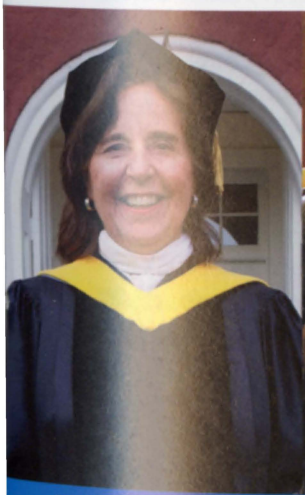
For the Rev. Jim Lewis '58, "it gets beyond just the superficial understanding of being nice to one another." Lewis, a former Marine, is an Episcopal priest in West Virginia. He has organized anti-war protests, advocated for immigrant workers and served on peace missions to Cuba, Central America, Libya, Jordan, Iraq and Israel/Palestine. "When I think of civility," he says, "I think it is born in so much deeper and richer soil than just being nice to somebody."

"Some people, I think, view it as more of a politeness and a sense of traditional rules that you should obey, like sending a thank-you letter," says Katie Abplanalp '05, '11L. As an undergraduate, she was tapped for Omicron Delta Kappa and served as president of the

*"Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present."*



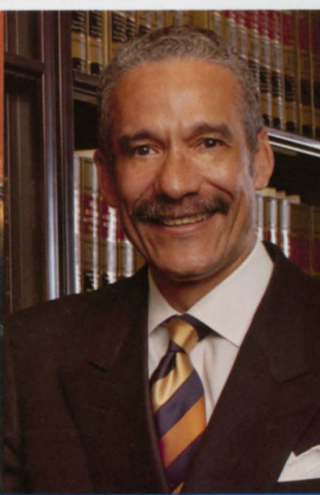
*"We have but one rule here, and it is that every student be a gentleman."*



Maryanne Simurda



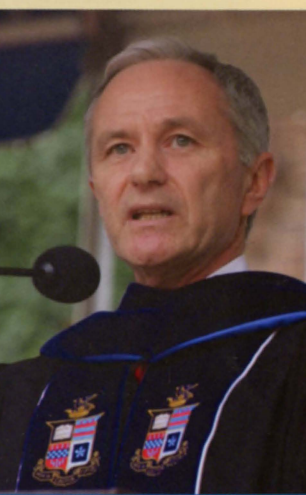
Jim Lewis '58



Robert Grey '76L



Elizabeth Spencer '99



Ken Ruscio '76



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PRESIDENT  
*Ken Ruscio '76*

University Scholars Program. In her second year of law school now, she sits on the board of the International Law Society and is an editor of the *German Law Journal*. “At Washington and Lee,” she says, “it has been more of a face-to-face conversational civility, where it’s more pervasive in your day-to-day life.”

### **How does W&L teach civility?**

Jim Lewis says W&L “watered and nurtured” his understanding of the concept during his student days in the 1950s.

Forty years later, Elizabeth Spencer '99 had a similar experience. A member of W&L’s Science Advisory Board, she directs hospital services and professional education for the Washington Regional Transplant Community, leading a team that works with hospital staff throughout the D.C. area, advising on best practices for organ donation and transplants. By the time she and her classmates graduated from W&L, they were “operating at a different level socially that actually brings about civility,” she says. “And I think that there’s such history around it, that while we’re on campus, that history really does promote civility.”

Robert Grey '76L, a partner in the Richmond office of Hunton & Williams, served as president of the American Bar Association from 2005 to 2006. “What you learn at W&L is there is something to be gained in the exchange of ideas and thoughts,” says the current W&L trustee. “And the first test in doing that is giving people an opportunity to share their views. And that requires civility.”

“What I’ve seen at Washington and Lee over the years is that there is a sense of shared community,” says Ruscio, “that we all accept that we are part of a community that supports other people and, therefore, we do have a mutual respect for each other.”

Elizabeth Knapp '90 is an associate dean of the College at W&L, a geology professor and a member of the second class of women to graduate from W&L. “One of the things we discuss and work on at W&L,” she says, “is understanding the importance, now more than ever, for civil debate for dealing with contemporary issues in our society, trying to understand that we come from varying viewpoints.” She also underscored the importance of “understanding that a free exchange of ideas or opinions is accepted, welcomed and respected.”

Quiana McKenzie '08, of Chicago, compares what she learned at W&L to what she experienced right after graduation, when she received a Dunn Fellowship to work in Illinois state government. Her assignment? The office of Gov. Rod Blagojevich, not long before he was arrested on federal corruption charges and removed from office. “At W&L, things were pretty open and transparent, and here, not so much. It was actually something I questioned several times. I thought, ‘I don’t feel like this is something that’s the right environment for me.’ But at the same time . . . it gave me a sense of the strength of my own convictions,” she says. “Going to W&L and having that idea that honor should pervade every part of your life was something that I definitely brought with me.”

McKenzie, now an economic recovery coordinator in the governor’s office, continues, “W&L is a place where people real-



ize they're supposed to be treated with respect and supposed to uphold honor not only in the classroom but in our lives."

### **How should we handle disagreement in a world of 24/7 cable TV, blogs and pundits?**

"The purpose of public debate is as much for increasing understanding as it is to prevail," says Ruscio. "A lot of public debate these days is, 'I'm just going to prevail. Greater understanding is not why I'm in this.' That's not a recipe for a very healthy democracy."

"What we're also seeing now is a style of public speech that the media has taught people," says Ed Wasserman, Knight Professor of Journalism Ethics. He came to W&L in 2003 after a career that included writing and editing for several publications, including the *Miami Herald*. "People are acting the way they've been trained to act. They think this is the way that public discourse is carried out, because they see it on cable TV. The Internet has enabled a much more bruising style of discourse. And that, I think, has had a real effect on the media."

Robert Grey concurs. "We're seeing things in real time so that the actual statement and the emotion and the characterization of that is not interpreted," says Grey, who paid tribute to both Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert E. Lee during his W&L Founders Day speech in 2007. "You're looking at it. That's good and it's bad. It's bad to the extent that millions of people can see you look uncivil. But at the same time it sort of points at things that make you say, 'You know what? I really don't want to be like that.' It gives us an opportunity to have real public discourse about it and to appreciate how being civil makes such a difference, and how disruptive it can be if you're not, and how harmful and hurtful it can be to others."

"When people get frightened, when people get scared for whatever reason, we tend to lose any sort of respect for anybody that's on the other side of an issue that we feel strongly about," says Jim Lewis. "Fear really drives us at that point."

"It really does constrict and suppress discourse when it's that harsh," concludes Wasserman. "People just don't talk. And this is an issue which I've raised with news organizations that have public discussion boards, and they insist that it's not really their job to police them. When you get punched around a bit on these message boards and you encounter people on blogs where you just get beaten up, your natural inclination is to just go away. Who needs it? It's like getting into a fight with a drunk. There's no way you're going to win. And I think the consequence of that is the discourse is weakened. It becomes thinner. Fewer people speak."

### **W&L is known for its cordial nature. How does that quality relate to civility, and what roles do the Honor System and the speaking tradition play?**

"I think the friendliness is an outgrowth of the emphasis put on civility," says Hoffman, a Texan who attended Cornell University for his undergraduate degree in urban and regional studies. He

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*Robert Grey '76L*

remembers the time a professor he didn't know offered to lend him an umbrella during a rainstorm. "Certainly the Honor System, I think, had some influence there. He just expected that I'd bring it back. But, aside from that, he certainly was under no obligation to offer that to me. It's just that higher level of respect and consideration for others coming through."

Lad Sessions says, "The Washington and Lee community tends—I think in part because of the Honor System, in part because of the tradition of gentlemanly manners, in part because it's in a small town—to be a friendlier, more open place, where people do, more frequently than other places, say hello."

Sessions also says, "I tend to view honor as a more fundamental characteristic of the community than civility. I think civility has been less thought about, less justified, less enacted by Washington and Lee than honor has."

Maryanne Simurda, professor of biology, came to Lexington from Buffalo, N.Y., 20 years ago. "One of the things that tremendously struck me was how all the faculty came out and made the effort to introduce themselves," she says. "It was a very welcoming kind of experience. Over the years I've seen that kind of tradition continue, even though we have a lot more faculty than we used to."

"There's always the training process, if you will, of teaching our students about the civility and politeness that we expect," says Simurda, who just became the University marshal, coordinating such events as commencement, baccalaureate and convocation. "Freshmen take a while before they learn the speaking tradition. I've seen faculty—and I know I do it myself—as we're walking across campus, deliberately making sure we make eye contact and say 'good morning' and 'good afternoon.'"

### **What is the difference between honor and civility?**

"The emphasis that is placed on personal interactions," says Hoffman. "Where civility is all about how one acts towards others, honor is more about how one generally conducts oneself, regardless of how it may affect others. While there are many situations where conducting oneself honorably or dishonorably can affect others, personal interaction isn't necessarily a requirement for honor. Civility is centered on a duty of respect for others, where honor is based on a duty of respect for one's own integrity—a duty of respect for oneself."

Thinking about the difference, Ruscio calls civility a virtue in the classic Greek sense, with historical origins in Renaissance Europe, where "civility developed along with the growth of trade and commerce, as merchants who did not know each other and came from places where the laws differed had to establish trust as a way of conducting business," he says. "Civility was a necessity for increasingly complex social, political and economic interactions. It was fundamental to an understanding of what is meant by civilization."

"I don't consider honor a virtue, per se, but rather a practice or guide to behavior that draws from various virtues," continues Ruscio. "Just as medicine requires biology and chemistry, so honor requires civility and honesty. That is not to say that civility



trumps honor or is of a higher form, but it is to say that the case for honor draws from an explanation of virtue.

"If there is a simple and clear overlap, it comes down to respect for others," Ruscio concludes. "Civility and honor cannot be explained without reference to, first, being aware of the needs and interests of others; and, second, to shaping one's actions not out of a concern for the self but instead out of a concern for others. It requires a recognition that everyone in our community deserves respect because of common membership in the community and shared commitment to the good of the community. It is a paradox: Only by recognizing the uniqueness of individuals can we build a strong community united by common purpose."

Hoffman and Ruscio are happy that one particular tradition, the duel, has not seen a revival. "Men would fight duels to the death over matters of honor," says Ruscio, "but that was never confused with civility."

### **So at its core, what is civility?**

"Probably the most important aspect of civility is treating people with respect," says Grey. "It is giving them a sense of value in public discourse. That everybody has something to bring to the table. It's not a matter of whether you agree with them or not."

"Getting to know other people and understand other people, having some empathy for their position, that's kind of a basic requirement for civility," agrees Ruscio. "It begins with respect for the other individual, at least when it comes to discussion of policy issues or potentially controversial issues."

"It's just a respect for others," says Knapp, "being thoughtful and critical in your discourse and your actions and choosing your words carefully and listening carefully to others."

"Being a clergyman, now, and having come out of the Christian tradition, it really means being able to see in someone else the image of God—no matter where they are on any kind of political or ideological spectrum," says Lewis. "It's not placating or tolerating or covering over your differences, but looking beneath those differences to see a human being who is wrestling with life just like I am."

As far as Elizabeth Spencer is concerned, "when we've all lived our lives, I think what we'll care about is looking back and thinking about how we interacted with people. I think we'll probably find out in the end that it's about doing the best we can for one another and treating one another right and having compassion for other people. And I think civility is a reflection of those values." †

### **Civility on the W&L Web Site**

President Ruscio's 2008 commencement talk:  
[wlu.edu/x20768.xml](http://wlu.edu/x20768.xml)

President Ruscio's 2009 convocation speech:  
[wlu.edu/x34825.xml](http://wlu.edu/x34825.xml)

Robert Grey's 2007 Founders Day talk:  
[wlu.edu/news/mediaplayer.asp?type=vid&id=239](http://wlu.edu/news/mediaplayer.asp?type=vid&id=239)

John Edward Miller '70's 2008 baccalaureate talk:  
[wlu.edu/x21848.xml](http://wlu.edu/x21848.xml)

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Farris P. Hotchkiss  
Lewis G. John  
O. Brooks Pollock  
Hugh B. Sproul III

### *Class of 1959*

David W. Meese



1944

**Dr. William M. Manger**

received the 2009 Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Humanitarian Award for his exceptional contributions in improving public health, particularly as a pioneer in the prevention of childhood obesity. Manger founded the National Hypertension Association in 1977 and gradually built up an impressive board of trustees and contributors. Seven years ago, when obesity in children came to the forefront, he established VITAL (Value Initiative Teaching About Lifestyle) to educate young children about healthy lifestyles. The program has been implemented in 11 states and Washington, with about 300 schools (30,000 children).

1954

**John Russell Jr.,**

of Nashville, lost his Paducah (Ky.) Tilghman High School class ring some 50 years ago, while he was a first-year student at W&L and fell in a creek in Natural Bridge. This spring, he heard from Bryan Hill, who found the ring 33 years ago when he was camping at Crabtree Falls, many miles away from Natural Bridge. Hill finally decided to see if he could find the ring's owner; thanks to the Internet and the engraved initials "JGR" and word "Tilghman" on the ring, he did, and Russell now wears the long-lost ring. The two men have stayed in touch: Russell, a recovering alcoholic who's been sober for six years, is helping Hill stay sober, as well.

**Class Notes Survey**

What do you want to see in class notes? Please take a moment to answer a few questions online at [magazine.wlu.edu](http://magazine.wlu.edu).

1955

**The Hon. Laurence Levitan**

was reappointed to the Morgan State University board of regents. He lives in Potomac, Md.

**David A. Wouters**

has been working in Japan for the past 40 years, initially with Coca-Cola, then with his own consulting company and currently with InterSearch, a worldwide consulting company. Last year he was named the longest-serving member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

1960

**Dr. W. E. Knickerbocker Jr.,**

a former Episcopal priest, was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on Jan. 28 by Bishop Michael Pfeifer for the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas. He was ordained according to the Pastoral Provision instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1980 to allow the ordination of married former priests in the Episcopal Church on a case-by-case basis. "Father Knick" is the sacramental minister at St. Theresa Church, in Junction, Texas and Sacred Heart Church, Menard,

Texas. He taught church history and Christian spirituality for 32 years at Memphis Theological Seminary before his retirement in 2005.

1962

**David W. Benn**

continues his semi-retired directorial activities as the chairman of Habitat for Humanity Australia and the largest publicly listed ITC contracting company. He is expecting his ninth grandchild soon. He lives in New South Wales, Australia.

**Thorns Craven**

has returned to competitive cycling, competing in the North Carolina State Time Trial Championships in Southern Pines, N.C. Riding in the 65-69 age group, he won the silver medal. He covered the 18-km course in 34 minutes and 57 seconds, an average of over 20 mph.

**Simon M. Painter**

reports that one of his twin sons, Maj. Karl J. Painter, is stationed in Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division for the next 12 to 18 months.

1963

**Frank M. Young**

was listed in *Best Lawyers in America 2010*. He works in the international trade and finance practice of Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker, L.L.C., in Birmingham, Ala.

1970

**James A. Meriwether**

was named director of internal audit for Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va.

1971

**John D. Klinedinst ('78 L)**

was recognized by *San Diego Super Lawyers* for 2009 in the areas of business and corporate litigation and professional liability defense.

**B. Christopher Lee**

was elected to the board of the Philadelphia chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association, where he previously served as a board member. He is a shareholder of Jacoby Donner P.C. and practices construction law, design professional liability litigation and other complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution. He also devotes about one-third of his time to serving as an arbitrator and mediator of complex construction disputes.

**Dr. David P. White**

received the William C. Dement Academic Achievement Award from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. He was a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine's test committees for both sleep and pulmonary

**Man at Work**

Dick Gower '57 hard at work on his backhoe, building a stone fence on his Frog Hill Farm, along the Westport River, in Massachusetts.

**Fun in the Sun**

For the past eight years, Archie Jenkins '58, Royce Hough '59 and Frank Surface '60 have taken a summer fishing and diving trip in the Bahama Islands, usually on Archie's boat, *Sunny Boy* (pictured here). This year, the trio cruised to Andros,



the Abacos and to Chub Cay, where this picture was taken. The round trip from the home port of Jacksonville, Fla., totaled some 1,400 miles and lasted three weeks. "It is something we look forward to every year and helps to keep these Five Star Generals young," said the captain. From left to right: Frank Surface '60, Archie Jenkins '58 and Royce Hough '59.



medicine. White is a professor of medicine at the Harvard Medical School and the chief medical officer for Philips Respironics Inc.

**1972**

**Brian S. Greig**

was named one of the top 10 attorneys in Texas by *Texas Super Lawyers* and *Texas Monthly Magazine*. He was also recognized as one of the top 50 labor and employment lawyers in the United States by *Lawdragon* and

*Human Resource Executive*. Brian and his wife, Jane, have completed a summer cabin in Sapphire, N.C., though he continues his practice with Fulbright & Jaworski in Austin.

**1973**

**Jeffrey D. Southmayd**

continues to practice communications law with the firm of Southmayd & Miller in Washington, from his home in Hammock, Fla. He and his wife, Nancy,

celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in June.

**1974**

**James M. Eastham**

was named 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Front Royal-Warren County Chamber of Commerce. He has served two terms as mayor of Front Royal, Va.

**1978**

**Robert M. Couch ('82L)**

joined the banking and financial

services practice group at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings L.L.P. as counsel in the firm's Birmingham, Ala., office.

**K. Lee Howard**

won the most prestigious prize in Connecticut journalism in May, the Theodore Driscoll Award for investigative journalism from the Connecticut chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Howard, a business reporter for *The Day* in New

## Tuning In: Meredith Attwell Baker '90, FCC Commissioner

**As the nation's economy slowly recovers from a recession, Meredith Attwell Baker '90** is playing a leading role in a fast-evolving industry vital to the overall recovery. She took the oath as the Republican representative on the Federal Communications Commission on July 31.

Baker, who was senior adviser and then acting head of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) before her appointment to her new post by President Barack Obama, is excited about the potential for developments in broadband communications. Innovation in the field will help improve people's lives in a variety of ways, she said, from education to the delivery of important services, such as health care.

"I started in the communications industry when none of us knew what broadband was, and wireless phones were great big bricks you used and only used in emergencies," she said. "Now it's something that permeates our lives, and it has so much further to go."

Baker majored in journalism and Spanish and played tennis at W&L. She attended the University of Houston for law school, receiving her law degree in 1994. She credits her various positions with the federal government and the private sector with preparing her for her current position from both a technical and a policy perspective.

And although it was some two decades ago, Baker said her time in Lexington, as a member of the second class of women to graduate from W&L, still serves her well today. "The ethics that you learn and the lifetime lessons that you learn at Washington and Lee certainly helped me get where I am," she said.

Baker estimates that she was one of only about 90 women in her class; those 90 made their presence felt. "I think we all had strong personalities," she said. "When you add the strong values that W&L gives you to the strong personalities—we've

seen a lot of success out of those first classes of women. They really just brought in terrific women who still, to this day, are friends."

In her previous position with the NTIA, Baker led the coupon program to switch consumers over to digital television. The effort, which freed up space on the airways for emergency

communications, spanned two presidential administrations. Now Baker will be part of another major effort, presenting Congress with a national broadband plan by February 2010.

While the digital transition did hit some delays, Baker said that was inevitable as the NTIA worked to meet various congressional requirements. She focused on operating a consumer-friendly program and believes she accomplished that. "Especially when you look at the other coupon programs, history will be very kind," she said.

Her appointment was hailed by those on both sides of the aisle. Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a fellow Texan, and

Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) quickly spoke out in favor of her nomination.

Baker said there are some ideological differences between many Democrats and Republicans when it comes to issues such as how much to regulate private industry. She generally prefers a "lighter regulatory touch" and does not want to stifle private innovation. The two parties agree on the vast majority of broadband issues, however, and Baker said she and the chairman of the commission, Julius Genachowski, both feel strongly about the importance of protecting children from inappropriate Internet content. Baker has four stepdaughters, ages 14 to 24.

Baker, who has spent the past decade in D.C., said she will not lose sight of the ultimate purpose of her job. "I do have a real passion for public policy," she said. "I really do think the issues here in policy formation make a difference in people's lives."

—Greg Esposito '00





## He's The Champ

W&L Trustee Jack Vardaman '62 (left) participated in the VSGA Super Seniors Golf Tournament on The Cascades Golf Course in Hot Springs, Va. Jack won the tournament with match play on the 18th hole. Presenting the Winners Trophy to Jack is Matt Smiley, director of competition for the VSGA.



London, Conn., won for a series of stories he wrote about a major pharmaceutical company's efforts to replace its American information-technology workers with specialists from India. Howard, who lives in Niantic, Conn., with his wife and two children, also won five other awards in the competition, which honored the work of journalists throughout Connecticut in 2008.

### Robert B. McMichael

completed the Montauk Century, a one-day, 100-mile bike ride, as a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. A number of classmates and Phi Psi brothers, including Duke Cancelmo '80, Steve Siana '80, Mike Falcone '78 and Mike Rhodes '78, generously aided his fund-raising efforts.

### 1979

### J. Hagood Morrison's

son, Hagood, recently graduated from W&L with Bill Righley's son, Billy, and Seldon Clarke's son, Seldon. Hagood is a partner in the Colliers Keenan commercial real estate firm in Charleston, S.C.

### 1980

### Joseph B.A. Dashiell

received the George A. Bowles Jr. Broadcast Journalism Award from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters for "a broadcast news journalist who has longevity in Virginia broadcasting, is respected by his or her peers and who exhibits enthusiasm for his or her work and the community." Joe is a reporter at WDBJ

Television, the CBS affiliate in Roanoke.

### 1985

### David W. Sprunt Jr.

was named the outstanding graduate of the master of landscape architecture and the master of urban design programs at the University of Colorado Denver in May. He was also selected as an honor graduate by the Colorado Chapter of the

American Society of Landscape Architects. Before graduation, his team of graduate students was one of four winners of the Outstanding Research and Creativity Award at UCD for their urban-design project. Last summer, he worked for the Department of Landscape Architecture at UCD, preparing documents for the department's reaccreditation. He plans to practice landscape architecture and urban design in the Denver area, where he lives with his wife, Sandy, and daughter, Elizabeth.

### 1988

### James M. Rallo

received the public company CFO of the year award from the Northern Virginia Technology Council for outstanding achievement and excellence in driving the growth of his company and promoting the area's technology community. Jim is the chief financial officer and treasurer for Liquidity Services Inc. in Washington.

### Richard D. Robins

received the Atlantic States

Marine Fisheries Commission's Annual Award of Excellence for scientific, technical and advisory contributions.

### 1990

### Delos R. Clark

was elected to the city council of Sherwood, Ore., for 2009-2013, where he lives with his wife, Krisanna, and daughter Alaina, 7, and son Declan, 6. He continues to practice law as the partner/owner of Willamette Law Group L.L.C., focusing on small and closely held businesses and estate planning.

### Shawn A. Copeland ('95L)

opened Copeland, Cook & Richards in December 2007, with two partners, in Cornelius, N.C. They focus on business and commercial disputes and other state and federal court civil litigation, and also have experience in estate planning and business formations and transactions for small- to medium-sized clients.

### 1991

### Gregory J. Golden

and his family relocated to Abu

## Elvis (and Golf) for Everyone



For 22 years, a group of alumni have gathered annually to play golf and recount college stories in the Elvis Presley/El Producto Invitational (the EP). The four-day event has included venues as far north as Mont Tremblant, Quebec, in Canada, as far west as Keystone in Colorado, south to the World Golf Village in Florida and east to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. This year's EP XXII took place in August at Wintergreen Resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Seated, l. to r., are the EP founders: Mike Buttarazzi '87, Pat Buttarazzi '84, Jim Hamlin '87, Bob Phillips '85, Ed Buttarazzi '85, John Buttarazzi '83 and Jeff Marks '87. Standing, l. to r., are Robert "Doc" Young '85, Tim Shea '88, Dr. Jamie Urso '89, Hon. Roger McDonough '84, Rod Lundy '85, John Kalitka '87, Vance Redmond (honorary alum), Jim Noble '85, Bennett Ross '83, Del Agnew '82 (this year's champion), Dr. Jef Londrey '83, Jim New '85, Ken Andsager '84, Rob Buttarazzi '88 and Jimmy Holmes '87. Previous EP participants have included Dave Judge '84, Chris Phaneuf '85, Dr. John Moore '85, Dr. Chris Ives '85, Jeff Sapp '86, Rich Hobson '87, John Scannapico '87, John Koedel '87, Jim Owen '87, Bill Londrey '88, Rich Clawson '88, Brad Shaw '88 and Ron Brown '89.



## Planned Giving: Expanding Students' Horizons

**Studying abroad changes students' lives.** That's common knowledge today, but Harrison J. Pemberton was advocating sending students overseas long before the practice enjoyed such popularity. In fact, in the 1970s, the emeritus professor of philosophy proposed that Washington and Lee invest in a European facility to teach all University students during their junior year. "At the time, it was a real radical idea, and it went over like a lead balloon," recalled Pemberton.

While his idea didn't take hold, Pemberton was able to support many students in their pursuit of travel abroad, as well as foster relationships with other universities that resulted in international exchange programs.

"When you travel abroad, you have to adjust to another culture," he explained. "You learn so much about other countries and their cultures, and you often find out just how strong you are. It is an incredible learning experience for our students and one I have supported throughout my career."

Pemberton traveled abroad for the first time in the 1940s with the U.S. Army, where he served in New Guinea, the Philippines and the occupation forces in Japan. The experience led him to pursue a degree in philosophy from Rollins College. He went on to earn a master's and a doctorate in philosophy from Yale in the early 1950s.

The philosophy professor began his teaching career at the University of Virginia, where he spent eight years. To the amazement of his peers, he left his tenure-track position to join the faculty at W&L in 1962.

"I was attracted to W&L by its speaking tradition, small class size and collegial atmosphere," said Pemberton. "W&L gave me the opportunity to deal in philosophy and to deal with young minds. I really owe

my life to the University that I've been a part of for more than 40 years. I'm pleased that international study has grown so much at W&L, and I'd like to do what I can to continue to support students in their efforts to study around the world."



HARRISON J. PEMBERTON

When making his estate plans, Pemberton found a way to do just that. He has written the University into his revocable living trust, and the remainder interest from three testamentary charitable remainder unitrusts will endow The Harrison J. Pemberton Fund for International Study.

"Harry's gift will help to ensure that future generations of W&L students will have an opportunity to look forward to lives framed by their experiences among others in far-flung parts of the world," said Laurent Boetsch '69,

professor of Romance languages and interim director of the University's Center for International Education.

As a senior, Boetsch took Pemberton's Meaning and Existence course after returning from study abroad. "I recall vividly the genuine interest he took in the experience that I had had in Spain," said Boetsch, "and how

important that was to me in trying to make sense of it all in the context of my life at that time."

"I often have told my students that Washington and Lee is splendid and Lexington is endearing, but the world is vast," said Pemberton. "I hope my gift will inspire others to support the University's efforts

to send students abroad. It might be a small gift in the grand scheme of things, but if it can help just one student study abroad, it will have great value."

To join Pemberton in making a planned gift to Washington and Lee, please contact Hank Humphreys or Louise Wasserott at (540) 458-8421 or by e-mail at [ahumphreys@wlu.edu](mailto:ahumphreys@wlu.edu) or [lwasserott@wlu.edu](mailto:lwasserott@wlu.edu).

—Wendy Lovell '90

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Dhabi, UAE, in connection with his opening a new office there for his law firm, Baker Botts, and serving as the partner in charge. He writes, "We are enjoying life in the UAE."

### 1993

#### Charles H. Campbell

was named to *Best Lawyers in America 2010*. He is a partner in the Austin office of Jackson Walker L.L.P.

#### Randolph R. Smith

joined the Atlanta office of Krieg DeVault L.L.P. as a partner. He practices employee stock ownership plan transactions, either as trustee counsel or as company counsel, and corporate and securities and investment funds.

### 1994

#### Ivy A. Johnson ('OIL)

returned to the U.S. Senate as senior counsel for the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee.

#### Jennifer Ciocca Slaughter

lives in Charlottesville, where she works as the associate general counsel for the University of Virginia Health Services Foundation. She and her husband, M. Bryan Slaughter '97L, have four children: Jane Kavar, 8, Elizabeth Odry "Libby," 6, Michael Luis (born May 20, 2007 in Guatemala, adopted on February 29, 2008) and Catherine Sumner "Cate" (born March 26, 2008). Bryan is



### Odd Coincidence?

During Gilman School's fall annual giving phonathon, several alumni realized that they have a few things in common. All are Gilman trustees and members of The Gilman Fund leadership, past and present. All were involved with the Baltimore, Md., college preparatory school's most recent capital campaign, which raised \$52.3 million. Yet they hold one more common distinction beyond their volunteer service. From l. to r.: Ted Waters '84, Harry Halpert '85, Eben Finney '76, Michael Weinfeld '91 (the 2008-2009 Gilman Fund chair) and Lance Bendann '63 all realized that they have the same alma maters: Gilman and Washington and Lee University. Odd coincidence or nefarious plan for Gilman to train W&L volunteers?

a partner with Michie Hamlett and practices products liability and complex civil litigation.

### 1995

#### Kevin K. Batteh ('98L)

and his wife, Sarah, have been living in London for the last two years. Sarah is earning her Ph.D. in health economics, and Kevin works for the United Kingdom Financial Services Authority,

prosecuting securities and derivatives market fraud cases. He writes, "If you are passing through London, let us know."

#### Alan V. Carter

received an M.A. in Catholic philosophical studies from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. The degree represents the first two years of the six-year program leading to the priesthood for the

Catholic Diocese in Lexington. Alan's permanent residence remains Lexington, Ky., though he spends most of his time at the monastery in southern Indiana, where he attends seminary. He writes, "Anyone travelling between Louisville and Evansville on I-64 is invited to get in touch and stop by the monastery/seminary for an espresso at the campus coffee shop, where I work as a barista."

### 1997

#### Douglas P. Brown

received his M.B.A. from Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business in July. He is manager of information technology at J&J/Invision of Dalton, Ga.

### 2001

#### Samuel S. Evans

received his M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. After a Christian mission trip to Ghana, he and his wife, Loralynne, will move to downtown Chicago, where Sam will work in brand management for Gatorade, a division of PepsiCo.

#### Peter M. Iwancio

received his M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth in June. He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Dover, Mass.

#### Howard B. Sanborn IV

received his Ph.D. in political

### Second City Doings

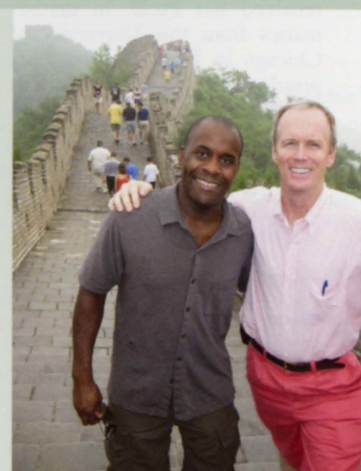


The re-launched Chicago Alumni Chapter held its first event of the year, with 25 W&L friends at the home of Kathie Soroka '01 for an evening of wine tasting. The group shared hors d'oeuvres and sampled wines from around the world with the Travelling Vineyard. The Chicago Chapter has a new slate of leadership and an exciting calendar of events for the upcoming year. Stay up to date with the Chicago Chapter on its Facebook and LinkedIn Web pages.

### Asian Adventures

*Pictured: Jeffrey Rogers '91, '94L and James Frantz Jr. '79.*

Rogers wrote, "I serve on the international board of Young Presidents' Organization. It is a difficult board to get on as there are only 22 board members out of 17,000 members from around the world. Anyway, I show up in Beijing and learn that there is another alum, Jim Frantz, on the board. Not only did Jim graduate from W&L, his dad, Jim '54, went there and his son, Jim III '12, is currently enrolled."





## Rho Alumni Golf Tourney



A group of Pi Kappa Phi alumni gathered in Pinehurst, N.C., in September for the First Annual Rho Alumni Golf Tourney. From l. to r.: Lat Purser '02, Jon Stroebel '02, Matt Craycraft '09, Joseph Speight '02, Jack Doyle '02, Chris Smith '04, Frank Bazzel '02, Ben Jolly '02, Artie Esworthy '03, J.T. Rogers '04 and Mark Reams '03.

science from the University of Iowa in May. He traveled to China in August, and returned to Lexington afterward to begin his second year as an assistant professor of international studies at the Virginia Military Institute.

### Julieann V. Ulin

is as assistant professor of British and American modernism with Florida Atlantic University's Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College in Jupiter, Fla. She received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Notre Dame in May 2007 and was the Edward Sorin Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities at Notre Dame from 2007-2009. She earned her master's degree in English from Fordham University in 2003.

### 2003

#### Elizabeth Townsend Beazley

received her Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Chicago in June. She began a postdoctoral research position at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall, which she will follow with a tenure-track appointment to the department of mathematics and statistics at Williams College in 2010.

### 2004

#### Kara B. Coen

graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in May. She is working for a federal judge in Kentucky and will join the Boston law firm Choate, Hall & Stewart in January 2010.

### 2007

#### Matthew Loar

won an American Graduate

Fellowship from the Council of Independent Colleges. He will receive \$50,000 for a year of graduate study, renewable for a second year, and will study gender and sexuality in ancient literature at Stanford University. Loar completed post-baccalaureate studies in Greek and Latin at the University of Pennsylvania and is completing a master's degree in women's studies at the University of Oxford.

## Newsmaker Interview



*Pictured from left to right: Tyler Suiters '91, Ian McAllister '02 and former U.S. Sen. John Warner '49.* On Aug. 5, retired Sen. John Warner '49 sat down to do an interview on U.S. energy security and climate change at the Washington television studios of Clean Skies News, with Chief Correspondent Tyler Suiters '81. Rounding out the trio was Ian McAllister '02, a videographer and technical director for Clean Skies News, who served as a technician on the Warner shoot. The three took care of the pressing media business at hand before reminiscing about the good old days at W&L. "The first thing I noticed, upon welcoming the senator to our studios, was that the color of his tie was quite appropriate, W&L's royal blue," noted Suiters.

## Beachside



The W&L Florabama Labor Day weekend beach trip included, front row, l. to r.: Katie Mehlburger McGinley '97, Beth Mozena Niccolini '97, Michelle Bauman Villere '97, Jenni Grant Soccorso '97 and Amy McCauley Farnsworth '97. Back row: Rob McGinley '94, Heath Acuff Elrod '97 and Lamar Villere '97.

### 2008

#### Angela L. Young

was one of 31 team leaders who led 215 members of AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) during 10 months of full-time service to communities in need. Young and her team completed six- to eight-week-long projects in different communities across the country. The graduating class responded to 23 disaster callouts

nationwide this year in partnership with the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the United States Forest Service, including a large-scale response to Hurricane Ike. In October, she had a three-week assignment with the American Red Cross to help relief efforts after the tsunami that struck American Samoa in September. Her term of service continues until July 2010.

#### Adam Hockensmith

is the first W&L graduate to win a prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship. He is one of 30 students selected from an international applicant pool of about 700. The scholarship will provide him with up \$300,000 toward his study at Yale Law School. Since graduation from W&L, Adam has lived in Japan, teaching in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program.

## MARRIAGES

#### Dr. Rebecca L. Bagdonas '98

to Vineet Sen Budhreja on the weekend of June 26-27. They had a traditional Hindu ceremony and reception on Friday and a Catholic ceremony and reception on Saturday. There was an additional celebration in Brentwood, Calif., on July 10. Bridesmaids included Dr. Nicole Richard Ehrhardt '98 and Elizabeth James Schwieder '99. Other alumni in attendance were Brian C. Bagdonas '01, Danielle Burghardt McDavid '97, Mary Kathryn Williams '99 and Justin Riedell '98.





**Denis P. Riva Jr. '97 to Charles R. Boisky Jr. '04** in March in New Canaan, Conn. The reception was June 13 in Lexington. Alumni in attendance included Max Adler '04, George Auerbach '04, Jessica Bennett '04, Jessica Willett Carter '95, Katharine Emerson '04, Hannah Gouldstone '98, Hattie Gruber '04, Matthew Hampton '06, Jay Harder '04, Kate Leggett '04, Elizabeth Loyd '04, Smith Gardner '08, Rob Mish '76, Eric Owsley '01, Asher Simcoe '06, Virginia Snider '04, Eric Sprow '04, Vivian Stone '97 and Maynard Lanoux Thomas '97.

**Elianna J. Marziani '02 to James Nuzum** in Boston on Aug. 1. Alumni in attendance included Amy Blevins Albright '03, Dustin Albright '03, Adam Mayer '03 and Ashley Metzloff Mayer '06.



**Josie Mattox '04 to Dan Kagey '04** on May 16. The wedding party included Dr. Balfour Mattox '43, Glen Mattox '69, Zachary Bedard '04, Paul Lاراia '04 and Andrew Riffiee '04.



**Pierce Owings '06 to Lollie Henry** on Feb. 21 in Atlanta. The wedding party included Ann Stewart Banker '05, Will Howorth '06, Park Carrere '06, Charlie Yates '06 and Bill Mealor '03.

# Wedding Scrapbook



**Sarah Stanton '04 to George Craft '05** on March 14.

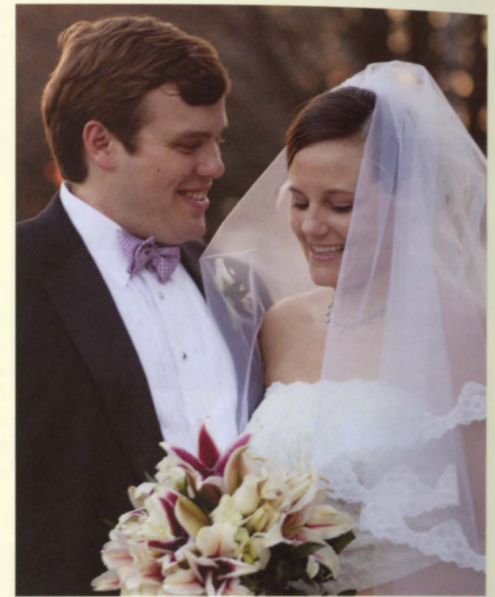


**Romney Willson '05 to Courtenay Beebe '06** on Oct. 4, 2008, in Staunton, Va. The wedding party included Lauren Willson Lawson '98 (sister of the bride), Meredith Walker Gower '05, Alison Irvin Wols '05, Amelie Eagan Larson '05, Riddick Beebe '08 (brother of the groom), Nate McMurry '06, and Allan Galis '06. Alumni in attendance included Stephen Willson '65L (father of the bride), Donald Smith '78, John Howard '06, Molly Plummer '05, Maggie Hope '05, Catherine Turner '05, Laurie Timmons '05, Collier McCrae '03, Pierce Owings '06, Mitch Ballantyne '06, Mike Baker '06, Cameron Wick '06, Jay Reynolds '06, Charlie Yates '06, '10L, David Larson '05, Maryellen Goodlatte '78L, Congressman Bob Goodlatte '77L, Lindsay Pace '06, Zach Wall '06, Olivia Mansfield Wall '06, Callie Ellis '07, Porter Meadors '06, Meredith Bailey Simmons '05, Martha Allgood Hastings '05, Emily Larish '05, David Startsmen '05, Brad Gower '05, Cullen Toole '06, Mike Letourneau '06, John Mikell '06, Jane Lancaster Mikell '07, Will Howorth '06, Ginny Helms '05, Kim Gunst '05, Park Carrere '06, and Lee Eagan '75.





**Kathleen Baird '02 and James Kelly Jennings III '93** in Houston on Jan. 10. Front row (left to right): Thomas Kennedy '94, Tom Washmon '93, Spencer Bell '93, Weston Boone '93, Chris Lee '93, Scott Holstead '92, Stan Taylor '73. Middle row (left to right): Nick Anthony '93, Eloise Priest Southard '02, Jeff Tibbals '95, Marietta Urquhart Holmes '02, Lochlan Baskin Kennedy '02, Brooke Evenson Moncrief '02, Carolyn Pressly Ryan '02, Emily Reid '02, James Jennings '93, Kathleen Jennings '02, Kristin Carroll Bains '02, Sam McLemore '02, Neely Baker '02, Elizabeth Kelsey '02, Darby Taylor Berra '02. Back row (left to right): Hank Huff '93, Elissa Huff '93 Shannon Provost '02, Valerie Tompson '04, Matt Tompson '94, Robert Miggins '94, Carter Tharpe '95, David Danielson '95. Not pictured: Chad Hamilton '93, Buck Ogilvie '64, Charles McCord '63, Don McFall '64, '69L, Philip Wright '01, Ward Jones '65.



**Franklin D. Annand '04** to Michelle Elise Brown on March 7 in Lancaster County, Pa. Alumni in attendance included Steve Annand '72L (father), Mike Baker '04 (groomsman), Nancy Anne Francis '04, Andy Mendrala '04, Noah Rhodes '04 and Thomas Worthy '05.

**Megan Catherine Hobbs '00**

married Kevin James Brodbeck on June 6 in Chapel Hill, NC. Most recently the bride worked as the assistant director of graduate admissions at Stevens Institute of Technology. The groom is a graduate of Fordham University and is a director of foreign exchange at Citigroup. The couple resides in Hoboken, N.J. Classmates in the wedding party included Leigh Childs Cantey, Ashley Buck Daly, Erin Eggers Fidler, Elizabeth Gay MacGaw, Carolyn Carlson McCarthy, and Taylor Horner Porter. Other W&L alumni in attendance included the father of the bride, Edward Paddock Hobbs '62, Tasha Sedlock Blair '00 and Thomas Blair '99, Sarah Nash Bumpus '00, Lane Cates '00, Katie Boening Cumbus '00 and Kevin Cumbus '99, Patrick Decker '00, Ann Marie Harrill Edwards '00, John Fidler '01, Sean Fowler '99, Lindsey Herman Grossman '01 and David Grossman '01, Mina Guiahi '01, Scott Hudson '00, Sara Kate Goodwin Jancaitis '00 and Ryan Jancaitis '00, Scott LeTourneau '00, Peter McCarthy '99, Carey Baugher Piraino '01, Callie Starbuck St. Phillip '00, Elizabeth Richey Thompson '99 and Bennett Thompson '00, Meredith Vellines '00, Caroline Cobb Wright '00, and Dalton Norwood Young '00.



**Anne Hartley Meric '07** to **Andrew Blair Crunk '07** on April 4 in New Orleans.



**Lisa Baratta '06** to **Lee Stinnett '05** on Aug. 29 in Charlotte, N.C. The wedding party included Mark Fechtel '05, Christina Kolock '05, Theresa Anderson '06, Jonathan Belcher '05, Charlie Woolcott '05 and Mike Bennett '04.



**R. L. Andrew Curry '98** to Manju Jasty on May 9 in Katonah, N.Y. They live in New York.

**R. Taylor Ruilova '00** to Monica Gale Wright on Oct. 18, 2008, in Dallas. They live in Merchantville, N.J., and spend their free time restoring their historic home. Monica is an attorney and mediator for the New Jersey judiciary. Taylor practices law in Moorestown with the Comegno Law Group, and concentrates on education, corporate and commercial litigation.

**Clark O. Griffith '03** to Sina Margaret Ellis on June 6 in Thomasville, Ga. Classmates Bennett Moore, John Weedon and Peter Thompson were groomsmen and Alex Curlet '02 was an usher. They live in Dallas, where Clark works for Trigate Capital, and Sina is in law school.

**M. Victoria Guroian '04** to David Trabue Sanders, on June 13 in Washington. Bridesmaids included classmates Brantley Inman, Claire Carothers, Abby Harding and Lisa Sauer Jones. They live in Washington, where Victoria works a major gifts officer for Judicial Watch, and David serves as director of federal affairs for Teva Pharmaceuticals. Many alumni attended the celebration, including the bride's uncle, Michael Guroian '74.

**J. Warren Hunter '05** to Katy Tuskey, on June 6 in Richmond. The wedding party included Cameron Garner '05, John Hyland '05, Jack Murray '05, Chris Carlson '05, Larry Tuskey '74L and Campbell Hutton '99. They live in Richmond.

**Amy Kathryn Nunez '07** to Rhys David Williams on June 14, 2008, in New Orleans. They live in New Orleans, where Amy is the director of recruitment at her alma mater, St. Mary's Dominican High School.

**Keri Beth Cloninger '09** to **Aaron Toomey '09** on June 13 in Orlando, Fla. The wedding party included classmates Heather Jordan, Drew Scarantino, Kerry Birch, John Phillips, Keegan Hines (best man) and Rogers Crain. They live in New York City, where Aaron works for Goldman Sachs, and Keri Beth works for Crenshaw Communications.

#### BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

**William H. Schoeffler '85** and his wife, **Mary**, a son, Samuel McNeil, on July 6. Sam joins brother Whit, 2. They live in Atlanta.

**Bill Nichols '86** and his wife, **Susan**, a daughter, Elizabeth, on Feb. 2. She joins brothers Wesley

and Will and sisters Emily and Caroline. They live in Forsyth, Ga., where Bill works for GEICO, and Susan is a Christian home-school teacher. They are active in their church, Maynard Baptist.

**James E. Hodge '88** and his wife, **Michelle**, a son, Charles Robert, on June 25, 2008. Charlie joins brother Jack. Jimmy is a freelance documentary editor in the Washington area, and they live in Falls Church, Va.

**W. Lee Norton '89** and his wife, **Sheila**, a son, Gray Gerard, on Jan. 20. He joins sister Blair Elizabeth. They live in Villanova, Pa., where Lee is a senior investment analyst with the Vanguard Group.

**Catherine W. Badalamenti '90** and her husband, **Nick**, a daughter, Liliana Estelle, on June 27, 2007. She joins sisters Isabella Bacot and Sophia Catherine. They live in Chester, S.C., where

#### It has been a very busy and rewarding fall on campus.

Class agents were here for good meetings in September. Young Alumni Weekend, Oct. 9-11, brought hundreds of

# BEAU KNOWS



alumni back to campus. The class of 1999 set the all-time single class attendance record. Black Alumni 2009 was a big success. The alumni board combined with 30 chapter leaders for productive sessions. The first Five-Star Festival, Oct. 20-21, successfully combined substantive programs with camaraderie and fun. We continue to be blessed with engaged alumni of all ages, and we will keep working to make our campus celebrations the best in class.

We seek your confidential nominations for the 2010 Distinguished Alumni (DAA) and Distinguished Young Alumni (DYAA) Awards. A nominee should have distinctive accomplishments in a career, civic life and/or public service, and preferably in service to W&L, so as to exemplify her core virtues and reflect favorably on the University. Monetary success and/or profile are not prerequisites; we are eager to know about alumni engaged in true public service. A nominee for the DYAA must have graduated in 1995 or later. Law school graduates are eligible.

The selection committee of the Alumni Board, chaired by Walter Robertson '76, welcomes your confidential input by Jan. 31, 2010, by e-mail to Kelli Austin, assistant director of Alumni Affairs, [austink@wlu.edu](mailto:austink@wlu.edu), or at (540) 458-8886. While your summary description of a nominee would be helpful, you need only submit the name.

Thanks in advance for your involvement and input.

#### The Write Stuff



On Aug. 12, several journalism alumni, plus a journalism professor and his wife, had a reunion in New York. Front row, l. to r.: Kelly Evans '07, John Kingston '78 and Stacy Morrison '90. Standing: Jane Finney '95, Jackie Terrebonne '98, Professor Emeritus Ham Smith, Mike Lavitt '80, Eric Hunter '90, John Wells '82, A.P. Smith and John Flippen '92.



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Cathy stays at home and home-schools her oldest daughter.

**William R. McLean '90** and his wife, **Maureen**, a daughter, Regina Grange, on May 25. They live in Devon, Pa.

**Kathleen Moritz Rudasill '91** and her husband, **Chris**, a daughter, Julia, on Oct. 2, 2007. She joins sister Anna. They live in Louisville, Ky.

**Jennifer Donaldson Hubbard '92** and her husband, **Colin**, a son, John Ryder, on a snowy Christmas Eve 2008. They live in Telluride, Colo., where Jennifer and Colin have been teaching for the past eight years. She writes, "Ryder is a already quite the wildflower expert and mountain climber."

**Jennifer McCann Crovatto '93** and her husband, **Steve**, a daughter, Juliet Nicole, on July 13. They live in Oakland, N.J.

**Michael Holifield '89** and **Lee Rorrer Holifield '93** adopted a daughter, Victoria Danielle

Rouse, on July 7. Danielle was born on July 17, 1997. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.

**G. Alexander Churchill '94** and his wife, **Jessica**, twins, Herbert Huntington and Haldora Caroline, on Aug. 10, 2008. They live in Gastonia, N.C.

**Ryan Donaldson '94** and **Meghan Hall Donaldson '94**, a daughter, Renny Thornton, on March 6. They live in Princeton, N.J.

**Nathan Dunn '94** and his wife, **Suzanne**, a son, Isaac Noah, on June 4, 2008. They live in Tallahassee, Fla.

**Marissa Vivona Greider '95** and her husband, **Wendel**, a daughter, Carolina Calhoun, in March. She joins sister Delphina. They live in Atlanta.

**Shelby Kerr Johnston '95** and **Jim Johnston '95**, a daughter, Brooke Catherine, on March 19. She joins Alec, 8, Lauren, 5, and Luke, 3. They live in St. Louis, Mo.

**Kristen Rawlings Lanich '95** and her husband, **Will**, a daughter, Ruth Kidwell, on Feb. 23. Ruth joins brother Billy, 3. The family lives in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Kelly Horan Florio '96, '99L** and her husband, **Rick**, a son, Giacomo "Jake" Walter, on Jan. 28. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**John N. Bator '97** adopted a son, Owen, who was born on Nov. 20, 2008. They live in Lincoln Park, N.J. John writes of Owen, "He is very happy and full of energy, loves music and cars and keeps his daddy very busy."

**Heath Acuff Elrod '97** and her husband, **John**, a son, William McCormack, on May 25. Mac joins brother John Jr. They live in Atlanta.

**Amy McCauley Farnsworth '97** and her husband, **Stephen**, a son, Carter McCloskey, on Aug. 19, 2008. They live in New Orleans, La.

**Dr. Robert M. Hughes IV '98** and his wife, **Betsy**, a daughter,

Hazel Katherine, on April 28. She joins brother Murray, 3. They live in Durham, N.C.

**Lauren Willson Lawson '98** and her husband, **Gordon**, a daughter, Willson Lee, on Dec. 22, 2008. She joins brother Gordon MacIntosh "Mac" IV, 2. They live in Birmingham, Ala.

**Melissa Foote New '98** and **Mason New '96**, a son, Robert Mason New, on April 5. Mason joins sister Ibbey at their home in Alexandria, Va.

**Katherine Steuart Overton '98** and her husband, **David**, a daughter, Caroline Virginia, on April 8, 2008. They live in Tacoma, Wash.

**Christie Caloudas Vlahakos '98** and her husband, **George**, a son, William George, on May 15. William joins sisters Ellie and Anna. They live in Houston.

**William R. Warnock '98** and his wife, **Ashley**, a son, William Shapard Ashley, on May 21. They live in Charleston, S.C., where

## Darrold A. Cannan Jr. '53

**Darrold A. Cannan Jr. '53**, a pioneering Texas broadcaster and a generous benefactor to W&L, died July 19 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

His support for W&L included an endowment for campus preservation, which was created in 1995 to help the University maintain its National Historic Landmark buildings and to support the beautification efforts, and the establishment of the Cannan Term Professorship. Cannan Green, the space between Elrod Commons and Doremus Gymnasium, is named in recognition of the support of Darrold and his wife, Kay. The Cannans' generosity to Washington and Lee was celebrated in May 2008 with their inclusion on the University's Honored Benefactors Wall.

After graduating from W&L with a B.S. in business administration, the Wichita Falls native joined his father in business at the brand-new KFDX-TV (NBC) in Wichita Falls. In 1954, he served

in the military at Fort Bliss and Andrews Air Force Base with the Army Anti-Artillery Corps. He received an honorable discharge in 1956 with the rank of first lieutenant.

As the president of Cannan Communications Inc., he spent his career in the TV business, buying and selling stations in Texas. In his community, he served on the executive committees of the United Way, Boys Club, Y.M.C.A., Rotary Club, Board of Commerce and Industry, Wichita Falls Museum, Wichita General Hospital, Wichita Club and Wichita Falls Country Club. He served as president of the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra, on the Wichita Falls Drug Abuse Commission and on the board of the United Regional Hospital of Wichita Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; sons Darrold III and Parker; daughter Connie Annas; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



**DARROLD AND KAY CANNAN VISITED CANNAN GREEN DURING HOMECOMING 2006.**



Bill practices law with Buist Moore Smythe McGee, P.A.

**Stephen H. Birdsall '99** and **Cory M. Birdsall '99**, a daughter, Claire, on Feb. 20. She joins sister Caroline. They live in Owings Mills, Md.

**Patrick A. McCormack '99** and his wife, **Mary Ann**, a daughter, Catherine, in October 2008. They live in Marysville, Pa.

**Kelley Herring Myerberg '99** and **Josh Myerberg '00**, a daughter, Julia Hope, on May 11. They live in San Francisco.

**Margaret Hoehl O'Shea '99** and her husband, **Jake**, a son, Joshua Kimball, on June 29. He joins sister Elizabeth Anne, who was born Aug. 10, 2007. They live in Smithfield, Va. Margaret is an assistant Commonwealth's attorney in Norfolk.

**Amy Kane Trask '00** and her husband, **Carl**, a son, Alexander Kane, on April 10, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He joins sister Grace. Amy graduated from the

University of Hawaii law school in December and was admitted to the Hawaii bar in June. She began a judicial clerkship in the fall.

**Sanders Goodrich Cox '01** and her husband, **Charles**, a daughter, Frances Miller, on Dec. 19, 2008. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

**Jason A. Ciffen '01** and his wife, **Lizzy**, a son, Wyatt Alexander, on June 7. Jason graduated from Penn in July with a MSEd in private school leadership and is an associate dean of admissions, coach and housemaster at the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, N.J.

**Matthew P. Marks '02** and his wife, **Mary-Margaret**, a son, William Terry, on April 3. They live in Little Rock, Ark., where Matthew works in the corporate finance department of Stephens Inc.

**Mike Reynold '02** and his wife, **Melissa**, a daughter, Ava Jane, on Oct. 2, 2008. They live in Richmond, Va.

## OBITUARIES

**Alphonse J. Sherman '38**, of Meriden, Conn., died on July 30. He served in World War II and the Korean War, retiring after 20 years as a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserves. He taught accounting for 40 years at the University of Bridgeport and was the football and golf coach for 25 years. Sherman belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

**Peyton E. Rice '40**, of Little Rock, Ark., died on June 2. He attended Harvard Business School and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war he opened Rice Employment Agencies and served as president of the Arkansas Private Employment Association. He received the distinguished alumnus award from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for his work on their library and fine arts boards. Rice belonged to Sigma Chi. He was the father of Peyton Rice '71 and the uncle of Roddy McCaskill '75, E. Austin Caskill '41, '42L and E. Austin Caskill '74.

**Dr. Robert H. Cofield '41**, of Arvada, Colo., died on Dec. 7, 2008. He earned his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, followed by surgical training at Tulane University and the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He worked as an orthopedic surgeon for nearly 50 years. Cofield belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He was the father of Robert H. Cofield '65 and the grandfather of Stacey Cofield '95.

**James B. Richardson Jr. '41, '43L**, of Norfolk, Va., died on May 30. He served first in the U.S. Army and then transferred to the Army Air Force, where he completed 35 missions as a navigator-bombardier on the B-29. He earned the Air Medal, two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Richardson worked in management for Ocean Terminals until his retirement in 1984. He belonged to Alpha Tau Omega.

**Dr. James S. McCown '44**, of Buena Vista, Va., died on June

## Edwin J. Foltz '40L

**Edwin J. Foltz**, of Gladwyne, Pa., a 1983 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, died on Sept. 24, 2009. He worked for Campbell Soup Co. for 28 years, retiring as president of Campbell Soup International in 1981.

During his student days, Foltz, who was born in Fort Smith, Ark., belonged to the Executive Committee, Phi Delta Theta (serving as its president), Phi Delta Phi (treasurer) and Omicron Delta Kappa. He worked as the business manager of Fancy Dress and the Calyx and participated in crew and boxing.

As an alumnus, Foltz served on the W&L Alumni Association Board from 1975-1979 (and as its president from 1977-1979); as a class agent from 1956-1960; and as chair of the Robert E. Lee Associates from 1972-1973.

Foltz also practiced law in Little Rock, Ark., early

in his career, and in Philadelphia, after his retirement from Campbell Soup; directed industrial public relations for Borg-Warner Corp. from 1950-1953; and was an FBI agent from 1941-1950 in Little Rock, Atlanta and San Francisco. Among his many volunteer efforts, he had been president of the Philadelphia Crime Commission, a board member of the Gladwyne Free Library and vice chair of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

He was uncle to the Hon. Harry Albers Foltz '62, '65L, James Arthur Foltz III '53, '55L and Thomas Price Foltz Jr. '59.

His first wife, Deane Mitchell Foltz, died in 1987, and his daughter Deane died in 1981. He is survived by his second wife, Barbara Thompson Eisenhower Foltz; his daughter, Dorothy Foltz-Gray; his son, Edwin J. Foltz Jr.; four stepchildren; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.





12. He served in World War II, earned his degree from the Medical College of Virginia and worked as a dentist for nearly 50 years. He was the brother of Dr. William McCown '50.

**Richard E. Byrd '45,** of Berryville, Va., died on June 28. He served in Gen. Patton's 10th Armored Division during World War II. He established the canning division of H.F. Byrd Inc., where he served as president from 1966 until 1980. Byrd belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

**Leigh L. Nettleton Jr. '45,** of Silver Spring, Md., died on Dec. 19, 2008. He worked for EquiFax Inc. as a senior insurance investigator. Nettleton belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

**Frank G. Ware '45,** of Park Hills, Ky., died on Jan. 1. He earned a law degree from the University of Cincinnati and was a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

**Dr. Robert D. Brogan '49,** of The Dalles, Ore., died on Jan. 28, 2007. He served in the Army during World War II and earned his degree from the University of Oregon Dental School.

**William B. Pruitt '50,** of Waxhaw, N.C., died on June 1. He served in the Navy as an aviator during the Korean War and received both the Navy Occupation Service Medal and Korean Service Medal. He earned an engineering degree from Clemson University and focused his career on structural engineering. Pruitt belonged to Kappa Sigma. He was the brother of Richard Pruitt '51.

**John J. Flood '51L,** of Burlington, N.C., died on Aug. 6. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Flood worked as staff counsel to the member companies of New Hampshire Insurance Co. until he retired in 1985 as vice president and counsel.

**Crafton H. Cook Jr. '52,** of Niles, Mich., died on Aug. 7. He owned and operated Cook Lumber Co. Inc. and served on his local city council for six years. He and his wife, Barbara, wrote numerous books on the local

history of southwest Michigan. Cook belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**Boyd H. Leyburn Jr. '52,** of Atlanta, died on June 5. He served in the Army for three years aboard the *USS Lowry*. He joined Sears, Roebuck Co. in 1956 and managed three stores in Florence, Ala., Atlanta and Birmingham, Ala. Leyburn belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

**Thomas R. Warfield '52,** of New York, died on July 12. He attended Harvard Business School and served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a navigator. He worked for several investment management firms, including Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, before opening his own, Warfield Associates, in 1983. Warfield belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

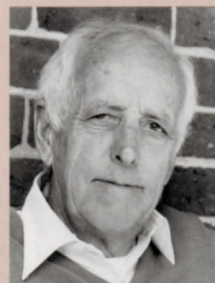
**George F. Maynard III '53,** of Birmingham, Ala., on June 1. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia. He practiced with the firm of Cabaniss Johnston until 1984, when he helped found Maynard, Cooper and Gale. Maynard was a member of the American Law Institute and the Banking Law Committee of the Alabama Bar Association. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He was the uncle of Maynard Thomas '97, Fletcher Maynard '69 and John Jenkins '64 and the father-in-law of Lewis Powell '74.

**Arthur L. Fern II '55,** of Bloomfield, Conn., died on June 18. He enlisted with the Army's Counterintelligence Corps in Berlin before earning a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in international studies. He worked for the office of international finance in the Treasury and the U.S. Embassy in Bonn. Fern later started his own consulting company for World Bank projects and visited 40 countries on five continents. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

**William E. Reid Jr. '56,** of Spartanburg, S.C., died on July 21. He served in the Army in Germany and had a long career in banking until his retirement in 1996 as senior vice president and manager of the correspondent banking department of Bank of America. Reid belonged to

## William Hoffman '53

**William Hoffman '53,** of Charlotte Court House, Va., the acclaimed fiction writer and the recipient of a 1995 honorary doctorate of letters from W&L, died on Sept. 13, in Farmville, Va. He was 84.



Among his 14 novels, four short-story collections, one play and numerous published stories is the novel *Tidewater Blood*, which won the Hammett Prize for literary excellence in crime writing from

the International Association of Crime Writers. It was one of many awards he received over his long career, during which he wrote often about his native South.

Hoffman was born in Charleston, W.Va. He attended the Kentucky Military Institute and served in the Army Medical Corps in World War II. He obtained his B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College in 1949.

Hoffman attended W&L as a law student from 1949 to 1950. A writing class with George Foster so captivated him that he decided to leave his law studies. (He always pointed out that two other students in that class, John P. Bowen Jr. '51 and Tom Wolfe '51, also pursued writing careers.) While a student, he worked on the fledgling *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review*, founded in 1950, and belonged to Sigma Chi fraternity.

He attended the Iowa Writers Workshop at the University of Iowa and worked as a journalist and banker before joining the English faculty at Hampden-Sydney from 1952 to 1959, and serving as the college's writer-in-residence from the mid-1960s to early 1970s. He also taught creative writing there in 1978.

Hoffman received the Andrew Nelson Lytle Prize from the *Sewanee Review*, the John Dos Passos Prize for Excellence in Literature from Longwood College and the Hillsdale Prize for Fiction from the Fellowship of Southern Writers.

Over the years, Hoffman contributed several stories to *Shenandoah*, which twice gave him the Goodheart Prize for Fiction, in 1989 and in 1993. "The death of William Hoffman has come as a shock to the *Shenandoah* community," said R.T. Smith, the journal's editor, "not only because Bill was a gracious, eloquent and scrupulous man, nor even because he was a gifted and hard-working writer, but also because he had been an early and frequent contributor to this magazine and a unswerving supporter of its mission for almost six decades. Readers will return to his stories for a long time to come."

Hoffman is survived by his wife, Alice Sue Richardson Hoffman; his daughters, Ruth Beckley Hoffman and Margaret Kay Huffman; a sister and three grandchildren.



Kappa Sigma. He was the cousin of Garland Overstreet '67 and the brother of Richard Reid '63.

**David V. Johnson Jr. '58**, of Memphis, Tenn., died on July 12. He served in the Army Reserves and worked as a real estate appraiser for many years. He earned an MAI designation and served as president of the Appraisal Institute. Johnson belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

**Joseph T. Brennan III '59**, of Reisterstown, Md., died on July 22. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

**Victor B. Pringle Jr. '60**, of Biloxi, Miss., died on May 24. He earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi and

worked in the family practice until his death. He also served in the Air National Guard. Pringle belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

**Stephen T. Owen '65**, of Washington, died on July 6. He served in the Army and earned a law degree from Cornell University. He was an attorney in private practice for many years.

**Ronald K. Ingoe '68L**, of Manassas, Va., died on Feb. 2. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and practiced law with Chess Durette & Roeder and Boothe, Prichard & Dudley before starting his own office. Ingoe belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**David C. Ennis '69**, of Bryson City, N.C., died on June 20. He served in the Army in Vietnam and had a long career in banking. He helped establish a chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Bryson City and enjoyed being outdoors. Ennis belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

**Mark H. Sayers '71**, of New York, died on Aug. 7. He was the vice president of Emes Management Co. and the managing partner of Paymar Partners. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

**Ralph E. Garner '74**, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died on June 26. After graduation, he worked for the family business, T.W. Garner Food Co., maker of Texas Pete Hot Sauce. He

became president of the company in 1994. Garner served on the board of directors for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina.

#### *Other Deaths*

**Hobson Dobbs Jr.** died on Aug. 16. The father of the late Gary H. Dobbs III '70, a professor in the W&L Biology Department from 1975 to 1981, he frequently visited campus to participate in the Alumni College. An accomplished photographer, the elder Dobbs documented the restoration of the Old George statue, and his framed photographs are in the Boatwright Room of Leyburn Library, near the original statue.

## Robert McAhren, Professor of History Emeritus

**Robert McAhren**, professor of history emeritus at Washington and Lee, died Aug. 4 in Lexington. He was 73.

McAhren was born in Sioux City, Iowa. He attended Southern Methodist University, earning a B.A. with high honors. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin in 1967. He was a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society and Phi Beta Kappa.

He joined the W&L faculty in 1966 as an instructor in history and progressed through the faculty ranks to full professor in 1975. He taught courses in early American history and American social and intellectual history.

From 1971 to 1977, he served as associate dean of the college. He was acting head of the Department of History during the 1986-87 academic year, and then served two five-year terms as the head of the department from 1988 through 1998.

In 1990, McAhren was named chairman of the University's Institutional Effectiveness Committee, which was responsible for strategic planning based on surveys of students, faculty and alumni opinion about the University. His leadership of that committee set the groundwork for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. He was the editor of the University's Self-Study Report

for 1998 and instrumental in establishing both a five-year and long-range plan.

In 2000, he chaired the Faculty Task Force on Inclusiveness at Washington and Lee, which eventually gained committee status. Among the initiatives for which the task force was responsible were the addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination statement and greater recruitment efforts for students and faculty of color.

"Bob was a generous and dedicated teacher whose contributions to this community, to his students and to his colleagues went well beyond his work in the classroom," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "He was a trusted adviser to his colleagues and widely respected for his judgment and principled values."

McAhren loved opera and cats, was an avid collector of model trains and belonged to That Club, of Lexington. He is survived by his longtime friend and partner, Thomas Oxendine.

Contributions may be made in McAhren's honor to Washington and Lee University, Office of Development, 204 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450-2116, or to the Rockbridge SPCA, 10 Animal Place, P.O. Box 528, Lexington, VA 24450.



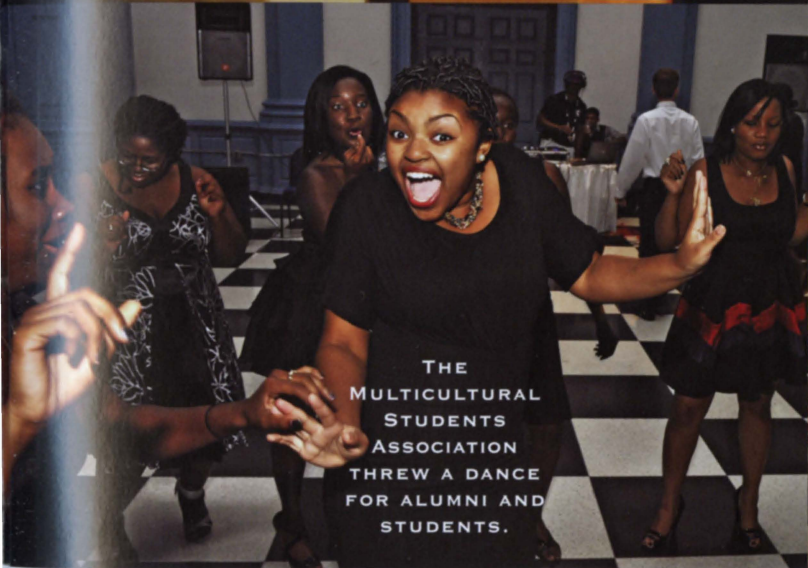


# OCT. 9 - 10 Welcome Home

WILLIAM B. HILL JR. '74, '77L, PARENT OF MORGAN HILL '07 AND KARA HILL '99 AND A FORMER TRUSTEE, DELIVERED BLACK ALUMNI 2009'S KICKOFF TALK.



Alumni of all generations visited campus for celebrations this fall. Five-Star Generals took the stage on Oct. 20-21; see p. 26 for a handsome photo of most of the attendees. During Homecoming on Oct. 9-10, participants in Black Alumni 2009: Return, Reconnect and Renew, and in the first-ever Young Alumni Weekend, enjoyed a football game, dances, barbecues and, of course, friends.



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The W&L riding team went through its paces during Parents and Family Weekend, Oct. 30-31. Rob Taylor '73 snapped this photo of his daughter, Susan Taylor '11, as she practiced under the watchful eye of a discerning barn cat.



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