

Alumni News



Linda Grindell Ray '71, Pamela Rechel '72, J. Lynn Pier-Fitzgerald '72, and Shelley Nelson Propst '72 (from left) kick up their feet in celebration during a cocktail hour preceding three separate 50th reunion events for the Classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972. Homecoming 2022 was one of the largest ever, with over 650 alumni and friends returning to the Hilltop.

IMPACT PHOTOGRAPHY

Dorothea Hinze Herman '55 was adopted at birth. Over the years she has searched for her birth family, and was finally successful at age 87.

1950s

20 years ago **Dorothea Hinze Herman '55**, Benson, Arizona, was featured in a Cornell Report story on adoption. Over the years she had searched for her birth family, and was finally successful at age 87 when she received a call from a sister who is 12 years younger. "What I found was a lovely, tightly knit family who accepted me with gatherings of 38 nieces, nephews, and cousins," she said. "I was an only child and grew up with one cousin. Now I have the worst time trying to keep track of who's who!" Dorothea closely resembles members of her birth family and shares similar gestures, likes, and dislikes. She talks weekly to her sister and reports that her son and daughter-in-law are happy for her and have met some of the birth family too.

Jim Hofmann '56, Burlington, Iowa, was named to the Burlington (Iowa) High School Bracewell Football Stadium's Wall of Honor. According to The (Burlington) Hawk Eye, Jim taught at Burlington for over 40 years and spent nearly 60 years coaching. The honor was given for a lifetime of commitment to Burlington High School and youth in Burlington. Jim also played football for the Rams.

Louise Mercer Hardin '58, Bellingham, Washington, reports that she and Jim are "hanging in there." They adopted a kitty from the Humane Society since losing their 18-year-old cat in June. The cat, Frieda Lee, watches bird videos on Louise's iPad.

1960s

Joel Parrott '61 and **Karilyn Kirlin Parrott '62** have been residents of La Crosse, Wisconsin, since August 2021. They are enjoying their new apartment on the fourth floor of a senior independent-living facility with a view of the Mississippi River. They regularly enjoy concerts of both the La Crosse Chamber Chorale and the Symphony Orchestra. They joined a United Methodist Church and have been busy with faith-related Zoom study groups both in Wisconsin and with long-time UMC friends in Illinois. Their daughter and son-in-law live 30 miles away, while their son and daughter-in-law live in California. They traveled to Portland, Oregon, for the college graduation of their granddaughter last May. They report that downsizing and moving to sensible housing has worked out well for them.

Ernie Norris '63, Pittsboro, North Carolina, and Ann are grateful to finally make good progress on their goal of partaking in the cultural and recreational offerings in their "Retirement No. 2" area. "We are trying desperately to find more interesting things to talk about than aches and pains and a plethora of medical appointments. We have a faint glimmer of hope for another overseas trip, but stateside travel will likely win out," Ernie writes.

David Knutson '64 and **Ethel Kolar Knutson '65** have lived and worked in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, since David finished his Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Kansas in 1969. After spending 10 years as a college professor, two years as a director of development, and 35 years as a financial advisor, he retired in 2016. In 2018 David came out of retirement at the request of a former associate to create a presentation on retirement planning to

his prospective clients. The presentation he prepared and gave over the last four years resulted in a book, "The Power of Planning."

Jan Wright '64, Ypsilanti, Michigan, is easing out of pandemic mode. She and Don took three short trips last year, one of which was to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Jan worked on helping to pass a 20-year climate action tax rate in Ann Arbor, which will help fund a leave-no-one-behind plan for carbon neutrality.

Under the auspices of the Harborview Injury Prevention Center, **Carol Lace Jenkins '67**, Seattle, Washington, is helping implement a statewide program of 60 temporary safe storage sites for individuals concerned about potential harm to themselves or others. Sites include gun stores, law enforcement, and shooting ranges.

Dick Myers '68, Fernandina Beach, Florida, returned to his hometown of Afton, in southwest Iowa, where he was inducted into the East Union High School Wall of Fame. He retired in 2013 after 25 years working in pro football and intercollegiate athletics, followed by another 17 years in healthcare. Dick and Dolores celebrated their 52nd anniversary in September. They moved to Amelia Island, Florida, full-time three years ago and stay active with golf, card groups, and community theatre. They do some traveling and enjoy their three daughters and families, who live in Virginia and Maryland. He and Dolores volunteered to be election workers last fall.

Steve LaFollette '69, Edmond, Oklahoma, and his wife Julie (Beloit Class of '69) went on a wildlife tour to Churchill, Manitoba, last summer looking for beluga whales and polar bears.



Class of 1970 • 50 +2 reunion

FIRST ROW: Barbara Evans Hansen, Mary Schmidt Hicken, Joan Spletter Mattson, Barbara Birmingham MacDonald, Pamela Shafer Randolph, Marlene Radosevich Spalten, William Spalten, G. David Lather

ROW 2: Barbara Brindley Yankey, Warren Western, Douglas Cameron, Kenneth Glass, Anne Nussdorfer Staton, Mary Thompson Ingvaldstad, Corrie Root Grummon, Barbara Martin MacGregor, Susan Morrow Petrosky, Sheryl Atkinson Stoll

ROW 3: Patrick O'Hara, William Corwin "Corky" Stuart, Robert Johnson, Mark Abbott, Jeffrey Frost, James Beranek, Clair Cramer, Marilyn Conners Frederiksen
ROW 4: Robert Hansen, Steven Staton, Nicholas Shargo, Robert Sullivan, James Coddington, David Schnare

CONTRIBUTE

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Class of 1971 • 50 +1 reunion

FIRST ROW: Linda Kellenberger Coddington, Jill Husbands Schubert, David Wilks, Alan Bjork, Thomas Melloy, Linda Grindell Ray

ROW 2: Patrick Mahin, Larry Merriman, Jameseva Marshall Webb, Jackie Lockridge Wallace, Steven Hardy, Mary Lou Doerrie, Sheryl Ash, Barry Russell, Patricia Ehlers Neal, Deanne Bishop

ROW 3: Thomas Ray, Karen Woolpert McGuire, Dorothy Burk Collins, Beverly Floro, Virginia Shannon Cameron, Linda Van Niewal, Beth Soper, Barbara Schultz, Paula Evenson Johnston, Susan Balster Zazas, Marilyn Norton '70

ROW 4: Jim Haley, Dennis Cress, Andy Goldberg, Chuck Hyser, Gary Livacari, Kent Dallmeyer, Richard Barrett, Susan Seim Dirks, Kenneth Dirks

ROW 5: Gerald Neal, David Howard, Paul MacGregor, Edward "Lane" Ashmore, Andy Applebee, Bruce Clement, Gary Johnston



Class of 1972 • 50th reunion

FIRST ROW: Barb Williams Palomo, Diane Worick, Beth Extrom Bingham, Kaarin Johnston, Barbara May Balster

ROW 2: Elizabeth Rhoads Read, Teresa Shaw, Bernadine Feller McGuire, Lynn Pier-Fitzgerald, Mary Jane Gillespie Haley, Judy Gintzler Kocher, Kathy Norris Prestidge, Susan Bixby Sandholm

ROW 3: Scott Arends, Scott Woodin, Karen Kandik, Martha Moody Glassmeyer, Susan Yotcoski DeAppolonio, Sara Light Pearson, Sue Mulford Schroeder, Sue Royal Bullis

ROW 4: John Casebolt, Kim Luther, Jim Schlapkohl, Diana Morrow Howard, Cathy Chambers Brady, Martha Tabor, Peter Holmes

ROW 5: Don Wherry, Sally Larson Sargent, Pam Rechel, Shelley Nelson Propst, Calvin Van Niewaal, Hubert Merrell, Steven Barber, Timothy Pearson, Paul Tabor

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1970s

Jim Coddington '70 and **Linda Kellenberger Coddington '71**, Mason City, Iowa, report really enjoying their 50th reunions: "Having three classes together was a wonderful idea and allowed us to see many of our friends not in our class. Good work, Cornell." Jim retired after 38 years in family medicine, and Linda after 25 years as a preschool owner and teacher. They spend summers in Okoboji, Iowa, and winters in Mason City and Keystone, Colorado.

They enjoy volunteer work and woodworking (Jim) and Mason City's sculpture walk (Linda).

Robert Reimann '73, Littleton, Colorado, writes that one of the best benefits of his days at Cornell was meeting **Paul Reinhardt '74**, who introduced him to mountain climbing. Robert has climbed about 185 of the highest peaks in Colorado, as well as Rainier in Washington state, Grand Teton in Wyoming, and Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. After his wife of 25 years died suddenly of cancer in 2003, he went to Nepal and trekked for a month. To improve his skills he joined the Colorado Mountain Club, becoming a trip leader and instructor, chairing the Denver group, and becoming Volunteer of the Year. He reports he is past his hiking prime but had done over 80 hikes last year despite three right knee surgeries. Robert practices law part time, with his main interest in representing injured people. He has three daughters; two are married with four grandkids in

the Denver area. His youngest daughter was a Denver Broncos cheerleader who took Robert as a guest to the Super Bowl.

Dave Turnbull '73, Indianola, Iowa, stepped down in April after 37 years as the state director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Iowa, and took on a part-time role serving in his local community. He writes that he is enjoying more golf, traveling to see family in Colorado, and investing in the spiritual lives of coaches and athletes where he lives.

Cheri Johnson Mahin '74, Minnetonka, Minnesota, reports that Homecoming 2022 was much better than she expected, from the beautiful campus and town, to talking to people from her time, to the Alumni Convocation. She is still thinking about the question the Young Alumni Award recipient (**Justin Futrell '16**) asked: "Who is the mentor who made a difference in your life?"

Dave Brezina '75, Chicago, Illinois, serves as a member of the Illinois State Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section Council.

Sharon Goodwin Fogleman '75, Coralville, Iowa, writes that she and her husband, Lynn, bought their first home just as COVID started and enjoy having a home base while they continue to travel internationally—primarily for health worker mentoring and training on "Healing the Wounds of the Heart, How the Church Can Help." They have six grandchildren.

Jane Easter Bahls '76, Missoula, Montana, and her husband, Steve, were honored when the trustees of Augustana College renamed a campus administration building in their honor to mark Steve's retirement in June. The Steve and Jane Bahls Campus Leadership Center honors 19 years of Augustana College presidency. They are now happily retired.

John Guthmann '76, St. Paul, Minnesota, was elected to his third term as a Ramsey County (Minnesota) District Court Judge.

David Korslund '76, Amsterdam, Netherlands, reports that his husband, Rob Kooiman, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 13, 2022. "He had been very supportive of our contribution to set up the Korslund/Kooiman Endowed Experiential Learning Fund to provide financial support for Cornell students to study off campus," he wrote. "I will miss him very much."

Anne Davis Grothe '77 settled in St. Louis, Missouri, with her husband after living in other parts of the U.S. over the years. She retired in early 2020 and spends her time helping care for her elderly parents, volunteering at a food pantry, participating in church activities, and visiting her kids and grandchildren who live out of state. She attended Homecoming, reporting that

the campus looked great and it was wonderful to reconnect with old friends and get to know other classmates.

Harlan Newell '78, Minneapolis, Minnesota, writes that the Great Get Down Daze gathering at **Karl Kost '77**'s farm in September 2022 was their fifth gathering of the new millennium at the farm. He writes that it was great to reconnect with everyone and act 21 again, but with more naps.

1980s

Darrell Wheeler '81 became the ninth president of the State University of New York at New Paltz in 2022. His work in research, teaching, and community engagement has demonstrated a deep understanding of the use of data and evidence in developing innovative programs and policy initiatives, especially related to health with marginalized and oppressed groups.

Mark Dohnalek '82, Overland Park, Kansas, continues to run Pivot International with 17 offices around the world. "Seeing, literally first hand, the outbreak while in China in January of 2020, has made these last three years quite unique and very strange," he wrote. Their son and daughter were both married over the past two years so he and his wife are now empty nesters.

Bill Keyser '82 relocated to Belvidere, Illinois, after more than two decades in the Southeast (not shoveling snow). He traveled to meet up with several Cornell-AXE alumni last summer and also visited the Hilltop for his 40th class reunion, attending the SAW Dedication, C Club Breakfast, '80s Dinner, and Bob Campagna's photo exhibit in downtown Mount Vernon.

Kim Miller Jacobs '83 and

Sean Minear '84 retired as executive chef at Camp Kawanhee for Boys but continues as the longtime sexton of Mountain View Cemetery in his hometown of Weld, Maine.

Larry Jacobs '80 have moved from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to Waukee, Iowa. "We haven't lived in Iowa since the 1980s, but are enjoying getting to know the area and being close to family. Waukee is centrally located between our daughters, and we have easy access to some wonderful paved bike trails, especially the Raccoon River Trail that borders our subdivision," Kim writes.

Tim Wynes '83, Moline, Illinois, earned his master's degree in higher education from Penn State University in December of 2022. "I enrolled in an initial class during the COVID-19 pandemic to model the importance of maintaining skills and continuing professional development," he writes. "It turned out to be a lifeline during the pandemic, as I found a network of higher ed professionals from across the globe to learn from and consult."

After 25 years, **Sean Minear '84**, Weld, Maine, retired as executive chef at Camp Kawanhee for Boys. He plans to continue teaching his high school culinary program for a few more years. He's in his 30th year as Sexton of the Mountain View Cemetery in his hometown of Weld. He writes he was grateful to see so many friends and family at the most recent Cornell Homecoming.

Michael Taylor '84 teaches chemistry at a Catholic high school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he is also the tennis coach, guitar teacher, and drama co-director. In summer he works as a cook at a camp in Wisconsin.

LeaAnn Cords '88, Lisbon, Iowa, is a certified electronic reporter, better known as a remote digital court reporter.

Sue Waskow Shaw '89, Webster Groves, Missouri, is the staff trainer for the St. Louis Arc. She teaches 500 staff how to effectively support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She has had seven young adults in her home in the past six years, most of whom had experienced extensive trauma. She speaks about trauma to social service agencies, area executives, and churches in the St. Louis area.

1990s

WEDDING

Adia Johnson '97 to Rodney Melrose, Jan. 14, 2022

Lisa Johnson Utschig '90, Naperville, Illinois, was recently named Scientist of the Month by the Chicago chapter of the Association for Women in Science. "Dr. Utschig has defined her own path and stayed true to herself as she has brought novel bioinorganic chemistry approaches to the long-established field of photosynthesis research, while being the mother of three," the chapter wrote. Lisa is the lead principal investigator of natural photosynthesis at Argonne National Laboratory with the Solar Energy Conversion Group.

Cheri Johnson Mahin '74 is still thinking about the question Young Alumni Award recipient **Justin Futrell '16** asked at the Homecoming Convocation: "Who is the mentor who made a difference in your life?"



TOM RAY '71

Above: Milts gathered at the 50th reunion celebrations, from left: Pat Mahin '71, Ken Dirks '71, Doug Cameron '70, Tom Read '71, Nick Shargo '70, Gary Livacari '71, Bruce Clement '71, Tom Melloy '71, and Tom Ray '71.

Right: Claude Howard '97, Jason Edwards '95, Marcus Minefee '95 (front row from left), Marcus Montgomery '95, Nia Howard, Johnnie Johnson '97, and James Mourning '99 (back row from left) gather at the C Club Breakfast during Homecoming 2022, where Howard was awarded Alumni Coach of the Year.



IMPACT PHOTOGRAPHY



MATTHEW LANG '96

Above: These Cornellians joined Matthew Lang '96 of Monument, Colorado, for his commitment ceremony on July 23, 2022, with Kacy Winters. From left: Ted Neal '95, Eric Ewert '92, Mike Farmer '96, Ryan Sweeney '16, Kari Knowles '95, Kerry Rogers Daugherty '96, Matt Lang '96, Gavin Winters '23, Keighly Ballje Appel '97, and Kevin Appel '96.

After meeting at Cornell and dating for five years, Cynthia Valenzuela '18 and John Bendewald '17 were married June 4, 2022, in Centennial, Colorado.



CYNTHIA VALENZUELA '18

The Chicago chapter of the Association for Women in Science named **Lisa Johnson Utschig '90** Scientist of the Month, stating she “defined her own path” and “brought novel bioinorganic chemistry approaches to the field of photosynthesis research, while being the mother of three.”

Alisa Baum '91, Chicago, Illinois, is executive director of the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, a multi-venue arts center at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois. After an extensive arts career at nonprofit, commercial, and government organizations, she is thrilled to be part of this mission-driven institution of higher learning.

Angela Lehmann '91, Webster Groves, Missouri, and **Tammy Weiland Dufek '92** traveled to Italy, Slovenia, and Croatia last September. “The trip was full of canals, churches, coffee, castles, caves, and a castle in a cave!” Angela wrote.

David Schultz Fullerton '92, Arden Hills, Minnesota, still works for the state of Minnesota in vocational rehabilitation. He has been training in Chinese martial arts for 24 years and teaching for the past 12. “This year I finally opened a school of my own here in the Twin Cities,” he reports. “Scary to be a small business owner, but very exciting too.”

Monica Bigger Ljiljanich '92, Tonawanda, New York, returned for her 30th reunion and reports it was a beautiful weekend on campus and good to reconnect with classmates, especially **Tricia Gantner Bunten '92** and **Richard Bunten '91**. She and Tricia were roommates for two years on the fourth floor of Bowman-Carter.

After living in Iowa for 34 years **Melanie Lucero '92** retired from her teaching career and moved back “home” to Colorado. She lives in Colorado Springs and looks forward to traveling more and spending time with family and friends.

Sean Dolan '93 has been a school counselor at Lake Placid (Florida) High School for 22 years and a cross country coach for 13 years. He and his wife have a preschool-aged son.

Don Kasak '93, Manchester, Missouri, has been catching up on travel and visits with Cornellians. In the past year he accompanied his wife to Portland, Oregon, for a conference, where he got reacquainted with **Jennifer Shaffer Greenberg '94** and **John Hendricks '95**, and met up with **Brian Gardes '95** at a bar he owns, The Pharmacy PDX. A few months later they traveled to New Mexico, spending time at the Santa Fe home of **Val Nye '93** and **Joel Yelich '94**, where they experienced views of mountains, sunsets, and curious ravens. In the fall they went to the Kansas State Fair and enjoyed a day with **Joni Rasmussen Young '93** visiting farms and wineries around Wichita.

Melissa Stephens '93 continues to create, exhibit, and teach encaustic painting from her studio in Walnut Creek, California. She recently joined the International Encaustic Artists Board of Directors, and is president of NorCAL Wax and Valley Art Gallery. She curates and founded “Hope Lives: Art for ALS,” an annual fundraising and educational art exhibition in San Francisco. The exhibition opens each May (ALS Awareness Month) to honor her sister, who was diagnosed in 2020. Melissa travels frequently to Minnesota to spend time with her sister, family, and friends including **Kathryn Rich Davis '94**, **Ingrid Casperson '93**, **Ann Lichter '93**, **Jen Donahue '94**, and **Katey Kinley '90**.

Jennifer Weiland Binstock '94, Ham Lake, Minnesota, reports that, “after staying home with our miracle surprise for nearly six years, I am back in the classroom.” She is a half-time reading teacher at her local middle school and volunteers in her son’s classroom, where she enjoys being known as Cole’s mom.

Jennifer Synhorst Pary '95 lives in Spokane, Washington, with her two teenage sons. She’s a vascular neurologist with Kaiser-Permanente and was elected to the board of directors of Washington Permanente Medical Group.

Matthew Lang '96, Monument, Colorado, celebrated 25 years of owning Lang Investment Services. Over four years ago he hired **Ryan Sweeney '16** as his junior partner. Matt and Ryan were AXEs at Cornell and met at an AXE Homecoming tailgate when Matt was on the Alumni Board.

Rebecca Scanlan Hait '97, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, enrolled in the UCLA Extension program to become a certified college counselor, with expected completion in June. Her new company, Custom Fit College Counseling, complements her one-on-one SAT and ACT tutoring business. Her daughter will graduate from high school in May, and “my husband and two golden retrievers help me stay sane through it all,” she writes.

Claude Howard '97, Springville, Iowa, was featured in The (Cedar Rapids) Gazette and the local ABC-TV affiliate last fall when the Springville high school volleyball team he coaches—with his daughter Nia, as the senior setter—competed at state for the fourth consecutive year. Nia was a first-team all-state selection and plans to attend Cornell next fall. Claude was awarded Alumni Coach of the Year at the C Club Breakfast during Homecoming 2022.

Johnnie Johnson '97 accepted the role of vice president for enrollment management at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, and moved there from Lexington, Kentucky, where he had been vice president for admissions at Transylvania University.

Adia Johnson Melrose '97, Beaumont, Texas, married Rodney Melrose on Jan. 14, 2022, and after eight years teaching elementary students, she started a job as a Veterans Affairs navigator with U and I, a small nonprofit. She will provide employment services to military veterans.

Jennifer Albrecht '98 purchased her first home in Bayfield, Wisconsin, a year ago and is just three blocks from Lake Superior. She has transitioned to freelance consulting and is enjoying playing a part in many great projects including Queen’s View, a new bed & breakfast in Bayfield.

James Salaiz '98 decamped from New York City to Shelter Island, New York, during the pandemic and has since made it his permanent residence. “During lockdown out here, my husband, Mark, and I were so immersed in nature, I wanted to throw myself and my work into that escapist experience,” he told the publication *Northforker*. Using clay, porcelain slip, glaze, and beach glass, he creates a series of works that explores the fragility, adaptability, and ingeniousness of nature.

Amy Anneberg Klein '99, Broomfield, Colorado, reports she is mostly a stay-at-home mom/chauffeur/activity director for her 3-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son. In 2022 she inadvertently embarked on a new career in freelance writing. Initially she was blogging for several small businesses but is now also writing press releases and website copy. She has also recently laced-up her tap shoes and taken to the stage for the first time in 20 years.

Continuing to support the Department of Defense intelligence agencies, **Brad Willet '99**, Annandale, Virginia, recently took on a newly established role as business manager for the Office of the Inspector General. This year marks 21 years in federal government service.

2000s

WEDDING

Lauren Kott '06 to Scott Jorgensen, July 9, 2022

BIRTHS

Logan Au, Jan. 19, 2022, to **Echo Liu '07** and Shiu-chung Au

Brooke Marie Wall, Sept. 13, 2022, to **Brian Wall '08** and Stephanie Wall

Jane Christy '00 reports she is enjoying her 23rd year of living and teaching K-12 art in the Marshall Islands. An avid traveler, to keep sane on the island without leaving for two-and-a-half years during the pandemic, she channeled her energy into creating art. In 2021 Jane held her first solo art show in 21 years. It featured 54 new paintings, sculptures, collages, illustrations, and even some poetry. In 2022 she held another show with over 150 pieces of 2D and 3D artwork created for or with her students during her first 22 years with them.

Adam Kaufman '01 raises corn, soybeans, and cattle on the family farm in Ainsworth, Iowa. He also owns and operates four Pancheros Mexican Grill restaurants in Columbia and Jefferson City, Missouri. During winter he officiates high school basketball and during the summer he teaches golf, if he has time. His wife, Erin, is a physical therapist and they have two daughters.

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- ✓ Retired or changed jobs
- ✓ Put orange carpet in your living room



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Melissa Stephens '93 curated and founded “Hope Lives: Art for ALS,” an annual fundraising and educational art exhibition in San Francisco. The exhibition honors her sister, who was diagnosed in 2020.

Katie Crooks '04 returned to the U.S. with her family after seven years in Asia. During her family's transition, Katie secured a job as director of the Lucy Burns Museum at the Workhouse Art Center in Lorton, Virginia.

Martin Krulatz '04, Camdenton, Missouri, continues to provide ER trauma care as a registered nurse. Martin has four children—ages 14, 13, 11, and 9—with many activities.

Nathan Johnson '05, St. Joseph, Missouri, moved to a new house on the same street. He reports that his wife, **Alyssa Squier Johnson '07**, keeps them living comfortably and with good coffee.

Lena Hann '06 received tenure and promotion to associate professor at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. 2021-2022 was a big year: She continued her research on abortion care workers' lived experiences and published new research about patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa, a chronic autoinflammatory skin condition. She also spent a month in Mexico completing her yoga teacher training and another month in Iceland and Sweden planning a Whole Person Health study abroad course. Lena recently opened her own small private yoga studio in Rock Island and has enjoyed teaching yoga at different studios and retreats in the Midwest and Sweden.

Lauren Kott-Jorgensen '06, Lakewood, Colorado, married Scott Jorgensen on July 9, 2022, and “gained a beautiful stepdaughter, Raelyn, age 7.”

Shortly after their marriage Lauren was diagnosed with breast cancer and has been undergoing chemotherapy and several surgeries, after which they will take a delayed honeymoon. Lauren is in her 17th year of teaching in the Jefferson County, Colorado, Lakewood High School IB program. “Despite all of life's recent challenges, we are staying positive!” she writes.

After a decade of serving as a manuscript peer-reviewer, **Alice Wagner Levin '06**, Littleton, Colorado, was selected as assistant editor for the American Association of Pathologists' Assistants national journal *The Cutting Edge*. In July 2022 the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine published a case study titled Intrapulmonary Bronchopulmonary Anastomoses in Severe COVID-19-related Acute Respiratory Failure, on which Alice was a co-author.

Sarah Brungard Clough '07, Lisbon, Iowa, was promoted to senior consultant and principal at Marts & Lundy and received the 2021 Volunteer of the Year award for the Lisbon-Mount Vernon Ambulance Service.

Echo Liu '07, Lexington, Massachusetts, gave birth to her second son in January 2022. Her older son is 3.

Brandon Wellman '07, St. Paul, Minnesota, graduated in 2022 with a master's in library and information science from St. Catherine University. He is an associate librarian with Minnesota's Anoka County Library system.

Nathan Benzschawel '09, Oakland, California, completed a master's of science in information systems at the University of San Francisco in 2021. He began a job as a data analyst for Kaiser Permanente in April 2022. He writes that he still uses One Course At A Time planning strategies to dive in and adapt quickly in work and in life.

Nicole Bienfang '09, Johnson City, Tennessee, is director of first impressions at the Salvation Army's local homeless shelter, where she warmly welcomes individuals with housing insecurity and starts them on their journey toward upward mobility, housing, and food security. Nicole writes that she uses her soft skills molded at Cornell, and is overjoyed she is getting paid for her passions by an organization that cares for her and the people she serves while being in alignment with her personal values.

Elinor Levin '09 was elected to serve as Iowa House Representative for District 89, Iowa City and University Heights.

2010s

WEDDINGS

Nolan Schillerstrom '15 to Whitney Seabrook, April 24, 2021

Oriana Henney '18 to Kyle Camilleri, Sept. 26, 2020

Cynthia Valenzuela '18 to **Johnathan Bendewald '17**, June 4, 2022

BIRTHS

Cole Joseph Newcomb, Oct. 8, 2021, to **Laura Dudgeon Newcomb '10** and **Joe Newcomb '11**

Clara Elizabeth Nothern, Aug. 18, 2022, to **Elizabeth Von Nothern '10** and **Nicholas Nothern '10**

Liam Elijah Park, July 7, 2022, to **Valerie Collins Park '10** and Matt Park

Athena Louise Mattern, Aug. 28, 2022, to **Buddy Mattern '16** and **Ella Peitz Mattern '16**

Hadleigh J Rose Camilleri, Sept. 11, 2022, to **Oriana Henney Camilleri '18** and Kyle Camilleri

“Heretic,” a memoir by **Jeanna Kadlec '10**, was published by Harper Books in October 2022. The book, a story of leaving the evangelical church and the search for radical new ways to build community, was named one of the “Best New Books” of fall 2022 by *People* magazine. Her book tour was scheduled to bring her to the Hilltop during Block 5 during which she was to work with creative writing seniors. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Lindsay Robinson Bachman '11, Simpsonville, South Carolina, transitioned to a new role as donor development manager for the March of Dimes, South Carolina. She loves being able to serve a cause so close to her heart.

Shire Feingold '11, New Hartford, Connecticut, accepted a role as the assistant director of leadership and reunion giving at Yale School of Management, and she said yes to marrying Justin Ferrari. “We are planning to tie the knot in upstate New York at our favorite winery in summer of 2023,” she writes. “A visit to the Hilltop is at the top of our travel destinations as newlyweds.”

Maricruz Gutierrez-Villa '14, Glasgow, Scotland, earned her master of science degree from the University of Glasgow.

MacKenzie Dreeszen Rutter '14, Ankeny, Iowa, was elected to represent the Iowa Young Republicans as the national committeewoman.

Maren Elnes-Kaufmann '15 and **Will Kaufmann '16** moved from Denver, Colorado, to Portland, Oregon, and became first-time home buyers. Will took a job as an agent at KPD Insurance, and Maren is an architect at GBD Architects.

Nolan Schillerstrom '15, Charleston, South Carolina, was the Rogers Fellow in Environmental Studies in South Carolina as a Cornell student—and is now the Audubon Coastal Manager for South Carolina. Nolan married Whitney Seabrook in 2021 and they bought their first house in early

2022. Nolan also completed his master's of environmental and sustainability studies at the College of Charleston in 2021. Whenever he's not working for the birds, he is enjoying woodworking in his garage or coaching crossfit at CrossFit Johns Island in South Carolina, he reports.

Fionna Flynn '16 lives in Charlottesville, North Carolina, with her partner, Julia Moore, and pup, Louie. Some may remember Louie as a puppy on the Hilltop. He is now officially a “senior” dog but “still an Olympic-level Kong-catching athlete.” Fionna is busy cultivating shiitake mushrooms and learning how to keep beehives, in addition to keeping up with her ever-expanding garden.

Nick Marn '16, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, planned to complete his master's degree in computer science in 2022 and is excited to start his next chapter as a cybersecurity engineer focusing on industrial control systems.

Hana Martin '16 is happily settled outside of Atlanta in Duluth, Georgia, with three rescue cats. After teaching for five years, she took a step back and has worked as a barista since 2021.

Oriana Henney Camilleri '18, Medford, Oregon, and her husband, Kyle, welcomed their first child, Hadleigh J Rose, just two weeks before celebrating their two-year wedding anniversary. Oriana received a promotion to patient access supervisor at Asante Health Systems and is working toward her MBA with a focus in healthcare management.

Melissa Drew '18, Minneapolis, Minnesota, received her master of arts degree in Germanic studies in May of 2022 and is enrolled in the graduate assistant program toward a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota.

Ryan Wiley '19 came back to work at Cornell as a senior admissions representative.

People magazine listed “Heretic”—a memoir by **Jeanna Kadlec '10** that tells a story of leaving the evangelical church and the search for radical new ways to build community—as one of the “Best New Books” of fall 2022.

2020s

After completing a triple major (psychology, music, and educational studies) at Cornell, **Samantha Flower '20** received a master's of science degree in human resource development from Villanova University in 2022. She is working as a human resources generalist at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Alondra Granados-Diaz '20, Mesa, Arizona, is in her second year of law school.

Paige Klug '21 is pursuing a master's degree in geology at Texas A&M University.

Amy Talman '22, Highland Park, Illinois, entered into real estate at Baird & Warner-Gold Coast in Chicago.

Losses



Peter McCormick '65

One of Cornell College's only Rhodes Scholars and a longtime Coe College professor of philosophy and computer science, **Peter McCormick '65** died Aug. 29, 2022, in Durango, Colorado. He was 79.

He held a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Michigan, an M.S. in computer science from the University of Iowa, and B.A.s from Cornell College (in philosophy and German) and Oxford University. At Cornell he played violin, sang in Oratorio, and joined the swim team.

McCormick taught at Coe from 1974–2018, helping to establish Coe's honors program in 1982. He played a critical role in integrating the internet to campus operations as Coe's first director of academic computing in 1994. He firmly believed in a liberal arts education and vibrant campus experience, and in addition to constantly advocating for the importance of developing a breadth of knowledge, was a familiar presence at athletics and campus events. "Beyond his incredible intellect, Peter was a gifted athlete, and for many of us, he good-naturedly delivered the worst thrashing we ever received on the squash court," the Coe President's Office wrote in a message after his death.

He established the Peter McCormick '65 Cultural Diversity Endowment at Cornell to promote student awareness and understanding of cultural diversity in the U.S., especially the cultures of historically important groups such as Native Americans, that have become marginalized in contemporary America.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law.

Ann Evans Berthoff '45, Concord, Massachusetts, Nov. 26, 2022

Katherine Koppelo-Nelson Mathias '45, Moorhouse, U.K., July 31, 2022

Lois Lange Menkemeller '46, Monticello, Iowa, Sept. 6, 2022

Lorraine Lehrman Taylor '46, Mechanicsville, Iowa, Aug. 17, 2022

Elsa Beck Moloney '48, Bradenton, Florida, March 22, 2022

Mary Joanne Curnutt '49, Rock Port, Missouri, Feb. 5, 2022

Richard P. Small '50, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nov. 15, 2022 (see page 2)

Elston Van Steenburgh '50, Fort Myers, Florida, Dec. 8, 2022

Harry Bittle '51, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 2, 2022

John Conde '51, Columbia, South Carolina, Aug. 29, 2022

Richard Thorsen '51, Inverness, Illinois, Sept. 15, 2022

Robert Erdmann '52, Litchfield Park, Arizona, July 11, 2022

Janet Jones '52, Oak Park, Illinois, Sept. 25, 2022

Maxine Mielke Triff '52, Madison, Wisconsin, Nov. 28, 2022

George Hahn '54, Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 22, 2022

John Wright '54, Brattleboro, Vermont, Sept. 11, 2022

Shirley Knox Frei '55, Fargo, North Dakota, Sept. 1, 2022

Mary Hansen Gross '56, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 18, 2022

Mary Jane Hamilton Kowal '57, Westchester, Illinois, Aug. 31, 2022

Jo Compton Smith '57, Aliso Viejo, California, Jan. 11, 2022

Diane Scowcroft Duffie '58, Bowling Green, Kentucky, Sept. 6, 2022

Larry Scherf '58, Clarinda, Iowa, Sept. 3, 2022

Florence Lowell Primrose '59, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 17, 2022

Cheryl Rueffel Miller '61, Waterford, Wisconsin, Dec. 4, 2022

Jerry Dowden '62, Madison, Wisconsin, Aug. 18, 2022

Ronald Parmely '62, Phoenix, Arizona, Sept. 20, 2022

Nicol Swanger Bieber '64, Unionville, Missouri, Oct. 6, 2022

Virginia "Ginny" Wright Boylls '64, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Oct. 23, 2022

April Stan Gauss '64, Houston, Texas, Nov. 13, 2022

Edward Gibbs '64, Aurora, Colorado, Dec. 22, 2022

Janet Hovde Hunt '66, De Pere, Wisconsin, Dec. 12, 2022

Sheryl Parker Barnes '67, Ida Grove, Iowa, Oct. 5, 2022

John Sheahan '67, Beloit, Wisconsin, Sept. 14, 2022

Penelope Hoiles Oncken '68, Missoula, Montana, March 2, 2022

Margaret Emery-Ginn '69, Nashua, New Hampshire, Sept. 24, 2022

Howard "Skip" Severson '69, Charlotte, North Carolina, Sept. 22, 2022

Barbara Weller '70, Potomac Falls, Virginia, Sept. 20, 2022

Gayle Wallace '72, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Dec. 5, 2022

Nancy Dugan McQuaid '80, Plymouth, Minnesota, Oct. 31, 2022

Karen Ubowski '85, Aurora, Colorado, Aug. 6, 2022

Jennifer Hampson '88, Joliet, Illinois, Nov. 13, 2022

Michael D. Williams '88, West Des Moines, Iowa, March 21, 2022

Arno Niemand, *Honorary Alumnus*, Saratoga, California, Nov. 1, 2022



Thriving amidst changes

By LANCE VANGUNDY '91

It's 3 a.m. on a Wednesday as I adjust the ventilator and IV drip settings for a middle-aged man struggling in Room 5. I've been his ICU-critical care doctor for the last seven hours. When he arrived I was simply his ER doctor. But there are no open ICU beds in the state. So, for now, he gets me.

Last week I was the obstetrician for a young woman in labor at term. I practice in an "OB desert" with no specialty services for about 60 miles, so she got me. In the last several years emergency medicine physicians have been pressed into service well beyond the scope of their expertise. Mine are just a few daily examples.

I think I'm managing the stress of all that pretty well. I try to be ... mindful. My amazing wife reminds me what a privilege it is to participate in a career where I get to make a difference to someone at least a few times in a 12-hour shift. Like most things in life, she's right, again. But something else that helps mitigate the stress is a familiarity with managing change.

I remember walking out of Law Hall as a freshman in the fall of 1987. In those days students had to reserve a timeslot to use one of eight computers to craft and then print essays on a dot matrix printer. My paper in hand, I felt pretty good as the autumn leaves swirled around my feet. I recall having a palpable awareness that everything I was doing in those

times was an investment in who and what I would become.

Cornell transformed me. The block schedule forced us to adapt to new subjects and new professors every month. In nearly every class the craft of writing was emphasized. For me, anthropology didn't stress what to believe, but instead taught me to understand why I held certain beliefs. And in all of this, we learned to navigate change.

Darwin proposed the concept that it's not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change. When I think about the polarity and conflict in current public discourse, I can't help but think that resistance or simple discomfort with change is sometimes at the heart of so much rancor.

I am grateful for the lessons learned on the Hilltop. Steeped in the Cornell experience, each of us evolved. The world needs us to apply those lessons to connect, to endure, to empathize, to lead, to participate—to thrive amidst the changes.

Lance VanGundy '91, M.D., graduated with a B.S.S. in anthropology and biology. He married his high school sweetheart after his sophomore year and hasn't scared her away after more than 30 years of marriage. They raised three daughters. He has practiced emergency medicine in his hometown of Marshalltown, Iowa, since 1998 and is a published author of epic fantasy.

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