

Alumni News



COURTESY OF KYRA KOEHLER '16

Kyra Koehler '16 (left) visited Caitlin Dugas '16 in California, where they are seen at Top of the World scenic lookout in San Carlos. "It's so great to see friends and to explore new places in the process," Kyra says.

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1940s

Jean Newton Box '47, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, writes, "On my recent 98th birthday I noticed in the mirror that I have my flute's lip plate imprinted on my chin! So this is what has happened after playing the flute and piccolo for much of my life. It makes me wonder what souvenirs you may be getting from your life."

1950s

Janice Linsey Rudzik '56, Glendora, California, still keeps in touch with **Barbara Klein Johnson '56**, **Nadine Fortna Tope '56**, **Beulah "Boo" Newton Erickson '56**, **Hilda Peterson Wales '56**, **Phyllis McCannon Townsend '55**, **Phyllis Hogle Newton '57**, and **Marge Heitman Price '59**. "My husband and I are getting rid of stuff from our home in case we move unexpectedly," she writes. "We are enjoying the friends we have, our health, our life together, and the fact we can still drive—all very important priorities now!"

Kevin McPherrin '69 took third place at the U.S. Masters Swimming Spring Nationals in the 100 meter individual medley, 75–79 age division. He was a member of the 1967 conference championship Rams swim team.

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1960s

Donald Rhoads '60, Falmouth, Massachusetts, is professor emeritus of geology at Yale University. He wrote a memoir that recalls meeting his life partner on his first day at Cornell. "This event, lasting only a few seconds, changed my life. This angel was **Christy Kramer Rhoads '60** (1936–2019). In my senior year she became my wife. Christy was the single most important person in my life for over 60 years. As my wife, she supported me financially during graduate school days and raised our two wonderful boys, Mark and Douglas. She was like a second mother to Yale students, post-doctoral fellows, and staff. A major factor in our long-term success was that Christy did not mind being left alone during my extended absences working in China and Europe."

Donald Utroska '60, Lake Forest, Illinois, and his wife, Candy, were honored by the Nigerian school where they taught in the Peace Corps. The school invited them to a reunion in Texas, asked them to present, gave them plaques, and thanked them for their service. "Long after teaching in Nigeria in 1964 and 1965, 58 years ago, we are still remembered and not just remembered, but honored for our service. I don't think anyone could receive a greater gift. And to have it happen after so many years is even more satisfying. It is the ultimate treat to be fêted together for our work."

John McCammant '61 divides his time between a Wisconsin lake home and his home in Eldridge, Iowa. "I am happy to be one of those old folks who can truthfully say, 'I don't know when I ever found time to work!' Sorry to hear **Neil Eckles '62** passed away. He was a good friend."

Dennis Bark '64, Portola Valley, California, writes that after 49 years of going to France, where his wife was born, they sold their property there and will return to New York City this fall for the first time in 20 years. "We live in a retirement community west of Stanford University, called The Sequoias—the best decision we've ever made—following my retirement as a senior fellow of the Hoover Institution 13 years ago."

John Lisle '64, Clarinda, Iowa, still works as a board chairman because he enjoys the work. During COVID sequestering he authored a small book of five short stories—all fiction but one.

Arlene Cutshall Rengert '65, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, moved into the assisted living part of the Kendal at Longwood retirement community. "It is a lovely place, and my husband's increasing medical needs are well addressed. I am still directing the Laundromat Library League, centered in Pennsylvania with branches and children's book distribution sites in over 30 other states."

Ellie Rowilson-Hall '66, Lynchburg, Virginia, writes, "The first two grandkids, Sasha and John, will both head off to college in August: University of Virginia and University of South Carolina. Romeo still has about 19 years to go. I'm loving the wee one stage again. I just wish there were a way to beam myself up to New York from Virginia on a weekly basis."

Peggy Woodruff Samuelson '66, Wheaton, Illinois, reports that her family all gathered in Switzerland to visit her daughter. They spent a week touring the countryside and then traveled for a week in Marbella, Spain.



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Cornell inducts 3 to Athletics Hall of Fame

Our 2023 Hall of Fame recipients each struck a pose representing their sport after the ceremony on Oct. 7.

Bill Maxson '74 specialized in backstroke and individual medley races as a four-year letterman on Cornell's swim team; he enjoyed a distinguished coaching career and rose to become executive director of USA Swimming.

The most accomplished volleyball player in Cornell history, **Kathleen O'Connor '14** was the 2013 AVCA First Team All-American outside hitter and the program's all-time leader with 1,743 kills.

Chris Heilman '08 was a three-time all-American wrestler at 125 pounds and holds the school record for technical falls in a season and career; he is assistant wrestling coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Paul A. Lubenkov '67, La Grange, Illinois, and his wife celebrated 50 years of marriage. They attended their son Byron's wedding and, a few months later, watched him sail from the Chicago Yacht Club as a crew member on the J120 sailboat the Black Swan en route to the starting line for the CYC Race to Mackinac. "My writing also met with good fortune and my recent short story, 'The Exorcism of Frankie Vlaha,' was accepted for publication in *Cutthroat*, a Journal of the Arts, while my book 'Tap Dancing on the Razor's Edge' was included in the collection of the Illinois State Library and was among the books selected to promote the 50-year celebration of the University of Arizona's M.F.A. program in creative writing."

Carol Monson Reinhard '67 and **Tom Reinhard '65**, St. Louis, Missouri, completed their tennis bucket list by attending the French Open tournament at Roland-Garros

in May. "Our children treated us to center court tickets where we got to see Novak Djokovic play. We're looking forward to a National Geographic Alaskan cruise in late August. Thanks to **Linda Crissey Cotten '67** for lending me this comment: 'In retirement, I have found my calling.'"

Jack Carbee '68, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and Marseillan, France, released his first book for kids, "The Adventures of Too Short Thomas." It follows the vertically challenged middle schooler through six adventures as he overcomes obstacles that might stymie the best of us. It's available on Amazon, along with two short story collections and three novels.

Carol Shiner Wilson '68, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is taking a leave of absence from the board of the Society of the Arts, to resume scholarly work on Mildred Johnstone, fiber artist and wife of a senior

Bethlehem Steel executive. "Her letters are vibrant and meditative. Her stitched work includes two decades of canvases portraying the Steel business with a Modernist and Surrealist flair, to later works reflecting the peace of mind inspired by Zen and the Japanese tea ceremony. I am delighted that my brother Larry Shiner, who once taught at Cornell, will visit. Larry, now 89, published with Oxford University Press at age 86."

Marc Christiansen '69, Wagram, North Carolina, attended the 52nd reunion of his U.S. Air Force pilot training class in Dayton, Ohio. Highlights were a day spent at the U.S. Air Force National Museum, as well as a visit to the Wright Brothers National Museum.

Along with his wife, son, and daughter-in-law, **Keith Collins '69** is singing in a choir participating in the Classical Music Festival in Eisenstadt

and Vienna, Austria. They are all members of the Palouse Choral Society of the Pullman, Washington, and Moscow, Idaho, area. Keith lives in Washington state and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

After earning his Ph.D. at Indiana University, **Jeffrey Folks '69**, Miyazaki, Japan, taught at the university level for 31 years, receiving three Fulbright fellowships and seven National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships. Jeffrey published 11 books and hundreds of academic articles. He retired from one of Japan's top universities.

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As part of their 50th reunion celebration, the Class of 1973 presented a check for \$300,073 to President Jonathan Brand establishing the Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship. This is the largest gift ever raised by a reunion class.

1970s

Jim Coddington '70 and **Linda Kellenberger Coddington '71**, Mason City, Iowa, report that they really enjoyed their delayed 50th Cornell class reunions together. Jim has made 75 beds for child victims of domestic abuse who have slept on the floor after escaping, with their mothers, the horror of abuse. Linda has been instrumental in bringing sculptures to Mason City and has developed a sculpture walk of over a mile. They are enjoying their volunteer work.

Tom McKay '70, Hampton, Illinois, has a new novel titled "Lost in the Black Hologram." It's a story of race in America and includes a discussion guide written with Tracy Williams, President and CEO of the YWCA of Southeastern Wisconsin. It can be found in independent bookstores in eastern Iowa, northern Illinois, and southern Wisconsin.

Tim Willis '70, Corvallis, Oregon, met with **Bob Lund '70** (New York), **Art Ushijima '70** (Hawaii), and **Tom Shives '70** (Arizona) at Tom's Scottsdale home for four days of storytelling and fun.

Pat Mahin '71 and **Cheri Johnson Mahin '74** celebrated 50 years of marriage in June. They are enjoying condo life in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

In 2019 **Dewey Birkhofer '73** and his wife had severe toxic mold illness and still are challenged by residual symptoms. "I encourage everyone to educate yourselves about mold toxicity, as mainstream medicine says there is no cause or cure for many chronic neurological illnesses ... As a family practice MD, I was unaware of mold toxicity until after I had retired from active practice and became quite ill. Without the internet, I would still be sick or worse. Helpful internet sites include survivingmold.com, ISEAI.org (International Society for Environmentally Acquired Illness), paradigmchange.me (a site devoted mainly to chronic fatigue), and mastcell360.com." They reside in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Max Elsey '73, DeKalb, Illinois, recently published new research in The Journal of Transformative Education. The article is "ITAF Pedagogy in Theory and Practice: An Action Research Study of Transformative Growth and Development in University Classrooms." He credits his theatre and English majors at Cornell for inspiring him to earn M.F.A. and Ed.D. degrees. Max loves his work and has no intention of retiring.

Kathryn Deason Frieden '73, Nottingham, New Hampshire, went on a birding trip to the Galapagos and spent a week on a catamaran sailing to the different islands. "It was an experience of a lifetime! In March we welcomed our second granddaughter into the world—Tova Rose. And since

our daughter Beth lives in Glasgow, we also got to spend a few weeks in Scotland for the occasion. In other news, I just played my first game of pickleball this morning."

Randy Loftus '73, Annapolis, Maryland, was featured on "Voices of the Chesapeake Bay" interview series (voicesofthechesapeakebay.net) in 2021. "I went to sea on the research vessel, Ridgely Warfield, operated by the Johns

Hopkins' Chesapeake Bay Institute for 18 years. During that time I organized and conducted over 500 research cruises, which represented about 3,200 research days in the coastal mid-Atlantic and the Chesapeake, Delaware, and New York estuaries. After Chesapeake Bay Institute (CBI) was downsized, I worked for the University of Maryland's Chesapeake Biological Lab and became the campus IT specialist. I then joined the

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Chesapeake Bay Field Office as a computer specialist and was later promoted to regional IT specialist, and then I retired after 25 years. My hobby is wildlife photography."

During COVID **Scott Simmer '73** and his wife, Peg Schoen, vacated their Silver Spring, Maryland, home and are now living mostly full-time in the home they built on the Delaware beach south of

Rehoboth. Scott continues his active law practice representing whistleblowers in claims that the government has been defrauded. He writes that the work is very engaging. He also still manages his Washington, D.C., office, but mostly all remote now. After dealing with COVID and treatments related to Peg's breast cancer (successful) over the past year, they are starting to travel more. Scott is actively engaged on the Cornell Board of Trustees,

which he says has been a great experience and allows him to get back to Mount Vernon regularly and check in with **John McGrane '73** and **Marty Benson McGrane '73**. He also reconnected with **John McClelland '73** and his wife, Ket, recently.

Howard Williams '73, San Diego, California, still works full-time in internal medicine private practice. He is president of Mercy Physicians Medical

Group, an independent physician association with 140 primary care doctors and 600 specialists. "My youngest is a second-year vet student in L.A., so I have a few more years to go. I feel great, though, and will keep working as long as I still enjoy doing it."



Class of 1973 50th reunion



FRONT ROW: Cleda Houmes, Peg Dunlap, Nancy Plummer Drago, Joan Watson-Nelson, Catherine Sun, Gail Lundeen Brand, Ann Schultis, Dave Hansen, Jo Ellen Bailey Kimball, Phyllis Gebhardt Lia, Kathryn Deason Frieden, Dave Turnball.

ROW 2: Roger Higbie, Jim Yager, John Delibos, Karen Schneeberger Moody, Marty

Benson McGrane, Susan Zimmerman, John McClelland, Bill Rapier, Kathleen Rhynas Bognanni, Peg Sellen Dana, Liz Seyforth Black, Rodney Black, Ray Ramey, Linda Meyer Renner, Melinda Murphy Driscoll, Steve St. Clair.

ROW 3: Tob Trickey, Steve Espe, Rob Ash, Jen Fais, Tom Bayles, Dewey Birkhofer, Bruce Frana, Max Hansen, Kevin Stingley, Walt

Steggall, Robert Reimann, Douglas Smith, Alex Chang.

ROW 4: Steven Fulton, Bill Sharar, Scott Simmer, John McGrane, Greg Ippen, Rick Diachenko, Andy Taylor, Todd Ririe, Ted Van Dorn, Tommy Hoff, Susan Shillinglaw, Al Alphin.



RAFAEL SANCHEZ

After five years of dating, Jessica Uriostegui Gomez '20 and Jonathan Gomez '18 got married on July 2, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois, with many Cornellians in attendance. Third row from left: Morgan Casarez '20, George Zimmerman '18, Gabi Hiatt '21, Sofia Lopera Cardona '22, Abby Herrick Sterchele '17, Lily Dahlstrom '20, Auston Sack '18, Ylana Padgett '19, Ryan Belle '20, Gus Turyn '18, Cade Rihani '19. Second row: Jani Mustaffa '17, Idalis Feliciano '17, Alex Pazaran '17, Daniella Gonzales '19, Raquel Ruiz '20, Alex Brewster '18. Front row: Brett Krull '17, Joe Sterchele '17, Jonathan Gomez '18, Jessica Uriostegui Gomez '20, Martin Rosenfeld '20, David Pollicita '19, Tucker Lewis '17, and Riley Bell '18.



COURTESY OF NAOMI HANNA BINSFELD '87

Naomi Hanna Binsfeld '87 joined a group of knitters at Spirit of Hope church in Golden Valley, Minnesota, and discovered that three of this group of 10 or so graduated from Cornell. From left: Tina Prokosch '96, Trudy Hoag '70, and Naomi Hanna Binsfeld '87.



NOEL IRION

Melissa Wood '82 (right) met Jan Lansing Murphy '83 (left), Dan Ricklefs '79, and Jenny Riggs Ricklefs '82 when she traveled to Denver, Colorado, in July. She also saw Karin Kadlec Barthel '82 in Golden, Colorado.



ZÉGER FAMILY

On July 15, 2023, Gabrielle Zeger '21 celebrated her marriage to Jayden Johnston-Zeger. Back row from left: John Turner '94, Ann Loewe Turner '94, Jen Lindstrom '93, Kim Novak, Kelly Neppl '93, Lorry Dickinson '93, Kelly Close Howe '93, Vickie Wessels-Murphy '93, Jen Vogt Devine '93, Deidra Schleicher '92, Madeleine Kleckner '21, Tim Devine '92. Front row: Nolan Zeger '23, Andrew Lopez '23, Wesley Zeger '93, Heather Biga Zeger '93, Gabrielle Zeger '21, Maricruz Hernandez '24, and officiant Cal Gibley '21.

Planning a Wedding?

Congrats!

Remember to take a photo with your Cornell guests and share it with us to be included in Class News.

Send the picture from your special day to classnews@cornellcollege.edu with your wedding date, location, and the names of your guests.

Best wishes!



Henry Winokur '74, Chevy Chase, Maryland, joined his wife, Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein, as she co-led a seven-day trip to Poland with North Carolina secondary school educators who teach about the Holocaust. They visited Kraków, the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps, Warsaw, Treblinka extermination camp, and Majdanek concentration camp.

After seven years of retirement and various projects, including grandparenting and house-flipping with her real estate agent husband, **Susan Schuler Glenn '75** has embarked on a new project. As a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, she's forming a 501(c)(3), Friends of Minnehaha Park. The 193-acre park features a 53-foot waterfall and is the most visited park in Minneapolis, but lacks a friends group supporting it. She has connected with some wonderful people, with knowledge, experience, and a willingness to help.

Jim Musca '75 reports, "We moved to San Diego to chase grandkids around and then, after two years, had enough of the 'beautiful' weather and moved back to St. Louis and wonderful changes of season and trees!" They live within walking distance of three children and five grandchildren. In addition, they are next to Forest Park "and are in it every day at the St. Louis Zoo, the Art Museum, St. Louis Symphony, tennis, walking, or running. While we love and play tennis, we are also enjoying pickleball. In addition to traveling wherever our Tesla wants to drive us, I am the treasurer of our HOA and the lead maintenance/vendor manager for my daughters."

After 50 years of loving Iowa, **Mary Bryan '77** moved to DeLand, Florida.

Jerry Harrington '77, Iowa City, Iowa, published "Thunder from the Prairie," exploring the life of Harold E. Hughes, a man of working-class origins who overcame severe alcoholism to become Iowa governor and a U.S. Senator (University Press of Kansas, 2023). In his preface Jerry wrote about how his interest in Iowa history blossomed at Cornell, "helped by two classes I took in my junior year. One was a 20th-century U.S. history course taught by Professor Richard Thomas, who was also chair of the State Historical Society of Iowa and promoted the study of Iowa history among students, including me. The other was a 20th-century American literature course taught by Professor Richard Martin, where I was introduced to the works of William Faulkner. Faulkner spent nearly his entire literary career writing about a single mythical county in Mississippi, and studying him made me realize that the universal can be found in the local."

Susan Emmons '78, York, Pennsylvania, retired as a senior deputy prosecutor with the local district attorney and has been volunteering for the local legal aid program. She is also supply preaching (temporarily filling the pulpit) for a downtown church and handling their pastoral care. "We have time to travel to visit our three grandchildren, Hannah, Leah, and Finnegan, which is our great joy. Our daughter Rachel works on Capitol Hill. We watched fireworks on July 4 from the Capitol steps, which was magical! I am continuing to lead my best life, and rediscovering the value of time with family and friends."

In May **Cindy Polson Rubenstein '78**, **Dena Baugh Banker '78**, **Janet Heger Larson '78**, **Nancy Currie Barnes '78**, and **Paula Krahn Merkle '78** resumed their semiregular-since-the-1990s city weekend reunions. This time they enjoyed Chicago's architecture, museums, restaurants, and theatre, and reminisced plenty about their days at Cornell.

Amy Brophy Steinkraus '78 and **Larry Steinkraus '78**, Rochester, Minnesota, report that Larry became emeritus at Mayo Clinic just as the pandemic began. He and Amy then experienced more togetherness than they had in their 45 years of marriage. Their relationship survived and even thrived, for which they are both grateful. Once things opened up they took their first Road Scholar tour, traveling to Quebec. Amy works part-time at Mayo as a standardized patient, an acting job where she enjoys training medical and nursing students and physicians in various realistic scenarios. She continues to serve on the board of the Tango Society of Rochester, helping organize practices and events for a small community of dancers. She and Larry are excited that their daughter has moved to

town with her family to begin a fellowship in preventive medicine at Mayo.

Dean Riesen '79, Scottsdale, Arizona, was featured on the podcast GDT (Givers, Doers, Thinkers) about his efforts to deliver clean water in Tanzania and what others can learn from his work. He founded and serves as chairman of the Tanzania Water Fund, which has completed over 35 community-based water systems there. In the podcast, he outlines what he calls the human development pyramid and why clean water is even more essential than economic development or healthcare for many developing communities. He ends by offering wisdom on starting new endeavors and charitable work, noting the importance of patience and persistence when things fail, and measuring the desired

output instead of input. Dean's episode is No. 33 (July 14, 2022). Dean is a former Cornell Trustee married to **Bambi Hull Riesen '82**.

Pope Francis appointed Most Reverend **Thomas Zinkula '79** as Archbishop of Dubuque. Tom was ordained in 1990 and has served as bishop of Davenport in Iowa since 2017. He holds a degree from the University of Iowa College of Law and practiced law in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for three years before studying for the priesthood at Theological College at the Catholic University of America, earning a master's degree in theology in 1990. In 1998 he received a licentiate in canon law from St. Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada.

1980s

In 2022 **Dana Dahl Touzelet '81**, Les Paccots, Switzerland, retired from Edwards Lifesciences' European headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, as vice president of ethics and compliance for Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Canada, and Latin America "after over 14 years of service and a great deal of gratitude for the many wonderful opportunities and professional challenges provided by a very rewarding international career. My husband and I look forward to enjoying retirement in the Swiss Alps and pursuing various interests, including golf, cycling, and travel," she writes.

Kristin Caskey '84, Richmond, Virginia, serves on the leadership team at Virginia Commonwealth University where she has been a faculty

High school chemistry and physics teacher **Mervin Tuzon '93** and his wife, Beth, recently created the Professor Truman Jordan and Professor Cynthia Strong Experiential Learning Fund. Tuzon recognized and thanked his mentors during remarks at The President's Reception during Homecoming 2023 and recalled how his high school classmates at state universities were shocked that he was in small classes taught by Ph.D. faculty. FROM LEFT: Truman Jordan, Mervin Tuzon '93, and Cindy Strong.



ROBYN SCHWAB AARON '07

member for 25 years. Her new position is senior director for the fine arts and interim chair of sculpture and extended media. "It is a really interesting time to lead in higher education, and our team needs to be flexible and innovative as we navigate huge changes in the education industry," she writes.

Missy Gehler '85, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was honored to be invited to join Cornell's Alumni Board. Her husband, **Matt Schousen '83** teaches at Franklin & Marshall College. "We went from one small liberal arts college on a hilltop to another! I work as a freelance technical writer and still indulge my passion for horseback riding on a regular basis," she writes. Their son, Stephen, is a junior at Bucknell University.

Leslie Grau Frady '86, Ladera Ranch, California, joined the Cornell College Alumni Association Board of Directors in April.

Louis Feldman '87, Portland, Oregon, works with a team that runs a Wells Fargo-Allspring mutual fund based in Portland. "I have also spent many days following my eldest teenager around the country as he

competes in various curling bonspiels (tournaments) as one of the top-ranked junior curlers in the country," he writes. His younger son starts his senior year of high school this fall.

Don Furman '88 was elected president of the Iowa Optometric Association in 2023. He has practiced full-scope optometry in two offices for nearly 30 years. He and **Melinda Frericks Furman '88** live on an acreage outside of Forest City, Iowa.

Alicia Risner-Bauman '88, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, celebrated the graduation of her youngest, Matthew, from Drexel University this year. Her daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from Binghamton University in 2019. After almost 30 years of practicing dentistry in private practice, clinics for underserved populations, and as a consultant, she is happy to report that the third class at the University of Pennsylvania College of Dental Medicine has started its clinical experience in the Care Center for Persons with Disabilities. Helping to get this program off the ground and operational is what she considers the crown jewel of her

career. She lives in Philadelphia while her husband, Bill Bauman, remains at the homestead in Corning, New York, where he practices chiropractic. She is missing the block breaks needed to enjoy longer weekends together.

Jen Wilcock Edmondson '89 moved to Cat Spring, Texas, in 2019 to take over her family's cattle ranch. "**Matt Edmondson '89** is now a full-fledged cattle rancher (who'd have thunk?!) in addition to holding down a full-time job at a marking company in the Chicago suburbs (he works remotely). I am still running our small biz, Laughing Frog Studio, for the 12th year and continue to love it," she writes. Their daughter recently graduated from the University of Texas, and their son is in Asheville, North Carolina, getting his electrician license.

1990s

Lisa Johnson Utschig '90, Naperville, Illinois, was one of three scientists at the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory who were named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Her citation credits her "distinguished contributions to the field of solar/photochemical energy conversion in natural and bioinspired photosynthesis, particularly for developing novel assemblies to advance approaches to convert solar energy into energy-rich chemicals."

Carolyn Kerr Armstrong '92, Winnetka, Illinois, has published another children's book, "At the Edge of the Ice," book one in her Eco Warriors series. "Each story highlights a habitat affected by climate change. It's fact-based fiction with a touch of fantasy. I also have a monthly newsletter called the Earth-friendly Edition For People Who Love the Planet. It offers super easy ways to be more sustainable," she writes. Book and newsletter info is at ckabooks.com

Lorry "Lou" Hainsworth Dickinson '93 retired after 31 years in education. "Thirteen of those years were spent teaching 6th-12th graders and the rest of my career was spent in teacher leadership and student intervention. My son and I also moved from Houston, Texas, to Two Harbors, Minnesota, to pursue life on the north shore. I will be pursuing a second career after a few months off," she writes.

Don Kasak '93, Manchester, Missouri, has several trips planned prior to the Class of '93 30th reunion at Cornell Homecoming 2023. He'll be with his wife's family for three weeks in New Hampshire, with trips to Boston, the Maine coast, and parts of New Brunswick. Just before Homecoming they'll head to Oklahoma City for his brother's wedding.

Christopher George '94 and **Jennifer Miller George '94**, Slinger, Wisconsin, are having a year full of milestones. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and the graduation of their youngest child from high school. Jennifer has been a family physician for 22 years and Christopher has been a project manager with US Biologic for eight years. They are planning some adventures now that they are empty-nesters.

Matt Shelton '96, Pacific Grove, California, was promoted to senior supervisory attorney and deputy staff judge advocate at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey. He, **Sarah Frahm Shelton '98**, and their three kids traveled last summer to Lucerne, Switzerland, to visit family, and also toured Colmar, Strasbourg, and Stuttgart.

Stephen Day '97 and **Jen Delhaye Day '97**, Elgin, Illinois, had the pleasure of touring five countries in Europe last June with several hundred student musicians. Their children, Hannah and Norah, were invited to participate in the Illinois Ambassadors of Music program. High school students from

across the state performed in a variety of venues in the UK, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Austria.

Cheyenne McClure Martin '97, Mountville, Pennsylvania, published another novel, "A Sapphire Sun: Orbital Decay," book two of the Shadow Factor series.

Jen Klein O'Keefe '98, Morehead, Kentucky, was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of America (GSA). Her nominator wrote that she "has made fundamental contributions to coal geology, palynology, and terrestrial paleoecology. Her pioneering work on fungal palynology and paleoecology gives us a new tool to understand fungal decomposition in terrestrial ecosystems through deep time. Her service as chair of GSA's Energy Division and president of AASP [The Palynological Society] is meritorious."

Jennifer Carrell '99, Enumclaw, Washington, started a new job as cartographer and GIS specialist for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

William J. Dennison II '99, Wonder Lake, Illinois, starred in a feature film that was released in July, "Chi Town Thunderfist," a 1970s-style kung fu movie. This was Will's second feature film after starring in "By Sword or By Fire" the previous year. "By Sword or By Fire" is still in post-production, but "Chi Town Thunderfist" is available on DVD and Blu-ray. William also joined the Cornell College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

RJ Holmes-Leopold '99, Eagan, Minnesota, co-authored a chapter on career education and includes the Cornell Fellows Program as an example.

2000s

BIRTHS

Sophia Maureen Drewitz, June 25, 2022, to **Lauren Beck Drewitz '05** and **Ryan Drewitz '05**

Adeline Hope and Taylor Madison Kline, May 8, 2023, to **Laura Allis Kline '07** and Perry Kline

Persephone Kate Bevan, Feb. 4, 2023, to **Tatiana Batson Bevan '10** and Scott Bevan

After over 20 years in Colorado, **Toby Brown '01** and **Angela Bird '00** are moving to New Hampshire. "I will still be teaching, but am changing from mostly teaching French to only teaching science," Angela writes. "Toby is working toward his master's of divinity. Our children are both grown and graduated.

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Michael Burke '01, Justine Stewart Burke '03, and their three kids spent nearly a month in their camper visiting a whole host of Cornellians.

Both Maddie Althoff '22 and Emma Burnett '23 are resident artists—Maddie at Pocosin Arts, Columbia, North Carolina, and Emma at the Iowa Ceramics Center in Cedar Rapids.

Anna Norstedt '02, St. Paul, Minnesota, quit her job in January and went back to her previous employer, so she's once again working in a public pre-K program.

Lindsey Carlson Martens '03, Ankeny, Iowa, graduated with an MBA from Drake University. She and **Jeff Martens '03** have two boys.

Katie Crooks '04, Ashburn, Virginia, moved back to the U.S. with her husband and son after seven years in Asia. In 2022 Katie started her new job as director of the Lucy Burns Museum at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, Virginia, just south of Washington, D.C.

Dawn Niederschulte Trujillo '05 lives in Topeka, Kansas, with her husband, son, and twin daughters. She's in her 17th year of teaching in elementary schools with a special interest in special education as she raises two autistic children. "I am working hard to get the government to properly fund special education everywhere, so that students with special needs are supported and can access their environment. I would love for our world to be more inclusive of people with different abilities," she writes.

Amelia Brandt '06, Seattle, Washington, reunited with fellow grads **Sarah Goldman '06, Nikki Bonar Hinton '06, Anna Doorenbos '06, and Stacy Weinberg Tyman '06**, all within the last year. She recently had her professional responsibilities expanded to include overseeing sustainability strategy for her company, Chicago-based communications firm Zeno Group, and plans to lead the company in setting a climate goal. Amelia and her husband, Matt, enjoy hiking in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with their corgis.

Sarah Brungard Clough '07, Lisbon, Iowa, was promoted to vice president of philanthropy insights and analytics at Marts&Lundy.

2010s

WEDDINGS

Jonathan Gomez '17 to **Jessica Uriostegui '20**, July 2, 2022

Katie Stieber '18 to Alex Ellis, Oct. 14, 2022

Marin Dettweiler '19 to Justin Noska, Sept. 18, 2021

BIRTHS

Ethan Huang Patzke, Feb. 5, 2023, to **Andrew Patzke '11** and Jiaqi Huang

Tobias Mitchell Kolterman, Jan. 16, 2023, to **Ashley Crump Kolterman '13** and Charles Kolterman

Cate LiaBraaten '12 and **Tim Bingham '13** moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Clarksville, Tennessee, this summer. After completing a dual Ph.D. in U.S. history and public history, Cate has accepted a position as a professor at Austin Peay State University. Tim will be back on the Hilltop teaching constitutional law for a block.

Courtney Olson '14, Las Vegas, Nevada, bought a condo and got a new job as a restaurant manager for Giordano's on the Las Vegas Strip.

MacKenzie Dreeszen Rutter '14, Ankeny, Iowa, was re-elected as the national committeewoman for the Iowa Federation of Young Republicans in June 2023.

Ve'Amber Miller-Dye '15, Baltimore, Maryland, accepted a job at Johns Hopkins University for Hopkins Retrospective as their digital content and outreach coordinator. She moved there from Chicago with her spouse and pup.

Fiona Flynn '16 will attend the master of agriculture program part-time and online at Virginia Tech, "which will allow me to keep my current amazing job as the kitchen garden coordinator at the Morven Sustainability Lab of the University of Virginia in scenic Charlottesville, Virginia. I know that this course of study will help me take my growing skills to the next level, and allow me to pass those skills on to my wonderful farm crew here."

Justin Futrell '16, Denver, Colorado, is pursuing his master's degree in healthcare innovation from The Ohio State University.

Kyra Koehler '16 moved from North Carolina to Omaha, Nebraska, to start a job at Children's Hospital and Medical Center as a certified child life specialist. "I made a trip from North Carolina to Washington to visit **Brandon Davis '16** and **Leah Bedatsky '16** and to meet their sweet daughter, Laine. We had the pleasure of exploring many places, but we made sure to visit Mount Vernon, Washington. I also went to California to see **Caitlin Dugas '16** before returning to North Carolina. While in California, I met the donkey who was the model for Donkey in the Shrek movies, as he lives near Caitlin."

Sanjuanita "Sam" Martinez '16, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, accepted a position with the Western District of Oklahoma as an assistant federal public defender.

Johnathan Bendewald '17, Wheeling, Illinois, became an official member of The Magic Castle, a world-renowned magician's club in Hollywood.

Hannah Robertson '18, Cardiff, Wales, finished her master's degree in international journalism from Cardiff University in 2019 and recently returned to Wales to live with her fiancé. She works remotely for a news organization in Colorado called the Local NEWS Network.

Marin Dettweiler Noska '19, Marion, Iowa, took a new position at Willis Dady Homeless Services in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as an employment case manager. She's been with Willis Dady since September 2021 and writes, "I'm loving my work in social services!"

2020s

WEDDINGS

Jessica Uriostegui '20 to **Jonathan Gomez '17**, July 2, 2022

Gabrielle Zeger '21 to Jayden Johnston-Zeger, July 15, 2023

Jace Bricker '20, Woodland Hills, California, opened a comprehensive financial planning practice on the Northwestern Mutual platform. "In essence, I help busy people protect what they have and get what they want. I specifically enjoy working with current college students, recent graduates, as well as young families. I find great satisfaction in equipping clients with the financial know-how and tools needed to achieve financial security," he writes.

George Ziamia '20, Columbia, Missouri, is an environmental research analyst for Saoradh Enterprise Partners, a top environmental firm in the U.S.

Robert Petrie '21, Minneapolis, Minnesota, works at an elementary school in South Minneapolis as an associate educator.

Maddie Althoff '22 received an artist residency at Pocosin Arts, Columbia, North Carolina.

Drew Bruck '23 is working for an environmental consulting firm in Iowa City.

Emma Burnett '23, Norwalk, Iowa, is a resident artist at the Iowa Ceramics Center in Cedar Rapids.

Nick Campbell '23 is pursuing a master of music degree in classical guitar performance at Illinois State University. "I can't wait to return to Cornell someday and talk to all of my professors!" Nick writes.

Becca Gutierrez '23 is attending graduate school at the University of Sheffield in England to get a master's degree in librarianship.

Lily Hartney '23 moved to Plano, Texas, for a position with Toyota Motor North America.

Clara Haverstic '23 will be attending Maastricht University in the Netherlands for a master's degree in political culture.

Abby Heims '23, Solon, Iowa, is working at Integrated DNA Technologies and refining applications to med schools.

Greta Henderson '23 was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany, after which she will attend graduate school for literary translation at the University of Iowa.

Elise Kalin '23, Bettendorf, Iowa, is working as a technical communicator for Fast Enterprises.

Sarah Mumford '23 has moved to Beaverton, Oregon, and is working in the field of mental health for adults and the elderly.

Abigail Patten '23 is attending the University of Iowa for a master's degree in finance and business analytics, and she is Cornell's cheerleading and dance coach.

Skylar Vos '23 is a senior legal assistant at the Department of Justice located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Marlo Webster '23, Mount Vernon, Iowa, reports: "I got a new kitten! His name is Emi-Rat, short for Emergen C. Rations. I've also been working at the alumni office and bartending at Chameleon's. During the school year I'm going to be baking and catering at Bon Appétit."

Losses



CORNELL COLLEGE

Addison Ault

A legendary mentor, researcher, and author, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Addison Ault died Sept. 27, 2023, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at age 90. He taught organic chemistry at Cornell for 50 years, from 1962–2012.

Ault earned a B.A. from Amherst College and a Ph.D. from Harvard University, then taught for two years at Grinnell College. In 1961 he moved to Chicago where he spent a year at the Argonne National Laboratory as a faculty representative for the Associated Colleges of the Midwest. While there he met Cornell Chemistry Professor William Deskin, who influenced him to come teach at Cornell.

Ault was not entirely happy with the lab manuals of the time, and he spent part of a sabbatical writing "Techniques and Experiments for Organic Chemistry," now in revision for a seventh edition. In the early 1970s he wrote a grant that allowed Cornell to acquire a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (NMR) at a time when few academic institutions of its size possessed one. Among his over 50 publications—including five books—are two books related to the NMR.

A lover of classical music, he learned to play the cello in middle age and participated in orchestras at Cornell and the Harvard Summer School. His enjoyment of athletics was expressed in the many games of touch football he played with students on the front lawn of the Carnegie Building (Norton Geology) when the chemistry department was housed there, his faithful attendance at the home and away events of the Cornell men's cross country team, and his occasional participation on Cornell's RAGBRAI team.

In nominating him for an award after his retirement, the chemistry department wrote of Ault: "His great intellect, Harvard training, NIH fellowship, and experience in a national lab would have allowed Addison to spend his career almost anywhere. He chose to pursue excellence at an institution that specializes in undergraduate education."

In addition to **Janet Ault '78**, his wife of 65 years, Dr. Ault is survived by their five children and 10 grandchildren.

Losses



CORNELL COLLEGE

Jon M. Stark '52

Former Trustee **Jon M. Stark '52** died in Santa Rosa, California, on May 2, 2023. He was 93.

An Iowa native, Stark was the first in his family to attend college, calling it a life-changing experience. He served on Cornell's Board of Trustees from 1989 to 1997. In 2016 he and his wife, Terry, donated \$1 million to create the Stark Endowed Fellowship to fund experiential learning opportunities through the Berry Career Institute.

At Cornell he joined Gamma Tau Pi, played basketball, and worked in the Bowman Hall kitchen. After graduating with a degree in economics and business, he served as a Naval officer, then earned an MBA at Stanford University. He and Terry lived in Zurich, Switzerland, and London, England, before landing in California, where he established himself in mortgage banking and financial consulting.

As he approached retirement age, he left the corporate world to work with small companies that used his financial expertise to grow and succeed.

Stark loved Dixieland jazz, good wine, golf with friends, tennis when he was younger, and travel. He was a member of Rotary for more than 25 years and served on the Santa Rosa Symphony Board. He had a deep concern for people who are homeless, and he was a member of the Burbank Housing board until the time of his death.

Jon is survived by his wife of 60 years, Maria Teresita (Terry) Esteve; daughter Annemarie (James Bailey); son **Eric Stark '89** (Jeannette Schram); four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

L. Jackson Roberts II '65

Dr. Lyman Jackson "Jack" Roberts II '65, an internationally known clinical pharmacologist in the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, died May 31, 2023, in Nashville. He was 79.

When he enrolled at Cornell he expected to return to Muscatine, Iowa, and work for the family auto parts businesses. Instead, he took a physiology course from Professor **T. Edwin Rogers '39** that sparked an interest in science. Many years later, when he was honored with an endowed chair at Vanderbilt, he named it the T. Edwin Rogers Chair in Pharmacology.

Following graduation from Cornell, Roberts earned a medical degree from the University of Iowa, completed a residency at Washington University in St. Louis, and began a fellowship in clinical pharmacology at Vanderbilt. He joined the faculty in 1977.

Among his best-known work was the discovery, with Jason Morrow in 1990, of isoprostanes and for subsequently pioneering research that established their role in atherosclerosis, cancer, and neurodegenerative diseases. In the 1980s he and three colleagues showed that low-dose aspirin halted downstream production of a blood-clotting compound, providing the basis for clinical trials utilizing low doses of aspirin that demonstrated a reduced risk of clot-induced heart attacks.

He authored more than 400 scientific publications. In 2001 he received the National Institutes of Health MERIT Award.

Roberts had a passion for boating, was an excellent water and snow skier, and a talented pianist. He is survived by his wife, Vicky, two sons, seven grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.



CORNELL COLLEGE

David U. Van Metre

HONORARY ALUMNUS

Dave Van Metre died May 11, 2023, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was the lead donor for renovations that significantly improved Cornell's stadium, which was dedicated in 2018 as Van Metre Field at Ash Park.

A Mount Vernon native, Van Metre had extensive Cornell family connections—including his alumni parents, aunt, uncle, and brother, the late **Douglas C. Van Metre '50**—as well as childhood memories of running and playing all around the Hilltop.

"He always wanted to help Cornell," said President Jonathan Brand. "At the same time, he was most excited when we had projects that benefitted both Mount Vernon and Cornell. Because he was such a believer in the power of sport to develop leaders, it comes as no surprise that facilities shared by the Mount Vernon Community School District and Cornell College were of greatest interest to Dave. Those projects brought Mount Vernon and the college closer together."

Van Metre was an All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference tight end for Colorado College and was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. Following his football career and service in the Army, he and his wife, Carol, moved to Omaha in 1968, where he worked in municipal bonds. He ran the New York, Twin Cities, and Los Angeles marathons and had a life-long passion for fitness, taking pride in upgrading fitness facilities and athletic venues of schools and community centers in Omaha and Mount Vernon, including the Van Metre Family Softball Field shared by Mount Vernon High School and Cornell.

He is survived by a son, Jim (Stacey), daughter-in-law Robin, and four grandchildren.



CORNELL COLLEGE

Robin Reid

Robert "Robin" Reid, who worked in student affairs from 1965–1974 and maintained a strong connection to Cornell, died May 15, 2023, in San Diego, California. He was 85.

Reid studied American history at Colorado College, graduating in 1959. He then spent two years in the Army, two years teaching high school history, and became a student again, earning a master's degree in history at the University of Colorado Boulder.

He arrived at Cornell College in 1965 during an era of unrest on U.S. campuses. In addition to serving as assistant, then associate, dean of students, he became director of The Commons after it opened in January of 1966. In 2013 Reid and his former wife, a Cornell sociology associate professor, established the Robin Reid and Sue Titus Reid Experiential Learning Endowment. In 2014 he returned for the dedication of the renovated Thomas Commons.

Reid left Cornell in 1974 for San Diego, California, where he spent the rest of his life. He initially worked for University Associates Publishers, Inc., then became a management consultant, diving into the emerging discipline of organizational dynamics. He flew around the country consulting with managers of companies including Coors and Genentech. He teamed up with like-minded colleagues in consulting groups, worked in-house for the city of San Diego, then independently. He was well known for his collaborative demeanor, and team building was his favorite work.

He is survived by his brother John, two nephews, and three nieces. Contributions may be made to the Robin Reid and Sue Titus Reid Experiential Learning Endowment at Cornell.

Virginia Swaney Fehrenbacher '44, Ridgecrest, California, May 22, 2023

Wayne Larson '45, Ripon, Wisconsin, June 27, 2023

Carol Hall Colburn '47, Bellingham, Washington, January, 2023

Helen Gustafson Ringgenberg '47, Iowa City, Iowa, May 10, 2023

Richard Dvorak '48, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 30, 2023

Wayne Lyford '48, Flandreau, South Dakota, Sept. 5, 2023

Evelyn Melton Peterson '48, DeKalb, Illinois, Aug. 4, 2023

Patricia Hall Wright '48, Ames, Iowa, Nov. 16, 2021

Margaret Leland Dietz '49, Paris, Tennessee, Sept. 30, 2021

Eizabeth Marshall Mansfield '49, Iowa City, Iowa, May 7, 2023

Robert Cooper '50, Salem, Oregon, July 21, 2023

Normakay Marthinson '50, Lake Mills, Iowa, Aug. 14, 2023

Ben McAdams '50, Moline, Illinois, July 10, 2023

Jane Graham McGinn '50, Madison, Wisconsin, July 24, 2023

Audrey Evans DeRango '51, Tampa, Florida, July 28, 2023

Thomas Harvey '51, La Porte City, Iowa, July 3, 2023

Luella Heitshusen Stone '52, Des Moines, Iowa, March 10, 2023

Kathleen "Katie" Barkman Walther '52, Freeport, Illinois, June 25, 2023

Jeanette Frahm Wilson '52, Miles, Iowa, May 17, 2023

Payson Lowell '53, Overland Park, Kansas, Sept. 23, 2023

Richard E. Miller '53, St. Louis, Missouri, Aug. 5, 2022

Hughes Morris Jr. '53, Lincoln, Nebraska, Aug. 20, 2023EI

Robert "Warren" Sonneman '53, Palm City, Florida, Jan. 21, 2022

Shirley Anderson Warren '53, Rochester, New York, June 14, 2023

Roger Love '54, Erie, Colorado, Sept. 29, 2023

Patricia Tarr Mildvan '54, Baltimore, Maryland, July 29, 2023

James Hardin '56, Bellingham, Washington, Sept. 1, 2023

Jeanette "Jan" Horstman Govig '57, Scottsdale, Arizona, May 11, 2023

Charles Price '57, Chico, California, July 22, 2023

Thomas Anderson '58, Decorah, Iowa, June 28, 2023

Helen Dude '58, Hoyleton, Illinois, Sept. 25, 2023

Marilyn "Jo" Pullen Jacobson '58, Boulder, Colorado, July 16, 2023

John Williams '58, Stockton, California, July 25, 2023

Judith Hawks Williamson '58, Rock Island, Illinois, April 25, 2023

Don Henderson '59, Rockford, Illinois, Aug. 22, 2023

Donald Butterfield '60, Aspen, Colorado, Sept. 9, 2023

Beverly Ingols Mumm '60, Roseville, California, July 31, 2023

David Fergesen '61, Hillsborough, New Jersey, Aug. 5, 2023

Kenneth Leary '63, Glastonbury, Connecticut, May 15, 2023

Carol Jean "Sally" Johnson Kelsey '64, Huntley, Illinois, Aug. 23, 2023

Sally Erickson Maly '64, Shaver Lake, California, Feb. 21, 2023

James Thompson '64, Normal, Illinois, March 8, 2023

Carol Robertson Brown '65, Austin, Texas, June 3, 2023

Helmut Reiter '67, McHenry, Illinois, Dec. 29, 2022

Robert Drury '69, Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 4, 2023

Craig Phair '71, New Brighton, Minnesota, July 8, 2023

Beth Scholl Oujiri '74, Iron River, Wisconsin, March 2, 2022

Tryon Wells '74, Bethesda, Maryland, July 8, 2023

Craig Margulis '77, Iowa City, Iowa, April 19, 2023

Michael Eganhouse '80, Tucson, Arizona, May 9, 2023

Paulette Reed '80, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 6, 2023

Brad Shaffer '86, Mount Prospect, Illinois, April 23, 2023

Jacob Shipley '00, Woodbridge, Virginia, Aug. 19, 2023

Walter Borenstein, associate professor of Spanish, 1964-1969, Southbury, Connecticut, Sept. 2, 2022

Jeanette Gordon, assistant registrar, 1997-2012, Marion, Iowa, May 17, 2023