

ALUMNI NEWS

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1970s and 1980s

ALICE PROUTY, '77

Alice Prouty, who served as a student representative to the faculty steering committee when American Studies was first established as a major at Stanford, has worked for over 20 years in the trucking industry as an accounts and operations manager, for Adecco Transportation and Roadway. After a recent move to a small town in Northern California, she's dedicating herself more fully to writing and giving her time to helping people and animals in need. Alice and her husband Tim Tacy have been together for 19 years and have two daughters and two grandsons.

JIM MORONEY, '78

Jim Moroney and his wife Barbara, both American Studies majors, are the proud parents of two Stanford students, Meagan ('12) and Kyle ('16). Nieces Julie ('11), Caroline ('12), and Aline ('14) are also proud Stanfordians. Jim is currently Publisher and CEO of *The Dallas Morning News*.



Nancy Singleton Hachisu ('78), author of *Japanese Farm Food*, working with Stanford Food Project students in October 2012. (Photo: Tim Dang)

NANCY SINGLETON HACHISU, '78

Nancy Singleton Hachisu continues to write, teach, and live on an organic farm in rural Japan with her farmer husband Tadaaki and their two high school aged sons. Another son is a junior at Lewis & Clark in Portland. After 15 years of talking about it, Nancy published

her first book: *Japanese Farm Food*, a cookbook memoir, came out in early September 2012. Highlights of her U.S. book tour included the book launch dinner at the Chez Panisse Café and a cooking class with the Farm to Fork students at Stanford. Her favorite reviews of the book included one from fellow alumna Elise Bauer of *Simply Recipes* and another from David Tanis from *The New York Times*. A French edition of *Japanese Farm Food* will be published in the Fall of 2013 and Nancy is negotiating for several other translations, including, of course, a Japanese edition. In the meantime she is working on her next book (and trying to stay afloat as a writer and teacher and sometime farmer.)

RANDY TUCKER, '78

Randy Tucker has spent the last 8½ years working for Metro, the regional government of the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area and the only elected regional government in the U.S. After his time at Stanford, he worked in a variety of fields, from the restaurant and wine industry to textbook sales, before earning a Master's in environmental studies from the University of Oregon and beginning a career in policy. He and his wife have been together for 22 years and have two children, a 16-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son.

BONNIE BASS SMITH, '79

Bonnie Bass Smith has been busy since graduating, attending business school, spending 10 years in investment banking, rearing five children, reading voraciously, and volunteering extensively. As a resident of the original American Studies house when it was brand-new, she was delighted to see her daughter Julie Smith '11 live in the same house (though it is now called "Bob") in her senior year. Another daughter, Caroline Smith '12, graduated with an American Studies minor.

KITTY BOONE, '79

Kitty Boone works in Aspen, Colorado as the VP of Public Programs at the Aspen Institute, directing the annual Aspen Ideas Festival conference. She puts her American Studies training to work, engaging experts and leaders from all walks of professional life, encompassing the arts, politics, business, academia, education, science, engineering, and more.

SUSAN CRAWFORD WILSON, '79, MA '80

Susan Crawford Wilson lives in Cupertino and teaches World Literature/Writing and AP English Lit/Composition at Homestead High School. Her two sons are studying engineering in college, and she and husband Eric are thoroughly enjoying being new empty nesters. When she's not preparing

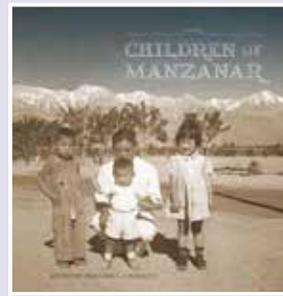
curriculum or grading essays, Susan enjoys hiking, politics, reading history, theater, film and traveling. Last year she traveled to Spain, the Czech Republic, and Budapest, and visited Shanghai in November.

KATHLEEN MCCLUNG, '81, AM '82

Winner of the 2012 Rita Dove Poetry Award and the 2012 National Poetry Prize from the Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Kathleen McClung is excited to report that her poetry collection, *Almost the Rowboat*, is forthcoming from Finishing Line Press. Kathleen's writing appears in a variety of publications including *The Healing Muse*, *Unsplendid*, *Poets 11*, *Tilt-a-Whirl*, and *A Bird Black as the Sun: California Poets on Crows and Ravens*. Kathleen lives in San Francisco and teaches at Skyline College and the Writing Salon.

RONALD MITCHELL, '81

Ronald Mitchell earned a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in 1992 and has been a professor at the University of Oregon in both the Department of Political Science and the Environmental Studies Program since 1993. From 1999 through 2001, he returned to Stanford as a visiting professor. His research assesses the effectiveness of international environmental agreements, and he is co-director of the Dissertation Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research program. He has published four books and numerous scholarly articles.



Children of Manzanar, a collection of photographs and remembrances, by Heather C. Lindquist ('82)

HEATHER (COOK) LINDQUIST, '82

After taking Professor Joe Corn's Material Culture class in 1980, Heather Lindquist interned on an exhibit Prof. Corn curated for the Smithsonian, launching a career in exhibit planning. Her numerous projects for the National Park Service included interpretive exhibits at Manzanar National Historic Site, culminating in her recent book, *Children of Manzanar*. Her other projects include developing exhibit scripts for Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site.

WILLIAM DEVERELL, '83

William Deverell is a Professor of History at USC, where he is currently serving as the interim department chair. His work focuses on American history with emphasis on the history of the West. He lives in Pasadena with his wife Jenny Watts, Curator of Photography at the Huntington Library, and their two children, Helen (11) and John (7).

JIM STALLARD, '85

Jim Stallard received a Master's in Journalism from the University of Missouri in 1990, and has worked in science and medical writing since. Currently, he is a Senior Writer/Editor at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Department of Public Affairs and also writes humor for McSweeneys.net. He lives in Manhattan.

TIM GRIEVE, '86

Tim Grieve is the editor-in-chief of POLITICO Pro, a premium news service covering the politics of technology, transportation, energy, health care, financial services, tax and defense. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Quincey, and their three children.

LYNN MAHONEY, '86

After a brief stint managing a restaurant and an inn in Princeton, N.J., Lynn Mahoney's American Studies degree led her to a PhD in U.S. History, and an academic career combining traditional academic work with an interest in student services (an interest she attributes to her own mentorship by Joe Corn, former Director of American Studies). As a faculty member at Purchase College, SUNY, she directed degree completion and advising programs, becoming by 2005 Purchase's first Associate Provost/Vice President for Student Affairs. Then, after more than 20 years "back East," she and husband Charles Ponce de Leon returned to California in 2008, to jobs at Cal State Long Beach (he is an associate professor of history, and she is Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies). Her daughter, Caroline, is a junior at UCLA, and, Lynn is thrilled to report, her son, Christopher, will be studying Computer Science at Stanford next fall as a member of the Class of '17.

ETHAN ORLINSKY, '86

After college, Ethan Orlinsky went to law school at NYU where he worked on its *Law Review*. He moved on to the Simpson Thacher and Bartlett law firm, working in the corporate department in both its New York and London offices. Since 1992, he has been with Major League Baseball Properties, running the legal department of the business side as Senior Vice President and General Counsel. He lives in Manhattan

with his wife Dana and their two daughters, Abbie (9) and Alex (7).

MIQUELA DIAZ, '88, AM '93

Miquela Diaz has been a practicing clinical psychologist for almost 15 years, working with all ages and in several different settings. She lives in Jordanville, a village in New York State, with her husband Steven, their three children Gabriel, MaryJane, and LilyJo, and an eclectic menagerie of pets.

LIBBY (RUFFING) DIETRICH, '88

After Libby Dietrich graduated law school at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1992, she moved to Denver and was a litigator for about seven years before switching careers to become a headhunter for attorneys. She has her own company, eJD Search, and works from her home. She lives in the foothills outside of Denver with her husband, nine-year-old son, and their English Mastiff and pug.

VELINA UNDERWOOD, '88, JD '93

Velina Underwood works as a trust and estates lawyer in Gualala, California on the Mendocino Coast, living in Tucson and traveling to Gualala to see clients. She and her husband David Goretsky (Symbolic Systems, '88) have two high-school-age children, Xochil (junior) and Zev (freshman).

MARK E. WORTHINGTON, '88

Mark Worthington is currently a corporate/securities attorney at Summit Law Group in Seattle, WA, a firm that he helped start 15 years ago. When he's not working, he's busy trying to keep up with his three-year-old son Kyle!

VIVIAN WU WONG, '88

Vivian Wu Wong serves as Chair of the History and Social Sciences Department and as Faculty Advisor to the Asian Society at Milton Academy, where she has been teaching since 1992. She is also on the faculty of Diversity Directions' summer Independent School Diversity Seminar and a board member of the Association for Independent Schools in New England. Her article, "Getting it Right: Schools and the Asian-American Experience," was published in winter 2011. She and her husband, Howard, have two sons, DJ, who is a senior, and Jonathan, who is in the 7th grade at Milton Academy.



Yale professor Jonathan Holloway ('89), author of Jim Crow Wisdom: Memory and Identity in Black America, 1940-2000.

JONATHAN HOLLOWAY, '89

Jonathan Holloway is currently a Professor of African American Studies, History, and American Studies at Yale. His new book, *Jim Crow Wisdom: Memory and Identity in Black America, 1940-2000*, begun while a resident scholar at the Stanford Humanities Center ('04-'05), is due out this fall (2013). For the last six years, he has served on the Board of Advisors for the Humanities Center, and has enjoyed the yearly trip to Stanford. He reports that the biggest conversation piece in his Yale office is his Stanford football helmet.

JULIE LYTHCOTT-HAIMS, '89

Julie Lythcott-Haims left Stanford in June to pivot her career and life yet again. Once a corporate lawyer, she was for 14 years a Stanford administrator (most recently the university's first Dean of Freshmen), before taking her latest turn toward nurturing the right side of her brain. Julie is now a full-time graduate student at California College of the Arts in San Francisco where she is pursuing an MFA degree in Poetry, and where, she says, she stands out less for her age than for her lack of tattoos, body piercings and dyed hair. In addition to writing poetry, Julie is working on a book about harms of helicopter parenting. She hopes that by the time she's on the *Today Show* being interviewed about that best-selling work, she'll have a tattooed tongue with which to tell the tale. (Not really. But, then, truth is stranger than fiction, and poetry is a genre all it's own. You never know.)

ERIC ROSENFELD, '89

After working at SRI and Mentor Graphics, Eric Rosenfeld helped grow a creative services firm called Second Story Interactive Studios. He sold his stake and used the proceeds to start the Oregon Angel Fund, which has grown to include over 100 investors. He lives in Portland with his wife Tiffany and their three children.

MARK S. WEINER, '89

After ten years of teaching constitutional law and legal history as a professor at Rutgers-Newark School of Law, Mark Weiner gave up the position to pursue a career as a full-time writer. Among other benefits, he no longer commutes three hours each way to work. He has a new book coming out in March, *The Rule of the Clan: What an Ancient Form of Social Organization Reveals about the Future of Individual Freedom*, and is developing ideas for his next book and a series of documentary videos on his blog, www.worldsoflaw.com. In his spare time, he also enjoys baking varieties of German-style bread and engaging in home repair.

HELEN WIDLANSKY, '89

Helen Widlansky earned a doctorate in Child Clinical Psychology and since 1998 has been in private practice seeing Northwestern University students for counseling, allowing her lots of flexibility in raising her three children.

1990s

KAREN ABRAMS GERBER, '90

After graduation, Karen Abrams Gerber worked in the Bay Area for a few years in the area of prejudice awareness. She then spent seven years living and working in Jerusalem, Israel. There, she founded and led a women's empowerment organization, Through Our Own Strength, working closely with Israeli and Palestinian women. She returned to the US for a Master's in Organizational Psychology and stayed on for a doctorate in Adult Learning and Leadership. She lives in NYC with her husband and their daughter.

JULIE A. MARSH, '90, PHD EDUCATION '02

After almost 8 years as a policy researcher at the RAND Corporation, Julie Marsh took a new position at the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education in 2010. She is an Associate Professor of Education Policy, teaching courses on accountability policy and K-12 governance and politics and doing research on several reform initiatives. Last year, she published results of a study of New York City's Schoolwide Performance Bonus Program that contributed to an ongoing debate about the role of financial incentives in education reform.

WAYNE RUTHERFORD, '90, MA '91

Since completing the STEP program, Wayne Rutherford has worked in education overseas. He taught for six years at the International School of Manila. He then spent 10 years in Sapporo, Japan at Hokkaido International

School, serving as Head of School for seven years. From 2007 to 2012 he was in Senegal working as Director of the International School of Dakar. This June, he packed up from Dakar and moved to Cairo, Egypt, where he is now Superintendent of Cairo American College, and where his Stanford diplomas hang proudly on his office wall.

BRENT CHISM, '91

Brent Chism's highlights of life after Stanford include working as a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill as his first job, serving as an assistant managing editor for a newspaper in Mexico City, and spending a number of years as a management consultant and marketer in technology companies. He now lives in Tanzania with his family.

DIXON SLINGERLAND, '91

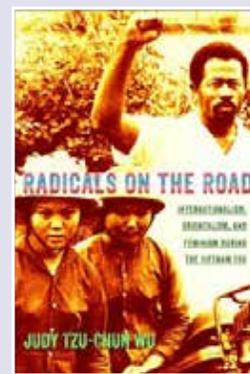
Dixon Slingerland is the Executive Director of the Youth Policy Institute (YPI), a nonprofit agency providing education, technology, and training services to lift Los Angeles families out of poverty. Since 1996, Dixon has directed YPI as it has grown to an annual budget of \$35 million. Dixon leads more than 1,200 staff serving over 50,000 youth and adults each year. He also serves on President Obama's National Finance Committee, and was a member of the Education Policy Committee during the 2008 campaign.

NIKI TAPIA-BRITO '91

Niki Tapia-Brito is an attorney, practicing criminal law as a prosecutor for the United States Attorney's Office in the District of New Mexico. She prosecutes violent crimes occurring within the jurisdiction for many Pueblos and Reservations.

REBECCA WALKER, '91, PHD '98

Rebecca Walker went on from American Studies to receive an MA and a PhD in Philosophy at Stanford. She now works in bioethics at UNC-Chapel Hill, and feels that her early background in American Studies has helped her greatly in her interdisciplinary life working as a philosopher in a medical school. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Medicine.



Judy Tzu-Chun Wu ('91) book: *Radicals on the Road: Internationalism, Orientalism, and Feminism during the Vietnam Era*.

JUDY TZU-CHUN WU, '91, PHD '98

After completing her BA, Judy Tzu-Chun Wu went on to receive an MA and PhD from Stanford in History. She is currently an associate professor of History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at The Ohio State University. She co-edits *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* and coordinates the Asian American Studies Minor. She is the author of *Dr. Mom Chung of the Fair-Haired Bastards: The Life of a Wartime Celebrity* and the forthcoming *Radicals on the Road: Internationalism, Orientalism, and Feminism during the Vietnam Era*. She and her husband Mark have two children, Konrad (age 9) and Langston (age 5).

MICHELLE BRANCH, '92, JD '98

After graduating from Stanford Law School in 1998 and practicing transactional law for several years at Wilson Sonsini, Michelle Branch returned to school for a another humanities degree. This August, she finished all requirements for her History PhD at UC Berkeley. As she looks for a tenure-track appointment, she'll be lecturing this spring in UC Berkeley's American Studies program, supervising a thesis seminar and teaching her lecture course "The City in the Industrial Era."

LESLIE DAWE, '92

After teaching elementary music in diverse and creative classrooms in Denver Public Schools for 10 years, Leslie Dawe is preparing to launch into a new adventure in 2013, building a practice as a private music teacher of piano, voice, cello, guitar, and songwriting. She received great encouragement and advice from classmates at the recent Stanford reunion, and is excited to see where her career as a musician and educator will lead!

JONATHAN M. EISENBERG, '92

Jonathan Eisenberg went to Boalt Hall for law school, receiving his JD in 1996. He served as a law clerk to a federal trial judge for one year and then as a litigation attorney at big law firms for nine years. Since early 2007, he has worked as a deputy attorney general in the Office of the California Attorney General.

ALBERT R. GONZALES, JR., '92

This school year is Albert Gonzales's 20th year serving public education in some capacity. For the last several years, he has served K-8 public elementary schools as an independent consultant. His company, Classworks, coaches teachers to improve teacher/student relationships that promote academic engagement. His prior experience includes work with Breakthrough San Francisco, Partners in School Innovation (San Francisco) and Oak Grove School District in San Jose, CA. He lives in Mountain View with his wife and their two children.

CAROLINE PARK, '92

For the past ten years, Caroline Park has been with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration providing legal advice on domestic and international fisheries issues. Last year, she received an Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy and spent eight months in Wellington studying the commercial fisheries system.



Kathy Zonana ('93) is now Associate Director for Stanford's Bill Lane Center for the American West. (Photo: Linda Cicero)

KATHY ZONANA, '93, JD '96

After 13 years as a Managing Editor and a Senior Web Content Editor at Stanford's alumni magazine, Kathy Zonana has joined the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford as Associate Director. The Lane Center supports research, teaching, and reporting about western land and life in three broad areas: history and culture, economy and public policy, and environment and natural resources. Kathy reports that she is glad to return to her interdisciplinary roots. As one of her friends said to her, she has the perfect job for an American Studies major.

BRENDA (BRANDI) KRANTZ GREENBERG, '94, MBA '01

Brandi Krantz Greenberg is delighted with her stimulating, flexible job working 50% time, in her home-office, for The Advisory Board Company as a Managing Director in their Research & Insights division—a role she's held since 2004. She reports that, in addition to using the business and strategy skills of her Stanford MBA, she regularly relies on the writing, synthesis, and cross-disciplinary thinking skills she honed as an American Studies major. She lives in Manhattan Beach, CA, and has two sons, aged 8 and 5.

MICHELLE C. KIM, '95

Michelle C. Kim is a deputy public defender for LA County, working at the Alternate Public Defender's Office. She is married with 1 child, and 1 dog.

LISA M. NITTI, '95

Lisa Nitti is a partner in the entertainment group of the law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, representing investors and producers of independent motion picture and television projects like *Milk* and *The Prophet*. She and her husband, Wayne, live in Los Angeles with their two children, aspiring dancer Emily (3 ½) and baby Blake (6 months).

ARI KURTZ, '96

Ari Kurtz currently works as a Head of Industry for Retail at Google. He got married about 18 months ago and eagerly anticipates the arrival of a baby girl due in February.

IRENE LARA, '96

After American Studies, Irene Lara pursued a PhD in Ethnic Studies with a designated emphasis in Women, Gender, and Sexuality. She has been a Professor in the Department of Women's Studies at San Diego State University for ten years. Her research focuses on Chicana/Latina/indigenous feminist studies approaches to spirituality, sexuality, healing, and pedagogy. She loves getting to teach, write, and mentor, and feels blessed to be living and raising her two daughters where she grew up, with her extended family nearby.

ANITA MCLANE POBANZ, '96

After graduating from Stanford, Anita McLane Pobanz attended the University of Chicago Law School, starting her career in litigation and entertainment law at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP in Los Angeles. After five years, she switched to transactional law and went in-house at Warner Bros. where she now works as Director of Legal & Business Affairs for Warner Bros.

International Television Distribution. She and her husband, Carl, have two children William (3 years) and Andrew (1 year).

KATHY STRAHS, '96, MBA '02

Kathy Strahs never would have predicted that American Studies would lead her down a path to becoming a food blogger and cookbook author, but that's where she is! For the past five years, she has published PaniniHappy.com, a blog devoted to sandwiches and other innovative recipes for the panini press. Her panini press cookbook will be published in 2013 by the Harvard Common Press.

JOEL DRESCHER, '97

After a brief stint in Hollywood, Joel Drescher has pursued a career in investment management. He is currently the Co-Director of Equity at Symphony Asset Management in San Francisco, an \$11 billion multi-strategy asset management firm. Previous to this, he worked as a Sector Manager at Ascend Capital, an equity long/short hedge fund. He received both an MBA and a JD at UC Berkeley. Joel writes that his experiences at Stanford American Studies and Political Science prepared him well for his line of work, as it demands an ability to see "the big picture."

MARISA B. ESPINOSA, '97

After Stanford, Marisa Espinosa worked in public service for several years, running youth development and leadership development programs in the Bay Area. She volunteered overseas in Brazil and then changed careers, earning an MA in Urban Planning from UCLA with a focus on transportation planning. She has since worked for San Francisco Muni and Caltrain as planning manager, and now works in Vancouver, Canada, as the senior manager for planning for TransLink, Metro Vancouver's regional bus, ferry, and rail system. She also completed a month-long trek through the Himalayas in Fall 2011.

2000s

CHRISTINA BATASTINI, '00

This past year, Christina Batastini received a Master's in Education from Harvard University, and recently took a job working for the Governor of Rhode Island as a policy analyst in healthcare.

ALEXANDER Q. HAUGH, '00

For the past several years, Alexander Q. Haugh has worked in Derivatives Sales at a Wall Street investment bank in New York. Though many of his co-workers

were Business or Economics majors, he finds that the interdisciplinary perspective, critical thinking, and strong writing skills he developed in American Studies have been great assets in his career (though an MBA on top of that hasn't hurt).

EMILIANO MARTINEZ, '00

Emiliano Martinez works as Associate Counsel at Humanity United, a private foundation that works to find solutions to the global problems of mass atrocities and modern-day slavery. He and his wife live in Menlo Park with their one-year-old son.

MELISSA ALESSI, '01

After graduating, Melissa Alessi spent a year volunteering, studying for the LSAT, and working. She then went to Pepperdine Law School, and began her career working as an attorney at an insurance defense firm until she became in-house counsel for Nationwide Insurance. She enjoys traveling, and has been to several Caribbean islands and nearly a dozen European countries. Her latest trip was to London to watch the Olympics with her husband of four years.

ANNE-MARIE (KEENAN) NAPOLITANO, '01

At last report, Anne-Marie Napolitano was teaching Contemporary World History, Economics, and Government at Gunn High School in Palo Alto.

ANNIE SIMPSON, '01

Since graduating from law school (UVA '06), Annie Simpson has worked as a litigation associate for Latham & Watkins LLP in the firm's DC office. She practices primarily in the Export Controls and Economic Sanctions group, and feels fortunate to work in a firm that values pro bono representation. In addition to her primary practice, she has many opportunities to serve underprivileged clients, most often in connection with asylum and other immigration-related matters, as well as child custody issues. She loves DC but misses the Farm!

**KATHRYNE MARIE TAFOLLA YOUNG, '01,
JD '11**

Kathryne Young graduated from Stanford Law in 2011, and is currently a PhD candidate in Sociology here at Stanford. She is also a Graduate Fellow at the Bill Lane Center for the American West. She studies criminal law, legal consciousness, and the sociology of gender.

MIGUEL DE BACA, '02

Miguel de Baca is currently an Assistant Professor of Art History at Lake Forest College. He recently attended his Stanford Reunion Homecoming and enjoyed the chance to walk down memory lane with American Studies colleagues.

KADY DODDS LANOHA, '02

Kady Dodds Lanoha taught with Teach for America after graduating from Stanford and then attended law school at Columbia University. She then joined the Colorado Department of Education where she currently works as the Senior Policy Associate.

VESSELA GARVEY, '02

Following graduation from Santa Clara University School of Law, Vessela Garvey became a transactional attorney. After working at large law firms for several years, she went in-house and is now General Counsel for a group of San Diego-based companies that manufacture systems and industrial equipment for the recycling, waste management and waste-to-energy industries.



Two-time Olympic medalist Jessica Mendoza ('02) reporting for ESPN.

JESSICA MENDOZA, '02, MA '03

Jessica Mendoza competed in two Olympic games in the sport of softball, winning a gold medal in 2004 and a silver in 2008. She served as President of the Women's Sports Foundation from 2008-2010. Currently, she works as an analyst and reporter for ESPN, covering college softball, baseball, and football, and Major League Baseball, and she plays professional fastpitch for the USSSA Florida Pride. Jessica lives with her husband Adam and their son Caleb.

MELISSA (SCHMIDT) HUNT, '02

After graduating, Melissa Hunt moved to New York City with two fellow Stanford alums and worked in advertising for about four years. She moved back to California in 2006 to attend law school in San Diego, and now works as an attorney in Fresno. Last year, she and her husband welcomed a baby.

DAVID MARTIN, '03

David Martin has played on the ATP Tennis Tour, ranking as high as #39 in the world in the ATP doubles rankings. He served on the 10-member ATP Player Council, representing

the concerns of the players making up the tour. He has competed in all 4 of the tennis Grand Slams multiple times.

JENNY MILLER, '03

Jenny Miller has recently left her desk job at Grub Street New York/NYmag.com to become a freelance food and travel writer for outlets like *Saveur* and *New York Magazine*.

LISA COFFEY RAKOWSKI, '04

Lisa Coffey Rakowski works at Google, where she's been since graduation. She currently works on the Google Shopping marketing team, where she focuses on launching new products. She married Brian Rakowski ('02) who is also a Googler, and they live in Mountain View with their rambunctious Tibetan Terrier, Chewy. They love skiing and traveling and are getting ready for an upcoming trip to India.

SARAH MANTILLA GRIFFIN, '04

Sarah Mantilla Griffin received her PhD in English at the University of Pennsylvania this past May, completing her dissertation "Hush Now Can You Hear It": Black Women's Sonic Literature." Since then, she has taken time off to raise her son, born in June 2012.



Maureen Sullivan ('04), head of Women's Content and Lifestyle Brands for AOL.

MAUREEN (MARQUESS) SULLIVAN, '04

After 5 years at Google, Maureen Sullivan moved to AOL where she oversees Women's Content and Lifestyle Brands. She's currently working on a platform called MAKERS: Women Changing America, a website that, utilizing the power of video, aims to be the largest collection of American women's stories ever assembled (www.makers.com). Over 150 profiles are already up on the site. The project also involves a documentary film that premiered on PBS on February 26, 2013.

SPENCER PORTER, '05

Spencer Porter currently works as a writer in Los Angeles. He has written for the FOX show *Family Guy*, as well as multiple not-quite-ready-for-TV pilots that were fun and good and deserve a shot somewhere. His writing has also been found in *The Daily Beast* and *Stanford Magazine*. He misses Stanford dearly, is very proud of his American Studies degree, and uses the knowledge he gained from it every day.

NATALIE SANDERSON, '05

Natalie Sanderson has been living in San Francisco for the past 4 years, and is currently the Global Marketing Communications Manager at an aesthetic device company. She plays for a co-ed soccer team in the city, as well as the Olympic Club women's soccer team, who are first place in the Golden Gate Women's Soccer League. Outside of soccer, she enjoys going out with fellow American Studies alum Margaret Hu.

DENA ACOSTA, '06

Six years out from Stanford's American Studies Program, Dena Acosta has worked for the Orange County, CA, court system, tried out law school for a year (and moved on after seeing it was not for her), and ended up in the commercial real estate field. Three years later, she has a California real estate license and a great position as a property manager in downtown SF. In her downtime, she's training for her first triathlon, volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club of SF, and planning a wedding for one of her best friends, a fellow Stanford alum.



Among those who have made web series
The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl
an award-winning hit are alums Tracy Oliver ('08)
and Amy Aniobi ('06).

AMY ANIOBI, '06

Amy Aniobi currently lives in Los Angeles. She graduated from the UCLA MFA Screenwriting program in June of 2011 and works in television. Outside of work, she writes for the hit web series, "The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl" (starring Issa Rae, Stanford '07 and produced by Tracy Oliver, AmStud '08) and also recently launched her own web series, "The Slutty Years," which she writes, directs, and co-stars in.

JENNIFER CLARK, '06

Jennifer Clark went on to Columbia Law School ('10) after graduating from Stanford, and now works as an employment law attorney in Washington, DC.

BRIAN GOODMAN, '06

Brian Goodman is still chugging along at Harvard's doctoral program in "American Studies" (previously known as "The History of American Civilization"). Currently, he plans to build on his thesis research at Stanford, focusing on the transmission of literature and culture across the "Iron Curtain" during the Cold War. He also looks forward to hosting Professor Shelley Fisher Fishkin this winter at Harvard's American Studies Workshop!

JEREMY JACOBS, '06

Jeremy Jacobs writes about environmental issues at Greenwire and E&E News, reporting on clean air issues and chemical regulations. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Caitlyn, also a Stanford alum.

TANYA KOSHY, '06

After leaving Google in 2010, Tanya Koshy earned her MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University this past June. Three days after graduation, she got married to her long-time partner and fellow Stanford alum, Blair Beverly. They took an extended honeymoon in Miami Beach, and then returned to Chicago, moving into an apartment just off the Magnificent Mile. She now works as a Product Manager at Groupm.

ROBIN PAM, '06

Robin Pam is working in health care technology as a product marketing manager at Practice Fusion, a San Francisco company that makes free online electronic health records.

JULIA BETH CHERLOW, '07, JD '12

Julia Cherlow graduated from Stanford Law School in June. After taking the California Bar, she has moved to Los Angeles and started work as a litigator with Jenner & Block LLP. Aside from work, she is very involved with the American Constitution Society.

KATIE HARRINGTON, '08

For nearly two years, Katie Harrington worked as Program Associate for Net Impact, where she supported undergraduate student club leaders to educate and empower their peers. She recently left that job to tour South America by bicycle with her boyfriend, beginning in Buenos Aires and heading south to Cape Horn before riding back up along the ridge of the Andes toward

Columbia. They look forward to meeting folks, learning about local communities and their ingenuities, and visiting every national park possible along the way.

DAVID LAI, '08

David Lai has been enjoying life in Lexington, Kentucky. Having finished the Master's program at University of Kentucky, he is now a first year doctoral student in American History. His Master's thesis, on liberal white ministers' reactions to school desegregation in Arkansas, was in many ways a spiritual successor to his honors research at Stanford (which also explored civil rights and religion, with a focus on Martin Luther King, Jr.). He is hoping to continue in a similar vein in his dissertation. After three years of long-distance relationship, he is enjoying time with Iris Law (a Stanford English alum) who joined him in Lexington this year. He also spends his time volunteering with a church youth group and keeping up with Stanford football.

TRACY OLIVER, '08

Since graduating from Stanford, Tracy Oliver produced the Shorty Award-winning web series, "The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl." ABG has been featured in several publications and sites, including *Huffington Post*, *Washington Post*, *Vibe* magazine, *Rolling Stone*, *Essence* magazine, and BET. It was also the subject of a scholarly panel at the 2012 American Studies Association conference! Currently, Tracy is a staff writer for the new ABC comedy, *The Neighbors*.

BECCA VELASCO, '08

Becca Velasco is working in San Francisco for Spark, a youth empowerment program that addresses the dropout crisis by re-engaging at-risk students. She serves as the Program Coordinator, managing apprenticeships in Oakland.

NATALIE CHLADEK, '09, MA '10

Since completing her co-terminal M.A. in sociology, Natalie Chladek has been working for the Stanford men's basketball team. Her duties include writing game previews, recaps, and a quarterly newsletter; donor and alumni relations; and accounting and coordinating team travel. She enjoyed accompanying the team on their foreign tour to Spain last year and on their trip to New York for the 2012 NIT championship. Over Thanksgiving 2012, she also traveled with them to a tournament in the Bahamas.

MEGAN (DOHENY) HOHENER, '09

Megan Hohener has been working on the Marketing team at One Kings Lane for about two and a half years and loves it. She was

married August 2011 to Sandy Hohener, whom she met at Stanford the first weekend of her freshman year.

ALLISON FALK, '09

Recently, Allison Falk officially hung up her cleats as a professional soccer player and is now working for the San Francisco Marathon in business development, sponsorship, and program management. She reports that it has been a great experience thus far and that she has learned a great deal.

KELLEY FONG, '09

Since her illustrious run as coordinator of the American Studies newsletter in 2006-2007, Kelley Fong spent two years working on child welfare reform efforts as a paralegal at Children's Rights in New York before returning to the Bay Area. She's now working on education policy research at an organization called MDRC, a natural extension of her American Studies concentration of Children, Youth, and Families in America.

ANDREA NICOLE FULLER, '09

Andrea Fuller is in Washington, DC at The Center for Public Integrity working as a Data Reporter, analyzing databases for investigative reporting projects. Previously, she held a similar job at *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.



Rhodes Scholar Fagan Harris ('09)

FAGAN HARRIS, '09

Fagan is currently an MPhil student in Comparative Social Policy at the University of Oxford, where he's researching welfare reform as a Rhodes Scholar. After researching international rule of law at the University of Limerick in Ireland (as a Mitchell Scholar), Fagan worked as a Fellow at the Emerson Collective where he staffed the White House Council for Community Solutions and helped draft education and employment policies supporting disconnected youth. Subsequently, Fagan served as a Director of the Impact Careers Initiative at the Aspen Institute. As Deputy Director of the NAACP-HRC initiative on same-sex marriage, Fagan organized support for a marriage equality referendum in Maryland during the 2012 election.



Katie Jones ('09) is currently legislative associate at the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C.

KATHRYN ("KATIE") JONES, '09

After graduating from Stanford, Katie Jones moved to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota and taught 4th grade at Rosebud Elementary for two years as a Teach for America corps member. Witnessing the incredible potential of her students—but also the enormous educational and other challenges they face—she was inspired to enter policy work in order to effect change at a more systemic, national level. She currently works as a legislative associate at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), which is the largest, oldest, and most representative Native advocacy organization in the country. Katie leads NCAI's education policy work in Washington, DC. Her work includes advocating for reauthorization of the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act and for the inclusion of tribal education priorities in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. She still talks to her students frequently and can't wait to attend the 8th grade graduation of her first class in May 2014!

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DEAN SCHAFFER, '10, MA '11

Former newsletter coordinator extraordinaire Dean Schaffer currently works in San Francisco, running the news site Allvoices.com, a citizen journalism site. He acts as a de facto editor in chief and also oversees operations, managing content, team, and strategy. He works with Dan Bohm (also American Studies '10, MA '11), and lives in SF with two friends from Stanford. Once in a while, Dean also still writes and plays music with the band he formed at Stanford, Finding Jupiter.

EMILY DEFFNER, '11

Emily Deffner left Stanford with a job in politics working for the Oklahoma Republican Party, but she eventually decided working directly in politics was not for her. She has now transitioned to something completely different: medical device sales. She feels that her humanities major from Stanford played a large part in landing this job, and she couldn't be happier!

MARTA HANSON, '11

After spending a year in Washington, DC Marta returned to San Francisco in June for a development job with NARAL Pro-Choice America. She is thrilled to be back on the west coast, and recently joined the inaugural board of the Stanford Women's Community Center Friends and Alumni Network. Marta spends her time exploring new neighborhoods and parks in San Francisco and planning her next adventure abroad.

KATHERINE HEFLIN, '11

Katherine Heflin spent her first year after graduation working with survivors of domestic violence in the Washington, DC Superior Court, as well as in the low-income hospital and in police cars during night shifts. This year she is continuing her work at the Santa Clara Superior Court in California. She is also serving as Team Leader for the undergraduates from Stanford, Berkeley, and San Jose State who volunteer under her supervision as part of JusticeCorps. After her year in California finishes up, Katherine will move to Boston to begin her graduate work at Harvard's School of Public Health.

RYAN MAC, '11

Ryan Mac is currently a staff reporter at *Forbes*. His area of coverage has been diverse, with topics ranging from Silicon Valley startups to Chinese technology companies to the boom in electronic music. Since graduating, he's bounced around from Stanford to New York to Southern California to San Francisco, but has finally settled in SF with a few friends from Stanford.

HANNAH TSUI, '11

Hannah Tsui worked at two startups after graduation and currently works as a tutor for Cardinal Scholars. She finds her position both rewarding and enjoyable, and especially appreciates her students.