

Dear FOOT Leader Alums!

We made it through another year, and I am happy to report that we had our largest number of FOOT participants than ever! So FOOT is still growing strong and is super popular. And we even made it back to campus before Hurricane Irene hit. In fact, the trips returned Friday and Irene hit Saturday. Many of our trails and roads in Vermont and the Catskills were wiped out. Princeton went out a week later and not only had to reroute all their trips, but because another huge rain event occurred, it had to evacuate all their trips and return to campus early. A logistical nightmare! We have a special treat for you this year. I had some current FOOT Leaders model all the T-Shirts from all the years, so at the beginning of your class notes, check out the shirt and see if you can find yours tucked away in some drawer!

Here is a great story of the FOOT connections from **Mackenzie Wehner**: "I hope you're doing great. I just got an email from Bevan about sending in our updates for the year, and I wanted to tell you the very cool thing that happened because of it: I looked quickly through last year's newsletter to remember what I wrote and what to write, and I stumbled upon an update from the class of 1991 that said something about trekking in Morocco and knowing a great guide. I happen to be going to Morocco next week and am frantically planning a trek there, so I looked up the alum (**Josh Barkan**) on the Yale Alumni website and sent him an email. Within minutes he got back to me with names and emails, and we proceeded to talk via skype about backpacking in Morocco. I got wonderful advice, and will hopefully now have a guide. This was from Mexico City (Josh) to Cambridge, England (me), and all in the course of about 30 minutes. Anyway, I thought you'd appreciate this. I am continually amazed by FOOT leaders and am so happy the program continues to thrive. Mackenzie"

And so on to the news: Thank you to all the Class Secretaries for collecting these notes! I couldn't have done this without you.

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A Quick preface by me **Liz Ablow**: Since this is my 25th reunion year I did ask the question of what others thought of their reunion experience...since I am still contemplating the trek east...so you will see reference to that in some of the notes.

Jamie Williams: I did go to my 25th (and the year before to Florence's 20th) and we loved it! So great to see so many friends and to spend time with Cilla and Steve. FOOT is the extraordinary beneficiary and product of Cilla's wonderful leadership all these many years. We had no idea how lucky we were to find her - we knew it then, but could never have comprehended how far she would take this program, transforming so many lives in the process.

In any case, we are doing really well. Living in Boulder, CO. You know the saying: "The great thing about Boulder



is that it is so close to Colorado." I am still working for The Nature Conservancy, now as their N American Director for Land Conservation where I get to work on really great projects with local communities protecting some of the wildest places left in the country, but especially the West and Canada. We just completed a bi-national project with British Columbia and Montana, protecting the Flathead River from some huge coal mines that would have polluted the pristine Flathead flowing into the US and Glacier National Park. Florence has just completed a book on environmental toxins and women's health ("Breasts: A Natural and Unnatural History") that hits the shelves May 8th. But most important, our kids are now old enough to start exploring the world on their own yet still young enough to think we are still cool. I am sure that won't last much longer. Hope you are all well. Thanks, Jamie

Matt Etterson: We're still in northern Minnesota, having the warmest winter yet since moving back ten years ago. For weeks we've been wading through slush and Lake Superior fog. Finally this weekend it snowed and we skied our dogs out across the lake. Along the way we picked up Clyde, the big happy doofus next door (never was a dog more aptly named) and crossed the clear-cut into the bog. This is our favorite time. The woods are quiet, save the ravens, finches and occasional gray jay, and no mosquitoes.

This morning I'm on my way to crystal city (if were) for a week of meetings at our office of programs. Most of my work is in ecological risk assessment for pesticides, but I've begun to work on contaminants as well, including mercury and perfluorinated compounds. This particular meeting about how to harmonize (not my word) risk assessment methods for pesticides in surface waters under the clean water act with methods prescribed by the federal insecticide, fungicide, and rodenticide act. I still try to work on birds whenever I can, but our lab has such a strong history in aquatic toxicology that I've been unable to avoid getting wet.



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Julie's got a big new grant to create a seed bank for future studies of plant response to climate change and she's teaching two courses as well, which keeps her far busier than she or any of us wants her to be. Abby's 13 (and finally figured out how utterly embarrassing we are), while Zak, our baby, is not so much a baby anymore. We've begun to discuss topics like what we'll do and where we'll live when we retire, which gives me vertigo even as I type it. Anymore I think the only honest response to life is complete bewilderment... I enjoyed reading about everyone last year and I've pasted in a recent photo. Matt

Hilary Blair: Hello all - Always wonderful to hear from this group. I too attended my 25th reunion and had a truly wonderful time. I was admittedly reticent, but a good friend urged me to go and I'm really glad I did. I have also recently attended two of the local Yale women alumnae events and was again delighted by the amazing diverse group. I am still in Denver, CO - headed out here to get my MFA in acting years ago and never returned to NYC. After 15 years with the education department at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, I headed out this past September to start my own business as speaking voice and presentation coach. Colorado can't be beat for hiking, biking, skiing etc! It has worked as the perfect place to blend my love of theatre and the outdoors. My partner and I live with our 4 dogs - yes, it's a lot of dogs - and enjoy a mix of mountains and plays. I have fond memories of early meetings about FOOT. So rewarding to see Jamie's vision become a powerful reality. (I have some fuzzy memory of Danny Zarin coming up with the name... is that true or some fabrication of this aging brain!) and Cilla, I do still spend time on the Vineyard but not as much since my parents have passed. Again, wonderful to hear news of you all. I think I need to get myself some FOOT gear - hat or such? Peace light joy! Hilary

Eve Vogel: So lovely to hear from Jamie, and Liz, and of Florence! I miss you all! Liz, I will be at the reunion and would love to see you! Anyone else? Now that I'm back on the East Coast, and on a semester instead of quarter schedule, it's much easier to contemplate. I could find no good photos but will just say I'm still at UMass, now in my 4th year, teaching Geography and researching about river history, management and politics, and also about electrical system politics and history. (I hope this year to get my article done I'm doing with 2 historians, on a long-term history of the Pacific Northwest power system. We show that it has been repeatedly possible and important for people both inside and outside electric power system management to push to alter electric systems and policies to embed more progressive ends. (Liz,

who works at Seattle City Light, will know all about that.... quite a long history there, that's part of the regional story!) We think it's an important message in the current era of needed energy shifts and disempowering politics.) My son Ari is now 7, enjoying 1st grade in Amherst, and my dog Anja, though she has white hairs around the edges of her eyes, is a happy healthy 10-year-old. I agree w/ Jamie about Cilla. Jamie was of course central to the start of FOOT. (And Liz, weren't you in there too? I was merely brought in as one of the first set of leaders once you all had it up and running.) There's some kind of memorial or tribute that needs to get written or filmed or sung or something some day. Hugs, Eve

Nina Kallen: I enjoyed my 25th(!) last year quite a lot. Good to see old friends, some of whom I had been out of touch with, and good to meet some new people also. BTW, not sure if this is an issue for you but I asked for financial aid and it was granted as a matter of course without my having to jump through a lot of hoops.

I am living in Boston with my husband, Adam Frost (ES '86) and my daughters Morgan, 10, and Maia, 7. Photo attached. I am an attorney with a solo practice, specializing in insurance coverage litigation. Nina Kallen '86



Dom Femino: I'm living in the Los Angeles area with my wife Beth and two kids-- James 9 and Caroline 7. The kids and I enjoy camping and hiking, but Beth is never without a bed and warm bath. Our trips last year included Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and Sequoia national parks. Next weekend we're off to Death Valley. I spend my days at the City of Hope Medical Center practicing Orthopaedic oncology. I have fond memories of the FOOT group and trips. I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May.

Liz Ablow: As I already mentioned this May my 25th reunion will take place (this is also Eves, Matts and Dom's 25th as well)...which must make it FOOT's 28th year? Not from conception but from implementation? And I can only echo the words of others that it is thanks to Cilla's great leadership that FOOT not only persists but flourishes. So thank you Cilla!

This year I had the great honor seeing both Steve Kellert when he was in Seattle promoting his new movie **Biophilic Design: the Architecture of Life** and Eve Vogel and her son when Eve came for a conference in Seattle.

My family is following a path as last year... But, at the time it has been busy for all of Jacob, our 17 year old is a semester high school senior, has completed his college and is now just waiting to back from the schools where applied. I am proud of how handled the process... Sara, year old is a freshman at high She has been teaching 4 year how to ski at Alpental, our ski hill, and I have never seen tired; not even after a 3-day tournament. Dick, still owns operates Both Ways Café and which consumes a great of his time. I do have to say benefit from the day olds and leftovers that are thrown our am still with Seattle City Light, in their Environmental Affairs Division where I primarily work on two watersheds the Tolt and the Cedar. A high light this year is the completion of our second year of a pit tag study on juvenile summer steelhead in the South Fork Tolt River. We are learning a great deal about these fish: growth rate from annual recaptures:



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movement, when they leave their rearing habitat above a canyon; and even diurnal patterns from individual fish that are setting up residency around our antennas. I am also involved in the Race and Social Justice Community Round Table with a particular focus on high school graduation rates which includes the huge disparity in discipline rates in our public schools which poses the question of whether certain populations of students are really being pushed out. Thanks all for contributing and keeping me in touch with FOOT and with you. Hope to cross path with you soon. Liz

And, of course, the BIG NEWS from these early years is about **Jamie Williams**! See below!

[The Wilderness Society](#) is pleased to welcome Jamie Williams as our new president.



Jamie Williams pictured in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, named for the principal founder of The Wilderness Society.

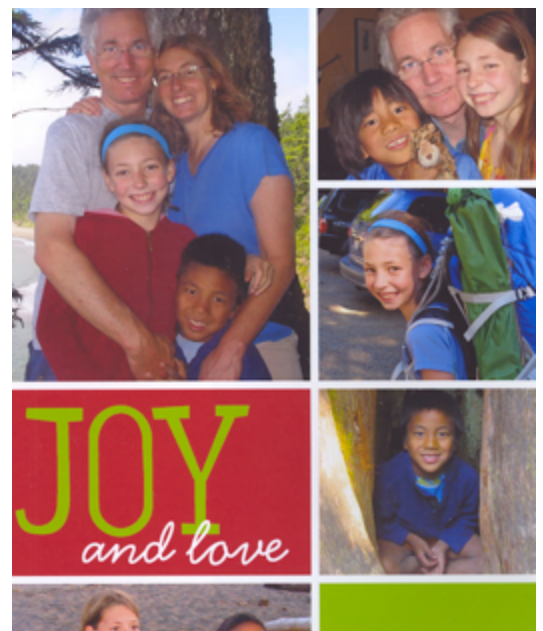
Williams is a high-impact leader who deeply understands Wilderness issues and has a strong record of outstanding achievement in Wilderness protection.

“I am a strong believer in a collaborative, community-based approach to conservation and that’s one of the many areas where The Wilderness Society has been a true innovator,” Williams said. “This is a tremendous opportunity to protect the majestic wild places that help define us as a nation.”

As former director of landscape conservation for North America at The Nature Conservancy, Williams helped develop the large landscape focus within the Obama Administration’s America’s Great Outdoors Initiative. He also spearheaded critical efforts to secure conservation funding in Congress.

Williams received a bachelor’s degree in American studies from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, and a master’s degree from The Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. In addition to his work at The Nature Conservancy, Williams was a founder of The Montana Association of Land Trusts and the Heart of the Rockies Initiative. He has served as a board member of the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts and board co-chair of the Yampa River System Legacy Project.

Erin Kellogg: Erin has been dealing with late-stage Lyme disease, but she is starting to heal. She wrote: “Highlights of the past year or two have been lots of short camping and backpacking trips and two longer ones to Hornby and Cortes Islands in British Columbia—picture the Hawaii of Canada but with Birkenstocks, no hotels and restaurants with grass floors. Our favorite backpack wa a 3-day trip to Cape Alva, on the Olympic coast about as far as you can go in the upper left hand corner of the lower 48. We hiked over three miles of boardwalk through marshy rain forest. We find it is the small things of being together, the four of us in a canoe or snug in a good tent with the rain falling outside, that mean the most to both of us and the kids.” Erin is living in Bainbridge Island, Washington.





1988:

Melissa Balbach: “Life here in Buffalo is much the same as last year, and surprisingly good. Still can’t get the work/family balance going, but I always hope that next year will be a little bit better. My husband and I own our business, so it seems as if just as we solve one mini-crisis, another one pops up. There always seems to be something needing our *immediate* attention. We’ve got the girls baiting their own fish hooks, but at 7 not quite ready to take them off yet. We have a stocked pond behind our house, so it has been a great experience for the girls. Still waiting for the snow here in Western New York so that we can go skiing. It doesn’t seem very fair that we have this ill-deserved reputation for excessive snow, but then we have a green December.”

Jennifer Martinez: “I’m living in Los Angeles, returned here 10 years ago after living in NY and San Francisco since college. I went to film school at NYU and worked in various capacities on film projects till about 3 years ago. During that time it often occurred to me that film production is much like a hiking trip, and specifically, a FOOT trip: a group of strangers, armed with equipment, food, humor, intellect and first aid supplies, attempt to traverse from point A to point B and arrive in one piece, on schedule and in good spirits. And the alchemy of how that happens....is the magic. Now I work in downtown LA doing video stuff for a transportation planning agency. I am finally old enough to appreciate the importance of decent--or any--long-term regional planning for southern California! Also, freelancing in film became a challenge in the economic downturn. Ironically, though I grew up here, I have learned more about southern California in the last few years than I did in the first 17 that I was here. You can go home again.”

Diana Selig: “After receiving this request for news, I looked at last year's FOOT newsletter, which I don't think I had ever read. I was struck by the wonderful, impressive work my fellow FOOTies are doing- all of you improving your corner of the world in one way or another. As for me, I am still living in Pasadena and teaching American history at Claremont McKenna College. I find teaching to be both intellectually and personally gratifying, and I think a lot about helping my students gain the skills and insights they need for effective civic engagement. My partner and I have two kids, ages 6 and 4, who bring much hilarity and delight. A highlight of last spring was a visit from Christine Walravens and her terrific daughter Natalia. We're hoping to see them again this year.”

Patrick Whelan: “I have the same job that I did right after Yale--teaching history at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School in Bradenton, Florida. In two weeks I will be visiting Angkor Wat for a World History Association symposium on SE Asian history. Last year I attended the WHA symposium in Istanbul. I also work as a consultant with the College Board on their AP World History program. The big news in the Whelan house is that my 18 year-old son will be going to Vassar College next year. My 10 year-old will be missing him big time. The three of us will be backpacking soon on Cumberland Island in Georgia. I volunteer with the local AYA group with interviews for Yale applicants. Often an earnest student will ask what I liked most about Yale. I always mention FOOT. I think of it always with fond memories.”

Christine Walravens: “I am still living happily in Denver, working half time as a pediatric hospitalist. I am very happy with my combination of work and home life and even manage to walk the dog most days and get to yoga a few times a week. We had enough snow to cross country ski in Denver last week and get up to the mountains reasonably often. I chauffeur quite a bit to baseball, swimming, dance and soccer. My son is entering high school next year and my daughter is already eight; thus I have reminders that childhood flies by quickly and one day I'll look back with nostalgia at all of these sporting events.”

1989:

Tiff Bingham <tiff_bingham@yahoo.com>: All is well in Salem, CT where I am living with Jim, Cameron (now six years old,) our two cats and fourteen chickens. This past year, my life has revolved around coaching T-Ball, figuring out how to transform Optimus Prime from a robot back into a truck, and helping my mom with speech therapy. Everyday cooking has interested me more this year, and finding healthy vegan recipes has been my recent challenge. During this stay-at-



home-mom chapter of my life, my playtime includes re-learning Spanish, learning a smattering of Chinese and taking pottery classes. If any of you find yourself in my neck of the woods, stop by!

Paul Jahnige: <paul.jahnige@state.ma.us>: We remain happy and busy in Western Mass where we have had fun facing tornados, flooding and October blizzards. I direct the trails and greenways program for our state parks agency. Sally (Loomis, '89) just started a new job as director of the local Hilltown Land Trust. Our oldest, Sage (15), is enjoying playing High School soccer. Sierra (13) is starting to play piano. Skye (5) has started model rocketry and origami. Paul

Ben Saylor: <saylor@spearfish.net>: We're all doing well. The four of us went for excellent cross-country ski outing today. Indoor soccer starts for Jay and Will next week. I'm coaching both of their teams. We'll see how that goes. Volunteer activities are starting to completely consume me. With persuasive urging from Mrs. Tiffany Mitchell Bingham Cunningham, Betsy and I are dabbling with a whole-foods, plant-based diet. Will thinks we're completely nutty -- although he did enjoy the movie "Forks over Knives," which we watched while riding train to Pacific Northwest over Thanksgiving. Jay is adopting our dietary nuttiness about halfway. If word gets out, we risk banishment from South Dakota. Hope all's well with you. Let's get caught up soon. --Ben
From Cilla: I saw Ben and Betsy briefly in June when they came to New Haven for Betsy's Yale reunion!

Kristin Mitchell <kristinmitchell@aya.yale.edu>. I always enjoy reading about FOOTie adventures. My family finally has some interesting hiking adventures to report this year. In addition to the usual Alaskan day and cabin trips, my son Drake (age 11) hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back in a day. (He was inspired by the Silliman swing at my last reunion, so maybe I should put in an advance application for FOOT) We traveled to Xiuning China in July with a Yale ASC service trip and taught English to high school students (David & kids) and gave medical lectures in the Western-style and Traditional Chinese Medicine hospitals (Kristin). We enjoyed hiking in the Yellow mountains, initially in a downpour reminiscent of Catskill FOOT trips, but eventually the clouds lifted and we were treated to magnificent views of craggy peaks laced with wispy clouds. It was no low-impact wilderness retreat - thousands of mostly Chinese tourists throng the steep paved walkways, many of which are cantilevered off the rock faces. There are hotels with hot tea and koi ponds and mobile vendors who will carve something meaningful on a padlock which you can affix to the security chains, to mark your visit. Not a goofball in sight, but porters who walk 50kg loads of hoses and cable up the paths. We also experienced the luge run down from the Great Wall - not for the faint-of-heart if your driver is a six year old who chooses to follow only the short-word instructions on the "REDUCE SPEED" signs.



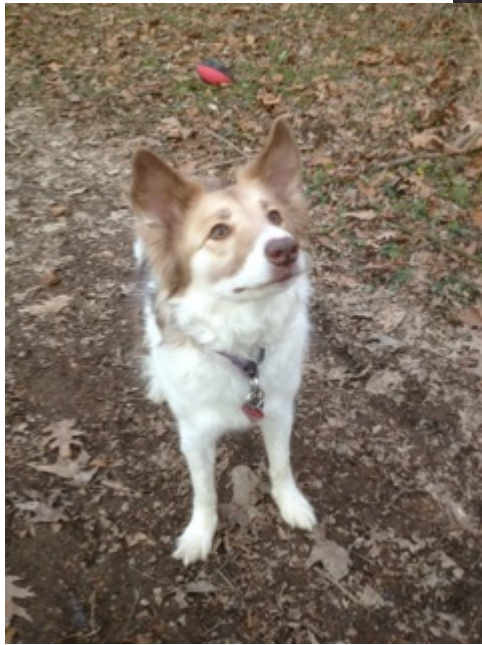
I am weathering the multitude of changes in medicine as they catch up to us in Alaska. We occasionally see FOOTies on a Northern adventure - be sure to contact us if your path comes to Alaska.

Kristin Mitchell FOOT '85, BR '89

Frank Levy: We send our well wishes... Life is so ephemeral. The girls are growing quickly—Mia (8.5 now leading Kiki (10) by 2 inches. Appreciating the cyclical nature of each year more than ever like a delicious traditional meal which is then sprinkled with new flavor, we enjoyed playing in our favorite places with friends and family: Carmel and Tahoe, California and San Juan Island, Washington State. We also visited multiple locations in the Rockies and Midwest, Boulder and its surroundings. Devil's Post Pile, Spearfish, Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands. We loved visiting Sicily and



Rome for Thanksgiving. Frank joined his crew buddies for a reunion weekend in New Haven. The fear of what might happen if we don't stay active propelled some athletic firsts this year. Frank joined the ranks of the sub-3 hour marathon club and competed in a zany Tough Mudder event. Kerty shaved 25 minutes off her Olympic distance triathlon time and endured 8 weeks of Kosama boot camp. The kids participated in soccer, triathlons, cross-country and downhill skiing. On the work front Kert's new "intrapreneurial" venture in personal care is going strong and Frank keeps putting together great new real estate development projects. Frank, Kerty, Kiki and Mia



Trex Proffitt: Beth and I are too old to appear in pictures, but here are Edward (8) and Lauren Proffitt (10), followed by Samantha the dog, and Catherine Proffitt (12)

Anne Vileisis: I have heard from Anne who sends her greetings. I (Cilla) did get the chance to see and hear her hubby Tim Palmer at a lecture at the Forestry School. It was a wonderful talk about trees—a change from the usual water stories!



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Eve Porter-Zuckerman is living in rural New Hampshire in the lakes region, still working at Isaacson, Miller in Boston. While my role at the firm is in knowledge management - helping everyone learn from what they do and from each other and developing systems for them to keep track of what they've learned along the way - in 2011 I got involved in a search directly, for the new Executive Director of the Squam Lakes Association, where I'm on the board. It was a great chance to clarify our organization's mission and find an individual, which we happily did!, who can lead it well. My husband, Duncan, and I have also been working with a great little group to start up another nonprofit to preserve a wonderful old farmhouse (which often houses trail crews) and site on the edge of the White Mountains here. We've been expanding our garden, and this year had some success with a winter garden that supplied us (and, alas, many rodents) with fresh greens until Christmas. Best to all in 2012!

Michael Kahan is still in Mountain View CA, teaching at Stanford in the Urban Studies program. My wife, Gabriella, also teaches at Stanford; her book *Wandering Soul: The Dybbuk's Creator, S. An-sky* came out in 2011 (available for your Kindle!). Our elder daughter Eva, 14, started high school this fall, and is very busy with drama (the on-stage kind, luckily!), dance, piano, choir--just about anything involving performance. Her younger sister Frieda is 10 and in 5th grade. She's studying piano, as well as swimming and getting ready to supply us and all our friends, neighbors, and co-workers with lots of Girl Scout cookies. The kids got some great exposure to the outdoors this summer by spending a month at a Jewish outdoor-adventure camp in Colorado. Other recent outdoor highlights include a week in December in Florida, including a day-trip by canoe through the Everglades (see attached photo). Best wishes to everyone for 2012!





1991:

Baker Mallory writes, “2011 was ...busier than last year, but probably not as busy as next year, which seems to be the pattern with my three increasingly independent, determined, uncontrollable..., but lovable, children who are now five (Gus), three (Brad) and three (Rose). Endless snow, cold and ice dams filled our wintertime in Ridgefield, CT until that last snowbank melted away on April 1, just in time for our landscaping and gardening work to start. This year brought a few more landscape design projects, the completion of my biggest house design to date, and an enjoyable new business partnership with our local, CSA farm; we design, build and maintain edible landscapes for clients of the farm. Much camping was enjoyed this year due to Hurricane Irene and the Pre-Halloween snow storm! – 14 days without power while potty training the twins! We did manage to escape to Disney World at Christmas while visiting my parents and brother’s family in Florida for a great year-end reunion. Have a great 2012! bakerdmallory@aol.com”



Ben Doolittle writes, “Ben (aka the food dude) Doolittle never really left Yale! These days, he is the residency program director of the combined medicine-pediatric residency program. He also serves part time as a minister on the staff of South Church in New Britain, CT. Married with two mermaids (9 and 6), he spends much of his time in Wii dance off competitions with the kids, and rooting for the home soccer team.”

Diana Fischer Gomberg writes, “My news: I am still living in Newton, MA with my husband Richard (JE'91, now a Psychoanalyst) and our daughters, Lily (13) and Maya (11). My big news is that I was elected to our local School Committee (like a School Board) in November after an intense campaign. Running for public office was a huge project but I learned a ton from the experience and I'm excited to make a contribution to the public schools in this way. I'm thinking of planning a week-long hike in the Whites or the Adirondacks this summer in early August. Let me know if you're game! Diana Fisher Gomberg, DFGomberg@gmail.com”

Chris Roberts writes, "Lovely to see so many familiar names at the top of your email, which is why I can't resist a shout out to everyone. I think of you all often and fondly. For example, just the other day, I wore a tattered old surf shop t-shirt that Steve Bunyak gave me at least 20 years ago. Steve, my kids say "hoysah!" whenever they're excited and we have to get motivated. Also, any song by ELO makes me think of Del, who is the only other person besides me who has ever admitted to enjoying them. Or consider that I just exchanged Xmas cards with KT Hackett, who, despite living less than an hour away, I have not yet seen; this year, KT! And so on, about everybody, really.



My news in brief: wife Hannah and I live in Philadelphia. We have three daughters: Martha (age 6), Ruth (3), and Sarah (1). Martha plays violin, Ruth is in her first year of pre-K, and Sarah has red hair. Hannah homeschools Martha. I'm at home mostly these days to help with that - Martha has Aspergers, and the therapeutic side of working with her is pretty intense - but I also do a little writing and am training to be a (Catholic) deacon, which is kinda like a priest except you can be married. (Don't tell any of my professors I put it that way.) Here's a photo. I'm the guy, which I point out, because otherwise you might not recognize the bloke with the white hair. Love to all, Chris"

Steve Bunyak writes, "Greetings, everyone. The update from Cardiff (25 mi. north of San Diego), California (where, blissfully, Ahnuld no longer is Governor) ebbs and flows like this: Dylan Louise just turned 7 and attends first grade at Cardiff Elementary School--she enjoys wall ball, soccer, and staying home all day on weekends. (I agree with her--the days s t r e t c h when we avoid getting into a car.) She already knows one too many Lady Gaga songs (watch out for classmates with older siblings!) and I continue to fret about how the world crashes in on the childhoods of our children.

Kai turned 4 in October. He attends a nearby hippy-dippy preschool and likely will enroll in PK next year at the school where I work. He's into building with LEGOs and somewhat obsessively drawing complicated "comic books." Kai has more ninja moves than I ever had doing martial arts, so I gotta watch my back when I eat breakfast or tie my shoes . . . lest I suffer a reckless body-slam attack.

Sasha's almost 4 years in with her solo medical practice, BOUNDLESS. She provides comprehensive physical medicine care (soft-tissue sports and spine) for local athletes and seniors, and has been experiencing all the advantages and disadvantages of being her own boss. Between the platelet-rich plasma injections she can do under ultrasound guidance and the cold laser therapy she now offers, scientific advancements in medicine continue to amaze us. She's been on a tear devouring vampire romance novels (everything from high art to true cheese) and loves to be elbow deep in food prep in our modest kitchen.

This is my fifth year as assistant head at a toddler-Gr. 6 independent school in La Jolla. The students are actively engaged in two kinds of composting and, with the results, schoolyard gardening, so we're trying to instill in them ways to be forward thinkers. In general, though, I'm feeling like schools have a long way to go to be progressive enough to provide open-ended educations worthy of the challenges of the future. Always hopeful, I'll attend the "Learning and the Brain" conference in February, the country's leading meet-up and mash-up of neuroscientists and educators--I'm looking forward to that.

In closing, I'm happy to write that we finally camped our local state beach last summer (San Elijo) and we have two trips planned for this spring--we're trying to "get out there!" in the true spirit of FOOT. (I just need to resolve with my love-hate relationship with ReserveAmerica.) Wishing everyone a healthy, productive, and enjoyable 2012. Very best, Steve"



Glen Magid writes, "Dear All, It is, indeed, lovely to see so many familiar names. Many thanks, Baker, for kicking off this thread. I regret to say, this is the first time in 21(!) years that I've thought to submit an update on my whereabouts, but I've greatly enjoyed reading others' updates over the years. Attached is the only family photo I could find, alas with me behind the camera. You'll have to take it for granted that I haven't aged a day since we graduated; that I have, in fact, a strikingly youthful appearance for my advancing years. (If it's in an email, it must be true, right?)

Of course, far more important than the person behind the camera are the people in front of it: my wife of just-shy-of 10 years, Julie; and my daughters: Isabella (almost 6 [the "almost" being, for her, of vital importance to underscore]) and Amelie (almost 3). To recap the last 21 years in brief: after graduation I spent too many years to count pursuing a doctorate in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard, where I also spent years working in undergraduate advising. I met Julie, a clinical psychologist who had done her grad studies in the Bay area and was very keen to move back there. A job came up; I followed her out; and I spent a couple of years doing research in my field at Berkeley. During this stretch, I tried breaking into higher ed administration, and eventually landed a job at Stanford doing academic advising for undergrads and running the university's domestic fellowships program, which I did for the next 6 years. All the while we lived in Oakland -- a very troubled but also wonderful city in a very troubled but wonderful region of the country -- and in due course had both our daughters which, needless to say, changed everything. Notwithstanding the not-as-infrequent-as-we'd-like tantrums and the occasional sibling-rivalries-taken-to-extremes, they are the light of our lives, endlessly entertaining and gosh darned cute.

Flash forward to this past summer: an opportunity to advance in my field (academic admin) came up, and in late August of this year, we moved back to Boston (Belmont, actually), so that I could take up a job as Assistant Dean of Upperclass

and Concentration Advising in a relatively new office at Harvard. I am now typing you from that office (shoring up for/momentarily avoiding a report I need to write). Julie landed a job as a clinical psychologist at a rehab hospital in Woburn, MA (she specializes in working with brain-injury and dementia patients). Bella is in kindergarten at a wonderful public school. And Lili has started her first year of preschool. After years in the Bay area, with lots of friends and family nearby, we're in the throes of a major adjustment to life back east. It's colder here, for one. And folks are a bit more reserved it seems -- something I'd never noticed before but that strikes me now; of course, we're all in different stages of life...

So, between the workaday, the schooladay, spending time with our kids evenings and on weekends, and beginning to re-explore greater Boston, that pretty much describes our life and times at present, and catches you up on my own life and times in the years since we became emeritus FOOT leaders.

A few additional facts: over the years, I have tried off and on to teach myself the following, all with limited success: Mandarin, calculus, the mandolin, how to cook (at a post-graduate student level of competency). Julie, who I used to routinely slaughter at Scrabble, now crushes me routinely (I haven't won a Scrabble game against her in nearly a year). With almost equal regularity, Bella beats me at a turn-

over-the-pieces-to-find-the-matching-dinosaur-pairs game. She's had the upper hand since she was 4. Oh the humanity! Lili's favorite song is: "Willaby wallaby waxel, and elephant sound Axel." I have no idea what it means.

Wishing you all a very healthy and happy 2012! If any of you is in the Boston area, or ever pass through, let me know. Would love to cross paths. All best, Glenn



Phillipe Wells writes, "We're happily living in Newton, MA, where we have the pleasure of seeing fellow Newtonian, Diana Fisher Gomberg, every

My wife, Taylor, and I
Newton ten years ago. Before
their high yield
the best thing ever. My wife and
teach, and for all the other,
natural division of labor, where
managing our teachers, and I
accounting details. She has two
Life Ever on the Boston
studio, in Brooklyn, last fall, and

We also had a raw vegan
adventure, and quite a learning experience. When the chef decided that making our own personal food order was a waste



once in a while.
opened Prana Power Yoga in
that I was working at Bain Capital, in
group. Switching over to yoga was
I run the studios together. We both
business-type stuff, we've found a
she is drawn to marketing and
handle most of the financial and
blogs, Super-mom.com, The Best
Herald. We just opened our fifth
it's been going great.

restaurant for two years. It was an

of his time, we realized that the restaurant was a waste of our time. It clearly wasn't our dharma, and we sold it last summer.

Most importantly and joyfully, we have five wonderful children: Madison (14), Sage (8), Phoenix (5), and twins Dakota (1) and Montana (1). We home-schooled for a while, then switched back over to public school when our 8 year old told us she didn't want to be the weird home-schooled kid anymore.

Our five year old now feels gipped that his older sister has homework and he does not, so I still homeschool him a little every night before bedtime. He loves it :)

We are planning to visit Switzerland this summer, and hope to see Dell Berger Lapidoth there (Hi Dell, let us know if you're in town the last week of June). Namaste!

Cameron Brooks : “Living in Colorado (Boulder) for the past six years. Working on smart grid policy (and energy efficiency) for a start-up in Boulder called Tendril, which has been great. Two kids - Amaya (born six years ago in Ithaca, New York, where Kate Hackett attended to us while we were at the hospital) and Malachi (3). Life is good and still get to get out and play (like yesterday, when a big storm caused my wife to demand I take the day off and go skiing with her, which was, of course, the exact right decision). Hope you are all well!

Eric Steadman: This year marked Eric’s and Rita’s 20th college reunions and our 10th wedding anniversary, which we managed to tie together over a wonderful Memorial Day weekend, where we saw many of you. For each of us, it was our first college reunion and it was fabulous to see friends from that era again. In 2011 we took our family’s first-ever summer vacation with only the four of us. It was a special time and it occasioned our first trip to Canada since moving up here—we spent two days on the coastal island of Campobello, just over the border, where FDR had his summer home. We also spent two beautiful weeks on the Maine coast hiking, swimming, canoeing, reading, drawing, laughing and just plain relaxing. In 2011 Eric began an unusual hobby here in Bangor; he is a charter member of the “Bangor Bacon Club.” To explain, a St. John’s parishioner has a large kitchen area in basement, including a 19th century meat curing room, and he invites the club over once a month to process meat in various ways. So far we have made bacon, sausage, pancetta, and beef jerky. It has been great fun and the bacon is incredibly delicious!



Emel Wadhwani sent her holiday greeting with a pix of her two boys!



1992:



Cynthia Boyd: We have a new member of the family, Jane Susanna Lucas, born 9/6/11. Adored by big brothers Graham(7) and Liam(5). Graham's in second grade, Liam Kindergarten. Cynthia Boyd, MD MPH

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Sumner McCallie: How fun to see the various names on the FOOT list from our time. Also great to see so many names I don't know each time the FOOT letter comes out-- just means more and more folks are having the chance to experience such an introduction to Yale. I'm still loving serving as Dean of Residential Life at The McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN. Have also been working hard with the local Habitat for Humanity Chapter. Of all the great house dedications and homeowner stories that have developed over the past 15 years of this, my selfish favorite Habitat result occurred mid October this year as the former Volunteer Coordinator agreed to share a life together in a nearby state park surrounded by hay bales, pumpkins, and overlooking a lake reflecting orange maples, crimson sourwoods, and yellow poplars. Nothing like a simple BBQ lunch with just a few family and friends to start married life. I'd love to encourage other FOOTers to get involved with their local Habitat chapter; lives really can be transformed by a few folks picking up a hammer.

Sumner smccalli@mccallie.org

Sylke Jackson: I am in Nyack, NY with two kids as well. Lucy is 12 and Fin is 9. I am writing and editing and tutoring a bit too. Getting into rock and even a little ice climbing this past year so still doing outdoorsy things. Everything is pretty good. Even getting to act some. Ophelia in Hamlet this March. Whoo hoo! Would love to get to a reunion sometime. Great to hear from you.xo, Sylke sylkej@gmail.com

Jake Bowers: We, (Jake (age 41) and partner Cara Wong (age 40) and Mari (age 5) and Cosmo (age 2)) live in a messy, busy world. In this world, pickles show up on the table as the dinner vegetable. Celebrations require popsicles for breakfast. We eat Nutella and peanut butter sandwiches. On bad days we answer "How was your day at school?" with "I bored my students and they bored me.", "I don't believe my simulation study and it ran for 8 hours!", "We had to negotiate about the monkey bars and the teacher said the monkey bars were closed to us." and "No biting!" On good days we say, "I am excited about my research!", "I am excited about my teaching!", "I drew pictures and there were princesses and they fought the bad guys and wore purple dresses and we had a treat at snack time.", and "Pop pop pop!"

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Matt Eddy and his wife Sarah Pelmas welcomed William Field Shenstone Eddy into their family in April 2011. The newest family addition doesn't get much personal time, however, as he must fend off the over-enthusiastic hugs and affection showered on him by his older brother Owen (now 4). Matt works as a science teacher at Washington Latin Public Charter School. Short and sweet. Thanks! --Matt

David Goetsch: goetsch@gmail.com I've been living in LA since '94. I have a two year old son Boon (who was born on my birthday which also happens to be my wife's birthday). I write on a sitcom called "The Big Bang Theory." I've also been teaching a webisodes class at USC. Nerds rule!



Louisa Castrodale: And me (Lou) and husb Mike Zieserl are still anchored down in Anchorage with kids Sam (6yo) and Anna (3yo).....



Ben dancing with 2 Atlantic spotted dolphins

Ben Harley: bharley@aya.yale.edu

For the last couple years, Ben has been developing (with his partner, Chisa) a project that brings together talented improvisational dancers with wild dolphins and films the extraordinary movement conversations that arise. Serendipitously, it somehow manages to combine his interests in dance, theater, film, anthropology, environment, and the ocean. Based somewhat precariously in New York City, Ben doesn't spend as much time in the mountains as he is wont. The Dolphin Dance Project (<http://dolphin-dance.org/>) produced a short award-winning film in 2010, is in post-production with video for an IMAX short, and is developing a feature length documentary that will make these amazing interactions meaningful to the general public.

Ben is curious if anyone else is working with marine mammals or conservation. Also, if anyone in the FOOT community has connections with natural history museums or other venues that might want to show these films, please let him know.



1993:



Burch and Rachelle LaPrade:

Life for the **LaPrade family** continues crazy and busy and wonderful in Des Moines. Our four kids (Abbott 12 1/2, Forrest 10 1/2, Beckett 8, and Kendrick 5 1/2), three dogs, three cats, and occasional chickens (a constant battle with a weasel) keep us on our toes with all their activities



-- this winter alone we had 6 hockey teams, 2 basketball teams, 2 indoor soccer teams, gymnastics, ballet, horseback riding, and piano. Every once in a while we make them go to school too!). I have returned to work, opening my equine vet practice again after 7 years at home with the kids. Last year Burch successfully revamped and sold the company we bought into upon moving here and he is looking for the next opportunity/endeavor. We decided a trip for just the two of us would help as he mulled things over, and so left the menagerie in the capable hands of my mom for two weeks as we escaped to Peru. We hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and had a fabulous time. It was an amazing trip which we highly recommend to any and all. Truly a once-in-a-lifetime place that we are already plotting to return to with our kids!

Ashley West: Alas, I've had no adrenaline-rushing wilderness adventures for awhile now since spending 3 months backpacking in Nepal and Tibet (including to the Makalu base camp in Nepal) over a decade ago. For the past 3 years my life has been closer to that of a bookworm than an adventure-seeker, as I am a professor of art history at Temple University in Philadelphia. I am really loving it, the students are great, most of them very happy to be in the classroom, and my colleagues are a wonderful lot, too. Before landing this job I was living in Berlin, Germany, for 4 years researching and writing my dissertation on an early German printmaker named Hans Burgkmair (keep eyes peeled for 'the book' in a couple years). What a fabulous city Berlin is! I will be heading back to Berlin for the academic year of 2012-13 while on a fellowship at the Freie Universität on an international research project around the issue of the 'pictorial aesthetic of evidence.' So I guess you can say that in these busy days I am at my desk or in the classroom, laser pointer in hand, far too much, but I have reserved nighttime dreams for hiking in the great outdoors! It is time to plan a camping trip, I think!

Sara Cohen: I can't think of when I last sent in an update to the FOOT notes (maybe never, but I hope that's not true). I guess, as a brand new parent, the notion of life milestones just took on suddenly more intense meaning for me than ever before (enhanced by the postpartum hormones still racing around in my body), and that has inspired me to write. My general update is that I've spent the last ten years working on water resources policy and science for the Massachusetts state government. About four years ago, I got very excited about mediation and facilitating better public decision-making and have been training on and off in those skills, hoping to make a more meaningful leap into that line of work, when the opportunity is right. In other fun news, my husband and I took an extended and somewhat delayed honeymoon last year. We spent a month in Oaxaca, Mexico, studying Spanish, and then toured around Argentina and Chile for two more months. We lucked out and our time in Oaxaca coincided with the Days of Dead celebration, which is an intense week of festivities. Death is not morbid in Oaxaca! In South America, we spent time taking in city life, backpacked some in Patagonia, went horse-trekking in the Andes, and toured around in a rental car in the driest desert on earth. It was an incredible trip that I think about and miss often! If anyone heading to that part of the world wants to contact me for any tips, I'd love to share our highlights! And, lastly, as I mentioned, we welcomed our first daughter, Elia, just under three weeks ago. This is clearly going to be the wildest ride of my life. I take some inspiration from all the FOOT notes where people talk of adventuring with their kids and hope we figure out how to do that, too!

Anne Cottrell: Here's an update from me: My husband Doug Cutting and I live in St. Helena, CA (where I grew up), have three boys, 11, 9, and 4. After practicing law part-time for a few years, I have hung my lawyer's shingle in the closet and spend my time chasing my kids, trail running, and doing volunteer work (I'm on the Board of the Napa County Land Trust, e.g.). It's interesting to think about the many ways that FOOT has shaped / directed us all--for me, the things I do outdoors (on the trails) and indoors (in meetings about land) are very much linked up with the positive experiences I had as a FOOT camper and leader. Plus, raising three boys means that life is pretty much a big, messy, camp-out. Thanks Cilla for the training!

Seth Hawkins: I've been super-busy with many activities that are definitely FOOT-related! In 2011 we launched (in pilot form) an exciting new graduate medical education rotation, the Carolina Wilderness EMS Externship. Lots more information on the website: www.blueridgehealth.org/wildems Our Facebook page has daily updates of our adventures and can be found by searching "Carolina Wilderness EMS Externship" on Facebook. In brief, this program takes medical students and resident physicians and trains them in Wilderness EMS over a 1 month period in the Carolina mountains. This rotation differs from many others in that it focuses on Wilderness EMS rather than wilderness medicine, and it is entirely focused on getting Externs out of the hospital and into the wilderness. As much as possible training comes from the rangers, rescue specialists, wilderness paramedics, and others who actually do the wilderness medical operations. We are accepting applications (via the website) for our 2012 externship if anyone knows someone who would be interested!

Also in 2011 my non-profit, the Appalachian Center for Wilderness Medicine, expanded its geographic coverage. We now include Kentucky, Maryland, and Alabama. Also in 2011 we wandered on wikipedia, which is a strange but cool

experience to see your work objectively "legitimized" in this open source venue:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Appalachian_Center_for_Wilderness_Medicine

In 2011 I also became medical director of Landmark Learning (www.landmarklearning.org), a wilderness medical training school that teaches Wilderness Medical Institute of NOLS courses -- very similar to the ones we took as FOOT instructors. Needless to say much of this work springs out of my time with FOOT! Hope everyone is doing well...

Maggie Vining: Here are some brief notes -- I live with Arthur Bradford, brother of

Laura Bradford who was a FOOT leader, and two daughters, Elsie (5) and Theodotia (3.5) in Portland Oregon. We'd love to host any visitors checking out the northwest!

Edwin Choy: I'm now living in Boston, married, and with two children. I am an assistant professor at Harvard University and my wife, Soo Hong, is an assistant professor at Wellesley. This summer, we took our two children, Lauren (6 yrs) and Christopher (3 yrs) camping in Vermont for the first time in their lives. Unfortunately, this was the first time I used my FOOT leader skills in about 10 years! But now I look forward to more interaction with the wild as the kids grow older. I am comforted in knowing that if I run into problems, I can always call Seth Hawkins for emergency wilderness medical care. Look us up if you ever come by Boston. It would be great to see old friends again.

Jessica Plumb: This has been a year of personal and professional adventure in the Northwest. On the work front, I'm currently producing a documentary film about the Elwha River restoration project, the largest dam removal effort in United States history. I'm in over my head (no pun intended) in the politics of hydropower, but loving the opportunity to tell a story about the land I've called home for a decade. Fundamentally it's a story about salmon & people who refused to give up on a river. Personally, it's a bit of a love story to the Olympic Peninsula, though I'm trying to keep a broad perspective. We're just starting post-production and it will be a long journey; keep an eye out for a kickstarter campaign coming to an inbox near you. On the home front, our family had an opportunity to venture even further north this summer, joining my parents to explore the inside passage. We began on a ferry from Bellingham to Petersburg, AK, then sailed north on a 44-foot steel hulled sloop to Glacier Bay. We were on the water for close to a month, and Zia (now five) did surprisingly well in small quarters. Doting grandparents, wild shore romps, and a boatful of books make it possible. Our little family spends a lot of time in the wilderness at home, but our Alaska wildlife experiences were truly exceptional. Back home in Washington State, we crammed as much hiking as possible into the final weeks of summer, three national parks in as many weeks. Here's what I learned: never underestimate a five year-old in a flower skirt. I had to pull my daughter off the snowfields of Mt. Rainier, insisting she's too young for an ice ax. Zia just started kindergarten, a big change for both of us. I'm truly grateful for the many gifts of this year, and for a family that shares the spirit of adventure. (Just wish us luck when our girl is a teenager...) If you're headed to the Northwest, bring your boots and get in touch! jessica@plumbproductions.com.



I am producing a documentary film about the Elwha River dams on the Olympic Peninsula, and I just launched a kickstarter campaign to help

unprecedented restoration effort, and a rare environmental success story that I hope to share with a broad audience.

If you've never been to the Olympic Peninsula, the trailer on kickstarter is a beautiful introduction to the area I call home. The kickstarter campaign runs through March only, so it is a time-sensitive project. <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1371070207/return-of-the-river>

about the removal of the Peninsula, and I just launched complete the film. It's



1994:

Ben Madley: I am an Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the History Department and Native American Studies Program at Dartmouth College. My wife Barbara and I live across the Connecticut River in Vermont and have had the pleasure of hosting visits from numerous FOOT leaders over the last year. Best, Ben

Anne Weil: Still busy here in Colorado. My husband and I are both pursuing passions when we're not working our regular jobs or taking care we end up for very little ourselves. I am loving called Flax and Twine (www.flaxandtwine.com) working on statistical NBA team. Other than commercial real estate utilities software developer fit by running - I ran my this summer and Sandy mile Imogene trail for a real backpacking trip summer.



of the kiddos, so time to writing a craft blog

and Sandy is analysis for an that, we are still a contractor and by day. We keep first half marathon completed the 17-run. We're hoping for this kids this

Meg Wickwire: As for me, Meg, my tutoring business is still going well, which somehow continues to startle me. I'm also teaching part time at Concord Academy, a 7 minute walk from my front door. My days are wildly unpredictable, but also somewhat flexible; I get to spend lots of time in the woods and on the carpet with Penn, for which I'm intensely grateful. I'm hoping for a FOOT reunion trip for families one of these days--what are the chances, Cilla? Cheers, Meg

1995:



Sam Dyson: I'm living happily in Chicago with wife Elizabeth Branch Dyson (DC '97) and our two kids Eve (4 1/2) and Davis (1 1/2). I'm working in secondary education and my wife is in book publishing. Thanks for staying in touch! 4720 S. Greenwood Ave. #2 Chicago, IL 60615
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Anne Egger has recently moved to Ellensburg, Washington, from the San Francisco Bay Area. She is an assistant professor in geology and science education, doing (geology) research in the Basin and Range and developing geoscience educational materials at the undergraduate level. She is enjoying living in a place with real seasons again, and getting to know a new part of North America. Visitors are welcome!

Kristen McDonald currently works for San Francisco-based Pacific Environment, a small non-profit that focuses on capacity building, water, and energy in the northern

pacific rim. Kristen directs the China Program and spends most of her time giving financial, technical, and moral support to young environmentalists fighting water pollution in China. She continues to travel to China frequently, and in between trips enjoys living and playing in Berkeley.

Moria Smoski writes: I am living in Durham, NC with my husband Roy and two daughters, Willow (3 years) and Sephina (4 months.) I'm a clinical psychologist and assistant professor at Duke University Medical Center. With two little ones we don't get out hiking as much as we would like, but we do manage to get out to the Blue Ridge Mountains a few times a year, and very much enjoy walking and biking the local trails. The American Tobacco Trail, a rails-to-trails conversion that runs right by our house, is a special favorite. Wishing all the best to the FOOT Folks!

Sara Bamberger writes: I am living in Berkeley, California with my husband, Ken Bamberger and our four children, Max (8), Isaiah (7), Niva (5) and Ezra (3). I am the founder and Executive Director of a small nonprofit called Kevah that sends Jewish educators to people's homes and offices to facilitate small group study of classical Jewish texts. The organization has been growing rapidly and has been very rewarding. I still continue to play competitive ultimate frisbee, and see **Rebecca Whitney** and **Perry DeValpine** whenever possible, and **Elizabeth Murdoch** and I had a lovely chat at Rebecca's recent tea before the birth of her third child.

Mora Segal writes: I'm married to a great guy named Jeff Lemberg and we have two pretty awesome daughters, Ellie (4) and Izzy (1). We live in Newton, MA after spending about 8 years in Washington, D.C.. We go on hikes a lot – but they pale in comparison to back-in-the-day outings in college and my 20's! For my ultimate Frisbee friends – I hung up my cleats so long ago that I fear trying to throw a forehand...would be dangerous for anyone standing near me. I'm running an organization called The Achievement Network – we partner with schools in low-income communities across the country to help their educators use data to improve instruction and raise student achievement levels.

Susan Burton writes: I live in Brooklyn with my husband (Michael Agger, SM '95) and our two sons, Nick (nearly 7) and Will (nearly 4). I'm writing a memoir, *The Invention of the Teenage Girl*, which will be published by Random House. We make a fairly regular pilgrimage to the Adirondacks, so the boys have begun to explore FOOT terrain.

Tamara Schurdak writes: I live in Potomac MD now and am a middle school principal. However, I am moving to New York City in June to be a principal at another school, a nursery through 8 school. I cannot believe I am moving to the land of pavement. It will be an adventure for sure! On my "off" time I travel up to Maine to help out at a boys camp, Winona, in Bridgeton Maine. Other than that, I do a lot related to middle school students and education. Never a dull moment, and lots of opportunities for laughter.

After many years of slacking **David Lambert** (95) and **Emily Lambert** (96) are filing an update:

After an interlude in Tucson, we got married in New Haven in 2002, one of the early FOOT weddings! We moved to Rochester NY in '04, where Emily did her dermatology residency, and Dave set up his lab in the biology department, both at the University of Rochester. We had Wendell in '03, Charlie in '05 and Sam in '07. That entire time is a complete blur. I have tenure now so we may be in Rochester for good. (bio geeks: peruse my fascinating papers on snail development and the evolution of development under J. David Lambert on Pubmed.) Emily is a dermatologist in a little town between Rochester and Syracuse (Geneva, NY). Days at home and work are busy but largely really fun and rewarding. When I wasn't studying snails last winter, the boys and I spent lots of time skiing (Em did a few runs a day too but likes her book fireside in the lodge best). Everyone is getting really good. The boys have turned into the tiny kamikazes we used to fear but



Greetings to all our FOOT friends from the Lamberts (Dave, Emily, Wendell, Charles, Samuel)!

we are encouraging a turn here and there. Dave, Wendell and Charlie did an amazing 7-day trip down the San Juan River in southern Utah in late April. This was the site of the first FOOT alumni trip at some point in the mid 1990's, do you remember, Cilla? We all continue to enjoy living in Rochester, our great friends, and the good health of our family. With every passing year we feel more established here and regret only how far we are from most of you. Should good fortunes find you in Upstate New York, or even within a 5 hour drive, we would love to see you!

BC Connolly: I'm living/practicing in Seattle, which has been incredible for the last 12 years or so. Working on highly sustainable educational projects with great clients – EE centers to independent schools, museums, and higher ed. Inspirational clients and projects to say the least, and a lot of late nights for me...have a great family also, 2 kiddos, wife, all who love to be outside, so we have our fair share of outings on the trails – of course one of the early motivations for moving out here

1996:



Sydney Sawyer: I have been living in the Bay Area since 1997. I was in SF until over a year ago when my husband and I bought our first home in Mill Valley (in Marin County, just north of the city). We've got two little ones, Andrew (4) and Isla (2). I am currently working in San Rafael as a general pediatrician. Life is busy and wonderful! Sydney

Nye Wright (with pic attached): Okay, quick update from me.

The Day Job --I've been working for Apple Retail for the last 6.5 years. I've been living in the UK for the last 5 years working in London and then Brighton as a Store Leader (fancy term for store manager). I'm now in Paris until April (have been here since October) working as a Store Leader at the Apple Store Carrousel du Louvre. Not half bad; I.M. Pei's inverted pyramid is the view out the front of the shop.

The Night Job--I'm still drawing cartoons and comics and have a graphic novel coming out in the UK February 16th (no US release just yet, but coming soon). It's called "Things to do in a Retirement Home Trailer Park... When You're 29 and Unemployed" (trips off the tongue, doesn't it?). Amazon link [here](#). Book website [here](#) (book website is a little rough

and will be properly launched shortly). For the book launch I'm mixing Night and Day jobs and doing a "Made on a Mac" event at the Apple Store Regent Street in London.

Here's a picture of the book cover:

Personal Life--I'm married to an amazing graphic Designer I met over here named Lyndsay Lucero. She and I are expecting our first child in June. As we've no idea of what it's going to be, we've dubbed it Sprout...

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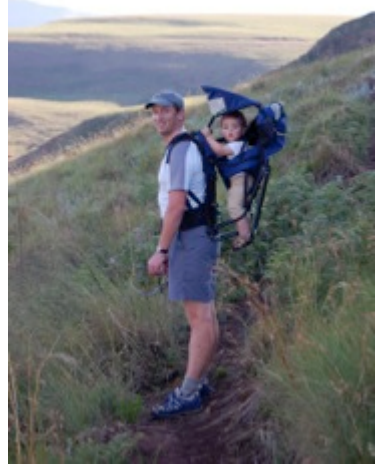


Dan Filler: I have been meaning to write to the FOOT newsletter for a long time, but procrastination is one of my best skills, unfortunately. I have wanted to write because I consider my FOOT experience as an incoming freshman a true turning point in my life. I had never done any backpacking, or even any real hiking, before FOOT. My first trip to the Catskills with Ben and Jodie (sorry, last names long forgotten) connected me to a part of myself I never even knew was there. My years at Yale included as much time in the woods as I could manage, either with FOOT or with friends. After graduation, instead of heading off to the State Department, my original goal before arriving on campus four years earlier, I spent five months thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail. After that I led wilderness trips for a private school in Maine. That led to classroom teaching and a trip to graduate school. I left graduate school with a masters in teaching and a partner, Walter Fogg. For the past ten years we have been living in Vermont, a place I first fell in love with while scouting and leading a trips for FOOT. I am an upper elementary (grades 4, 5, and 6) teacher at a Montessori school in Brattleboro, VT. Each fall and spring my co-teacher and I take our students on

a camping trip. When I am in the leanto with my students, I know I am there because of my experience with FOOT. With much gratitude, Dan Filler

Oliver Pierson (with photo attached) Hi all - greetings from Windhoek, Namibia. My wife Julie and I have been living out here for just over 3 years, where I am the country director for a large US Government economic development program out here, funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the agency I work for. My wife is working for the Center for Disease Control on HIV/AIDS prevention research. We were joined by our son Zachary in October of 2010, who is already an avid outdoor explorer. Our lives are spent balancing work, child-raising, and trying to get out into Namibia's amazing countryside as frequently as possible. We also do a lot of mountain biking as the terrain here is perfect for that sport. Attached is a photo from a day hike in the Drakensberg Mountains of South Africa in November 2011. Look us up if you are in the region!

- Oliver, Julie and Zachary Regards, Oliver (Pierson)



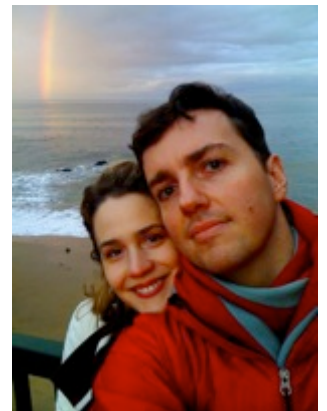
Peter Ehrenkranz: My wife Callista and I live in Swaziland with our now 16 month old daughter, Aviva. I work for the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) providing technical support to the Ministry of Health on HIV, TB and health systems issues. Callista works for the World Bank, also providing technical support (and \$) to the Ministry of Health. Swaziland happens to have the highest HIV and TB rates in the world, which gives some urgency to the work. It also happens to have some beautiful mountains and rivers which provide for some good fun on the weekends. All are welcome to pay us a visit if they happen to be in the area.

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Doug Foster: Hello from San Francisco where my wife Rebecca and son Rowan moved to in 2010. It's been great being back here (first job after Yale was here) and we've had a second son (Henry) join the crew in September. Great hikes and sea kayaking abound so we're having a great time being outside as much as we can. Best, Doug



Ivan Kerbel (with pic): I'm getting married this April and moving to Seattle in the summertime to join my future wife, Eleanor Knopp. I'm excited to be moving to a city surrounded by so many mountains and so much water, and I'm looking forward to this new phase of life... Since I've asked fellow classmates to submit photos, here is one of Eleanor and me in Monterey, CA. (That's a full rainbow, all the way, in the background... and notice the Berkeley scarf!) Ivan

1997:



Melissa Lee: We had the chance to visit New haven for the labor Day race. Last time I did this was 13 years ago! Glad to report I am faster now. It was great to show the kids my old (and much changed) stomping groups and to run a bit around East Rock again. Love, Melissa.



Debbie Gross:

I live in Davis, CA where we are having a strangely warm, windy, and sunny January day. My husband Vishal is from India (actually in India right now for his work). I've enjoyed several trips over there with him (here is a picture of us on a plateau called Tapovan above the glacier that flows into the Ganges river).



I've been working for a solar energy company called Blue Oak Energy as a project manager. We just finished a big project to install commercial solar arrays at 14 sites all across the country.



Amelia Shaw: I am currently living in Papua New Guinea with my 18-month old daughter, Luna. I work for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation training radio journalists at the national radio station here. I am helping them to put together the country's first mass media campaign to end domestic violence - a scourge that affects more than three quarters of families here. It's exciting to live in the South Pacific, in the shadow of Australia and on the cusp of China - both of whom are scouring the green hills of New Guinea for gold, lumber, and oil. When not at the radio station, I do a little sailing, a little diving, a little bushwacking. But mostly I just enjoy being a mom and seeing the world like my daughter - with new eyes.

Greg Newmark: Our big update is that we moved to Chicago in August 2011. I am fulfilling my transit dreams by working for the Regional Transportation Authority and miraculously finished my PhD in City and Regional Planning in December. We would love to be in touch with FOOT leaders in Chicago.

Jesse Heitler: I'm living in London with my wife Shirli and two kids, Noah and Eliana. While there's not much wilderness on this island, we do try to get away for a camping trip at least once a year. If anyone happens to be on this side of the pond do drop me a line at my AYA email.

Margaret Smith: I am living in NYC – uptown- and still working in the Urban Investment Group at Goldman Sachs. I am keeping busy with Max (6), Eloise (4) and Nicholas (1). So good chaos and look forward to hearing from others! In a few weekends, I am going to Florida with Mar Fitzgerald Wagner and Lexy Densen Higgins for a weekend away from the cold northeast with our 4 year olds.

Leah Sievers: I'm at UVA (though we live in Richmond, not Charlottesville) in the Dept. of Religious Studies, and I'm in the Ethics/Jewish Studies tracks of the department. My dissertation is basically an intellectual and ethical study of Holocaust museums, with special attention paid to how these museums are addressing the subject of modern genocide. I just started writing this week, so I'm kind of anxious and excited all at once.

Greg Nelson and Caitlin Pike: We are doing great and living in Washington DC with our two kiddos.

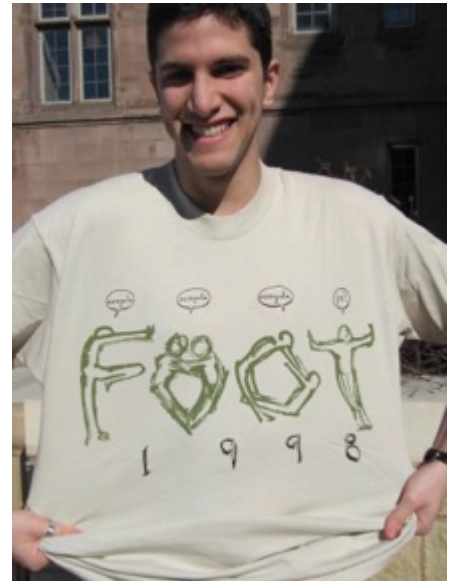
Cat Balco: I am an artist and an Assistant Professor at the University of Hartford where I teach painting and drawing. I married Alex Grennan in 2010 and we recently bought our first house, in Hamden.

Luke Hansen: Luke is a doctor who lives in Chicago and works at Northwestern. He reports listening to **Greg Warner** on Public Radio International's Marketplace a couple of times a week!

1998:



Gretchen Boger and her daughters, Edith (6) and Alice (3), in the Garden of the Gods park in our neighborhood in Colorado Springs. Can't find a picture of the whole family; either Tom or she is always taking the picture.



Jim Carothers: To 'celebrate' 10 years together, Lara Rose (JE '98, but alas, not a FOOT person) and I got married at the end of October in a small ceremony in Sonoma, CA. We continue to enjoy the Bay Area -- we recently adopted a 3 year old Boxer, Olive, who loves to go trail running in the Oakland Hills above the neighborhood where we live. We took her to Oregon a few weeks ago for some snowboarding (barely any snow in Tahoe this year) and found out she's a snow dog too. Otherwise, I'm a research scientist at UC Berkeley and the DOE's Joint BioEnergy Institute. My work is focused on developing genetic control systems for synthetic biology applications in the production of renewable chemicals, fuels and drugs. Some of our newest work (published in the journal 'Science') even got a shout-out from the Secretary of Energy Steve Chu -- we obviously let that go straight to our heads.

Manuel Cordero: I am married to Adrienne Gagnon (Calhoun '97) even though we actually never met at Yale (at least not that I remember!). We were introduced in the Bay Area by another FOOT leader, Seth Gordon. (As an aside: I saw Seth Gordon (BK '98) last summer at the release of his movie, *Horrible Bosses*, which he directed! Francis Franzie (BK '98) was also there along with several other Yalies.)

Adrienne and I now live in Rhode Island and have a 3 year old, Mateo, who is a bruising boy who loves bike rides, hikes, trucks, and has a fascination with Star Wars even though he's never seen it. In 2011, we welcomed Lilian, who is now 2 months old, and starting to smile! Adrienne and I both love to be outdoors, being near a body of water, and getting lost for a few days every year. Our last adventure was a visit to the Allagash Waterway in northern Maine. After an 8 hour drive and few hours on a dirt road, we spent 5 days in some of the most beautiful and undeveloped land I have ever enjoyed. AMAZING! Anybody who has a chance should check it out!



On the professional end, I am currently working at the Rhode Island Department of Education providing oversight for school construction in the State and also managing the high performance ('green') school requirements. I also co-founded a design education organization with Adrienne called [DownCity Design](#). DCD seeks to improve the built environment by providing educational opportunities to citizens of all ages.

Katie Garman: **Jim Garman** and I are enjoying our days in Durham, NC with our two kids, Ellie (age 4) and Sam (age 1). Jim has a home-building company here, and I am on the Duke faculty in the School of Medicine. We spent a snowy October weekend in the mountains in Colorado for my brother's wedding this past fall. We send everyone our best.

Brian Lavery: I'm still in Dublin, Ireland, living south of the city by the sea (and jumping in for a quick swim in the morning most days). My wife Jan teaches yoga and I'm working at Vodafone. Our daughters Hazel and Faye are 4 and 2, so our outdoor adventures are mostly limited to walks in the woods for now. I was psyched to hear recently from Tatum Nolan, who just moved to London -- any other FOOT alums in Europe should drop a line, lavery@gmail.com.

Tatum Nolan: My wife and I just moved from the Bay area to London, where she is in a West End tango show called Midnight Tango. When I'm not job searching, I'm propagating fig cuttings and curing cuts of pork and beef. Wasn't I a vegetarian at Yale?

Asa Piyaka: On November 8, my wife (Hoa) and I gave birth to a baby boy, Leo Satya Piyaka. It was very exciting, not least of all because we had an unplanned home birth. The labor went really quickly, and we didn't make it out of the house to the hospital. Little Leo came into the world full of gusto!

Hoa, Leo, and I live near Eastern Market in Washington DC. I am currently working on humanitarian policies and programs for the US Agency for International Development, while Hoa works for the Global Fund for Children. We both travel on occasion for work so are contemplating what to do next, now that we have a child. Prior to working in DC, I spent a few years overseas working on refugee and crisis-related issues, both for NGOs and for UNHCR.

In my spare time, I have become an active triathlete and runner, competing mostly in the mid-Atlantic. When we can, Hoa and I spend a lot of time backpacking, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Our highlights from the past decade include, thru-hiking the John Muir Trail in California, trekking in the backcountry in Denali, and backpacking in Torres del Paine, Chile, and the Cordillera de Huayhuash in northern Peru. I am now in the market for a baby backpack carrier, and am dreaming of ways to free myself from the daily office grind, so if anyone has any brilliant ideas, drop me a line at asapiyaka@yahoo.com. It would be great to hear from all of you.

Matt Stiebel: I'm settled down in West Palm Beach, FL and am always happy to host any vacationing FOOTies who wish to trade some snow for sand!

1999:

Andrew Bonney: I work for the boutique commuter airline, Cape Air, based out of Hyannis, MA, where I oversee route strategy, scheduling and marketing. We fly 70 nine-seat Cessna aircraft and serve exclusively niche markets like Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and St. Thomas. A fun part of my job is scouting potential new destinations for Cape Air service. I married Christina (Rhee) Bonney, ES '99, and we have a girl, Clara, who is 4 and her little brother, Charlie, who is 1. We recently moved to the seaside town of Marion, Massachusetts.



Megan Campisi: I'm living in New York, working as a playwright and performer with my theater company, Gold No Trade. My latest play, The Subtle Body, had its first reading in Shanghai with 3rdCulture Theatre last fall. I'm heading back to China to workshop the play this spring. New Yorkers can catch one of my plays, The Pinks (about Confederate spy Rose Greenhow), stateside this June at Dixon Place in Manhattan. My website will have more info as the date approaches: www.megancampisi.com

Lincoln Else: For the last few years I've been working as a documentary film maker and photographer. I'll skip over all the general life update stuff, and at the risk of sounding like an adrenaline junky I'll just pass on some recent craziness, since in FOOT terms it's been a wild ride. I'm in El Chalten, Argentina, at the moment. Here working on a documentary being made by Red Bull about Cerro Torre, one of the most inspiring and intimidating peaks on earth. Last week I had the incredible opportunity to climb the peak's West Face (via the Ferrari route), bivvy on the summit, and then film David Lama free climbing on the peak's headwall the next day. Amazingly, all went smoothly, except for an ice screw hitting me in the face two pitches from the top, leaving a nice scar above my lip with which to remember the experience. :) It's been an amazing climbing season in Patagonia, undoubtedly one that will go down in the climbing history books. I feel lucky to have been here to witness some of the incredible accomplishments first hand. I just realized I should probably mention something about my little oopsy last year as well - cracking my skull in western Nepal while shooting for a project about ancient caves in the Mustang region. That's another story best told over a cold

beverage. Thankfully all ended well, and if any FOOT alums need a recommendation for a neuro surgeon in Kathmandu, give me a shout (lincoln@lincolnelse.com).

Jonathan Griswold: I'm doing my own spoof on the "out-sourced" show, working for American Express in a suburb of Delhi where most of the call-centers are. I'm not running one of those call-centers, serving foreign callers, however, but serving Indian consumers. I am helping to launch Amex's new "prepaid" (as opposed to credit) card business in India, which is fun and may help me get a bit closer to my roots in microfinance. On the weekends I play on the Delhi ultimate frisbee team, take squash lessons and try and avoid the heat (the Delhi summer tends to last about 13 months a year not including the monsoon). Living outside of town I have extra bedrooms so any visiting FOOT leaders have a place to crash.

Jeffrey Grigg: I'm in Madison, Wisconsin, working on a Ph.D. in Sociology with a focus on Education, which I hope to finish soon in about a year so I can get a proper job. In the meantime, Lael and I are expecting our first child in late March/early April 2012, so we have lots of big changes in our near future (including Daddy Dissertation Day Care next fall).

We now have an email address for 1999 FOOT alumni, so send your updates and refer your classmates to:
yale.foot.1999@gmail.com.

Eli Kintish: I've been in DC for much of the time since college, lucky to have great friends, a wonderful city and a nice neighborhood. Professionally...in 2011-2 I'm on leave from a job I've had at Science magazine on a fellowship at MIT for science journalists, and I'm figuring out how to do more innovative stuff in science reporting with video, artists, and design. For my book Hack the Planet, which came out in 2010, I worked with an artist to design a cardstock, glossy safety card -- mocking the ones you find in airplanes -- to illustrate that the so-called geoengineering techniques I explored in the book were worst case scenarios. Now I'm exploring more partnerships with creative communicators, from creating a juried art exhibition around a major climate science report to coteaching a class to make YouTube videos about climate during MIT's winter term. If you're into this stuff, reach me at elikint@gmail.com

Lucy Schaeffer: I'm still living in Brooklyn and working full-time as a photographer. My husband and I have one little girl, Georgia, who's 2.5 and loads of fun. I live just a couple blocks away from **Juliet Sorce**, another FOOT alum!



2000:

Jacob Heitler: "Well... 2011 was a good solid year. I believe I reported last year that I got married in Jan 2011, though we still haven't managed to pull our wedding album together. I've transitioned to a new job, but I'm still in Berkeley, CA. My wife and I live just a couple blocks from her parents and less than a mile from my sister, Sara with her husband and 4 kids. And my wife's Aunt & Uncle live a couple blocks away as well... so our life has a bit of a clan thing going. I continue to sit on the board of my sister's Jewish learning program (www.kevah.org), and wish I was spending more time biking, hiking and generally outside.

If anyone is passing through the Bay Area, give a holler!"

Laura Haverland: "I moved to Little Compton, RI this summer and my husband and I are in the process of reviving an old dairy farm here, with the plan of eventually making cheese and yogurt from a small herd of cows and goats. We

hope their ocean view will make it taste great! In the meantime we are working on cleaning up the farm, unearthing an enormous collection of junk and antique farm equipment, and we'll have some pigs and chickens this summer. It's a little different than living in NYC, but so far I think I counted about 60 people who have visited us, so we haven't had time to miss our friends too much - any FOOTies passing through the area please stop by! Also, we recently were in California for a quick visit with some friends and camped out in Big Sur - it had been a lot of years since I'd been camping, sadly. It's still pretty fun!"

Tanya Brown: "I'm living in Berkeley, CA, getting married this summer. Working as a nurse practitioner in a community clinic in Oakland, playing banjo and singing with my oldtimey/bluegrass/Americana band and loving the bright bay area life!"

Emilie Hitch: "Spent another amazing year working as a consulting anthropologist (<https://www.facebook.com/ThinkersandMakers>)- currently working on supporting social enterprises working to eradicate insecurity in America's food culture. Started singing in a band (<https://www.facebook.com/WailingLoons>). Looking for recommendations for tour stops!

Planning a travel adventure for November/December 2012- taking votes for Argentina, Chile or the DRC..."

Gates S. Hurand: In 2011, I lived in New York City, worked as a lawyer, had a beard, and went to Thailand where I touched tigers and bathed elephants. I also tore my ACL but then bounced back.

Melissa Garcia: I'm starting a new job in a few weeks at the Low Income Investment Fund, where I'll continue doing community development work. My husband and I took my daughter Lelia backpacking a few times last year to great success--here's my favorite picture from one of those trips.



Argo Caminis: I am in Cambridge, finishing residency in psychiatry at MGH/McLean (where I am co-residents with **Ben Herbstman!**), and pining to go on some hiking trips this spring. Anyone interested in a FOOT alumni weekend trip somewhere in the Cats/Adirondacks/Whites?! I'd love to help organize one with a couple of others...

Holly Martin: "So here's an update of the past 11 years. :)"

I worked in publishing for 2 years after graduation but decided to make some changes and be a doctor. I went to med school at Columbia and will be finishing my Pediatric residency at UCSF in July. For the personal update, I met my husband, Jimmy, in Peru in 2005. He was a rescue climber in the Andes, in charge of the high mountain rescue unit for the Peruvian National Police in the Huascaran area. We got married in 2007 and now have 2 girls: Jemma is 3 and Amaya is 3 months old! I love pediatrics and have established a non-profit called Peru Child Health. (www.peruchildhealth.org) It is really taking off and among other things, we're developing text message-based health information programs with several other local and international partners. In short, life is good and I am so glad you sent the catch up email, Jacob. I finally have gotten around to updating FOOT on my life, it only took 11 years! How time flies. I'm planning on continuing to work in pediatrics in the Bay Area after residency as well as continuing my work down in Peru. If anyone is in the Bay Area or in Peru (usually in Arequipa) we are back and forth all the time. Give me a call! And Jimmy's got all the hook ups down in Peru if people are interested in climbing out of the Huaraz/Yungay area around Huascaran. Take care all you FOOTies and I hope to run into some of you soon now that I will bring my head out of the sand in SF with residency being over. -Holly"

2001:

Julia Powell: I'm practicing law in Cambridge, MA - working with a solo practitioner doing divorce mediation and wills, trusts and estates. Also editing a YA book I wrote last year. Hoping to publish sometime in the future. Saw Josh B when a few weeks ago when he was interviewing at MGH.

Matthew Kerner: I'm living in Seattle, working at Microsoft on Windows Azure, a cloud computing platform. My fiancée Laura and I bought a house this summer and we'll be married in March.

Daniel Smokler: I am working as a Rabbi at Hillel of NYU. I'm doing a PhD in Education and Jewish studies at NYU too. Most importantly, my wife Erin and I had a baby boy in September named Shalev. He is just learning to roll over and is truly fantastic.

Sarah Ichioka: Life in London is chugging along: I'm still running the architectural non-profit, living in excruciatingly hip Hackney, and planning to get married in California in June, when beloved fellow FOOTie **Emilie Hitch** will be a bridesmaid.

Marc Ruben: Lived in Oakland for three years, then moved to Somerville, MA last year. Joanna and I have a 9-month old girl named Marina living with us. She's a cutie.

Laura Kolar: So...I got married on Sept 3, 2011! To John Silson. Marriage is fantastic so far. I got my PhD in American History from the University of Virginia in August 2011 and in November 2011 got a job at the State Dept as an historian. So I'm starting that Jan. 30. We live in Washington, DC. 2011 was a little bit crazy with all the "events" so I'm excited to have a little bit of a calmer 2012! We shall see...so far so good. :)

Erik German: Erik German, here, Branford 2001. I'm living in Brooklyn with my wife and fellow journalist Solana Pyne. I'm a national correspondent for The Daily, the iPad newspaper, covering everything from unemployment and immigration to robotic drones in Alaska and feral pigs in Texas.

Rick Grossman: I am currently in Chicago. When not busy cranking out a JD-MBA at Kellogg and planning the Michael Ruetters Ancient Coin Gallery at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, I spend my time running after Clara, who will be 2 at the end of March.

Ashley Champion Lamb: I'm living in a small town in North Carolina (Laurinburg) with my husband and 1.5 yo son, Simon. I finished my Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency in 7/2011 and now I'm a primary care doctor. We like to spend time outside when possible, but there are no mountains for hours around us, so not much mountain hiking! Hope everyone is doing well.

Asher Price: I'm living this year (2012) with my wife and our dog at my parents' apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. With my parents! I'm taking a break from reporting job in Austin to do a journalism fellowship at Columbia, where I've gotten reacquainted with Gwyn who is a student at Columbia Business School and who led my FOOT trip!

Andy Hung: I just got hitched this last Fall in Chicago, where we now live. My wife, Libby, is an exhibit developer at the Field Museum and she just opened the new permanent hall on Conservation - definitely worth a visit if you're ever in the area. I am working as a strategy consultant, because that's what you do right after you graduate from business college. College!

Kate Feather: I am living in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, with my husband, David, and dog, Lola. I work as a residential and retail architect, but have been picking up art direction work for short films on the side to keep things interesting. Recently, I attended a fabulous art opening for Joe Montgomery in the LES where I caught up with Gwyn Welles and several other Yalies. I'm so impressed by all the interesting things people are up to now that we're out of school 10+ years (eesh).



Heather Fletcher Perkins: I hope you are all really well and enjoying a grand start to 2012. A few words by way of update, since it has been a busy couple of years...in '08, I left my job at De Beers and moved to Boston to get an MBA. It was extremely interesting time to be at business school; the financial world pretty much collapsed as we hit the place! The HBS interest factor was compounded by the meeting of my now-husband Brian, who is also of South African extraction. Our parents were at the same university in Johannesburg at the same time, hanging out at the same bars, although they didn't know each other then! We got married last spring and then spent several weeks hiking around Chile and Easter Island, which was completely mind-blowing. We are now living in NY, where Brian is a global innovation director for Anheuser-Busch In-Bev, and I have just founded my own jewelry business. It became clear during my time at De Beers and David Yurman that the in-store retail experience isn't all that fun for people...there is a lot of pressure to buy at a high mark-up, the customer doesn't get a say in the design, and there isn't much clarity around the sourcing of the raw materials. My business focuses on creating completely bespoke pieces for private clients, everything from simple engagement rings to elaborate jewelry sets, and my purpose is to make the process 100% personal, transparent, easy, and fun! Reach out, fellow leaders, if you are in the market for something sparkly and responsibly crafted.
hletcherllc@gmail.com.

Lindsey Tucker: Hello, all! I just started a fabulous new job implementing federal health reform in Vermont and am commuting weekly from Boston to Burlington. Holler if you're on the 89 route; Vermont's a great place for a hike.

Josh Berezin: Break out the prescription pads, I'm graduating medical school. I'll be starting psychiatry residency in the summer either in New York, L.A., or here in San Francisco, so I'm sure to see some of you in one of those places. Not much else to report. Hope you're all well!

Carl Shephard: Hey everyone! Still in DC working for the Administration on international trade. Long hours but cool perks - had my bday party last night in the White House bowling alley with a few footies in attendance so that was fun. Not outdoors enough.... Best "hike" of the year was probably the sloppy one across the Yale campus with **Zimmer, Mark Hatz, Julia Powell, Ed West and Josh Berezin** (ed note: funny how my reunion roomies were a braying bunch of unmarried foot leaders, not sure what that means). Only in DC about half the time, but if you are ever in town, please let me know - any and all footies always welcome to stay with me! Big love, Carl

Alex Boxer: Just finished my first year in DC and I haven't gotten fired and no submarines have sunk so, so far so good. But my most exciting news is that I recently started a history of science website/video blog called "Idols of the Cave" (www.idolsofthecave.com). It consists of short videos of me talking about weird things from the history of science. I think all it needs to really take off is if more FOOT leaders watched it, so check it out if you get the chance!

Ed West: 2011 was a wild year! In September, I left the high-performance electric motorcycle company I began in 2006, Mission Motors, and began teaching Entrepreneurship at a Sustainability-focused MBA program. Though I haven't made much time for hiking, I'm now also working on a few side projects, including an art and entrepreneurship monastery in Oakland, building village infrastructure for displaced peoples in Papua New Guinea, and a social commerce web-startup. Please feel free to reach out if you are in the Bay Area!

Sarah Stehli Howell: I am living in New Orleans, practicing architecture, and have a son named Lucius who will be two in June. I'm married to a guy who is also named Lucius and hope you can meet him at some point (fellow FOOTies) because you'd like him! He is a doctor at Tulane University Hospital and I work on a non-profit housing initiative called Make It Right as the Project Architect. Although Louisiana calls itself a Sportsman's Paradise, mountains are pretty hard to come by round here, so the most outdoorsy thing we do is play ultimate frisbee. However, when it's 70 degrees and sunny in January, we can't complain. Lots of love to all of you!

Eliza Halsey is living in New Haven with her husband and two kiddos, Saidan (4 years) and Novi (1 year). She continues to work with Public Allies, a national nonprofit focusing on youth development and leadership. She also is earning her MPA in the executive program at NYU's Wagner School of Public Service.

Gwyn Welles: After 10 years in the real world, I am a student again! I am enjoying my first year at Columbia Business School, learning how to not be afraid of numbers, and picking up some skills in strategy and marketing that I will use to create positive social change through film and media. My busy school life doesn't leave me much time to see friends, but I try to catch up with fellow FOOT leaders when I can.

2002:



I, **Georgina Cullman**, took over this year for Julie Marchesi as the FOOT update compiler for the class of 2002. It has been a big year for me. I got married in July (to the fabulous Chris Berry) in the woods at my family home in Stamford, CT. I am writing my dissertation in New York based on my fieldwork in northeastern Madagascar – on land use, values, and conservation practice. We're renovating our apartment in New York this winter, and looking forward to moving back in April. Chris and I are planning a backpacking adventure for this summer to celebrate when I finish a full draft of my dissertation.



Lise Clavel wrote, "I'm the state director for the Obama campaign in Virginia, and I live in Richmond with my lovely boyfriend. I don't do much other than work, so I don't have anything interesting to report."

Will McClelland wrote, "I just quit my finance job in San Francisco after eight years at this firm (waking up at market hours!!!) and after ten years working straight through since graduation. I'm taking one to two years to travel around the world. So I've dusted off my old backpack (yes, the one I used for FOOT trips) and happily report that I'm about to put many more miles on it!"

Dara McCaba wrote, "After 4ish years in Boston and 5ish years in Shanghai, I'm now moving to New York to set up a new office for my innovation consultancy, Lucid360. Looking for an apartment downtown so if any FOOT alums have any tips, I'd much appreciate any head's up!"

Saamra Mekuria-Grillo wrote, "I'm in my 10th year of living in San Francisco (wowza!) and still loving life in the Bay. I recently switched from being a strategy consultant to working at Bellwether Education Partners (our mission: to accelerate the achievement of low-income students by cultivating, advising, and placing a robust community of innovative, effective, and sustainable change agents in public education reform and improving the policy climate for their work). I've really been enjoying it so far, and am jazzed to be working in a field that I feel deeply passionate about."

John Norbury wrote, "Living in eastern North Carolina, working as a Psychiatrist at East Carolina School of Medicine. Happily married with a 12-year-old daughter. Stop by anytime."

Curt Ellis writes, "I'm loving my work as Executive Director of FoodCorps, the school garden and Farm to School organization I co-founded with (among others) **Ian Cheney '02**. Our first class of 50 service members is busy working across 10 states, connecting vulnerable kids with healthy food and building their own careers as farmers, teachers, and environmental leaders. They send us weekly reports on their hopes and fears from the field." As an aside, Ian's movie, *The City Dark*, a document exploring light pollution, in New York in January (<http://www.thecitydark.com/>). **Julie Marchesi** was also a co-producer.

Emily Hyde wrote an update with **Eric Shelov '01**, "Last February we welcomed a baby girl, Lydia Macmillan Shelov. In just under a year's time she has backpacked (passenger style) the mighty Red Hill of Sandwich, NH and spent many hours charming the locals at beer bars in Philadelphia, where she lives with her parents and a giant black lab named Marshall. Her fine motor skills are progressing rapidly; in fact, her father thinks she should be ready for her first lesson in

Whisperlite stove maintenance any day now. Eric is a pediatrician and works on the electronic health record system at the Children's Hospital in Philly, and Emily is slogging away at her PhD in English."

Thanks everyone for writing in! I have really enjoyed hearing about everyone's exploits and hope even more people will write next year.

Ian Cheney: I (Cilla) got Ian to come to Hopkins School and do a presentation about his truck farm in New York City. It was a great hit with the students. Ian did a super job! He had a wonderful photo of Curt Ellis and him during Yale days when they used to live on Duncan Donuts. Now they are eating carrots and tomatoes grown in the back of his truck.

2003:



Chris Rovzar: Good to hear from you. I'm currently living in New York City, and after four years I've left my job as a writer and blogger for New York Magazine to be the digital editor at Vanity Fair. I live in Stuyvesant Town, where I've lived since the 2003 Habitat Bike Trip. All visitors welcome!

Ben Schrader: I got engaged to Kristina Montanaro in Paris in November (she's not a Yalie, but we'll let it slide :) The wedding will be September 2012 in Charleston, SC.

Sasha Waring: I'm still loving my return to San Francisco, having moved back 2.5 years ago for psychiatry residency. My wife Avantika and I have a 19 month old son, Ishaan, who we take on as many hikes as possible in our baby-friendly backpack (so far he's been all over this area and to Lake Tahoe, Mexico, English countryside and Kauai, with Argentina

up next!). FOOT leadership skills help me navigate the complex world of mental health care on an almost daily basis. Thanks FOOT!

Karen Weise: I'm trying my mightiest to embrace New York, where I moved a year and a half ago after finishing grad school at Berkeley. I also miss California dearly--a recent visit reminded me that fresh OJ can be a daily reality--but life here is good. I love my job (reporter a Bloomberg Businessweek magazine), my neighborhood in Brooklyn (the lovely, mozzarella-fied Carroll Gardens), weekend hikes and bike rides (who knew NY State was so pretty?), and the good people in this city (including the fabulous Abby Krasner Balbale and Julie Stein, my old support crew buddy Laura Koo, and occasional party sightings of Lissy DeSantis and Katy Rivlin). Also, I can't wait for a long-anticipated trip to Mongolia in June with a few friends, including my old travel buddy Jonathan Griswold ('98/'99).

Lauren Keane: I got married, quit my job, moved out of DC and packed everything I own into an 8x8x8 moving pod, where it will stay while my new husband Ben and I spend six months exploring as many far-off corners of Asia as we can get to (suggestions, anyone? laurenkeane17@gmail.com!). We'll be back in August, when we are officially moving to San Francisco. I left 13 years ago to go to Yale, always promising myself I'd be back "next year." Finally making it happen feels glorious. Please holler at us for Bay Area FOOT fun come late summer... we'll be looking for friendly faces since it will all be new.



2004:

Becca Falik and Matt Pasternack were married.

Billy Parish moved with his wife and two daughters to Oakland.

Ed Dietrich (ex-Poobah): In San Francisco, living with sister (and fellow FOOT-ite) **Maggie Dietrich** and a dog and a cat. Finishing up med school, headed for Emergency Medicine residency. Hopefully in the Bay Area! Also, of FOOT note: graduating from UCSF with **Josh**

Berezin, and was recently on a psychiatry rotation with **Sasha Waring**. We're everywhere. Or rather, we're all in SF.

From Cilla: I just have to interject this story about **Adam Stack**. He has become a legend among the current leaders, in that his name "to Adam Stack" now means in FOOT jargon to finish off all the food on your plate, bowl and pot on a FOOT trip. The following was an email sent to the current FOOT Leader listserv: "So I just got back from tap night shenanigans, but I realized that I'll never be able to sleep if I don't send this email. That is how important this is. I just got a job as an archaeology lab assistant, and my first task is to go through the archives of the old fieldwork classes and put them into some semblance of order. So I innocently opened up a box full of notebooks and picked up the first one. It was from 2001, and you know what the name on the front of it was? ADAM STACK. That's right. Adam Stack of Adam Stack-ing fame. Apparently he was an archaeologist - BEST PROFESSION EVER. I held his notebook in my hands. He had meticulous handwriting, and drew wonderful diagrams of stratigraphy. That is all. Now I can sleep."

2005:



Drew Alt: I am in my second year of business school at Kellogg School of Management and thanks to Cilla being willing to share the FOOT Manual, I was able to successfully and safely lead a 3-night, 4-day FOOT-style hiking trip in the Cascade Mountains in WA for 20 first-year business school students. Highs & lows went over particularly well for the very international group. And I also learned good bear bag branches are very hard to come by in a coniferous forest. In other news, I interned at Google out in Mountain View, CA over the summer and will be joining McKinsey's Chicago office once I graduate in June, 2012. If anyone is in or passing through Chicago, let me know!

Katie Baker: After 6 years of working I quit my job at Goldman Sachs and moved across the country from Brooklyn to San Francisco and took a new job writing for an ESPN sports and culture website named Grantland. Total life change and I couldn't be happier! Would love to get together with any FOOTies in SF -- my email is katiebakes@gmail.com

Perrin Doniger: I am just moving to DC from San Francisco and would love to know if any FOOTies are in the DC area. I'm about to start a job doing digital marketing/digital strategy for Smithsonian.com.

Will Garneau: I am following the path "blazed" by many other FOOT leaders -- **Maggie Dietrich, Jon Treem, Sasha Waring**, to name a few -- by going to medical school after doing a post-baccalaureate program. I'm enjoying my first year of medical school at UNC -- currently we are dissecting the head and neck and learning how to do physical exams, it's intense stuff! It's always good to hear about other FOOT leaders. Will

Claire Hirschmann: If anyone hasn't heard about Claire's school, check it out: <http://www.fieldacademy.org/index.html>

Aaron Mitchell: I am now in my first year of residency at Duke University. I'm always up for a hike in the beautiful Blue Ridge, if any of the other alums happens to be passing through North Carolina! Take care, Aaron

Alistair Reader: I'm living in Boston and grateful to be done with law school. I'm working as a clerk to a judge this year and starting next fall will be working for the Massachusetts Attorney General. I visited **Adam Nyborg ('03)** in the mountains of New Hampshire this November and it was great to see him, his wife Jill Brewer, and their fantastic daughter Wenonah. We all took Wenonah on her first big hike up to the Lonely Lake AMC shelter and she clearly already shares her parent's love for the mountains. They are moving to California this winter and will be sorely missed on the east coast. I don't get outdoors nearly as much as I'd like, although my girlfriend and I are going beach camping in Puerto Rico this January. I've been hoping that finishing grad school meant I could be outdoors more, but so far no such luck. If there's anyone in the Boston area who has a car and wants to go hiking, snowshoeing, climbing or camping, give me a call! My brother, **Anthony Anagnostou ('03)**, is chugging through med school in NYC and appears to be loving every minute of it. He'll be home for Christmas for a few days, and perhaps I will be able to convince him that we should go running around outside a bit. all the best, Alistair

2006:



FOOT wedding bells are ringing! **Alexis DelVecchio** married Sam Kendrick, and **Carl Fuldner** (he of living in Obama's old house fame) is getting married this May too. Alexis also gives the thumbs to Carl's fiancé Amy who is "way cooler than he is. Just kidding, I'd say they're equal." No formal word from Carl on Sam, but luckily we know he's pretty awesome already. Alexis is graduating from the GSD (design school at Harvard) this May.

Bradon Berkeley just finished up her first quarter at Stanford Business School, where her fiancé, Mark, is in law school. They are living in a cabin on a horse farm and are reunited with Annie, who spends much of her time chasing turkeys and kittens. If anyone wants to go on a hike around the bay area, let Brandon know – she goes many weekends with Tasha Eccles ('07).

Congratulations are also in order to **Mike "Dot-Dot" Brown**, who is engaged to Elizabeth de Shazo. They were spotted at the New Haven train station returning for the game.

Deirdre Cerminaro has also been seen around New Haven – she's at the Yale School of Management, along with **Gillian Gillers**, now at Yale School.

Will Niebling was in New Haven for the Game too, where he and I (**Aaron Zelinsky**) continued our tradition of tailgating the Game (look for us in Boston this fall), and Cilla made an appearance as well.

Rounding out the news is **David Busis**, current teaching creative writing at Iowa University and working on a novel. Oomgala!



I (Cilla) had a great catch-up with Aaron and Will at the Yale-Harvard Game.

Bailey Blair with hubby!

Danielle Lovell: Well hello there! It has been a while since I last sent out one of these life updates. The main reason is that things in my life have been in limbo for a while, and I wasn't sure that there was much to say, other than "things are in limbo at the moment". But, as of two weeks ago, things are no longer in limbo. As you may know, I have been running my own business, Lovell Relocation, moving folks into Vancouver and taking care of them as they are in transition. This was part of a BC government program that support entrepreneurs in starting their own businesses with classes about running a business and funding. In May (two months before my classes and funding were due to end), I began to look at the state of my business (growing, but not yet able to sustain me) and the wider picture of what I want to be doing (still a little hazy, but positively impacting the lives of as many people as I can). And I saw that my biz as it was, wasn't going to be the best vehicle for what I wanted, so I started looking for some other plans. And to make a long story short, as of a week ago, I've been hired by lululemon athletica (www.lululemon.com). And, I've been hired to manage all their relocation programs, planning, vendors and strategy. Simply, I'll be doing the parts of my business I really enjoyed, minus having to hunt for clients, plus more yoga and a lot more lululemon clothing. I start on Tuesday! My first few weeks are full of training on lululemon's history, brand, culture, store operations and everything similar. The way training is done at lululemon is that everyone hired at the same time trains together, regardless of whether they are the new CEO or a new educator (the term for the folks who work in the lululemon stores). After spending so much time planning all of my own weeks/meetings/schedule/calendar, it's strange to simply have "Show up, 10am, leave 5:30pm" be what I have to look forward to next week. It's much simpler in many ways. In other news, it's sunny in Vancouver. For anyone who doesn't live in the Pacific Northwest, this may not be news, but to us, it is. We have had one of the wettest springs and early 'summer' (Juvember was what many started calling July) on record. But, it seems that summer is here to stay, at least for the week. Phil just returned from a week house/farm sitting in Chemainus (on Vancouver Island), where he spent his week watching dragonflies, reading, making sure the two resident cats didn't die of starvation, dehydration or lack of love and relaxing. He's still composing and creating all sorts of music (listen to some of the latest here: <http://philthomson.ca>). We don't have much planned in the near future, other than an amorphous thought to go visit Whistler one weekend, my hopes to get an orange boy kitten (your thoughts on whether that is a good idea are welcome), and my work trip to Arizona in the end of August. I haven't even started at lululemon, and I'm already scheduled to travel with them. Excellent. I have hopes of being able to attend the CERC (canadian employee relocation council) conference in Calgary in the end of September as lululemon's representative. I'll let you in Calgary know when I work that out.

So, that's the update! Life is altering again for me, but this time without moving cities. Much love! Danielle

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2007:



Ben Beinecke: Sharon (FOOT '08) and I live in Brooklyn, eat a lot food, dream of the woods, and it's fun!

Tasha Eccles: 2012 finds me in sunny California, where I just started an English PhD at Stanford. Silicon Valley is a strange place to be in graduate school, but I am settling into the cognitive dissonance of long hours in the library against a backdrop of palm trees and blue blue skies. I've managed to get outside a bunch, especially with inspiration from fellow Stanfordians Brandon Berkeley (FOOT '06) and Laura Hess (Harvest '06). Sherman and I just learned we're neighbors, too, so we're scheming up a hike. Let us know if you want in!

Jane Gallaudet: Still in Maine, still trucking along in NP school. Engaged though! To Eli, a non-Yalie, who would have loved FOOT. Great to see some fellow ex-leaders at the Harvard-Yale game this year and hoping a good number of us turn up at the reunion!

Annie Galvin: Things are going well down here at UVA-- I had a great time TA-ing a 20th-century lit survey last semester and am now teaching a writing course. I've met lots of interesting people, both professors and students, and am enjoying the laid-back Charlottesville lifestyle.

Anny Gaul: I have no terribly exciting news, just that I am still in DC at Georgetown studying everything related to gender and the Arab world that anyone could think of, and hoping to be in Lebanon for the summer and Jordan next year, although heaven only knows if that will all actually work out. Still cooking a lot (imiksimik.wordpress.com) and exploring all the city has to offer, and I love out of town guests (Caroline Howe stayed with me recently and we had a great time catching up) so if anyone is in DC they should feel free to hit me up!

Ryan Hartnett: I'm working at TNTP now (tntp.org), a leading education reform organization, and specifically I'm working with a group of NYC schools to improve their hiring and retention of great teachers, and to roll out better evaluation systems for current teachers. Anyone interested in learning more about the organization should reach out to me!

Rebecca Livengood: I'm finishing up law school at Harvard this spring and then moving down to Philly to revel in likable sports teams and hot cheeze-wiz (and work for a judge). Hope everyone is doing really well!!

Sherman Wang: It's been a long time since I've reconnected with FOOT, which I feel terrible about, so I definitely wanted to get my update in for the newsletter this year. After grinding away in finance since leaving Yale, I finally left my job in LA last September to try my hand at a startup project with my dad. We're early in the process, but I'm super excited about the venture and working on something meaningful. I've relocated back to the Silicon Valley area (where I grew up) and now live with my fiancé Angela. We were engaged about a year and a half ago in Hawaii, and true to FOOT, the proposal involved an adventurous hike on a volcano, being resourceful while lost for several hours, and a close encounter with a wild boar. My weekends now are usually filled with picking out table cloths, shopping for wedding favors, and online browsing of bridesmaid dresses as we gear up for the wedding in San Francisco during late summer this year.

2008:



Nick Abreu: I'm in the middle of third year of medical school at Harvard and when not in clinic, I'm working to make the mean streets of Boston safer for cyclists as a Board Member of the Boston Cyclists Union. Sending out much FOOT love!

Jake Branzburg: Hi FOOT! I'm currently in San Francisco managing growth strategy for a national youth development nonprofit called Summer Search. In addition to sending low-income high-potential public school students on FOOT-like Outward Bound and NOLS trips, Summer Search engages its students in intensive mentoring and counseling year-round in order to help them confront the myriad obstacles they face and prepare them to enroll in and persist in college. The kids are inspiring and the job is both challenging and fun. If you find yourself in San Francisco, please drop me a digital line at jake.branzburg@gmail.com. I'm not above bribing people to hang out with me. Hope everyone is doing well.

Molly Brett: After making it through college without taking a single science class, then having a change of heart and doing a post-bacc, I finally started med school this past fall. I absolutely love it. Believe it or not, I'm in the same class at Harvard as fellow poobah Brian Boyle! A highlight of my first semester was the med school (ghetto) version of FOOT, called FEAT. It couldn't measure up to FOOT, of course...though I did have a few flashbacks when one group got left behind by the charter bus...

Willy Cass: I started at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore this fall. I'm enjoying it and things are going well.

Laura Chandhok: Greg and I are engaged! He proposed at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. You can put that in, I guess :)

Anna Dechert: Greetings from Abu Dhabi! I tested out the true expat-Christmas this year and stayed in Abu Dhabi for the holidays with some friends. I'm coming up on 2 years and 4 months here and am very much enjoying the sand (both at the beach and in the desert). The annual camel festival just wrapped up and I couldn't help but attend- got to see the "Camel Beauty Contest", which is a bit of an oxymoron, but still amusing. I've had some great adventures recently in Bali and the Maldives, and am loving exploring the other side of the world. If anyone is passing through the area (Abu Dhabi and Dubai are convenient layovers!) please do let me know and we can visit the world's tallest building or do some desert camping. Visitors are always welcome- you'll even get an extra dose of FOOT if you come since Tammer Qaddumi and I are roommates!

Bevan Dowd: This summer, I began work at an organizational and management consulting firm called Clarus Consulting Group that is based out of my hometown of Birmingham, Alabama. The job keeps me busy and traveling constantly to various places throughout the country. So far, my most interesting plane seatmates have been the SEC football ref who made the extremely controversial interception call in this fall's Alabama-LSU game and a self-proclaimed redneck hippie who spat his tobacco juice into a cup as he confided to me his concerns about global warming and the future of our planet.

My other big life development is that I am now the proud owner of a dog named Eloise who may or may not be smarter than I am. As much fun as Birmingham is, though, I'm stoked to head off to Berkeley Law School next fall and am interested in any potential roommates/friends people can pass my way!

Beth Fiedorek: I moved to Astoria so I could increase my income while creating social media for a law firm in midtown New York. The work is often interesting, but law firm Twitter accounts are nowhere near as entertaining as Alec Baldwin's. That said, if anyone would like to send me a funny or inspiring YouTube video, my email is elizabeth.fiedorek@gmail.com. Also, I never adopted a cat.

Haley Fox: I'm just about to hit the one year marker here at our family farm in Newington, CT. I live and work here with my boyfriend Andy, cat, two dogs, four goats, and sixteen chickens. We run a farm stand in the summer and raise vegetables and pigs. We're always happy to have Footie visitors (in fact we hang out with Daniel Weisfield, Angel Hertslet and other Yale folks as much as we can) and all are encouraged to find a bucolic escape just forty minutes from New Haven here at Eddy Farm!

Ted Gordon: Since graduating, I've been working at Schott Music, a contemporary classical music publisher in New York. I promote the works of contemporary composers to new music ensembles, orchestras, opera companies, etc. I've moved around Brooklyn a few times, but have been living with Hannah Burnett (former "Cilla" of Harvest/YSFP... shh!) since 2010 in East Williamsburg, home of the Feast of the Giglio, Mike "The Butcher" Virtuoso, and at least one apartment full of audio equipment and camping gear. (It's been hard to jettison my 6000 in³ pack I used to haul steel pots, huge blocks of sweaty cheese, and secret jars of nutella for so many years for FOOTies, but I've decided to go lightweight!) I host a [radio show](#) and play with a few bands, and will (hopefully) be starting to work towards a PhD in Musicology in the Fall.

Pat Grimm: I'm finishing second year of medical school at Uniformed Services University. Still live just outside of DC in Bethesda, MD but will spend a good portion of the next two years at military hospitals around the country. Let me know if you live near one!

Anna Grotberg: After several years working in the UK (and tackling some FOOT-worthy trails in the Cotswolds, Yorkshire Dales and Dartmoor National Park), I am back at Mother Yale in my first year at SOM. I've run into fellow '08 leaders **Alice Tai**, **Angel Hertslet**, **Erin Johnson** and '06 leader **Gillian Gillers** around campus and caught up with many others at The Game (**Ben Herman** '07, **Elise Patterson** '08 et al). So wonderful to be back in the land of oom-galas!

Angel Hertslet: I'm back in New Haven pursuing a Master of Environmental Science at Yale, which began with a three-week long FOOT-like affair in the woods: heaven! My door is open to all y'all, so if you are ever in the Have anytime between now and May of 2013, please do stop by and stay awhile.

Annie Herschhorn: I am in my fourth year of teaching and living in Seattle. I teach middle school art and English and enjoy it a lot, though I am planning to take next year off to apply to grad school (hopefully) and do some traveling (definitely!) I am really hoping to go to Asia for the first time, and also to visit **Anna Dechert** in Abu Dhabi, so we will see! I love teaching and get to lead backpacking trips in Olympic National Park, as we take 7th graders there every May for a week. I also see **John Vinson**, my beloved FOOT co-leader, from time to time, which is awesome! I signed up for my first marathon, in Vancouver BC in May 2012, so we will see how that goes...all in all, things are great!

Mile Hickenbottom: Well, there's actually more update to send this year even though I sent one last year! Amazing how this time of life can be so eventful. I'm recently moved to Davis to start a PhD program at UC Davis in Ecology. I'm hoping to study fire ecology in the Sierras, and it's been exciting (and busy!) getting everything underway. Kevin just finished the fire season in WA a month ago and is here with me getting ready to go on a climbing trip to Thailand. We're both looking forward to some outdoor adventures in the spring and summer. Davis is really easy to get to from just about anywhere in the middle of California, and we'd love visits or trips! Don't be afraid to get in touch or drop us a line if you need a place to stay. And don't forget I changed my name to Hickenbottom!

Erin Johnson: I'm still in New Haven and at Yale. Probably the coolest thing I've done in the past year is accompany the Yale men's basketball team on a trip to China (in May). We were in Chengdu in Sichuan Province for six days while they played against several university and one semi-pro team; for two of the games, I had to give the official welcome speech to the fans, who, at least for one game, apparently numbered 6000! It was nerve wracking to say the least :) Oh and this

summer I served as interim director of the Yale President's Public Service Fellowship Program, which was a lot of fun. In August, I became an Assistant Secretary of the University, working with the Yale Corporation. The job is fine but fairly straight-forward, comparatively. As for FOOT, I get to see Cilla around town, which is always nice and always like to drop by the Old Campus to see the FOOTies and leaders arrive and head off for their trips in the late summer.

Reilly Kayser: I'm living in DC and in my second year of med school at Georgetown. It's been a great experience so far - I've learned a ridiculous amount in such a short amount of time, and met some really great people. In other news, I recently got to play at the Kennedy Center with the orchestra that I play in. I've also been cooking a lot and I think I've finally perfected a variant on Thai peanut pasta. Let me know if you're passing through DC and I'll make you some!

Ross Kennedy-Shaffer: I'm still teaching at Hunter College High School in New York, and loving it! I'm also coaching the school's ultimate team now, so any tips or good drills from Superfly or Ramona alumni are always welcome. There's always a couch in Manhattan for any FOOT leaders passing through the city. Ride that pony!

David Lyons: The best part of 2011 was backpacking in Yosemite with one Lynn McGregor. Unfortunately, we were the only FOOTies on the trip, so it just wasn't the same. In a first for me, we came across bears on the trail. In what could have been a last, mama nearly charged us, but Lynn jumped on my shoulders (birdie-on-a-perch style) and scared her away. Meanwhile, I'm in NYC now studying law by day and plotting my revenge against RKS by night. Would love to go on a hike this spring if anyone's interested.

Lynn McGregor: I just started my fourth year in Ph.D. land in the Harvard Chemistry Department, and am working on a DNA-based method for investigating interactions between drug like molecules and their targets. It seems like half of the FOOT '09 leaders live in my neighborhood, and it has been fun catching up with them as well as some '08ers who have recently moved to Boston! I also escaped to California for a week last summer for a backpacking trip in Yosemite with David Lyons and some friends from lab.

Arun Storrs: I have spent the past year filling my passport and traveling to new places and revisiting some of my favorites. I am consulting part-time for Minority Rights Group International on a project using street theatre to combat racism in Kenya, Rwanda, Botswana, and The Dominican Republic. My non-profit, The Kumari Project - developed to help orphans in Nepal - is getting off the ground, and I spent three months in Kathmandu researching programming and learning about sex-trafficking of Nepalese girls to India. While in Nepal I met up with members of my freshman year FOOT group who were trekking the Himalayas: Brent Godfrey and Jesse Harris! Look me up if you are in Nepal and need any help with travel plans! And check us out at: www.thekumariproject.org. We are fundraising to send 30 kids to school in the 2012-13 year and would love to have a FOOT-sponsored child!

Dan Turner-Evans: DanTE is still working away on his PhD in Applied Physics at Caltech (please let him know if you're ever in LA). Outside of the windowless confines of research, he lead his D League softball team to a championship, has taken up the fiddle (missing the sounds of TUIB), and goes for the occasional trail run in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Mackenzie Wehner: I'm currently on a break from med school doing an MPhil in Epidemiology at Cambridge. I have a vintage bike to tootle around on, the food is bad but the pubs are good, and ladybugs have taken up residence in my room for the winter, so things are going well so far. I'll be heading back to California next summer, but until then there's always space for visitors, so long as you don't mind the ladybugs.

2009:



Rachel Cohen: "I'm doing really well. I'm in a one year Master program at the Harvard School of Education in Teacher Education. I'm hoping to get a job teaching English in a Boston district high school after my program ends. I love living in Cambridge, especially because there are so many Yalies here."

Mara Harwell: "**Jasper Frank (also a leader, '10)** and I just moved up from New Orleans to New York (Prospect Heights in Brooklyn, to be exact). We live in a FOOT-heavy apartment with Reuben Fischer-Baum ('11) and Alice Walton (Harvest '10). Shockingly, we still have a guest room and would love to have visitors!"

Addy Ashebir: is now back in the Have after an incredible two years abroad. highlights include: teaching in Seoul with Avani, living in Beijing for a year studying Mandarin and reviewing restaurants for a magazine on the side, Oktoberfest, meeting Gerald [*McElroy, also FOOT '09*] in Paris, random stop in Albania, a solo SE Asia trip and three months in Ethiopia. She's put the backpack down for a little while to study at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies with Angel (FOOT'08). Please call whenever you are in New Haven! [240-485-4593](tel:240-485-4593)

Severin Knudsen: Most important: I got married! Emily and I married in West Virginia in June with Laura Zatz in our wedding party. Pictures can be seen at <http://www.blog.perellaphotography.com/emily-severin-vintage-romance-in-the-west-virginia-summer/> We bought a house in Charlottesville, VA so just let us know if anyone needs a place to crash there! I started vet school at Virginia Tech this fall and spend a surprising amount of time with my arm buried past the elbow in a cow's ass. Really excited about being a rural mixed practice veterinarian someday. That seems like the important stuff. Everything else pales in comparison.

Aiden McKinlay: Aidan has finally left Connecticut! She is trying out the new city of Philadelphia while attending the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She is in her first year of dental school and loves it (so far, it's only been a few months!) despite the exams and stress. She wishes everyone the best!

Jonathan DiMaio: Jon moved to NYC from Boston to work in film.

Lizzie Fulton: I'm living in Brooklyn and working in New York at the Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation) in their Northeast Asia division.

Kate Gasner: I'm in San Francisco, working at an engineering consulting firm that focuses on water distribution efficiency and staying busy with her year and a half old pup! If anyone wants to recreate May Training out west (complete with tarpitecture and more tortillas than you can stomach), I'd love to do a trip soon.

Matt Bressler: I'm currently on a non-profit fellowship leave from my consulting job at Oliver Wyman. I'm spending four months at the Rocky Mountain Institute, a think-and-do tank focused on the energy sector, based in Boulder, CO. I'm also furiously trying to set a personal record for ski days in a season on my weekends! At the end of this fellowship, I'll be moving to Philly while Becca studies for the Bar during the summer and then to NYC at the end of the summer to rejoin Oliver Wyman.

Gregor Nazarian: I'm back from Lebanon and in DC now, working on a Master's in Arab Studies at Georgetown. Lemme know who else is in the DC area so we can play Edward 40-hands and/or sit in the library reading silently for hours at a time.

Ali Seitz: I'm still loving NYC, but I miss the woods! For two years, I taught 7th grade English at JHS117 in the Bronx. Now, I'm a student again, taking classes at Hunter. For anyone passing through, I offer an air mattress, food and the company of a very large, very demanding cat.

Sarah Fetter: Sarah is currently the Director of Operations for the Panel for Educational Policy in the Chancellor's Office at the NYC Department of Education. The Panel is the policy-making body appointed jointly by Mayor Bloomberg and the NYC Borough Presidents. She has continued to enjoy living in New York despite having to move out of her apartment last fall when she discovered that the noises coming from the floor below were none other than from...an axeman.

Anna Parks: Anna Parks is starting her 3rd year of medical school at UCSF this spring. She loves the Bay Area but wishes her FOOT friends were closer and/or would come visit. Sending lots of love to all.

Ian Dull: These days I am home in Southern California, where I've been since the beginning of the year. Since graduating though, I've been bouncing around quite a lot. I started working in historic preservation in New York and was there for about a year doing field research, writing, and some advocacy. Saw a looooot of FOOT leaders in New York, which is no surprise as there's just so many Yalies. I randomly stumbled upon an opportunity to do architectural history research and preservation in Cambodia, so last spring I hopped on a plane and went over there for a little under 6 months. It was amazing. A really unique place to live, great and very interesting people around, and really interesting work. I made several unbelievable trips to Angkor, which if it isn't on your list of places to go needs to be, and had an amazing time exploring the country for and outside of work.

Afterwards I met up with some friends from high school and traveled for 2.5 months around the region. We were in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Burma, Malaysia (did a pretty amazing hike up Mt. Kinabalu in Borneo on Mittermeier's suggestion), Indonesia and Singapore, before I did a bit of traveling elsewhere by myself. I've now settled back into California life and am interning for the summer with the City of LA's historic preservation department, before going for a Master's at Cambridge in the fall. Next week is my last week of work before heading up to do the John Muir Trail with a high school friend--we've been talking about it for the better part of a year now, so I'm getting pretty excited that it's finally coming, a little nervous, but very excited. I'm sure I'll find that FOOT trained me well!

2010:

Austin Anderson: I'm currently working as a paralegal at an immigration law firm in New York City, getting people visas and living it up. I somehow got into law school, but will be taking another year off and hopefully fitting in some traveling and fishing. For now I'm enjoying life in the big city, mostly because of how often I run into other FOOT leaders.

Eli Bildner: Another year, another year in China. About a year ago I got a call from an eccentric rich guy in Hong Kong (long story), and have spent the past stretch working with him on some of his social enterprise investment activities. Now, I'm on the move again and not sure what comes next...da da DAA!

Libbey Davis: I am still loving life out here in the great state of Colorado. I finished up my fellowship program at El Pomar Foundation and have moved on to a one-year consulting position out here at the national office of Junior Achievement USA, a nation-wide education nonprofit based in Colorado. Highlights of the last year include traveling to London, Brussels, and Portugal for a foreign affairs exchange program (for work), spending a week rafting down the Yampa and Green Rivers in Colorado and Utah (also for work), and ringing in the new year in New York with many beautiful FOOT leaders spanning several classes (unfortunately not for work). I'm looking forward to another year adventuring in Colorado and then after that the future's wide open. Miss you all - let me know if you find yourself out West!



Dan Frank: I live in NY and work at bit.ly. Shortening links never gets old. Beer hugs, df

Jasper Frank: 2011 was an eventful year. I finished up my 11 months with AmeriCorps in New Orleans and promptly moved north to Brooklyn, where I started working as an investigator with the public defender's office. I am fortunate to see many FOOT people in my day to day life. As Craig mentioned, I hosted him, Schechner, Schnitzer, Boyle and Zabe in NOLA, and then he kindly returned the favor in Chicago. I actually live with two FOOT alums (**Mara Harwel** and **Reuben Fischer-Baum**) and one former Harvest leader (Alice Walton). **Lizzy Fulton** just moved into the 'hood and I hear that **Jon DiMaio** is looking for a place. Come to think of it, Brooklyn may hold the Guinness world record for heaviest FOOT concentration. Expectations for 2012 are high and, so far, it has not disappointed - though I've already canceled my gym membership. If any of you are ever near Prospect Heights, be sure to drop a line. First beer's on me.

Leslie Golden: I moved to Atlanta in July to start medical school at Emory. Since then I have been adjusting to life in the South and the return of rigorous academics to my life. I became president of our wilderness medicine club and went white water kayaking for the first time. I'm also our intramural sports chair. Some habits die hard.

Joe Hsu: I'm living right outside DC, in Bethesda, Maryland, and working at a small investment firm there. When I have time, I've been playing touch football and softball. I haven't gotten into the woods much recently, but the wilderness recently came to me. While I was driving through quiet, residential area, a deer ran right into the driver's side door of my car. I was a little shaken up, the door had to be replaced, but the deer just shook it off and ran back out of the street.

Wiles Kase: I've been in Boston for a bit more than a year. I'm working at an economic/environmental consulting firm called 'IEC', same one as before. Living in a sweet apartment that is designed like a ski lodge with my girlfriend Lauren and a few friends from BC and Bates, and Chris Kaimmer of Pierson '09. Please drop me a line if you're in Boston! Also, I still frequent the Ecuadorian Amazon (ask MBoyle, OWheeler, DFrank, WKletter, and PLu, who have all traveled there with me). I've organized/led two trips in the last year and I'll be heading back this summer if anyone has an itch to travel to the jungle. I miss FOOT!

Mike Leibenluft: Mike has been living in Shanghai for another year after completing his Fulbright project in June. He is teaching educational theater at the Shanghai Theatre Academy. Last spring he included a round of lap tag during one of his classes. Disaster ensued. He has recently made dumplings with Eli, reveled in the glory of hot water bottles with Doug, and ran into Eileen in Saigon. He's directing a play about Jews in Shanghai next month.

Craig Minoff: 2011 was a fantastic year, filled with travels, adventures, and unfortunately a bit too much excel. I am still living in Chicago and consulting for the Man, but have been lucky enough to punctuate the doldrums of casework with not one but FOUR mini-Foot reunions. First an April weekend in NOLA, enjoying the commodious (former) digs of J-Frank and **Mara Harwel**. Joining me in arms were **BBoyle, Zabes, Tschnitz**, and **DScheck**. We took in live music, street fair/fare, a roller derby, and a few too many hand grenades/hurricanes:



And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention a recent lunch with **Libbey Davis** and Tom atop Keystone mountain or an afternoon walking around LONDON with a one Liz Deutsch. What an epic setting for a leader/FOOTie reunion.

Last but not least, I was blessed with the opportunity to battle **Thomas Smyth** on our very own Brady Center squash courts this fall while back on campus for work stuff. I'm hoping to squeeze in a few more games before he leaves for Zambia...

Later, in October, the weather gods of Chicago graced us with picture perfect weather in the Second City. We spent the day biking around the entire city, taking in some classic sights and eats, and finished things off at a club watching Super Mash Bros, good times were had all around:



All in all, it's been a great year. Looking forward to another year of festivities in 2012, hopefully involving many of you!

Eileen Regan: I'm still living in Changsha, Hunan, China teaching medical English at Xiangya Medical School as a Yale-China Medical Fellow. When not teaching, I study Chinese (and it's actually getting better!) and work on my research project. In June, I'll probably be leaving China, but have yet to decide what my next destination will be. I go back and forth between wanting to come back to the US and wanting to continue living abroad on a daily basis. So, we'll see! This past year has been full of adventures around the world, many in the name of ultimate frisbee. I played tournaments in Cambodia, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam, and numerous places in China. Next weekend, I'll play a tournament in Bangkok. There's this wonderful community of ultimate players out here who have really made Asia a home away from home for me. I've been able to meet up with a bunch of FOOT-ers over the past year and each encounter was lovely. If anyone is free, come to CHINA! Peach's China Tours are world renowned and free to friends, family and FOOT!

Tom Schnitzer: It's been a great year, full of hard & (sometimes) interesting work, and memorable adventures with family and friends. I'm still living in Cambridge and doing management consulting in Boston. Was lucky enough to see lots of FOOT friends in the last year, to travel to some fun places (NYC, Montana, Chicago, New Orleans, Colorado, and through much of New England) and to complete some great hikes in the White mountains. Wishing everyone a wonderful 2012

Tom Stipanov: I'm in the Marine Corps but living in Louisville KY before training starts helping to organize a public park project.

Becca Summer: I've been living in Denver since graduation and loving every minute of it. I work for an environmental nonprofit that organizes outdoor volunteer work on public lands around the state. It's been a beautiful, fun, and adventure-filled couple years! Come August, I'll be moving to some still-unknown place to start my PhD in Geography.

BT Twarek: BT here, reporting from San Francisco: I'm living in a sweet house with a few other Yalies and another friend from KCMO. This marks my second year teaching 6th grade English at a KIPP charter school in the Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood. Most of my students enter this school reading far below grade level, and I push them to read, read, and read some more to catch them up to speed. My goal is for every student to read a million words this year, and I'm trying to accomplish this by reading a dozen books together in the class and encouraging (read: requiring) students to read many more on their own outside of school. I love my job, though it has fully taken over my life. With the little extra time I have, I do some FOOT favorites: eat, drink beer, and enjoy the outdoors.

Erin Walsh: I am currently doing watershed the NJDEP. The best part of my job is that I streams to do water quality assessments. My of my field gear ensemble, (As evidenced by measuring stream depth and identifying and



work through AmeriCorps and get to wear waders and jump into FOOT sweatshirt is always a part the attached photos of me mapping swamp pink in the lowland swamps.)

Christine Levy: Hi FOOT!! My update involves mainly two rhyming things: rain and airplanes. Although I haven't uum-gala'd in quite a while, I've been enjoying waking up in the rain, nestled between the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, living in Seattle for the past year. I'm more translucent than I've ever been, but life in the Pacific Northwest is grand. I've also spend a significant chunk of time on airplanes this year. I've been consulting in Seattle, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Phoenix, and Los Angeles doing a mix of global public health, philanthropy, and technology work. I've also made 2 trips to Brazil for vacation, and the sun shines brighter in Rio de Janeiro than it does in Seattle! I am hoping 2012 will be another year of travel, hopefully visiting more of my dear FOOT friends.

2011:



Will O'Shaughnessey (who lives in New York and works at BCG): And now, if you made it this far, I'll give you a mini sneak peak into the slice of heaven that is 120 E 7th St (the cramped yet subtly charming apartment of yours truly). This isn't a real update -- you'll have to stay tuned for the real deal -- but it's a good representation of what I've been dealing with for the past few months. Without further ado... I live in a vaguely Polish area of town -- vague in the sense that it used to be really Polish but now you only see a handful of babushkas wheeling their old-lady carts around, reminiscing about pierogis, the secret police, and Stalinist-style housing blocs. But there are a couple of sweet Polish restaurants and delis (i.e. the "Polish GI Delicatessen" -- which I believe the GI refers to the fact that everything they serve is somehow going to wreck your digestive system). There's also a big Polish church across the street from my apartment: St. Stanislaus



Bishop and Martyr, which features a huge larger than life bust of John Paul II. The Sunday service conducted in Polish is awesome; I went once but got a bunch of weird looks, probably because they picked me out as an informant, ready to steal their Kolaczskis (delicious little cookies) and teach them how to embrace capitalism. Or most likely because I was staring intently at a polish bible and missed the command (in

Polish) to sit down -- only after about twenty seconds did I realize everyone around me was staring at me while I continued to look like Dustin Hoffman as the Rainman staring at the good book... But here's the scoop: In early October, there was a huge festival for the observance of Casimir Pulaski Day -- which, as any Chicagoan could point out, has been an officially sanctioned state-observed holiday in Illinois since 1978 -- but I digress. St. Stanislaus sponsored a big float for the parade, which contained a band, a couple of Polish babe singers, and a portrait of the late John Paul II (the metal bust is actually much larger, if you can believe it). See the attached pics and videos for a glimpse into the epic Polish adventure that was October 2.

Pic 1: The band setting up for a day of face melting Polish folk music. Note the Polish soccer jerseys, the proportion of buzz cuts (60%) and the fact that the float was sponsored by the funeral home down the street. Talk about a celebration... Pic 2: The showstopper. Miss Poland Manhattan 2011, smiling at her adoring public (obviously me). Check out the sweet chrome on the Polish-Mobile (a hot red corvette convertible that puts John Paul II's popemobile to shame). I think the lady riding shotgun is Casimir Pulaski's daughter. Even though he passed away in 1779, there must be something in the water! Time to stock up on cases of Poland Spring...I don't care if it comes from Maine I want to live forever.





Pic 3: The Grand Marshalls of the parade. Look at how they're having an excruciating amount of fun. In Poland you don't get amused, amused gets you. Bonus Pic: The Polish GI Delicatessen. The atmosphere is only slightly more inviting when it's open...

So that about sums it up from me -- I miss all of you! Looking forward to hearing what's going on in your neck of the woods.



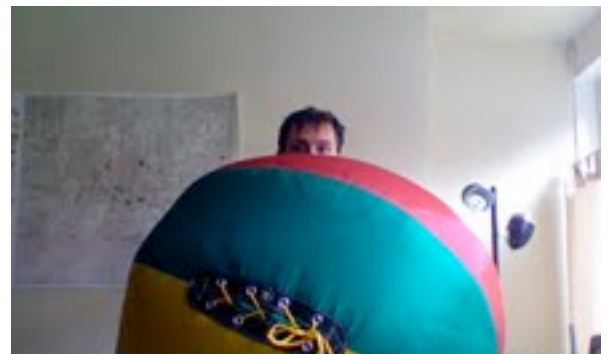
Chris Magoon: I'm in southwest china working for a rural schools NGO called Teach For China. My apartment doesn't have a shower or heat but I'm happy. Much love to all, Cpdm

Chelsea Willett: I am living in Somerville, MA with three fantastic roommates, working as a geologist at an environmental consulting company (shoutout to **Kim Lau**, FOOT '09!). This means I play in the dirt outside for 2ish days a week and try my hand at the corporate/business/hoodies-not-worn-to-work world the other 3 days - all to make sure the earth (well, Massachusetts and occasionally upstate NY) stays clean and chemical-free. A big recent highlight for me was a fabulous visit to see FOOT leader Rebecca Hinkle last month in Canakkale, Turkey! The attached photo is the two of us in Asos, Turkey checkin out some Greek ruins. Adult life is turning out to be a-ok!



Thomas Meyer: I am currently living in Cambridge, England, on a Fox Fellowship researching counterinsurgency and weapons trade. I spend most of my days over-caffeinated in coffeeshops vaguely thinking about writing without doing much of it. Not sure what comes after this, but probably back on the East Coast in Fall 2012. My first-year-out-of-college cooking repertoire basically includes recipes I learned from food core. #NotAshamed #tortsFTW

Chris Lash: Hi there, everybody. I'm currently living and working in Washington, DC at a high school-ish place called the School for Ethics and Global Leadership. Though it may sound like one of those Pretentious Places for Capitalized Nouns, it's actually a pretty cool set up - about 20 high school kids from all over the country come to DC for a semester to learn about global issues. In a way, it reminds me of FOOT, since part of our task is to create a new community in a new environment out of kids who don't know each other. In practice, that means I've got a whole new forum for things like Thumb It and Bunny Bunny (coming soon). Other than that, DC's a great place to be, and on



my good days, I manage to cross paths with FOOT's very own **Yuri Shadunsky** or the elusive yet majestic **James McGinty**. In addition to a roommate, I share my apartment with the Moon Ball, pictured below.

Kelvin Vu: Hello from San Francisco! After a summer stint at the American Dance Festival in Durham, NC, I moved out west in August, where I live with four awesome roommates. I'm convinced they would have made solid FOOT leaders because (among many reasons) they love the outdoors, boogie constantly, and know all of the lyrics to "Wagon Wheel." Dance is my main focus on, as I'm training full-time at the SF Conservatory of Dance, and also working on a couple of side projects--LEVYdance's "Romp" and the SF Youth Ballet Academy's Nutcracker last fall, and a work with Sharp and Fine that'll go up in July. Things I'm looking forward to: the Conservatory's summer intensive, a visit from my sister, and spring break on the east coast (New York, New Haven, and Boston - holla!). Miss you all!

Dounia Bredes: Here's what's up with me: I moved from Vermont to Providence, RI back in November for a job at an international development organization. During the week I keep busy doing youth outreach--or as I put it, I get kids here to care about kids "over there," in the 50 developing countries where we work. And on the weekends I explore this tiny Ocean State. Today my awesome roommate and I went to a pet show and got to pet puppies. And just yesterday, Frances Douglas (FOOT '11) went to the Mystic Aquarium in CT and got pet sting rays!

Riley Scripps Ford: I'm living and working at Choate Rosemary Hall, a prep school in Wallingford, Connecticut. It's basically a miniature version of Yale, only with curfew and marginally less a capella. I teach American Literature to juniors (we're about to start "The Great Gatsby"), coach the boys' crew team (heading to Miami in a week for preseason training), and advise a senior boys' dorm containing eight football/lacrosse players twice my size. They're hilarious. Most of the older faculty think I'm a student, and I've been asked out twice by senior girls. It's a rich, full life, and I'm enjoying it so much that I'm staying on for a second year. It doesn't exactly feel like the real world--dining hall, dorms, hockey games--but I'm not complaining just yet. I'll be using my summer break to work at the Yale Investments Office and keep an eye on the newest generation of leaders, so shoot me an email if you find yourselves drawn home to mother Yale.

Michelle Ho: I recently moved back to the Bay Area after living and working in New Haven for several months. I spent the summer doing a handful of part-time jobs -- waitressing at a cafe in Branford, doing graphic/web design projects, and marketing a documentary on the Cambodian Genocide to educators, which sounds a lot more glamorous than it was. I stayed in New Haven to support a community-living project in the Kensington neighborhood, a low-income area that has a history of substance abuse and gang violence. My boyfriend, Alan Wesson BK'11, and some other local college grads interested in urban ministry, in living out "Love your neighbor as yourself" in New Haven, felt led to move to Kensington, where we had existing relationships with kids and families through a children's church/ministry led by a couple who had also moved into the neighborhood. Week to week, that looked like hanging out with kids, cooking and eating together, doing chores, getting to know families, saying hi. In the summer, I taught some kids photography and took family portraits. My pint-sized bike and my DSLR were probably the best investments I've made so far. Then I finished/quit all those earlier jobs when I realized I couldn't part-time everything. A job at Coop Center for Creativity, a new literacy/cultural arts non-profit that has a nebulous mission statement, came up. I had the freedom to launch after-school programs and taught some really awesome writing workshops to Coop Arts High School kids. Lots of emailing and organizing. Set up the phone line, too. A great, flexible job to work around my involvement with other teens in New Haven, but also tough without knowing how to work the heating system and without having taken any classes on How to Build Up a Non-Profit. Darn American Studies degree. After several months, I decided to move back to the Bay because in my heart, I was tired. I wanted to spend time with my family in a time of transition, particularly with my mom, after powering through senior year and after my dad passed away last year. It's been an awesome decision so far, and I can't wait to get situated in the Bay. So now, I am learning to live peacefully as a young adult at home for the next few months. Looking for work in SF. Studying for the LSAT. Maintaining a long-distance relationship. Cooking more Vietnamese food. And being OK with being a bit lost!

Jeremy Lent: I'm in my first of six years at University of Michigan's philosophy department, working towards my PhD. I start teaching next year, which I'm very excited about. (It'll be like having 60 philosophy FOOTies...or PHOOTies!) I'm happy to be back in Michigan, the land of my birth, after a 17-year hiatus in Maryland and Connecticut. Additionally, I recently noticed that Ann Arbor and New Haven each start with a three-letter word, followed by a five-letter word---so was this meant to be, or what?

Matt Ramlow: At the beginning of the year I moved out to Victoria, British Columbia on Vancouver Island (AKA hiker's paradise) for an internship with the Pacific Carbon Trust. PCT works to purchase carbon offsets so that the public sector

of British Columbia can claim carbon neutrality and it has been an awesome experience thus far. More exciting I have just geared up with a full set of lightweight backpacking gear because when this internship finishing in May I will be flying off to California to hike the PCT (the AT's crazier west coast brother) for 5 months. Until then I will keep busy hiking through the rugged coast and mossy woods of Vancouver Island and learning how to speak Canadian, eh.

Blair Lanier: I'm putting my FOOT skills to good use working at a progressive (read hippie) boarding school in the Swiss Alps (i.e. I have to take a gondola to get to the grocery store). I'm teaching Biology, Psychology, Statistics, Ultimate Frisbee, and Candle-Making... so basically I'm teaching classes I might have taken any given semester back in Yale-land. I also took a group of eight teenagers hiking in a place that looked like a Heidi/James Bond set (mountainous paradise) and introduced them to the concept 'delicious plus delicious = delicious,' which, in Switzerland, means eating either chocolate or cheese or both with absolutely everything depending on available supplies. I've also turned into Julie Andrews and occasionally help a 65-year-old man lead 150 people in singing Wagon Wheel while playing the mandolin and trying to convince myself that life is real.

But since weird dreams can't last forever (I can't extend my visa without a teacher's certificate), I'll be embarking on a very different dream project next year. Come June, I'll be working as the Executive Director of Breakthrough Cincinnati - an education nonprofit providing enrichment programming to under-resourced middle school students - and spending a lot more quality time with friends and family in the Queen City. Come visit me! -Blair

Sabrina Karim: 你好 FOOT! I'm out in rural Eastern China, living a dumpling lover's dream with the Yale-China Association. I'm actually on-site with douGE (FOOT '10), which has been a bear-bagging blast. If you are able to swing by this spring, we'll treat you to a bike ride through teahills and gorgeous rapeseed-filled fields, the Yale Farm's specialty pizza recipe, and adorable 16-year-old students who -- instead of opening speeches with, "Hello everyone!"-- blurt out, "HELLOooooooo ANYONE!"

Yuri Shadunsky: I'm living in D.C. with 5 other Yalies for roommates. I moved here in August and have been working at The Urban Institute, a think tank, ever since. I'm in the Tax Policy Center and work mostly on state and local budget issues. Outside of work I spend time hanging out with my housemates and the other Yalies in DC, including FOOT 11's own **Chris Lash** and **James McGinty**.

Hilary Faxon: Hi kids, happy new year! Hope 2012 brings you wild times and a magical night duct-taped to me and a 40 somewhere on the eastern seaboard.

While I can't boast of Polish hotties, I am having a pretty good time in the Land of the Thunder Dragon aka Bhutan, small Buddhist newly-democratic monarchy of 700,000 in the Himalayas. Big national news since I've been here has included the opening of the first mall with the (gasp) first escalator in the country; the royal wedding of His Majesty Druk Gylpo Jigme Khesar Ngmyel Wangchuck aka "K5" (the fifth dragon king of Bhutan, obviously)(may be the first of several - Dad married 4 sisters and polygamy is still practiced here); the opening of the first domestic airline, shortening the 2 day drive across the country to a 20 minute flight; and the release of a homemade porn tape featuring one of the princes and Miss Bhutan, the resident hottie. This is especially scandalous since porn, like cigarettes, is illegal in this country. This leads to a hilarious black market for both items in the bustling capital city of Thimphu (pop. 100,000), which I now call home. For example, if you're hankering for an Indian Playboy knock-off, you might refer to a craving for ema datsi. 97% of the time this will get you the spiciest dish you've ever tasted over a family-sized serving of rice, but if you happen to mention it in front of a sympathetic store owner, you may end up with some titties.

Personal news includes "Hilary sews waterproof harness with satellite tracker on world's first captive-bred White-Bellied Heron in a cobra-infested valley for her crazy boss," "Hilary becomes minor pop star after singing Cee-loo Green's 'Fuck You' at Bhutan's biggest music venue" "Traditional dress is hard to fold right in the morning" "No I am not married nor do I have babies (but you are - why are you trying to sleep with me?!)," and, most recently, "Hilary is going on a January vacation to Bangkok bringing nothing but a bag of dried chilies and an empty duffel bag to fill with new clothes and tampons, she has become Bhutanese."

After the visa runs out and the monsoon comes back, I'm going home via Western Europe for some culture before starting back at FES in the fall. Need a place to crash next year in the Have, ring me up!

Royal Couple's so fine... check the pics

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/gallery/2011/oct/13/bhutan-royal-wedding-in-pictures#/?picture=380354127&index=0>

Tully McLoughlin: My update: I am on a grand adventure in Ghana (I have attached the most adventuresome photos to prove this). My host organization, Farm Radio International, is doing some very cool, very innovative work in the arena of radio for farmers, all over Africa. Ghana's branch of the international organization is a small shop, though, only two hard-working Ghanaians and me. I'm getting ready to start my fellowship project, the Ghana Youth Radio Talent Competition (I know, cool, huh?), in the beginning of February, if all goes well.

On weekends, I travel with sweet Yale friends Nate + Leslie (she's here still, he's now in Israel) and get out of hot + dusty Accra, the capital, where I'm working and living now. As you can see, we've been everywhere (cue Johnny Cash) together.



Lifestyle-wise, here are the main points. It's so damn dusty. Dust is really the main thing. People are always sweeping and wiping their brows and their shoes. (Those are separate things, the sweeping not-of-brows and the wiping of-brows.) The food is spicy, and rich in oils that I am sure are the worst for arteries. Lots of fried things, big carbo-loads, and plenty of meat. Goat, guinea fowl, chicken, beef are tops. A sustenance diet at core. Food is natural here in so many senses. Things are local not because that's become a societal value but because the market's too damn far and the roads are bad. People keep chickens and goats and kill them when they need/want,

and there's no squeamishness about it. It's refreshing.

I'm learning bits of the language, Twi (pronounced like Chi and Fi at the same time), but more useful is to learn the Ghanaian accent and bits of pidgin English. Which is awesome. "I'll go" becomes "I dey go" or "That's cool" becomes "That dey be keke." My favorite so far, one that I learned just this week, is when you want to say that you accidentally ruined something. More or less it's a smushed form of "I spoiled them" -- "I-spoil-em" followed by a big "ah" or "oh" of shame that you did so.



Those are the basics. I'm happy but it's lonely. I miss good ol' Yale times but there's no turning back, and I'm out on the first real grand adventure of life!

Love to you! Tully





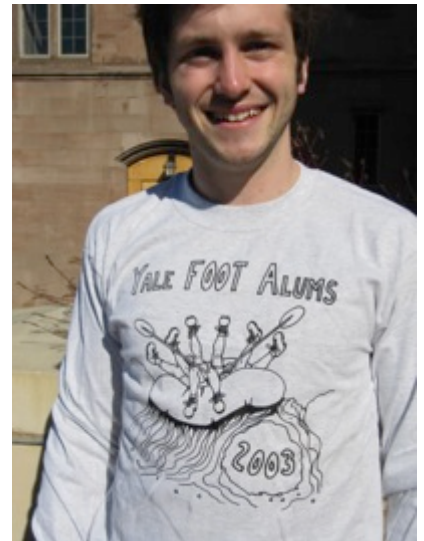
FOOT Reunion Trips:

Here are the T-Shirts from 2 out of our 3 FOOT Reunions!



The first is from rafting down the San Juan River in southern Utah. We had **Anne Egger** and **David Lambert** as our river rat guides! The second is from our river trip in Colorado on the Arkansas River, hosted by **Greg Felt** who owned the outfitting company.

We did have a third—more family oriented at Sky Acres—Cilla's camp in Vermont. We will have to do another there. (I think those early brave souls who came would be impressed with how we have fixed up the camp since...It was a bit rustic, shall we say...)



And for news from **Cilla**. As some of you know, this has been a different year for us since Steve, my husband, was diagnosed with myeloma cancer in November. He has undergone some serious treatment, radiation and drug therapy, and is most likely going to have a bone marrow transplant (they now do an auto-transplant, so no donor issues) this spring. Steve even had Max Laurans (FOOT Leader '98) perform some back surgery on him! The good news is that he is responding well to the medication and so we are hopeful for the outcome. But having cancer as part of your daily life does change a few things. We are still having fun traveling to our Vineyard retreat and our farm/camp in Vermont. And we are about to go to St. John for some sun in about a week. We are buying more of the camp in Vermont, so we will own a little village up there—more or less. One

building we will own is the camp dining hall and I have plans for lots of celebrations and activities. I'm even thinking of going into the green wedding or family reunions business, so if you are looking for the ideal get away for a rustic Vermont wedding with the view for your ceremony that even Vermonters say can't be beat, think of Sky Acres!



Please stay in touch! You always are welcome for a visit!

Lots of love, xoxoxoxox, **Cilla**