

## Dear FOOT Leader Alums,

I hope you are all well and thriving. As I read through the notes from you and your classmates, I think you are! This has been a strange year with the weather. Hurricane Sandy hit the northeast in the fall and then the recent blizzard Charlotte left record snow here in New Haven! We had the unbelievable sadness of the Sandy Hook Elementary School nearby. I have friends who live in Newtown; in fact, one of them is an artist whose 26 angels he created was on lots of national media. I still have a hard time processing that event. But fortunately FOOT is still alive and well, and thriving in its soon to be 29<sup>th</sup> year! It still is odd to think that the current leaders were not even born when FOOT was started. Yikes. If that makes some of you feel old, think about me! In any case, last year we had just under 400 participants, with 399 as the total. We are now hiking on the Appalachian Trail in northwest Connecticut into New York almost all the way to the Hudson River. We still go to the Whites, Greens, Berkshires and Catskills. The enthusiasm of the current leaders is my fountain of youth. And yes, they are still up to the old antics—omgala and ride that pony! But now on to news from all of you... (and editor's note: for you younger leaders, FOOTie can refer to a FOOT leader. I know now it tends to mean the freshmen!)

## The Classes of 1985-87

**Jamie Williams:** Jamie has taken over as Head of the Wilderness Society. So **Florence** and he have moved to Washington DC. Florence is making a media hit with her new book entitled *Breasts*. Here's a picture of their two adorable kids. (Do they remind you of anyone?)



**Gillian Todd:** Gillian is still a professor of law at Harvard Law School. She sent her holiday card with her 3 lovely children.

**Matt Etterson:** Apart from a great flood in early June we've had a mostly uneventful year. During that event the water table rose and rose until it was seeping into our basement from all directions. By the time we got the bilge pump working it was too late for the carpet and we ended up tearing out most of the basement drywall up to about 4 feet. The rest of the summer and into the fall was dedicated to repairs. We also had another mild winter followed by a very buggy summer, though we did manage a Boundary Waters trip in late summer. After the flood the fishing was great in our lake all summer and I can't help wondering if we gained some fish from the larger neighboring lakes when they were all joined into a single lake. Now we're back to ski season, though having another mild winter. Our daughter Abby (14) starts high school in the fall and our baby, Zak (9), is not so much a baby anymore. I'm still at EPA, mostly working in chemical risk assessment, and Julie's still at UMD where she works on plant evolutionary response to climate change. Hope everyone's well.

**Eve Vogel:** I don't know that I have much news - still at UMass, Ari is now 8, dog Anja 11. Beginning to work on Connecticut River history and policy - quite different from the Columbia! Fascinating, but I'm still too busy! It's amazing and wonderful to get regular emails these days from **Jamie Williams**, my old FOOT co-leader, Wilderness Society president!

**Dom Femino:** I'm still living in southern California, and busy with my orthopedic surgery practice. Last summer my kids and I enjoyed hiking and camping in Yosemite and managed to avoid the hantavirus. We are looking forward to a trip to Grand Teton and Yellowstone this summer. My best wishes to all FOOT alumni.

**Liz Ablow:** Well, I have to say life just keeps on moving forward...I went to my 25<sup>th</sup> reunion last spring thanks to many of your encouragement. I was really quite surprised at how much fun it was. I had a nice visit with **Cilla** as well and saw **Eve** at the reunion. In some ways not much has changed since last year. I still have the same job at Seattle City Light working on rivers...Dick still has his bakery/café and we still have two kids...Jacob now 19 and Sara 16...But at the same time life is completely different in our home. Jacob is now a freshman at Colby College in Maine, which makes it hard for him to come home to Seattle for the weekend. He is involved in much from playing the flute in the Colby Orchestra to participating in the Tar Sands Rallies in Portland and Washington DC. It was actually a hard adjustment for the three of us left behind, particularly Sara. Suddenly



We Send Good Wishes  
and  
Good Cheer as You Ease Into  
The New Year  
Love  
Liz, Dick, Jacob, Sara  
And of Course Gypsy and Dixie Too.

having all the attention was something she had to adjust to. She is now a sophomore in high school, and would happily live off the grid in the wilderness if allowed but since that can only happen when school is not in session she plays a lot of upright bass and soccer and is learning to telemark ski like her dad....but don't get me wrong when there is electricity she is plugged in. I wish everyone a wonderful year and stop on by if you are here in Seattle.



## Class of 1989

**Melissa Balbach** Still in Buffalo, still with kids and husband. (So this is all good news.) Our business was buffeted by the economic headwinds this year, so that was a little frustrating, but hopefully we can regain some of that ground in 2013. Looking forward to some cool travels this year, including the Galapagos with my whole family this June. Attached is our ONLY family photo from all of 2012.



**Diana Selig** I'm still living with my family in Pasadena, still teaching American history at Claremont McKenna College. I'm grateful for the many good things we enjoy each day. I'm sending along a family photo-- I'm on the right, with my partner Meredith and our children Anya and Jonah.



**James Shifrin** My update would be to send a big hello and happy new year to all my long lost FOOT friends. I have been working away at my investment firm Buckland Partners and in various ventures in the NY area, including a foray into independent film for a few years that included a win of the grand jury prize at Sundance in 2007 but alas, no box office prizes. With three kids I have spent a lot of time over the past 10+ years on the soccer field, baseball diamond, field hockey pitch, tennis court and the basketball court but have also managed to take at least one annual trip to old FOOT stomping grounds in the Catskills mountains. I found a picture with my boys. My daughter (the oldest) was at summer camp at the time.



**Christine Walravens** No big changes with me, but I'm sending a picture of my family from Ouray last August.



**Roger Wynne** My wife and I continue our contented life in Seattle. I still get to practice land use law for this great city, bike to work, join a pick-up frisbee game most weekends, and play in the mountains. Here's a reflective shot of me Esther took during one of our recent anniversary backpacking trips in the Cascades.



## Class of 1989

**Ann Vileisis** For me, 2013 has been somewhat rough. The bad news is that my beloved step dad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died within 2 months. The good part was that we had some great time with him before he got really sick, but then I had a very sad week back in New Haven, watching him lay dying --with Sleeping Giant in the background out the Yale Cancer Center window. After he died, Tim and I organized a fabulous memorial event, which 400 people attended, including our dear FOOT friend **Tiff Bingham Cunningham** and her mom and dad. (Dr. Bingham and my dad had ended up as buddies on a CT river conservation group board!) I am relieved that Mom has been doing reasonably well. This is the first time ever that my living in a remote West Coast town has seemed too far away.

This milestone life event of losing a parent seems to have disrupted life and changed perspective in many unexpected ways, and so honestly, I am starting 2013 feeling kind of worn-down, but determined to regain energy and momentum on many projects. I am still working on my book about abalone (the West Coast's most magnificent but imperiled mollusk) --though I've had to put it onto the back burner. I also organized a big community event this year for the National Wild & Scenic Chetco River, as part of a new initiative I've helped to start with our Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest to do a better job of stewarding National Wild and Scenic Rivers. I am also still volunteering as an activist with our local Audubon chapter, which gives me the chance to weigh in on too many issues for my own good. In our small rural place, we really can "make a difference," so it's hard to say no to opportunities for positive civic engagement. It can be draining at times, but I try to think of it as a "practice of hope" that keeps me optimistic rather than cynical. Somehow our garden plugged along (with the help of some friends) even while we were away so much --and produced a great crop of chard, celery, zucchini, snap peas, and tomatoes that we've continued to enjoy. Despite all the disruptions, Tim had 2 new books come out this year: *Glaciers of California*, a photo book that takes the visual approach to climate change (a la James Balog), and a *Field Guide to California Rivers*, which is part of a cool field guide series published by UC Press. We did a fun book tour in the SF Bay area in the fall. This coming year, we are planning a long stint back in our van so Tim can do a photo job and I can perhaps find a way to have an extended writer's retreat, catch up on my book work --and squeeze in some adventure. Still trying to figure that out. I'd like to send everyone a big, warm FOOT hug. Even though many of us are out of touch, I still appreciate and value your friendship and dearly hope that some time in the future, our paths will cross again, and we'll be able to pick up where we left off --albeit with a few more gray hairs and many good stories.

**Tiff Bingham Cunningham** with husband, Jim, and son, Cameron (7,) is still living in Salem, CT with ten chickens and one cat. All's well! She's busy decluttering her house and thinking of getting a job sometime. Luckily, Jim is a hard worker.

**Paul Jahnige** Same old, pretty much. Sally is director of a local land trust. I am still planning trails for the State of MA. I did start coaching high school Frisbee this Spring. Sage, (16) is getting her license and looking at college. Sierra (14) is acting and running track. Skye (6) is dancing to Gangnam Style and having lots of fun. Out major travel and excitement for the year was a trip to India and Trekking in Ladakh. Quite an adventure itself.

**Trex Proffitt** I've got a new job, Beth got a new job, we traded a daughter for a son, we obtained a temporary new daughter, and I'm thinking about starting a downtown local real foods grocery cafe. No, it's not a script for Portlandia. To make sense of all this, here's what actually happened. I shifted up the road to teaching at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, even as Beth got a job at F&M. Timing is everything so now we are a higher education stereotype. Our daughter Catherine (13) is now going by George and wants to be known as my son. Kristina (17) is our exchange student from Slovakia this year, who along with Lauren (11) and Edward (9) keeps us busy with trips and outings. We were "forced" to show her the Lincoln memorial, Las Vegas, and New England. The downtown grocery is a mid-life crisis romantic dream that is probably a better idea than a Porsche convertible, although the jury is still out.



**Ben and Betsy Saylor** Celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. (One of the first FOOT Leader Couples!!) Roamed and paddled around Alaska. Won "old goat" division in Crazy Horse marathon relay (Ben, Betsy, 2 friends and another guy) out of two teams!! Betsy served as bedside doctor-daughter-nurse-physical therapist when mom broke her pelvis. Ben coached soccer as sons Jay & Will played. Their dog treed a mountain lion!! Dabbling with veganism after reading *The China Study*.



**Carrie Hatcher-Kay:** Life here is full and good. I moved my practice to downtown Ann Arbor and I bike to work every day which is great. I still love my work and feel very lucky to get to do what I do. My partners and I will be launching a website: [www.partnersinhealingpsychotherapy.com](http://www.partnersinhealingpsychotherapy.com). It's been interesting to pull together the "business" aspects of our work versus the practice/clinical work which feels much more comfortable and familiar. Kids are having fun in their various activities: Amelia (9) plays the violin, swims, skates and loves art and friends. Elijah (7) started the guitar and loves Judo and swimming and lives in his marvelous imagination! Josh is enjoying his clinical teaching at UM Law School in the Child Advocacy Law Clinic.





**Frank Levy:** Reflections on 2012: beautiful sunrises and sunsets, lots of learning, travel, biking, swimming, running, climbing mountains, cross-country and downhill skiing, soccer, hanging out with family and friends, camping, working, reflecting and learning more...



## Class of 1990

**Tom Beierle:** We are well ensconced in our life in Seattle keeping a backyard urban farm of two dairy, goats, six chickens, and two on-again-off-again hives of bees. I'm working at a small consulting firm on energy and environmental policy. My two daughters are now 10 and 13 (!). -- Tom Beierle

**Michael Kahan:** I'm doing well - still teaching at Stanford in the Urban Studies program and living in the next town over, Mountain View (home of Google). Gabriella is still at Stanford as well, where she is chairing the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages, making her the sort of Grand Poo-Bah of the European Language Departments. Our older daughter, Eva, is a sophomore in High School and is starting to get lots of junk mail from colleges (yikes!), and our younger, Frieda, is in 6th grade and is taking advantage of all the opportunities afforded by Middle School, including joining the wrestling team! We had some great family trips this year, including a road trip around Colorado in the summer (visiting Mesa Verde, Great Sand Dunes, and Black Canyon National Parks) followed by 10 days in Virginia and DC, where we visited Colonial Williamsburg and got to see the House and Senate in session. Over winter break my parents took us all for a cruise in the Caribbean to celebrate their 50th anniversary - very relaxing! Other big achievements this year included growing vegetables, some beautiful and some very ugly, in our garden, and caring for Frieda's new pet rat named (what else?) Kitty. Attached are a couple of photos so you can see what we look like these days. We recently saw **Tali Zulman** and **Emel Gokyigit** at a joint 45th birthday party for me and my wife. Would be glad to see any other Foot-ies in the Bay Area. Best wishes to all! - Michael Kahan



**Eve Porter-Zuckerman:** still living in rural New Hampshire, getting a city fix half of each week while at work in Boston, still with Isaacson,



Miller, an executive search firm that helps nonprofits and universities find new leaders. Home life full and fun, with our three dogs and many outdoor adventures. As I'm



writing this, we're tapping trees and will be making syrup again, and as the weather improves and we get our gardens and fruit trees going again, we'll also start keeping bees. I'm also still active with two nonprofits in my community here - one is a watershed organization, where I can use my FOOT and similar experiences to coach leaders for our summer camp (I welcome your stories and riddles to tell on

the trail and other ideas!), and the other is set up to maintain some US Forest Service land, with an old farmhouse, at the base of the White Mountains here. A happy 2012 to all!

## Class of 1991

**Josh Barkan:** I'm headed out to Colorado, in a week, to get married in the Rockies! I met Mariana Escribano three and a half years ago, at a party in Mexico City, and we spent most of the following years living in her simple painting studio in the southern part of the city. (She's an oil painter: [marianaescribano.com](http://marianaescribano.com)) It was a great run in Mexico--incredible galleries, great museums, a good place to write--but the need to get a job has brought me back to reality, teaching as an Assistant Prof. of creative writing/fiction at Wichita State University. After the wedding we're planning on driving and hiking around Utah in Canyonlands Nat'l Park, Arches, Capitol Reef, Bryce, Zion, etc. Will be a good trip. I like the parks in the off-season when no one is around and the yellow, winter light makes all the rocks stand out clearly. I wish a great year to all. I love getting this newsletter every year and following what people are up to. People can find news about me at my Web site: [joshbarkan.com](http://joshbarkan.com)

**Cameron Brooks:** I live in Boulder, Colorado with my wife and two young ones. Our nine-year-old daughter Amaya is in fourth grade and our six-year-old son is in first grade. After four years working with a smart energy start-up here in Boulder called Tendril, I've struck out on my own doing consulting work on clean energy policy. So far, so good, in the first few months, but I'm eagerly awaiting what 2013 brings. I'd love to see any of you coming through town or on your way up to the mountains for skiing or whatnot.

**Baker Mallory** writes, "We had a active 2012 with Gus (6), Brad (4), and Rose (4): trip to Martha's Vineyard with cousins, first soccer team for Brad, and Dad's a little league coach for Gus; a Florida safari park ended the year – Gus mentioned at Christmas that he wants to be a combination of engineer, brain surgeon and zoologist! Jody and I continue to design and build landscapes with a bent towards sustainable, organic and edible gardens. We still volunteer at our local organic farm and do some architecture/permaculture teaching. Best Wishes to all" (from Cilla: I ran into Baker and his family recently in Grand Central Station! Fun!)



**Emel Gokyigit Wadhwani**  
and family!

### **Cesca Smith McInerney**

Get this....I've moved to Australia! And even more shocking.... the sun is to the north here. It has really messed with my internal compass. Also, Thanksgiving in spring and Christmas is in summer. But other than that, life is pretty great here. Very relaxed, with lovely beaches,

great wine country, a mediterranean climate with olives and fruit trees everywhere. To come here, I (sadly) left my sweet job as an Assistant Professor at Northwestern but have landed (happily) at the University of Adelaide where I have a grant from the Australian Research Council to do Paleoclimate research. I moved because my husband Dave is from Adelaide and we wanted our son Owen (nearly 2) to grow up near family (and has Dave ever got family! Christmas lunch is usually at least 50 people!). We are living a block from Owen's grandparents, a block from his daycare center and Dave and I get to walk together to work through the parklands. Although I am loving it here, I will add that we only moved 5 months ago, and I have yet to experience a heat wave. We are in for 108°F later this week, so I may not be so chipper then. Hope everyone is well and come see us if you are ever in this part of the southern hemisphere!





## Class of 1992

**Sumner McCallie:** Have just celebrated a first year of marriage with my wonderful partner, Katie Davis. She is currently working as a fundraiser for the Land Trust for Tennessee. I am still at McCallie School, but am moving from the Dean of Residential Life role which I've served as for the past 15 years into being the Dean of Studies. Really looking forward to thinking about curricular development, the teenage brain, and how the two can most productively be linked.

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**Ben Harley:**

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### Play video

As she grows up, a young wild Atlantic Spotted dolphin we call "Jalapeño" learns to dance with a human partner, Chisa Hidaka. Filmed in RED 4K by Howard Hall with story and additional footage by...

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Hello everyone,

I am going to share a bit of immediate news: the Dolphin Dance Project I've been helping develop for the last couple of years is getting close to finishing its second short film called "Dolphin Dreams." We ran a fundraising and awareness building campaign, and although the campaign is over and we came very close to our goal; we are still accepting contributions on the film's website: <http://dolphin-dance.org/dolphindreams>

If you want a quick and entertaining introduction to one of the wild baby dolphins who is learning to dance with us, this short video is great for the entire family:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wumz9m43Ics&list=UUQRMsAW5DrCK5778QweIDLA&index=3&feature=plcp&noredirect=1>

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season. Ben

P.S. If you are enjoying the videos, there is also this teaser we just released:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wumz9m43Ics&list=UUQRMsAW5DrCK5778QweIDLA&index=3&feature=plcp&noredirect=1>

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**Cynthia Boyd:** I can't manage to get a picture of all 3 of my kids looking at the camera, but these pretty much sum it all up anyway. That's Jane, now 15 months, escaping with delight from the pile of her big brothers - Graham (8) and Liam (6). Margot Klimczak (also BK '92) Schmolka's middle daughter Corey is on the bottom - she's a good sport, just like her mom! These pictures were taken where I grew up on the Jersey shore this summer - the spot where the kids are playing was about 5 feet under water during Hurricane Sandy - and had never been under more than a few inches in 40 years of living there. Thankfully my parents are fine, and their house is fixable, so they are among the fortunate. I'm still working at Johns Hopkins as a geriatrician and doing public policy research, where Greg is an HIV physician, and enjoying my wee ones (not so little anymore)! Wishing you all a peaceful 2013! Cynthia Boyd [cyboyd@jhmi.edu](mailto:cyboyd@jhmi.edu)

**Louisa Castrodale:** ([lunarvet@hotmail.com](mailto:lunarvet@hotmail.com)) Family canoe trip to Bald Lake public use cabin, [GPS 61 40 915N, 150 02 093W](#) (July 2012)

### Class of 1993

**Sara Cohen** It's been a big year for me and my husband, Mike. We had a little girl, one year ago, yesterday (Jan 9, 2012). Her name is Elia (ELL-ee-uh) and she is downright hilarious. Traveling has suddenly shifted from a sleek operation out of two compact frame packs to a chaotic production that could make good use of professional roadies and the luggage space of a tour bus. Despite this, we have taken several trips to see dispersed friends and family in Florida, California, Michigan, and Alabama and even enjoyed a couple of days in gorgeous Little River Canyon in northern Alabama, where Elia bounced along on our backs during a day hike, singing to her fingers and chuckling at everything that struck her as funny (which is most things). It's good to know she already loves fresh air! I still work for the Massachusetts state parks agency, working on fresh water science, planning, and policy, but now also have a part-time gig doing environmental conflict resolution work. We're moving from Somerville to Medford, MA next month, where we bought a house on the Mystic River, with a canoe launch site right out the door. We will have a guest room and would happily put up anyone needing to crash in the Boston area. My email is [sicochen@umich.edu](mailto:sicochen@umich.edu).



**Rachelle & Burch LaPrade:** Life in the LaPrade house continues busy in a crazy and wonderful way. Our kids are now almost 14, 11 1/2, 9, and 6 1/2. We remain in Des Moines, IA where Rachelle owns her own ambulatory equine veterinary practice and Burch works at a cloud-based SEC reporting start-up called WebFilings. Last year, for the 4th year, our family participated in RAGBRAI -- the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa. Every year for a week in July, thousands ride from the Missouri River (the western border of Iowa) to the Mississippi River (the eastern border), stopping in quintessential small Iowa towns along the way. Burch and the boys did the entire week (494 miles) while Kendrick and I joined for a day. Every year Burch and our oldest Abbott organize a RAGBRAI team, complete with support van and host houses for the overnights. People have joined us from all over the country and, last year, even from Germany. Any and all are welcome to come join us one year.



**Jessica Plumb:** I don't get to NY often, but I'm headed East at the end of the week for a series of events and interviews in New York and Washington D.C in conjunction with our film: *Return of the River* is a film about the largest dam removal project in history, currently unfolding on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. It is a film about people, and their relationship to the land they call home. It tells the story of a river unleashed after decades of advocacy, and explores dilemmas in balancing economic and ecological needs. Filmmakers John Gussman and Jessica Plumb will screen a sample of work in progress, and discuss their experience on the Elwha River as historic change unfolds. We're doing screening parties at both locations, and I'd love to reach out to the FOOT community in those metro areas. I know that many of our cohort went on to pursue careers in environmental issues; more simply, the film includes gorgeous aerial footage of one of the best hiking destinations on earth. Our family in the Olympics, our backyard. Our six-year old daughter, Zia, joined us for two 15 mile backpacking trips with us this summer. She's an amazing little hiker. Jessica Plumb, Producer *Return of the River* [www.elwhafilm.com](http://www.elwhafilm.com).





**David and Emily Lambert:** We are moving! Our new address is 3345 Elmwood Ave., Brighton, NY 14610. Come visit!



## Class of 1994

**Meg Wickwire:** Still spending most of my time with 14-year-olds as an English teacher and tutor. My commute is alternately a 7-minute walk to Concord Academy or one staircase to my home office. Bill is still happily shaping (warping?) young minds at BB&N in Cambridge. Penn, six, loves cross-country skiing, weapons of all kinds (!), belting tunes from *Man of La Mancha* and *The Secret Garden*, and drawing intricate pictures of dragon battles. At least he's a Renaissance guy. Most lucky of all is that he's really good company; what fun!

**Carrie Paterson:** I'm still in Los Angeles, now with my art practice shifting to research about habitability in space. I've lectured in 2012 about greenhouses in space and am working with an architect in Vienna to build prototypes of personal micro-gravity greenhouses this year. I have developed a love of bonsai and am studying with bonsai master Roy Nagatoshi who has a few "claims to fame" including being the set designer for Karate Kid. I also have written a book with my Dad called "Escape Home" about his life as an architect and background escaping Europe during World War II and being adopted in Australia before eventually making his way to Aspen, Colorado and studying with Frank Lloyd Wright. It will be published this year with DoppelHouse Press. I'm attaching a press release for an art exhibition I'm in that opens on the 19th of January running through May, in case anyone finds themselves in Southern California or headed out to the desert. It's a big survey of "Citizen Space Exploration" including a real model of the X-Cor future space tourist plane. That's all for now. I hope you are doing great! Carrie Paterson

**Anne Weil:** Big News! Sandy got his dream job with the Baltimore Ravens! We're absolutely giddy about our new adventure. Come visit. New address: 5 Cub Road, Baltimore, MD 21210.



**Ben Madley:** Greetings from Los Angeles! We've just moved out here from Vermont so that I can begin a new job as Assistant Professor of History at UCLA. (Ben's son is wearing the FOOT kid T-shirt standing in the Pacific Ocean!)



## Class of 1995

**Geoff Tanner:** My wife (Tasha Hawthorne, whom I met in New Haven) of 6+ years and I have two beautiful daughters, ages 2 1/2 (Haviland Signy) and 1 (Hayden Astrid). They very happy and adventurous girls who have their father's willingness to laugh at most things, and who are very fortunate to have their mother's looks.

**Tamara Schurdak:** I can't believe this, but after 4 years in the DC area I took a job at The Town School in Manhattan. I am the head of their upper school, which is grades 5 through 8. I never thought I would live in a city, let alone New York City. Oddly enough, I have spent more time outside here than I did in the suburbs of Washington. I walk everywhere, including to and from work each morning. I also live close enough to several parks that I spend weekends doing various activities in the outdoors. The school is great. Their motto is about joy in learning, and they try to live it. They are also building sustainability program, and I am enjoying that project as well as a few others. It's hard to live in a city and not think about sustainability. I have yet to make it back to the Elm City but hope to do so in the next few months.

**Rebecca Whitney:** I'm still living in Berkeley, California; still happily married to **Perry de Valpine** (JE '93). We've added a third child to our household-- Gabriella was born on January 31, 2012-- and her older siblings Luke (7) and Eloise (5) have spent the past year arguing over who gets to play with her more. With Gabriella's arrival, I've taken a hiatus from working. I like certain things about being a stay-at-home mom (time to cook; more time with the kids; a far more relaxed pace of life), and this lifestyle is giving me the necessary flexibility for our next family adventure: a year-long sabbatical in Guanajuato, Mexico, beginning this summer. We're all very excited about the chance to immerse ourselves in a new language and culture! I'd welcome any advice from FOOTies of any era about living in Mexico and living abroad with children. I'm at [facebook.com/rebeccacwhitney](https://facebook.com/rebeccacwhitney) or [rwhitney@mac.com](mailto:rwhitney@mac.com). Here in Berkeley, I've recently enjoyed some quality knitting time with **JP Pett-Ridge** ('94), an outing to Berkeley's Little Farm with **Elizabeth Murdock** ('94) and her daughter Pia, and a power walk with **Sara Heitler Bamberger** ('95/'96). Perry and I were delighted to be on **Carrie Patterson's** ('94) and **Ben Strauss's** ('94) itineraries when they each passed through town last fall. Hope 2013 is a great year for everyone, and please be in touch if you are in Berkeley this spring-- or Mexico next year!

**Brendan Connolly:** after a few great years in North Carolina after New Haven (and playing some ultimate with a few of the wonderful people in this cc list), I moved out to Seattle in 1999, and have been studying/practicing architecture out here ever since. My firm, Mithun, is a national leader in sustainable design in architecture, landscape and urban planning, and has been an inspiring group to be a part of. I lead our education alliance, which has been a great opportunity to work on a wide range of mission-driven project types, including independent schools, higher education campuses, environmental education centers and museums. Wonderful wife of 10 years, 2 rapidly skyward reaching kids (7 and 6), all of us cursing at the rain but having fun in it anyway. Some cyclocross and mountain bike racing and skate skiing to keep us humble and sore. (My wife, Jodi, has insisted on our family adoption of the motto "do something new you suck at least once a year.")

**Sarah Kelley:** It has been a big year of transition for our family! Our son Ethan, age 4, started nursery school at the Wheeler School in Providence, RI, where Page is in his 7th year teaching math and serving as Math Department Chair. Suddenly it seemed like our whole family was driving to Providence 6 times a week . . . so we moved there! We had been talking about it for a while but everything came together really fast. We miss the woods and beaches of Dartmouth but are really enjoying being able to WALK places (novel for us!) and being near old (**Josh Kane** & his wife Joanne, **Geoff Tanner** & Tasha Hawthorne . . . well sort of near) and new friends. Our daughter Hope just turned 2 and keeps us laughing with her little sis antics. I still work for the Island Foundation in Marion, MA -- a bit longer commute now but still enjoying the work. We have a guest room now, so please come visit if you are passing through Providence!



**Anne Egger:** I'm in my second year as an assistant professor at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA. The outdoor opportunities around here are diverse and spectacular, and I've particularly enjoyed getting back into Nordic skiing. Ellensburg is on the sunny side of the Cascades, but my biggest shock moving from California to Washington was the day length - a bad shock in early January, and a joyous shock in June. I have a joint appointment in Geological



Sciences and Science Education, which makes for a very busy academic life.

**Sara Heitler Bamberger:** We're in Berkeley, CA these days, and have been here for about seven years. I am the Executive Director of a small nonprofit called [Kevah](#), which provides educators and administrative support to small groups of friends who gather monthly or biweekly to study classical Jewish sources on issues of interest to the group. The whole idea of being part of a small group of friends who form a micro-community is certainly informed by my wonderful experiences with FOOT, and as our educator network grows, I also continue to try (in some semiconscious way) to model it after the FOOT leader network. On a personal note, I am on maternity leave now with Baby #5, Talia Dorothy, age 4 weeks tomorrow. She joins Max (9), Isaiah (8), Niva (6) and Ezra (4) on Team Heitler Bamberger. It is a little surreal to be back in the business of nursing and diapers and sleeping in 3 hour shifts, but I am enjoying it very much.

## Class of 1996

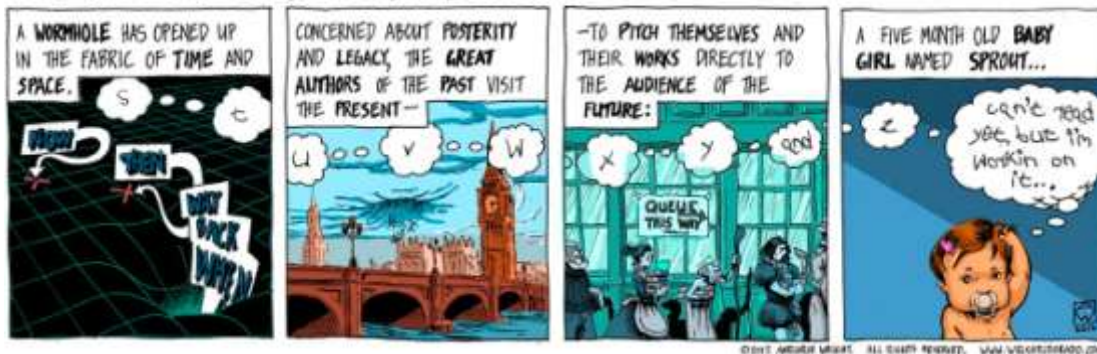
**Elizabeth Balfour:** Life is good. Sarah is 2 and a half and constantly talking (and most of the time, we actually understand what she's saying). Mark is 10 months old and we think he must hold a record for super-fast crawling. ... He has a sweet disposition and continues to be fascinated by his big sister. I am still practicing law (I have a corporate litigation practice at Sheppard Mullin) and so is Dave - he does healthcare litigation, representing doctors and medical groups. A good recent Yale story is that we got to connect with the coach of the Yale Sailing Team (Zack Leonard) when he visited San Diego on a fundraising mission (YCYC is hoping to buy a piece of property adjacent to the Club). It was great to connect with other Yale alumni in San Diego who have a connection to sailing. When Zack was ON the Yale Sailing Team as a student some 20 years ago, he actually stayed at Dave's parents' house in San Diego when the team came out to the West coast.... Dave's Dad is a Yalie and they opened up their home to some Yale sailors. Not much else to report, other than the fatigue and happiness that come with having a very full and very busy life!

**Nye Wright:** Wife and I saw the arrival of our first born, a little girl named Aurelia. As I told **you** before her code name in the womb was Sprout and that has stuck and carried on in my sketchbook with image like this:



And that's also given rise to strip that I've just started doing weekly for a bookstore chain here called Waterstones. ([blog.waterstones.com](http://blog.waterstones.com)). Here's the first strip.

# SPROUT'S BOOKCLUB



Second strip comes out this Saturday and will do every Saturday for a bit. It's shades of doing the same each week for the Yale Herald back in the day. Beyond that, my graphic novel, "Things to do in a Retirement Home Trailer Park... When You're 29 and Unemployed" ([trailerparkbook.com](http://trailerparkbook.com)) came out earlier in the year and has been getting some nice reviews. Now trying to work on the next one and not take 8 years to do so. The day job continues to be working for Apple, albeit back in the UK now after the Paris stint. And that's about it.

**Peter Ehrenkranz:** I am now the Country Director for the US Centers for Disease Control in Swaziland where we provide technical and financial support to the Swazi government to strengthen their health system and combat HIV and TB. My wife is the Country Officer for the World Bank and her work overlaps with mine just enough to keep things interesting, but not so much that we are always in each others' way. Our two year daughter keeps getting cuter and cuter and we've got a second child coming along in 6 months. All Footies (and friends) are welcome to visit. Swaziland is a beautiful place— great hiking, mountain biking, rafting and nicely located a few hours from Kruger National Park, Johannesburg and Maputo. Glad to hear that you are doing well, Regards, Peter  
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## Class of 1997



**Cat Balco:** Dear Friends, just wanted to let you know that Broc George Grennan has arrived! He was born on 2-18-13 at 5:07 PM, weighs 8lbs., and is 21 inches long. Alex, Cat, and Broc are all tired but very happy!

**Carrie Tatum:** Last year, my husband, Andrew, and I had our second child, Margaret (Meg), who is now crawling around and eating mushed up bananas. Our son, Joseph (who is just over two), is just starting to like having her around. We continue to live in Brooklyn and I continue to conduct evaluation research for international Planned Parenthood federation's latin america region, though I've been traveling less than in the past.



**Debbie Gross:** We had a baby girl: Maya Lynn Mehta born dec 21



**Gregory Newmark:** My wife and I moved back to the Midwest from California. I finally finished my PhD in City and Regional Planning and work at the transit agency in Chicago. We have a two year old son and a one month old daughter. I have not laced up my hiking boots in a while.

**Amelia Shaw:** I've been living in Papua New Guinea (in the South Pacific) for the past 18 months and working with Australian Broadcasting Corp using radio broadcasting to help women improve their lot in life, by promoting women running for public office and by improving their access to health services during pregnancy and emergency medical care following domestic violence. It's been deeply gratifying work, and I'd like to think that some of our radio programs on women's issues have helped women in the Pacific. I just took my 2 year old Luna on a trek through Cambodia and Thailand, and the best part is - I was wearing my FOOT hat at Angkor Wat! I still have the darn thing, sweat stained and grimey - if practically has its own passport. I am attaching a photo of me, Luna and the FOOT hat in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea eating "aiger" - a local food of sweet potatoes and fish cooked in banana leaves. I will be returning to the US in February to wait for my second child, due in April. 2013 is going to be an exciting year!



**Jesse Heitler:** Hi FOOT, Hello from London. My wife Shirli and I have been on this side of the pond for nearly six years now. Our two kids (Eliana 3 and Noah 5) are growing up with silly accents and odd phrases like "where's the loo?" Living here is great, although the shortage of wilderness is frustrating at times. It does make one appreciate the national parks beauty and scale of the US National Parks. If anybody happens to be passing through London please get it touch! –Jesse



**Melissa Lee:** We're slowly settling into life as New Yorkers, trying to find "green" wherever we can. We ventured to Bear Mountain last spring with the kids—I needed to practice hiking with some weight on my back in preparation for a Grand Canyon backpacking trip with friends from AZ. Newly returned to the East Coast we forgot about the beloved deer tick—and Calla, our daughter, came home with one on her neck! I know, embarrassing for a former FOOT Leader...

**Class of 1998**

**Liz Averill** – I moved from Washington state back to Charlottesville, Virginia, last summer. It was beautiful out there, but it is nice to be back on the East Coast. I have a daughter, Amelia (17 months), and a son, Caleb (4+). If anyone from my FOOT days is in the area, I would love to see you, and you can reach me at [ejaverill@yahoo.com](mailto:ejaverill@yahoo.com).

**Gretchen Boger** – This past summer my family and I left Colorado Springs to return to the East Coast, where paying jobs awaited. We timed it so we experienced both wildfire evacuation in the West and Hurricane Sandy back East, sobering reminders of the multiple destructive guises that climate change can take. I am now teaching history at the all-girls' Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania and really enjoying it. The students are great. We miss the Rockies, but living on the "Main Line" within walking distance of groceries, movies, school, and the commuter rail has helped our carbon footprint shrink remarkably, and extended family is much closer, too.

**Chris Cayten** – I am going into my fourth year as Managing Director of CodeGreen Solutions, an energy efficiency and sustainability consulting firm helping the real estate industry reduce carbon footprints in New York City, D.C., L.A. and San Francisco. Our two lovely kids, Will (3) and Caterina (4), are fabulous and love living in Brooklyn, and my wife Megan Reilly Cayten (BK'96) has started a non-profit called Catrinka.com to benefit girls' education in the developing world.

**Fran Franze** – I am living with my wife Rie, son Enzo (2), and daughter Mia (1) in Seattle. We moved to the Pacific Northwest two years ago when I left private practice to become a federal prosecutor. We love Seattle! It has been a great change of pace from the East Coast, and having the mountains and ocean nearby has really changed our outlook on life. We are looking forward to taking the kids on more and more camping adventures as they get bigger. Hopefully, in the near future we will be able to transition from car camping to some backcountry adventures! We'd love to tie up with any FOOT leader alums who are in the area. [ffranze@gmail.com](mailto:ffranze@gmail.com).



**James Carothers** -- I recently started (Sept. 15) on the engineering faculty at the University of Washington as part of the new Molecular Engineering & Sciences Institute -- we engineer cells to make renewable chemicals, materials for global health, and to develop new therapeutics. Great fun getting the lab set up and enjoying Seattle and the nearby mountains.

### **Class of 1999**

**Jeffrey Grigg:** Lael and I are still enjoying life in Madison, Wisconsin and I still think I am about a year away from finishing my degree. There are three of us now (Maggie, born February 2012), so it's been a good year! Send your class news to [yale.foot.1999@gmail.com](mailto:yale.foot.1999@gmail.com)!

**Jonathan Griswold:** It was a big summer for me. I got engaged and changed jobs and countries. I had been living in India for two years, working for the prepaid card business at American Express (a card that doesn't require a credit check and thus one better suited for reaching the mass market in emerging countries which is what I hoped to do). In September I took my girlfriend of 2 years on a walk in Firoz Shah Kotla, a park around the ruins of an ancient fort in Delhi, proposed, and we moved to Singapore. I had accepted an offer to head over to the dark side at Visa, offering strategy advice to the Country Managers of China, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan--markets I know nothing of but am enjoying learning about. We have a guest room if anyone comes through Singapore!

**Elisabeth Jacobs:** I'm living in DC with my husband Sam Walsh (TC99, and friend to many a FOOTie), where we've been for the last six(ish) years and will be for the foreseeable future. Life keeps me very busy these days! I am a Fellow at the Brookings Institution, where I do policy-oriented research on a wide variety of topics under the broad umbrella of family economic security. Before that, I worked on the Hill, and before that, I was finishing up a Ph.D. at Harvard. Our three-year-old June is a delight, with her father's sense of humor and her mother's proclivity to negotiate/litigate anything and everything. We're expecting our second child in a few short months, and we're all very excited about that. While I spend plenty of time outdoors chasing June around local playgrounds and parks, I haven't had much opportunity to do any



"real" hiking in the past few years, and I miss it! I do see fellow DC FOOT folk on occasion, though -- **Asa Pikaya** and his family live a few blocks from us on Capitol Hill, and **Katie Scharf** gave us a West Wing tour a while back (before she decamped for Connecticut). Hope everyone is well!

## **Class of 2000**

**Jacob Heitler:** Hmm... life in Berkeley, CA is pretty darn good. I spent 3 years after biz school working with 2 of my sibs on a business building <http://PowerOfTwoMarriage.com>, an online marriage health program, and the e-Coaching platform on which it runs. Last year we sold the platform to a big publisher who wanted to make their technical training curriculum more interactive. As part of the deal we retained a license to continue using the e-Coaching system in health and wellness applications, so we're also still running the marriage program. At this point, it basically runs itself with a skeleton staff though... so I've moved on to a position as the head of product for another silicon valley startup -- [SharesPost.com](http://SharesPost.com), an online marketplace for buying and selling shares in private companies. Work is work... but all-in-all, 2012 was a good ride. And, on the weekends, I try to get out into the Berkeley hills as often as possible, either on my bike, or for hikes with my wife, Rachel. If anyone's passing through the Bay Area -- I'm up for a beer! And we have a guest room, if anyone's interested.

**Lauren (Zucker) Wilkins:** Lauren and Tyler had a baby girl! Isolde Snow Wilkins (born October 25, 2012) spent her first five weeks on the lamb, escaping from Hurricane Sandy. All has settled down now and everyone is well.

**Laura Haverland:** Baby news: My daughter (how crazy is that to write!) Anne Haverland Morley was born November 3, 2012. So far Annie's likes include: walking to the beach, drinking milk, and sleeping. She makes us melt with happiness, when we can keep our eyes open from the sleep deprivation. We are still living in Rhode Island and, fingers crossed, opening up a cheesemaking dairy farm sometime in this century. In the meantime we are raising pigs, chickens and other assorted creatures. I learn something new every day!

**Emilie Hitch:** I'm still loving my work as an applied anthropologist in Minneapolis and was recognized in the business community as both a "'Woman to Watch'" in the Minneapolis Saint Paul Business Journal and a member of the Volunteer Hall of Fame by Minneapolis Saint Paul Magazine for the work that my organization, Strategy for Good, has been doing in branding and social innovation. Highlights of the past year include joining a start-up team building an urban, organic, aquaponics farm in a reclaimed brewery, beginning to record an album with my indie folk-rock (!) band, Wailing Loons, and continuing to serve on the boards of The Quetico Superior Foundation and Camp Warren (getting kids into the woods for the summer and keeping my beloved Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness pristine and protected). On a more FOOTie front, I was thrilled to be there when **Sarah Ichioka** (JE '01) married her dapper, DJing, British lad, Jack, last June in Point Reyes, CA! I'm looking forward to more culture and community in 2013 with projects for clients in the environmental and social sectors, some film development and production, organizing a music and art festival at a local farm with my new venture called Sky Water Studios, and two months of travel and photography in Europe, Scandanavia and Russia (!!). And keep your ears open for news of another one of my favorite projects, Eat for Equity (<http://eatforequity.org>), taking our trailer of local dinner gathering goodness out on a national tour this summer!

**Erin Johnson:** We are still here in Salt Lake, enjoying our easy access to mountains and redrock desert. I am in a nurse midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner doctorate program at the University of Utah. While school has me generally buried, I love working with women in clinic and in the hospital and am reaffirmed of my path every time I catch a baby. We live at the base of one of the canyons and find ourselves skiing or climbing or hiking a few times a week. No kids yet, but you can bet they'll be found in the mountains in FOOT paraphernalia when they arrive!

**Melissa Garcia:** I'm thrilled to announce that we welcomed baby #2, Sebastian Garcia Metcalf, into the world in Christmas Day. We just took him on his first outdoorsy trip--to a snowy mountain cabin owned by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. We're still in DC and welcome all FOOTies for a visit!

## **Class of 2001**

**Beth Goldstein** (BK 01) is living in San Francisco and working as a nurse practitioner at a community clinic. Her daughter Josephine is a year and half old, and her husband, Nathanael Johnson, just published his first book, entitled *All Natural: a skeptic's quest to discover if the natural approach to diet, childbirth, healing and the environment really keeps us healthier and happier.*

**Asher Price:** I continue to write about environmental and energy issues for the daily newspaper in Austin, Tex., where I live with my wife, Rebecca (PC'01), and Poppy, a wiry-haired, monkey-faced scruffball who won the cutest dog award in the 2012 Muttminster dog show. I've co-authored a book, *The Great Texas Wind Rush*, about the odd-ball pioneers in the wind energy business, that'll be published in July by University of Texas Press.

**Sarah Ichioka:** My biggest change in the past year was getting married, to a lovely man named Jack. Otherwise, life is much the same: still living in London, still running a non-profit that promotes innovation and social engagement in contemporary architecture, and still not getting out on the trail nearly as much as I might want to. I'd love to hear from any Footies living in or passing through the UK.

**Sarah Stehli Howell:** I'm sending this update from my bed, where I currently snuggle my 1 week old son, Hunt. I also have a 2 year old, Lucius, and their dad, Lucius Sr and I live in New Orleans. In June we're moving to Chapel Hill, NC where Lucius will be entering a Cardiology fellowship and I hope to continue to practice architecture. '01 FOOT leaders, if you're in the NC area, please give a shout!

**Matt Kerner:** My wife Laura and I were married in March last spring. We live in Seattle where I work on Windows Azure (cloud computing) at Microsoft, and she works on vaccine discovery for diseases of the 3<sup>rd</sup> world. We just returned from a trip to Palo Alto, where we visited Laura's brother and spent most of the weekend hiking and running in the hills.

**Mike Zimmer:** My update is that my documentary about the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest, THE ENTERTAINERS, has been touring the festival circuit this past year and we've been having a blast, usually bringing some of our ragtime playing stars with us to perform live after screenings. Folks can check out the trailer and find more info at: [www.theentertainersmovie.com](http://www.theentertainersmovie.com).

**Marc Ruben:** Living in Somerville, MA, with Joanna Lydgate '03 and our daughter Marina, who's about to turn 2 and is obsessed with sledding and saying the word "ngawe" fifty times a day. (It means hello, goodbye, peace, what, that, and OK.) I still do online advocacy and fundraising campaigns for nonprofits, and Joanna's finishing up a clerkship and looking for her next lawyery gig.

**Shana Crystal:** Eli and I live in Philadelphia with our two-year-old son, Micah. I am pediatrician and Eli is a lawyer, focusing on media law. Micah loves playing in his new tent in our basement, and he's excited to try it out outside in the spring.

**Josh Berezin:** I finished up medical school at UCSF in May, moved to New York, and am in my first year of psychiatry residency at NYU. I'm living in Brooklyn Heights and am happy to be back on the East Coast. Hope you are all well.

**Catherine Price:** I'm living in Philadelphia with my husband Peter. We moved back east after spending several years in the Bay Area and taking seven months to travel the world between coasts, and while I enjoyed California, I'm really enjoying being back in the land of sarcasm and distinguishable seasons. (And Philadelphia is a very cool and affordable city with great food -- who knew?!) I'm currently working on a book about the history and science of vitamins, to be published sometime in 2014 by the Penguin Press, and would like to send out a pre-invite for the launch party now, so that I can have something to look forward to when it's finally done. I hope everyone's doing well -- and drop a line if you're ever in town.

**Joe Montgomery:** My wife, Virginia, and I got married in Cozumel in November where I confirmed my new love of scuba diving (as well as Virginia of course). Any FOOT divers out there? We should organize a trip. Still in NYC, working full time as an artist. If you are in Minneapolis from February 2-October 27, I have work in a show at the Walker. May 26th I open a solo show at MassMoCA in North Adams, MA. If you are around please come. If not, it is up until April of 2014.

**Laura Kolar:** I'm in Washington, DC where I work as an historian at the State Department. My husband John and I would love to see folks if you're in the area!

**Eric Shelov:** In Philly since 2006, finished residency in 2009 and now working as a hospital doc at the Children's Hospital here. The rest of my time and that of Emily Hyde '02 is completely consumed by our 2 year-old daughter.



**Lydia Pace:** Hi everyone! I have spent most of my time in Rwanda since finishing medical residency in 2011, where I've been living with my husband Erik and working as a doctor (internist with a focus on women's health) with the organization Partners in Health. We are expecting a baby in April so are headed back shortly to the US from Feb – June!

**Erik German:** I'm a freelance writer and video producer living in Brooklyn with my wife, who also works as a video producer, and my daughter, who works on learning to crawl.

**Ashley Champion Lanb:** I am living in a small town in North Carolina on the border of South Carolina with my husband and my two little boys. I'm working as a primary care physician in a medically underserved area.

**Andy Hung:** My wife and I just bought a place in Chicago, so we'll be sticking around the Midwest for a while. I'm still doing strategy consulting, with a focus on mobile behavioral economics. Also still playing drums, these days in a top 40 cover band, gigging around the greater Chicago area - so please get in touch if you're in the area and are up for night of cutting a rug to some live music.

**Lindsey Tucker:** For the past year, I've been splitting my time between Vermont and Boston. I'm setting up the health insurance exchange for Vermont, a big, awesome job. I look forward to mid-2014, when the exchange is running and I can step outside and appreciate all Vermont has to offer. I'm lucky in love, too, living (most weekends) in Boston with my partner, Reuven.

**Gwyn Welles:** I am in my last semester at Columbia Business School where I am focusing on media, technology, and entrepreneurship. I spent last summer working in San Francisco with a small innovation team at Salesforce.com. I am engaged to Ben Gray (TD '02) and we are getting married in June on Shelter Island, NY. We just returned from the Sundance Film Festival, where we attended the premiere of the documentary, *God Loves Uganda*, which Ben edited.

**Heather Fletcher Perkins:** I'm still living in NYC where I am running a bespoke diamond jewelry company. We produce custom-made pieces using responsible sourcing methods -- check us out at [hfletcherllc.com](http://hfletcherllc.com). But the big news is that I just gave birth to my son, Grey, on the 22nd of January! He was a whopper, arriving nearly 2 weeks late. He weighed in at 9 lbs 11oz and was 22 inches tall. These stats seemed to really speak to his dad, but personally I was just happy to have survived the process! Grey is so much fun to have around, and Brian and I are enjoying our white-knuckled ride up the offsprings-care learning curve.

**Sophie Oberfield:** I'm in my fifth year teaching English at Stuyvesant High School in NYC (my 11th year teaching overall). I revived the dormant Asian American Literature class, a one-semester junior elective, and I'm having a great time with it, in the unusual educational circumstance of a class of 33 kids of Asian descent and one white kid. This is my second semester teaching it. I'm enjoying living in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, and biking to work when the weather is kind.

**Eliza Halsey:** I'm still in New Haven with my husband, Suva, and two kiddos-- Saidan (5) and Novi (2). Life is full. I'm working at the Public Allies National Office and in my last semester of an Exec MPA program at NYU Wagner. I'm also working to launch a public Montessori school in New Haven, CT by fall 2013. (Check out our website and like us on FB: <http://newhavenparents.org/montessori/>) Just went to my daughter's Kindergarten performance of "The Mitten." It was fabulous!!! My how fast they grow...

**Edward West:** I'm still living in the East Bay. I have been working on many entrepreneurial things over the last little while-- I left my first company, Mission Motors in late 2011, taught sustainable entrepreneurship at Presidio Graduate School for three semesters, and I'm now working on a couple of different startups: One is called Hylo ([www.hylo.com](http://www.hylo.com)) -- we're still in private beta, but you can think of what we're doing as a software platform that helps turn informal ad-hoc networks in to powerful creative and collaborative communities. We're leveraging the social media communications paradigm to help people actually BUILD things together, not just communicate. I am also working on bringing a "Hub" (a global network of co-working spaces) to Oakland, at 24th and Broadway, in the context of an "urban innovation cluster," where we are taking an unoccupied urban block, and bringing a network of businesses together, each dedicated to a theme of sustainability, entrepreneurship, and urban innovation, to help support a underserved community. Feel free to drop by and connect if you're in the neighborhood! Love and blessings to you all -- Edward

## Class of 2002

**Julia Marchesi** is working away in documentary film. Her latest project was producing part of a four-hour PBS series on Italian Americans. She writes, “My hour deals with the mafia so let’s hope I get the story right. I’ve enjoyed working on this show, and learned a little about half of my own ethnic identity a bit, but excited to branch out beyond the field of ethnicity-related PBS films and do something new in 2013!” In Fall 2012, Julie also produced a public art project called The Hundred Story House, a community booksharing program in the form of a miniature brownstone that held 100 books. Funded by Kickstarter and installed in Park Slope Brooklyn, it was unfortunately ruined by Hurricane Sandy after just three months.

**Ian Cheney** writes, “After finishing up work on *The City Dark*, which aired on PBS, I’m directing two new documentaries this year – *The Search for General Tso* and *Bluespace*. Amanda and I have been traveling a lot (making films, teaching workshops, visiting family here and abroad) but we’ve still managed to keep several jade plants alive in Brooklyn so there’s hope yet for a sane and grounded life. We’re getting hitched this fall in Maine, and will then be moving to Mars.”

**Colin Reingold** sends greetings from New Orleans where he works in “special litigation” at the public defender’s office. **Katy Sharp** is living in Los Angeles, working as an attorney and gets in weekend hikes whenever she can.

**Dara MacCaba** recently moved to New York from Shanghai. He is enjoying being back in US and closer to Ireland again. He is “currently growing the US and emerging markets teams for my innovation consultancy (whatever ‘innovation’ means...!)” The day he wrote in was a great New York day – “writing beside Junot Diaz at Think Coffee, listening to Edith Piaf.” He says he looks forward to catching up with any FOOT folks in the New York area – email him at dmaccaba@lucid360.com.

There is a mini baby boom for our class this year! **Max Ventilla** is “happy and healthy living in San Francisco, working at Google, and waiting for [his] second child.”

**Devon (Williamson) Conley**, with her husband, Ken Conley, welcomed their son Ronan Ozora Conley on 12/21/12. He was born at 12:08pm, 8 lb 5 oz, in Mountain View, CA. “We had been hoping for a 12-12-12 baby because he was due on the 13th, but he was too busy averting the end of the world. :)”

**Maggie Whelan** and her husband, Drew, welcomed their first child, Caroline Millicent Feiner, on January 4, 2013. She writes, “we’ve been getting to know her and trying to figure out parenthood for these past four weeks. She’s quite something! We’re living in Pittsburgh where I’m in my last year of an MD/PhD program at the University of Pittsburgh. I’ve applied for residency in pediatrics and will find out where I match in March. Drew is a mechanical engineer and part-owner of a start-up here in town where he works on airplane engines.” Maggie writes she was so happy to see so many FOOTies at our 10-year reunion in May.

I, **Georgina Cullman**, have had a big year – I defended my dissertation in October and started a post-doc at the American Museum of Natural History in November. My husband, Chris, and I adopted a dog in December and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our daughter in March. Thanks to all who wrote in. Happy 2013!

## Class of 2003

**Ben Schrader:** I got married to Kristina Montanaro on September 8th, 2012, in Charleston, South Carolina. FOOT leader **Marc Silverman** PC '03 was Best Man.

**Chris Heaney:** Hello, FEET! After four years in Austin, TX, my wife Hannah and I moved to Peru for what was supposed to be 10 months but is turning out to be 18. We’re living in Lima, where she’s teaching history and I’m researching it for my PhD, when I’m not editing a new history journal, *The Appendix*. When the history gets to be too much—no!—we light out for the jungle. **Emily Hurstak** visited last fall and **Marc Holden** is heading to Cusco as I write—so let us know if you visit!

**Sasha Waring:** I am still in San Francisco, having finished my psychiatry residency at UCSF and now midway through fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry. My wife, Avantika, and I have an awesome and exhausting 2.5 year old son, Ishaan. We get out on hikes and bikes as much as possible and I still end up thinking of my FOOT compadres



whenever I'm out in the woods. Love to all.

**Karen Weise:** I've been living in Brooklyn for more than two years now--how that happened I'm not quite sure! I miss California but it's worth being in NY right now because I'm loving my job as a reporter at Bloomberg Businessweek magazine. I'm general assignment so it keeps me on my toes. And most exciting, I'm getting married on Feb. 17 to Noah Buhayar, a fellow journalist I met in grad school who's hilarious and oh so kind. He also shares my need to get the hell out of New York sometimes and spend time in the woods, and we're learning how lovely the Adirondacks can be. This summer we traveled to Mongolia with fellow old man FOOT leader **Jonathan Griswold** ('99, I think)--We spent a week traversing the amazing Gobi desert then another week backpacking in a national park. Despite lots of travel setbacks (endless bumpy car rides in a Soviet jeep, a cheating guide, and a hotel that turned out to be brothel to name a few), we had a really good time.

**Louise Davis Langheier:** I live in the Presidio of SF with my husband Jay, amidst woods that make me think of FOOT trips every night when I come home. I'm feeling very lucky to live in the thick of my family and still be doing the work I love with Peer Health Exchange (which is as rewarding and challenging as ever). Give us a shout if you're in sf!

**Lauren Keane:** I'm back in the Bay Area after 13 years away. It's blissful. I have an orange tree and a lemon tree right outside my back door, and I go hiking in the hills as often as I can. My husband Ben and I spent seven months wandering around Asia together before moving here, a whirlwind from which I hope I never fully recover. We could use some Bay Area outdoor buddies and would love to catch up with anyone who's near SF.

#### **Class of 2004**

**Sam Ash:** My wife Katie and I have been out in Seattle for the last few years for our residencies and are getting ready for our trek back east, this time to Boston. We've loved the Pacific Northwest, but it will be good to be back in New England. We've had a great time exploring out here and bumping into other FOOTies along the way. Just a couple weeks ago we bumped into Annika Berman nee Swanson, and we've since had a great time skiing the Cascade Cement together. I hope all is well with everyone, and if anyone is up for weekends in Maine (or really anywhere out of doors in the Northeast), please let me know.

**Becca Tucker:** and husband Joe Gara had a daughter, Kai Louise Gara, on Sept. 28, 2012 at home on their farm in Warwick, NY. Here she is at 4 months doing a one-handed pull-up:



**Kate Block:** Well, a FOOT baby is let loose in the Pacific Northwest! Max Undurraga was born on 11/19/12 in Portland, Oregon, where Papa (Vicente Undurraga PC 06) is a surgical resident and Mama (Kate Block CC 04) is a veterinarian.



Max is enjoying overcast weather and being covered in dog hair this winter, but can't wait to out on the water and on the trails when he's a little older.

**Madeline Fleisher:** In March, I got married to Matthew McKenzie. My "best woman" was **Amy Kohout '04**, also a FOOT leader and whom I actually met on my freshman FOOT trip back in 2000. Matt and I have continued with the life milestones: we've bought a house in Silver Spring, MD, and are expecting a baby this summer. As for things that stay the same, I'm entering my fourth year as an environmental lawyer at the Department of Justice.

**Strand Conover:** reports that he ended up marrying one of his Footies. After dating for close to ten years, Strand (Davenport, '04) married Ariel Phillips (Trumbull '06) whom he met on the three day foot trip he led in western Connecticut. The couple actually celebrated their first year of marriage on October 15, 2012. They live together in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Strand is an agent specializing in celebrity endorsements and branding at William Morris Endeavor (WME) and Ariel is a development executive at Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC). No Footies of their own to report yet, just a cat named Daisy and a lot of love. [strand.conover@gmail.com](mailto:strand.conover@gmail.com)

**Adam Stack:** Still working on my Ph.D. in archaeology – come hang out in Cusco this summer!

## Class of 2005

### Drew Alt

In June 2012 I graduated from Kellogg School of Management and began an amazing 4-month vacation. First stop was Lagos, Nigeria where **Wills Glasspiegel '05** and I conducted interviews and research for an Afropop Worldwide radio show on Nigeria's film industry, Nollywood, that aired on NPR stations in September (listen here: <http://soundcloud.com/afropop-worldwide/sets/nollywood>). My summer also included an amazing week hiking/camping in Olympic National Park with **Annika Swanson Berman '05** and others, and a week of canoeing in the boundary waters in northern Minnesota/southern Canada. I started a new job at McKinsey & Company in Chicago in October.

### Annika (Swanson) Berman

I graduated from business school at Stanford in June and finally moved back to Seattle, my hometown, to join my husband who's a medical resident here. I started a fun new job at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as a Program Officer in the Executive Office, where I provide strategic and programmatic support for the Co-Chairs and CEO. Really happy to be back in the Pacific Northwest with great wilderness access!

### Rodrigo Cerda



In the years since college I went to med school at the University of Pennsylvania in Philly and got an MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health, and I'm now finishing up my third year of internal medicine residency at Mass General Hospital in Boston. Deniz Turker (also Davenport '05) and I got married in Istanbul in 2008 and are living together in Cambridge now (she's doing a PhD in history at Harvard). I'm going to be doing a combination of mostly healthcare consulting work at McKinsey and working part-time in general internal medicine at MGH next year. Hoping to see some FOOTies around the area!

### **Brian Galipeau**

Katie and I are in Seattle, continuing with the careers we began here shortly after graduation. Katie is an attorney with Perkins Coie, working on corporate and anti-trust litigation, and I have been with Nordstrom six years now, first working on search engine marketing and optimization, and now leading the social media strategy and team. We spend our free time playing with our chocolate lab pup, Banks, and hanging out on Whidbey Island where we have a family cabin and literally take long walks on the beach. We spent Christmas in Sweden where we enjoyed various smoked fishes and cross-country skiing. Let us know if you ever need a place to crash in Seattle!



### **Kirk Henderson**

2012: Left four year of Istanbul explorations for four years of 180 York Street meditations. Visitors welcome, no passport required. Happy 2013!

Kirk

### **Claire Hirschmann**

Claire's school, The Field Academy,

has continued to grow. Check out the school's progress and offerings:  
<http://www.fieldacademy.org/index.html>.

### **Aaron Mitchell**

I'm still here in Durham, NC, 1/2 of the way through my 3-year residency. I have a picture of hiking in the mountains near Asheville with some of my old high school friends. Hope all is well!

Aaron

### **Alistair Reader**

I am still living in Boston (well, Cambridge but don't tell anyone) and am an Assistant Attorney General at the MA AG's office. I do my best to get outdoors with some occasional hiking in the White Mountains in NH and this summer managed a three week road trip through a bunch of national parks. A friend and I backpacked and hiked in the Enchantments (WA), Bryce Canyon, Zion, and Yosemite. The highlight of the trip was visiting **Adam Nyborg** (FOOT '03ish) + family in the Sierras, which was awesome. Also, the Grand Canyon turned out to be horrible and smog-filled, albeit with a beautiful /weirdly tame herd of elk on the roadside. The contrast between the pristine wilderness (ie, the Enchantments' crystal blue alpine lakes) and the human pollution that plagues the Grand Canyon was a little stark and reminded me not to take such things for granted. I still have a very warm place in my heart for all '05 FOOT leaders so if you're ever stopping through Boston and need a friend, don't hesitate to give me a call. all the best, Alistair

### **Annie Weissman**

I'm graduating from med school (Penn) this spring and starting a psychiatry residency. Not sure where yet!

### **Class of 2006**

**Aaron Zelinsky:** Aaron recently came back from a teaching job in Shenzhen and is now teaching law at the University of Maryland, before he starts clerking for one of the Justices. Aaron also managed a post for President's Day on Huff Post.



[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/aaron-zelinsky/presidents-day-and-purim\\_b\\_2707966.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/aaron-zelinsky/presidents-day-and-purim_b_2707966.html). I (Cilla) had a nice visit with Aaron when his wonderful parents hosted yet another batch of FOOT Leaders during training at their beach house.

**Alex DelVecchio:** After graduating with my masters in Landscape Architecture I spent last summer living and working in an 80-year old garden on the highest point in Georgetown (Dumbarton Oaks). As I wandered around Dupont circle, who did I run into but my old Co-leader, **Aaron Zelinsky**!! Sadly, I soon left DC for LA, and never saw Zelinsky again. But it certainly made for a magical summer.... If anyone's traveling around LA, let me know. While the air might be not be the cleanest, there are plenty of hikes, and lots of tacos for after hikes.

**Claire Gagne** writes: I've boomeranged back to San Francisco after a year by the beach on the Central Coast of California that came on the heels of my original 4 year stint in SF. Rents are high and the city is chilly but it is swell to be back. I finally quit consulting to go work at a food/tech start up called Good Eggs that is the brainchild of classmates Rob Spiro and Greta Caruso - check us out at [www.goodeggs.com](http://www.goodeggs.com)! I recently went on a wilderness walk with **Brandon**, Annie the dog, **Laura Hess**, **Tasha Eccles**, and **Sherman Wang**. So fun! And I see various FOOT leaders from time to time in my travels or theirs (Danny Lovell, I'm lookin at you girl). Please look me up if/when you're out in the city by the bay as I'd really love to see anyone coming through, and especially anyone living out here. Email: [clairemgagne@gmail.com](mailto:clairemgagne@gmail.com).

**Brandon (Berkeley) Middaugh:** All here is well; I am finishing up second year at Stanford and planning to stay in the Bay Area after graduation. Have been doing some hiking in Big Sur and around SF with **Claire Gagne** who also lives out here.

**David Lieberman:** David is living in Brooklyn where he recently founded a startup called Mibblio which makes musically interactive children's books for iPad. He is also performing considerably with his bluegrass group Union Street Preservation Society and moonlighting as a teacher. Recently, Cilla went to a concert to see David perform, but she mistook him for a middle aged drummer. (in self-defense from Cilla –it was dark and David said he was coming to play but couldn't at the last minute!)

**Dani Lovell:** I just wore my FOOT hoodie as I moved for the 6th time since 2007. Hopefully the last for a long long time! My new sweet love John and I now live just near Granville Island in Vancouver. He's a video game developer, so we mix our time between my sporty yoga world and huddling up together to play Mass Effect on a Saturday night. I'm still delighting in my job at lululemon. I'm still the mobility specialist here, moving folks around the world in our black stretchy pants. I saw fellow FOOT loves **Claire** and **Brandon** at **BBerk's** wedding this June. I'm contemplating big decisions, like whether to buy a stand up paddle board and use it to commute to work each day, or whether I should go on a 10 day meditation retreat this summer. Vancouver suites me well. That's really it for now. Life has really settled out well for me.

## **Class of 2007**

**Tasha Eccles:** Miscellaneous reports from year two of English grad school at Stanford: This summer I moved 3 times. I've now graduated, like a hermit crab, from a tiny on-campus studio to a lovely off-campus apartment where I can harbor fantasies of being a respectable adult. This fall I taught my first freshman writing class. I've started dancing again, which injured my pride, at first, and, more recently, my left calf. Now that I spend most of my work life doing my favorite hobby, reading, I'm in the market for new extracurriculars. I've settled on bad television for the moment. Last week I gave a presentation on pirates!

**Annie Galvin:** I'm trucking along with my PhD in English at UVA-- just passed my oral exams, so hopefully I'll be able to make more time this spring for hiking in the Blue Ridge mountains and patronizing local breweries and vineyards. This summer I hope to spend some time learning some Irish language in the west of Ireland, so if anyone's game for some international adventures, let me know!

**Anny Gaul:** Anny is on a Fulbright in Jordan at the moment. Visitors are welcome: the food is excellent, the weather is good, and the night sky in the desert is unbelievable. She'll be here through the summer.

**Paige Rossetti:** I moved to San Francisco over the summer. This fall I worked for the Glide Foundation, a nonprofit that provides services to the city's homeless and poor. I also made use of my rusty FOOT skills this summer on camping trips in Lassen, Glacier, and the Smoky Mountains.

## Class of 2008

**Beau Babst:** I've spent the last two years (post-teaching) renovating a house (previously inhabited by a very old lady and her 30 cats) and starting two companies - one smartphone powered medical diagnostic company and another app company. Living in New Orleans and loving life. I got stove.

**Olga Berlinsky:** My update is: I'm now in year 2 of a Joint Degree MBA/MPP program at Harvard, and loving every minute of being a student again. I'm also taking advantage of all the free student time to travel – have hit up Brazil, Japan, Iceland, South Africa, and India in the past 18 months. I'll be heading to Peru this spring to hike the Inca Trail and can't wait to put to use some of those rusty FOOT skills. Hope you are all doing well!

**Jake Branzburg:** So I'm now back in the greatest city of maybe ever - Philadelphia. I am a first year MBA candidate at Wharton. I'm currently exploring summer internships at health care and tech start-ups based in San Francisco, Philly, and Tel Aviv. Hopefully, something will work out along one of those fronts (or I can at least trick someone into thinking that I'm useful for a limited period of time), and I can use the experience as a springboard to a longer term opportunity. If you find yourself in Philly, please give me a shout out. Would be honored to show you the greatest burgers, beers, and cheesesteaks the city has to offer.

**Bevan Dowd:** So I'm halfway through my first year of law school at UC Berkeley School of Law and having a blast...as much as that is possible in law school. I've drunk the Bay Area Kool-Aid in a major way and can't get enough of the weather, food, mountains, proximity to wine country, and California overall. My only complaints these days are that I don't see Dante and Tasha enough and that Lynn and Dave aren't moving here for another few months. Look me up if you're in town!

**Beth Fiedorek:** I have been working at an antique frame and restoration company, and I had my first inclusion in a gallery show in Brooklyn. I live with my boyfriend in Brooklyn, and sometimes we go hiking in Vermont. That's basically it!

**Laura Chandhok:** In a very FOOT-tastic wedding, **Greg Lipstein** & I tied the knot (bowline, to be specific) in New Orleans on October 20th, seven years after our fateful placement on the FOOT Food Committee. The wedding weekend was amazing, filled with lots of carousing and general bad behavior on the part of many of our FOOT friends. Greg & I are enjoying newly-wedded bliss in Boston, where I'm working at Boston Children's Hospital and Greg is starting at HBS this fall. We love to have visitors so let us know if you are in town!

**Brent Godfrey** [This is Bevan; I took the liberty of placing Brent's email autoreply as his update]: Thanks for your message. I am at Officer Candidate School for the Navy through mid-April and won't be able to respond to emails or phone calls until then. If you'd like, write me a letter! I can be reached at: OC Brent Godfrey Officer Candidate School, Class 08-13 Officer Training Command Newport, 291 Kollmeyer Street, Newport, RI 02841

**Pat Grimm:** Not much new here. Third year of med school, still sorting out what I want to do. Will most likely be in Bethesda, MD or Tacoma, WA for residency. In other news, I'm intent on making it to 5th year reunion!

**Angel Hertslet:** I'm chinking away at my Master of Environmental Science at Yale. Halfway done. Until I return to campus in August, you can find me in the Artibonite Valley of Haiti working as the partnership facilitator for Hopital Albert Schweitzer.

**Annie Hirschhorn:** I left Seattle in the fall after four years teaching there and went on a wonderful road trip that took me to eight national parks and many wonderful cities, including Boulder, Santa Fe, Austin, and Nashville. Seeing my wonderful FOOT leader, **Della Sentilles**, in Austin was a major highlight of the trip! Highlights from the parks were an awesome hike at Arches and a grizzly at Yellowstone--he lazed across a river from us for about an hour, and we decided to wait for him to start swimming across before heading back to our car since we wagered we could outrun most of the retirees/fellow watchers. I've been back home in DC since the road trip ended and have been working part-time, applying to graduate programs, and traveling. I spent two weeks in South Africa in December (safari! Giraffes! Rhinos! Zebras! Baby warthogs!) and will head to Spain for six weeks starting in March. Lastly, I will have the pleasure of visiting **Anna Dechert** in Abu Dhabi in May and doing some traveling with her before we head to New Haven for our reunion! Before



heading wherever grad school takes me in the fall, I will be heading to Hawaii for my third year teaching summer school in Honolulu--FOOT folk, you know you want to visit me! Do it!

**Ross Kennedy-Shaffer:** I'm still working at the same school (loving it!) and living in the same place. My big news is my awesome girlfriend Chloe, who's in the same state and everything, unlike the one I took so much grief about senior year. Some leaders met her earlier this year and she happened to go to high school with one **Spencer Sherman**, to whom I owe substantial gratitude for helping get the relationship started. Can't wait to see everyone at the reunion. I demand a ride that pony event!

**Andrew Karlin:** Hi FOOT! I miss you all! Hope everyone is doing well! As for me, life is going well. I am now in Philadelphia, studying at Wharton Business School and the Lauder Institute at UPenn. I am pursuing a double degree - MBA and MA in International Studies with a focus on East Asia. We have been working hard on our academics, extracurriculars, and businesses on the side, but we have found time to party and travel a lot also. I will be putting my FOOT skills to the test this coming spring break in March - when I go mountaineering in Patagonia, Chile. I am looking forward to the trek! Please do ring me up if you're in the Philadelphia area!



**Lynn McGregor:** Hello, FOOT! I am still living in Cambridge, MA and probably have about a year or maybe less left in my Ph.D. Big news of 2012: **Dave Lyons** and I got engaged! He proposed while we were cross-country skiing with my family in Anchorage. Other highlights of 2012: A backpacking trip in the Whites with **Dante**, **Bevan**, and **Tasha Eccles '07** (see attached photo, Tasha is the photographer). Dave had an internship in Boston this summer and taught me to play tennis when we wasn't working for the EPA. Lab has gotten more fun since I got a new cubicle-mate, **Jon Russell**, who is also a FOOT leader alum. Hope you all are well and please let me know if you happen to be in Boston! And here's a P.S.: For the first time in years, I met someone who said "Oh, you're that girl who looks like **Beth Fiedorek**!"

**Mimi Levine:** Greetings, FOOT! I'm currently in my third year of medical school at Weill Cornell Medical College in NYC and loving it. When I'm not retracting or throwing stitches, you can find me attempting to get out of the city whenever I can and finding good places to hike. My most recent jaunt involved Break Neck Ridge, supposedly "the most strenuous hike in the East Hudson Highlands." I don't know if that means much, but scaling 1,260 feet of sheer rock was enough to get my mind off of colorectal surgery for quite a while. Anyway, I hope life is treating everyone well, and I look forward to seeing the '08-ers at our 5-year reunion in May.

**Dave Lyons:** 2012 was a great year! I'm halfway through law school and plotting a move to San Francisco this summer and after graduation. I interned at the EPA office in Boston last summer and made it back to the Whites with **Bevan**, **Dante**, **Lynn**, and **Tasha**. Most excitingly, I recently proposed to **Lynn** when we were visiting her family in Anchorage for the holidays!! We met on a May Training trip, so I just had to come up with a FOOT-appropriate proposal scheme. We were cross-country skiing, and I pretended to fall down. (Lynn totally bought it. Don't let her tell you otherwise!) We're planning to get married next summer after she finishes her PhD and I take the bar."

**Dan Turner-Evans:** I'm looking forward to getting my PhD in Applied Physics by June and am surveying the academic landscape for Post Docs but also thinking that maybe I should just become a cabinet maker in VT. Hope that your 2013 is off to a rip roaring good start.

**Spencer Sherman:** The short summary is that I'm still in New Orleans, and loving it. I finished Teach For America two years ago, so now I'm just a guy teaching. I'm working at a charter school in the 9th Ward that has a ton of Yalies at it (from Yale '08 Nick Wachtler and Nicole Brenner, Jerel Bryant from '06, a '11er, and our CEO is a Yalie, too). I teach AP Environmental Science and I'm the Dean of Science at the school. The work is really intense, but also really worth it. I'm also spreading FOOT-isms to the youths of New Orleans. On the last field trip with the sophomore class, I taught everyone Ride That Pony, which became an instant success. I now have to tell over-eager students gathering in circles

after school that no, I do not want to join their Ride That Pony circle. My advisory also really loves playing Big Booty (although I've sanitized the title to Big Yalie).

**Mackenzie Wehner:** I've returned to the US after a fabulous year in the UK and am living the sweet life of research. I'm spending this year in the dermatology department at UCSF and will make my return to medical school and apply to residency this coming summer/fall. Highlights of my year back in the US so far include seeing 4 bears in Yosemite and partaking in some lovely downhill skiing. Anyone in the bay area should hit me up for some hiking or a Tahoe trip :)

## **Class of 2009**

**Ali Seitz:** I survived Sandy unscathed, thankfully. I'm still in NYC. Let me know if any of you are ever around!

**Rachel Cohen:** I'm great - living in Cambridge and teaching 9th grade English at a KIPP charter school in Lynn. I won't be at the game this year :( but I hope to see everyone soon!

**Matt Barber:** I'm living in Chicago. We don't have hurricanes here, and when we get a blizzard they clean it up pretty quickly. So nothing to report there. Beyond the weather, I left Bain & Co in August to start working with Flexpoint, a private-equity firm.

**Colin Campbell:** I moved in early November from Baltimore (where I'd been working in equity research since graduation) to Santa Monica, CA to work for a software company! I'm one week in to the job, and it's awesome. I don't have many friends out here, so if anyone is in the area, please be in touch!

**Gregor Nazarian:** All's well in DC. I just wanted to give a special shout out to FOOT buddy **Anny Gaul**, with whom I spent many pleasant days this last year at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown. She's off in Jordan now, but I was a loyal attendee of her weekly happy hours and she a loyal player and juice-box-provider on my IM soccer team. It was a FOOT alumni positive energy echo chamber, and it was beautiful.

**Jonathan Wu:** I'm moving to Boston soon for a new job so I'd love to find out which FOOT leaders are up there. Otherwise life is pretty unexciting. Good to see some peeps at Harvard Yale.

**Laura Zatz:** After two years of working at BCG in NYC (with one Mr. **Will O'Shaughnessey**), I decided to return to a focus on public health policy. This fall, I moved to DC to join the Bipartisan Policy Center in their Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative. We are working with private and public stakeholders to accelerate the uptake of innovative prevention strategies, such as workplace wellness programs or improved food environments in institutions such as universities and hospitals. My dog-like grey tabby Oliver and I are living in Cleveland Park and welcome visitors. If you're lucky, he'll even play fetch with you. Let me know if you're interested in local hikes. For the urban adventurers, there are Rock Creek Park trails right outside my apartment.

**Max Kramer:** I recently started a new job in NYC at Fog Creek Software, just in time to [put my FOOT support crew training to good use](#) (see photo). If anyone is in the NY area and interested in some good eats, drinks, or maybe a little rock climbing at the local gym, hit me up!

**Stella Powell-Jones:** oh i wish i had more to say! i'm still in new york free-lancing as a director. the best bit is getting to travel around the country for shows: last year i had three wonderful weeks in portland, or. next up: LA. i just learned how to drive so feeling very daunted by the idea of highway life--all that merging!!

**Xan White:** Graduating from law school in May, moving back to Colorado in August to climb mountains and eat a lot of green chili. Would love to share both activities with any FOOT folks who find themselves in the Rockies.

**Adedana Ashebir:** Hey FOOT! Still in New Haven, graduating from the Forestry School this year. Been a great year overall. Worked at NRDC this summer, went to Rio+20 and COP18 in Doha and spent the holidays at home (MD) and in California. As for post-school, looking to get into journalism/media. If you have any leads (see what I did there?) or advice, please let me know. Do drop a line if life ever brings you back to New Haven!

**Lizzie Fulton:** I'm in New York working at the Open Society Institute in their China/North Korea Program. I live in

Brooklyn with three other wonderful Yalies in the same neighborhood as at least half a dozen FOOT leaders. Hurrah!

**Avani Dholakia:** Nothing too new since the last update! I'll be graduating from medical school in 2014, a year later than expected since I'm taking an extra year to do radiation oncology research. Miss FOOT love and trips. Hope to run into you all some time soon! Omgala at the 5 year reunion, perhaps?

**Dan Fromson:** After three and a half years in DC, it's time to roll up the tarp and hike north: in March, I'll be relocating to NYC and starting work at the New Yorker as a web producer. I'll be looking to reconnect with long-lost friends--and I'll be searching for housing!--so would love to hear from those of you who can offer either companionship or a vacant room. In return, I will attempt to woo you with craft beer, optional donning of the infamous AT-8 long underwear, and tales of my latest writing project, which is about how the Unification Church (the fringe religious group known as the Moonies) controls the bulk of the U.S. sushi-grade fish distribution industry. Your latest piece of maguro? Yeah, that guy who married all those people in Madison Square Garden was probably responsible for it.

**Matt Bressler:** Bit of old news now, but Becca and I got engaged. We plan to ride the pony at our wedding.

**Jillian Roland:** After a brief year in the Bay Area enjoying all things outdoors, I'm now living in New York City closer to family and childhood friends. I work for the City's Department of Education in a role that supports the planning and engagement for any changes in the number or types of schools offered in Queens and Staten Island. I've made it up to Vermont a few times since I've moved back east, where I can enjoy the nature that the East Coast has to offer.

**Kim Lau:** I'm in my 2nd year as a PhD student at Stanford, and still studying rocks. By far the biggest benefit of being a geologist is the travel! I went to Guizhou province, south China, last summer to collect rocks from the Permian-Triassic time period (about 250 million years ago) to study environmental change in the oceans during the largest mass extinction in Earth history. A few weeks ago I went to Saudi Arabia with a group of other Stanford students. Definitely a different experience looking at rocks while wearing abayas (full length black gowns) and head scarves, but it was some very interesting cultural interactions and it was a wonderful geologic trip. In my free time I've been getting a lot of ski days in and starting to backcountry ski as well.

## Class of 2010

**Zack Abrahamson:** I started at Yale Law School in September. I live behind the Whale, so be sure to buzz when you're in New Haven. Summer brought the end of my time in Washington, six weeks in Las Vegas and a triumphant ascent of Colorado's Mt. Yale with FOOT '11's Rebecca Hinkle. San Francisco looms this summer -- if you're in the Bay, let me know.

**Austin Anderson:** I'm getting ready to wrap up my time in New York City, where I've spent the last two years working at an immigration law firm. Before starting at Harvard Law in the fall, the plan is to take five months and do some serious goofing off. I'm going to Europe for the month of April, saying goodbye to NYC for most of May, and then will be based out of Maine for the summer. I'm currently taking suggestions for adventures, so if any of you have any crazy/indecent proposals, I'm all ears. Or else just come find me on the AT in Maine.

**Eli Bildner:** 2012 was a good year but saw too much time with the suitcase and too little with FOOT friends. Started off the year living in Shanghai and ended it in Boulder, CO -- in between had a short stint in New York and a few months working in Alaska with 2011 FOOT leader extraordinaire **Tully McLoughlin** to get non-FOOTie (but Yale Outdoors all star) Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins elected to the State House. Good thoughts to all you guys/gals -- hoping for more crossings in 2013.

**Brian Boyle:** Trucking through second year of med school and excited to trade classrooms for hospital wards this coming May! As ever, **Molly Brett** is my guiding light. And I still get to have beers with Schnitz and reflect on life - nourishes the soul. Love to all you guys.

**Virginia Calkins:** I live in Crown Heights, the latest victim/champion of Brooklyn gentrification, where I take hints from my neighbors and cook quinoa, drink microbrews, and attempt canning fruit. Then I bike across the bridge to work at the design firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, where we squish architecture, planning, exhibitions, art, and performance into the



same studio. In between, I search for live music and good books.

**Libbey Davis:** I am still out in Colorado working at the headquarters of Junior Achievement, a nonprofit that teaches financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship in public schools. Outside of work there is plenty of time for road trips around this beautiful state – lots of camping, hiking, skiing, and general adventuring. I will be sad to leave this place, but it looks like I'm headed to Kenya this summer which is exciting too. If anyone's in Nairobi let me know!

**Doug Endrizzi** FOOT! I'm sending my love from the lovely and relatively unpolluted city of Hangzhou, in Zhejiang Province, China. After finishing the Yale-China fellowship this year, I felt that my time in China wasn't quite finished. I'm spending this year working as a Physics teacher at a private Chinese high school. Two years of experience as an English teacher can be summed up rather easily: Big Booty is the best game ever. I will likely be back in the US this summer, although where is as yet undecided. Hope all is well where you are!  
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**Michael Leibenluft:** Hey all! I repatriated to New York and have been mostly directing and teaching theater. I'm assistant-directing at an Off-Broadway theater called Playwrights Horizons that premieres new American plays. I'm also also working on my own projects, two of which are about China and may lead me back there before the end of the year. Traveling to various parts of Asia and always hiking when and where I can. Hugs!

**Christine Levy:** Hi FOOT! 2012 has been a year of movement. After 2 years in Seattle, I decided to move to New York to focus more on things I care about at work (education and innovation) and be closer to the people I love (many of you!). I was sure to take advantage of the move, though, and I spent 2+ months this summer trekking through Southeast Asia (elephants were involved) and Central Europe (German beer was involved). I brought with me my trusted FOOT backpack, and I think it's safe to say I've gotten significantly worse at packing light [see picture]. I've enjoyed staying connected to many of you, and I look forward to many more adventures soon!



**Aaron Littman:** I'm still at YLS, doing immigrants' rights litigation in the clinic. Spent a week at the end of the summer in an old bootlegger's cabin in Shenandoah, but wish I had more time to be outside.

**Craig Minoff:** Life has recently taken some twists and turns! I left BCG Chicago around halloween to spend time in South America. Spent three months helping with Enseña por Argentina (the TFA of Argentina) in Buenos Aires and doing a lot of traveling. In January, I joined a startup founded by a fellow Yalie, Grouper Social Club, which involved moving to NYC! I am still getting the hang of things here, but it was off to a good start on a lovely day-hike with **Jasper Frank** and **Dan Shechner**.

**Molly Rubenstein:** One year later, still in Somerville, MA (greater Boston metro area). The little start-up non-profit I came here to help run a year and a half ago, Artisan's Asylum, has become a force to be reckoned with -- I just got done organizing an international conference on how to create makerspaces. Woo! I'm getting great satisfaction doing my bit to jumpstart the educational and workplace revolution. Recently engaged to my partner in crime, Gui Cavalcanti -- excited for many more years of big crazy projects together. Please come visit, check out the Asylum, or let me know if you're living here! I don't spend enough time doing non-work things and would love to reconnect with FOOT leaders in the area.



**Dan Schechner:** I am splitting time between Mexico City and New York, still working for a company that invests in infrastructure assets across the world. When my NYC lease is up in August, I'm hoping to move to Latin America for a few years (Brazil?, Chile? Who knows-). Definitely time to experience life off the East Coast. If anyone knows anyone who lives in Mexico City that I should meet, please send me an email--

I still try to keep in touch with a bunch of foot leaders, notably these clowns. The picture is from our 2012 reunion in DC. Zack, of course, is way out in front, followed by Tom, and then the rest of us.



**Tom Schnitzer:** Hi FOOT!

This past year I left my consulting job at BCG and am now six months into my new adventure at Boundless ([boundless.com](http://boundless.com)), an education technology startup in Boston, and really enjoying the challenges of the startup world. So far I've been able to wear hats in the content, operations, business development, and product management parts of our small organization, so the learnings have been great. We continue to improve day-by-day and I'm looking forward to what's ahead in 2013. Personally I've been enjoying spending more time with family and friends, catching up on the culinary scene in Boston, and whittling down a long reading list. The Rational Optimist (Matt Ridley) and The Lean Startup (Eric Reis) have been my most recent favorites. I've also had some great New England adventures: swimming, biking, hiking, running, and skiing on various weekend excursions to the many beautiful areas surrounding Boston.

I continue to have adventures as many FOOT-folk as I can, including **Jasper Frank, Dan Schechner, Brian Boyle, Craig Minoff, and Zack Abrahamson.**

After a great adventure to Washington D.C. hosted by Zack last April, we are pointing our sites further south to the music and mountains of Nashville for this coming April. All the best to everyone!



**Rana Searfoss:** Hey FOOT! After living in New York, I'm now back in Connecticut working at dear old Yale doing health care and hospital quality research. If anyone is in the New Haven area, let me know, I'd love to get together!

**Michael Simpson:** I finished up 2 years of iBanking in London and have now moved to San Francisco to co-found DJZ. Some recent press here which explains it:

<http://onforb.es/SbMKTb>

<http://bit.ly/DJZBillboard>

**Tom Stipanov:** I'm a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps now based near DC. It's pretty fun and I actually used my tarpitecture skills one night in the field last week during a torrential downpour. Give everyone my best.

**Becca Summer:** I've just started my second semester at the University of Wisconsin--Madison, where I'm in the Geography department studying environmental history and nerding out about maps. I finished my job in Denver at the end of June, then spent a month traveling in Guatemala, before moving to the land of cheese curds and beer. I was sad to leave beautiful Colorado (and great FOOT friends **Ben Temple** and **Libbey Davis**), but I'm loving the community in Madison. I was lucky to visit **Wiles Kase, Jasper Frank** and **Rana Searfoss** this year and I hope to see many more FOOT friends in 2013. Madison is a great town and I welcome all as visitors or fellow Yalie-Badgers!

**Erin Walsh:** I'm working for Tetra Tech Geo as an Environmental Scientist.

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**Blair Lanier:** I'm happily re-settled in the Queen City as the new Executive Director of Breakthrough Cincinnati - an academic enrichment program for motivated urban middle schoolers. I am pleased to be steeped in local education/community/political issues and re-exploring my hometown as a dog-owning, mortgage-paying, fairly upstanding citizen (read: I'm disguised as an adult). Plus, I've taken 'nati pride to a whole new level - invitation always open to come visit our awesome city!

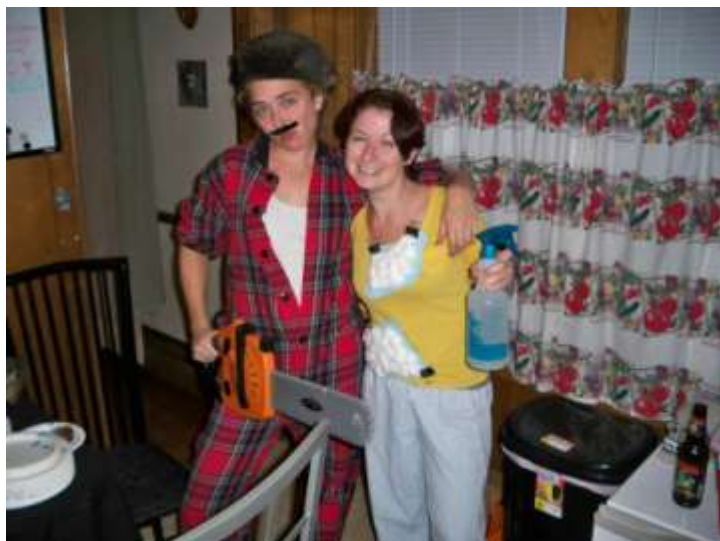


**Elliott Brennan:** Elliott is living in Hawaii. He quit Facebook at the end of 2012 and plans to become fabulously, independently wealthy in 2013.

**Dounia Bredes:** Living and working in the pretty city of Providence, Rhode Island. It's been a year at my job, doing youth outreach for Plan ([www.planusa.org](http://www.planusa.org)), and it's been pretty fantastic, including a work-related trip to Ghana back in September, where I taught some Ghanaian teachers how to blog...and they taught me how to [azonto](#). Kind of. Anyway, here in PVD, we've got a small-but-serious group of Yalies (including our illustrious fellow FOOT Leaders, **Chris Brown** and **Nate Taylor**) who get together for a regular trivia night and DOMINATE. Come visit!

**Chris Lash:** I'm still enjoying my time down in DC, which features not only beautiful museums and monuments but also opportunities to see Yuri's chest hair and hear Thomas yell at things/people. About this time last year I started working for The School for Ethics and Global Leadership, which is a semester school for high school kids ([online here](#)). For those of you who know / attended the Mountain School: it's the same type of thing, but set it downtown DC rather than the woods. It's a pretty sweet gig - working with high schoolers, trying my hand at teaching, getting a bit of an intellectual work-out as well - though occasionally it tends to eat my nights and weekends. Our fall semester went really well and wrapped up just about a week ago, and now I've got a bit of time off (in the Boston area) before our new class arrives in late January. One of my goals for the holiday break? Learn to tie 3 new knots - so send along suggestions. Otherwise, life is good, but with nowhere near enough time outdoors. If anyone wants to come on down to Washington to remedy that, please let me know.

**Randy Spock:** I'm still part of that ragtag band of corporate condottieri known as the Boston Consulting Group. Things started out pretty soulless for me (for nine months my job involved raising prices on airport food), but have recently taken a turn for the inspirational: my new gig involves facilitating the largest-ever merger of two public school districts, in Memphis, TN. I check in at a hotel on Beale Street on Mondays, and return to the glittering metropolis of Philadelphia on weekends. In between I hack through jungles of bureaucracy to make the world a better place for our children. Or at least that's what I tell myself as I blearily open yet another Excel spreadsheet.



**Julia Lurie:** I'm in a small city in South Korea for the year teaching English to high school girls on a Fulbright grant. It's been challenging in some ways but overall a really positive experience. A few highlights: living with a homestay family, teaching about beauty last week (expectations of beauty are SUPER high here- a lot of my students have or want plastic surgery and there are scales on every floor of the school, so it was pretty fascinating to introduce some alternative perceptions of beauty), discovering a NAP ROOM at my school (complete with beds and heated mats- it's possibly the best thing ever), tutoring North Korean defectors, trying my hand at radio, getting excited about coming home for winter vacation.

Attached is a picture of me tickling my homestay brother-- pretty

much a nightly ritual.



**Chris Magoon:** Got back from China not long ago and plan to stay in America for a loooooong time. For now, I'm working in my high school's Industrial Arts (think 'shop') class and very much enjoying it. I love the kids and it's really interesting to see the workings of the vocational program that I barely knew existed when I was a student there. If anyone is ever in Northeast Ohio, let me know! I love showing people around home.

**Matt Ramlow:** This past summer I finished the trip of a lifetime hiking 2,660 miles from Mexico to Canada along the Pacific Crest Trail. It really was a dream come true getting to visit so many amazing places out on the west coast and getting to stay on FOOT time for 4 and a half months! Now I'm still trying to figure out my next move back in the real world and contemplating when my next long hike will be because once you've done one you're hooked. AT anyone?

**Hilary Faxon:** After returning from Bhutan, where I spent last year, I moved in with fellow FOOT-leader Frances Douglas to complete my fifth year at Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. This fall has been full of long runs with a new group of girl friends, lots of interesting work, and free beer from byo mason jars. A highlight was interviewing FOOT founder and The Wilderness Society President **Jamie Williams** for FES's Sage magazine! I'm looking forward to a road trip to New Orleans this January, a trip to Haiti for a sustainable development class in March, and whatever the future holds, post-yale graduation number 2. My best to everyone, and hope to see some of you in the new year!



**Kelvin Vu:** I'm in my second and final year the SF Conservatory of Dance, where I also spent last summer doing a crazy intensive program. I'm piecing together my plans for post-Conservatory life and have already gotten a couple of invitations from companies. Overall, progress is steady, money is tight, ideas are plentiful, and dreams are very much alive.

**Kate Grace** as summarized by Chelsea Willett: Kate is kicking ass and taking names, running professionally. Take a look at her website and Twitter! website: [fastk8.com](http://fastk8.com) twitter handle: [@fastk8](https://twitter.com/fastk8)

**Max Hendrickson:** Have been living in Dubai for about a year now working as a junior trader for Milio International, an oil trading company. I have spent my year travelling throughout East Africa, Central Asia, and the Middle East, including significant time in South Sudan, Kenya, Iraq, and Tajikistan. Hoping to make a move to Europe (London and Geneva look the most promising) in a year or two. Come visit!

**Katelynn Clement:** Along with a south-to-north-back-to-south road trip, summer 2012 brought a two-week trip to Jackson, WY to trek around with **Olivia Wheeler** (FOOT '10). The Tetons and Wind River Range are something. Year 2 of TFA in NOLA is wrapping up this school year, much more positively than Year 1. Currently without plans for my impending freedom - send ideas or recommendations to 3022 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70115, where **Brendan Ternus** (FOOT '12) and I will consider each one with love and care.

**Frances Douglas:** I'm back at Yale getting a MEM at FES and am super pumped to be living with Hilary Faxon!

**Tully McLoughlin:** In late 2012 I leapt from Ghana to Alaska. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins ('12) asked if I'd join him in Sitka to manage his campaign for state representative. You may already know the ending. After the dust settled and re-settled we had triumphed over our four-term incumbent opponent by a fingernail-devouring 32 votes. At the turn of 2013 I've returned to Juneau, where I am now, to work as staff in Rep. JKT's new legislative office. It's a short session, just 90 days. We're staring down the barrel of some significant (and what we see as damaging) legislation – tax-breaks to oil companies, a new gas pipeline, and more – so we'll have to keep our wits about us. Family's all well: sister Grace is at Northwestern, mom and dad are kicking it in the empty nest.

**Chelsea Willett:** I'm living in Cambridge, Mass, working at an environmental consulting firm as a geologist. I'm still learning a lot but hoping to head back to grad school in fall 2014, hopefully in a new part of the country! Outside of work, I have learned to plant my poles and not cry on moguls while I downhill ski. Woohoo!



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**Kevin Hoffman:** I'm currently teaching high school math to freshmen and seniors in South-Central Los Angeles through the Teach for America program. It's been a huge challenge, but an incredible experience overall. I also just had my first experience as a Yale interviewer, and interviewed someone that I think would be an amazing FOOT leader! This summer it looks like I'll be interning for an environmental engineering company in South Lake Tahoe, so be in touch if you're in the area!

**Brendan Ternus:** After finishing up directing the U.S. Grant Summer program, which was awesome and challenging and super fun, I moved to New Orleans to live with my lady friend, **Katelynn Clement** FOOT'11. I spent about a month as a stay-at-home cat-parent and got a lot of practice writing cover letters before being hired as a 'teaching artist' by an education nonprofit down here called Young Audiences. I'm teaching a made-up photography/creative writing course to 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 7th graders. The 1st graders love The Jellyfish and only sometimes cry about who got the sharpest pencil and who got to be first in line. The 3rd graders are really creative and can do an impressive number of somersaults on the ground when my back is turned. I'm still figuring out the 6th and 7th graders. So yeah, thus far the job's been pretty difficult, but I'm trying to roll with it and learn as I go. Otherwise, the city of New Orleans is beautiful and interesting and I'm having a good time exploring it! There are awesome music venues, great restaurants, cool parks, and a very soft couch in my house that I often nap on. Gimme a shout if you're ever in the area, especially as Mardi Gras looms festively on the horizon.

**Eliza Scheffler:** The other day a woman I know taught me how to steam plantains in the microwave - the ones that are already yellow, not green. (Wash, make cuts about every inch pretty deep into plantain but not all the way through, wrap in wet paper towel, microwave for 2:10 on one side, flip over and microwave for 2:10 on other). I don't know if plantains have that much nutritional value, but maybe potassium? Then I moved to San Francisco. Then I ate many burritos and also hiked to the top of this very large hill/very small mountain that's just PLOP in the middle of the city. That's a cool thing about San Francisco! Also what I like about San Francisco is that it's "cool" to be happy and live a well-balanced life here. Oh, I also have a job which is a very awesome job in a lot of ways and I still don't know what the heck I want to do with my life. MAYBE I'LL JUST PLAY FUNKY CHICKEN. Thoughts?

**Thomas Smyth:** Two partners and I started a for-profit, off-grid energy company in Zambia, called Zamsolar Ltd. We're based in Lusaka full-time. It's awesome, sometimes frustrating, and often crazy. We think we're making a small impact - enough to be heartwarming but not enough to change the world. Maybe in 2013. Email me (smyth@zamsolar.com) if you want to get on our mailing list. Miss you all.



**Dacie Thompson:** I hope this finds yall doing well. I'm loving life in Durham and at Duke. I'm working on a JD/MEM, which basically means I'll be here studying environmental law for an eternity (aka until 2016). I couldn't be happier unless there were more FOOT leaders in my life. Please let me know if you're ever in the Triangle area or if you want to come on down for a fun time. Love, Dacie

**Ari Berkowitz**

Hello from the West Coast! January in LA sometimes feels like September at Yale, so I've convinced myself that no time has passed and I'm just on an extended summer. In LA I work at ABC/Disney as an assistant to two lady sitcom writers. That means that when I'm not on Green Tea Frappuccino runs (they're ahhhlmazing and Shrek-green), I get to watch (and sometimes help!) my bosses create a new TV show for ABC. There's a 1/4 chance the show will be on in the fall. I may or may not have a cameo in the pilot (the first episode) where I'm taking a shot from an ice luge. My parents are very proud. If you're considering a West Coast move, here are some perks: amazing hikes, weather, and beaches made of quinoa. And sidewalks made of quinoa. And people made of quinoa. Basically: a lot of quinoa. And on occasion you wave to someone you recognize, and they don't wave back because they're a CELEBRITY! Then you run and hide behind a bush and FIND MORE QUINOA! My bosses used to work on this show "Family Tools" (on ABC in May) so if you end up watching, look out for my biggest achievement: "The Berkowitz Bakery." Yayyy!



**Kaylee Weil**

Hi FOOT! After graduating, I set out on a two-month backpacking adventure in Europe. It was a whirlwind adventure of 13 countries in 56 days. I got to travel with some awesome Yalies, including FOOT '13 **Joel Sircus**, and randomly ran into FOOT '13 **Charlotte Parker** on the streets of Geneva! After that, I road tripped my way cross country, hitting some beautiful national parks along the way. Now, I live and work in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada at Sierra Outdoor School. I teach outdoor ed to mostly sixth graders, and we also run Gold Rush programs for fourth graders. I live on site with six of my co-workers, some pictured below. It's been an amazing time being completely sequestered in the wilderness. I live 30 minutes away from any sort of "civilization" or "grocery stores" or what have you, but it's so much fun. We've been taking some awesome road trips, checking out the 4000 year old trees at the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, ascending Half Dome, and snow camping in Yosemite. I just took a quick trip over to Boston for

winter break and got to see FOOT '11 **Chelsea Willett**! This year has brought so many new adventures (just got back from a trip to India with my dad and sister!) and I cannot wait to see what comes next. I'll also be returning to Yale next year for FES, so I hope to see more of you next year when I'm back in the Have. Hope everyone's having a great year!



**Raffi Greenberg:** I was working as a paralegal in Philadelphia for a couple months, but then I quit because the job was not for me. Now I am going to travel around the country on trains for six



weeks and blow the bit of money that I earned. Destinations include some of these places: New Orleans, St. Louis, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Glacier Nat'l Park, Austin, Phoenix, Grand Canyon, Arches Nat'l Park, Zion Nat'l Park, Long Beach, Berkeley, Yosemite Nat'l Park, Portland, Seattle.

**John Ettinger:** Greetings from sunny Jamaica! I'm happy to report that my employer, BCG, has sent me to Kingston for 10 weeks to do some strategy consulting. I assured them that the depth of my experience with the Caribbean banking system uniquely qualified me for this onerous task. It is a bummer that I don't get to see much of my friends and family (flying back for a 36-hour weekend is a real pain), and I definitely miss New York. That said, it's hard to complain about life down here in paradise. I've spent my free weekends exploring the various tropical destinations across the island, and I've even picked up a few Patwa phrases. So life is good. I miss all you crazy cats stateside, and do let me know if anyone happens to be bopping around down in Jamaica. Bobsleld.

**Snigdha Sur:** I have currently moved back to my hometown of NYC after 4 years at Yale. It's been fantastic rediscovering the city through the eyes of a 23-year-old. I'm a first year consultant at McKinsey, which has been super exciting because I've gotten to work with clients in the fields I'm passionate about (e.g., a higher education institution, client for which we are climate modeling). Despite my greatest attempts, I have indeed managed to mix my work and personal life because my co-workers have become some of my closest friends. We have even planned a camping trip in May and a ski trip in February -- sharing the love of the outdoors and retreating away from our usual lives to reflect and bond together -- so I'm carrying around a little bit of FOOT with me.

**Alejandro Torres:** Hey everyone -- hope y'all are doing well. So, I took a year off before heading off to medical school and am currently teaching English for one year in France. I've used my FOOT skills pretty frequently this year, particularly during the first two weeks: I live in a small apartment by myself (read: no parents / dining hall to feed me), so dinner for the first twelve days consisted of pasta... and only pasta - eventually, my digestive system informed me that I needed to diversify my cuisine, and I've been golden ever since. In conclusion, if you're in Europe up until the end of May, let's hang out! I live somewhat close to some cool French chateaux, and I plan on doing some hiking in the Alps in mid-May, so holla at a balla if you're interested! Hope everyone's doing well, AT

**Jack Bisceglia:** I recently returned from a wonderful Inauguration Weekend in Washington D.C. with **Joe Schottenfeld**, **Nora Caplan-Bricker**, **Pete Croughan**, **Sarah DeLappe**, **Raffi Friedman**, **James McGinty**, and **Charlotte Parker**. Just to let everyone know, Pete and I are now really good and doing the Bane voice in case you were worried. I spent this fall in Boston working for a hedge fund and got to do all the autumny, Bostony things like apple picking and screaming about the Sox on the T. I'll likely be leading backpacking trips this summer (destination TBA) before I start law school in the fall. After all, it would be impossible to go back to class without a hiking trip first. I'm doing a lot of traveling, for work and for fun, and would love to see you guys so if you have a free weekend, give me a holler and I'll be on my way. Seattle and Hong Kong are up next on the list. Likewise, if anyone wants to stop by RVA or hit up the Outer Banks sometime soon, you're always welcome.

**Catherine Osborn:** Hi everyone! I am halfway through a year of living in Rio de Janeiro doing writing and community organizing surrounding housing policy in informal settlements. I lived with a Brazilian family in one for a while. My work involves climbing up and down hills all day where there is generally music playing from a nearby window. If you walk by a restaurant you might be surprised by such items as a chicken drumstick flying across your path, and if you climb high enough you get to the rainforest. It's an interesting time to be in Rio and the nonprofit that I'm with, Catalytic Communities, is doing some really inspirational stuff along with longtime community leaders here. If you're interested in housing policy, or will be traveling through Brazil, get at me. Just welcomed **Raffi Friedman** here for Carnival. Really miss you guys.



**Peter Wilczynski:** Adi and I still live together, and it's still goofy. We now live with Adi's friend from high school (a Dartmouth graduate who hates frats named Parker) in a beautiful apartment that is called Funtime Labs on Facebook, Google Maps, and Foursquare. For all of you out there who are like, "No waaaay," it's not a joke. Look it up. We're a bed and breakfast. Adi works at a place called the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which is all about online civil liberties and whatnot. He spends a lot of time researching and writing blog posts about various pieces of legislation, and he meets with a bunch of cool people for business lunches and walk and talks. I work at a quasi-military-industrial company called Palantir on DoD/counterterrorism software. In a certain way, that makes us deep enemies - going to an EFF Christmas dinner made me feel a bit like an operator down in enemy territory, but overall I think that most of what we do is ethically ok. In terms of life, we do a lot of goofy stuff. Specifically, we host a lot of random people/groups at our apartment, play a lot of games, and generally goof around. Last week, for example, we hosted the Purple Crayon and then later went to an RJD2 concert with our dodgeball Team, many of whom were wearing Teletubby costumes. I got crowdsurfed, which is actually scary, and we sang happy birthday to a couple girls who were so excited to have the Telletubbies there for their birthday. As an aside, if you want free drinks, it turns out that the phrase "I need your drink - it's a Teletubby emergency!" has a really high drink yield. Overall, though, we're having a blast, and you should all visit SF because it's great!



**So that's all the news that's fit to print for 2012!!**

I can add a little from me--Cilla! Below is the FOOT Holiday card the PR Core created this year that we sent out. That's me (recognize the pants?) surrounded by the new Core for 2013! As usual, a great group!



Here I am last Thanksgiving during a quick trip to Normandy. We spent some time on Omaha Beach before heading over to Mt. St. Michel. And here I am with the FOOT Senior Leaders of 2012!



Steve is doing well and published Another book last fall entitled *Birthright, People and Nature in The Modern World*.

I am still at Hopkins, teaching away. I'm also working on bringing our Vermont place back to life so I can run events there. (We did have a FOOT Leader Reunion there a while back—and if you recall, it was a BIT primitive!) I am currently tackling the huge dining hall, which is about 100' long! Come to Vermont for a green wedding or to renew your vows!



Here I am in –yes, you guessed it Vermont!

**Please stay in touch! It means a lot to everyone, especially me! I hope you have just as great 2013 as 2012 proved to be!**

**Lots of FOOT Love, Cilla**





