

The cycle continues—we had another great FOOT season. Lots of omgalas, campfire talks, summiting of mountains, rain, tarpitecture, boiling water, hometowns, hotspots, bonding... 2014 was our 30<sup>th</sup> year, and there are 994 FOOT Leader Alums out there! I love to remind the current crop of leaders that when FOOT started we were still using electric typewriters and had to communicate via telephone trees (if you don't know what that is—you are definitely of the younger FOOT Leader set!) Perhaps our technology has changed, but the core of FOOT is constant. You would still get that magical experience on the trail with your newfound friends...Another cycle continues—I have 2 sons of Alumni Leaders who are current leaders! Emmet Hedin (son of Jack '89) and Charles Taylor (son of Karen Shipley Taylor '89)!!

A current FOOT Leader said this at our annual Leader Selection Meeting in January:

“Hi, I'll be trying to give you a sense of what it's actually like to *be* a FOOT leader on the trail. To do this, I'm going to describe three roles that leaders take on - three of the hats that you'll wear as a leader out in the woods.

The first is a teammate. Every trip is led by two co-leaders; ask any FOOT leader and they'll tell you their Co is everything. Together, they make numerous decisions about how their trip will go - the games they'll play, the topics they'll discuss, and the routes they'll take. FOOT trips are often very different from one another, but they all are meticulously planned. Very little is spontaneous or off-the-cuff, at least in the big picture. This planning is done exclusively with your co. Being a good teammate is one of the most important roles as a leader.

The next role is a sharer. Beyond sharing skills about the trail and perhaps Yale, depending on your trip, you will also be sharing more personal information to make your FOOTies more comfortable. Think about the nervousness and insecurities they'll be feeling - coming to college, perhaps being away from home for the first time, meeting new people, being in the woods, etc. You sharing your own insecurities - revealing your imperfections - is incredibly important to make them feel at ease.

The third role is a facilitator. Imagine right now that first step on the trail. You're there with eight freshmen, you don't know any of them, and they don't know each other. Awkward, right? And you're the one in charge of having these people get along with each other by the end of the trip. Consider the word ‘facilitate.’ It does not mean that you are *creating* anything; it's not about you putting on a show or impressing your FOOTies. Your job is not to make these people get along with one another, just to create an environment where they feel like they can. Ideally, your FOOTies will not come back to campus saying, ‘wow, my FOOT leader is so cool!’ but rather, ‘I feel safe and like I belong here.’”

So on to the news:

### **1985-87**



**Jamie Williams:** Greetings from Jamie and Florence Williams! Jamie is still the Head of the Wilderness Society in Washington DC. Some of its founders include Bob Marshall, chief of recreation and lands for the United States Forest Service; Aldo Leopold, noted wildlife ecologist and later author of *A Sand County Almanac*; Robert Sterling Yard, publicist for the National Park Service; Benton MacKaye, the "Father of the Appalachian Trail"; and Ernest Oberholtzer proponent of the Quetico-Superior wilderness area. Not bad company!!

**Matt Etterson:** We are still in Duluth, though we spent the fall in Washington, DC, where I was working with EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs on risk assessments for threatened and endangered species. Julie was on sabbatical so we all went and stuffed ourselves into a 1-bedroom apartment (Abby slept in a closet). Big city life was a real shock to the kids, but in curiously opposite directions. Abby (16) loved it, cut her long brown hair into a bob, dyed it platinum blond and had a great time with her new friends. Zak (11) was considerably less enthusiastic, though I think he enjoyed the fabulous food. We all enjoyed the great and FREE museums and concerts. Now back in Duluth enjoying a mild winter, though disappointingly snowless. A few uncommon birds (common eider and northern hawk owls) are hanging around town keeping us entertained.

**Eve Vogel:** responded saying she didn't think much had changed from last year so she didn't send news. But, she did say they were seriously buried under snow there, literally (snow piles are now so tall that when I shovel I have to throw the shovel-fulls over the 4-5 ft mounds of already-piled snow - and it wasn't as bad in western Mass in the latest storm as it was in the Boston area)☐ This is before the last storm that just hit! Growing up is good for Ari (and having him grow up a bit is good for me, too). Excitement recently was that he came in 2nd as a 4th grader in his school Geography Bee.



Ablow

**Liz Ablow:** Well now news from me. There were many milestones this year. I turned 50! Dick, my husband gave me a surprise party. Too be honest the greatest surprise was that he started his own email address to coordinate the event without me knowing! He is not a computer guy so that was impressive. Another big milestone was that my daughter Sara turned 18, voted in her first election and applied to Carleton College early decision and got in! Jacob, my son, is now a junior at Colby and has been heavily involved in their Outdoor Orientation program as a participant, leader and now staff. Dick and I see an empty nest on the horizon but are enjoying where we are now. Cheers for now Liz

## 1988

**Patrick Whelan.** I have had an adventuresome time last fall with abdominal surgery. I am fully recovered after a tumor removal and renal artery bypass surgery. I did have to cancel some backpacking trips I had planned. Alas no lifting for several months yet. I am still teaching history at an independent school in Bradenton, Florida and feeling very grateful for all I have.

## 1989

**Carrie Hatcher:** Life is good. Busy as therapist and consultant/trainer and while balance is decent with yoga, crossfit, kids, Josh, dog, and Ann Arbor fun, I wish for more rest and downtime. Josh likes the teaching part of his job a lot (prof at UM law school child advocacy law clinic) but the sad cases and our broken legal and child welfare system weigh heavy. Otherwise he is working on time to write and is hoping for breakthrough as novelist. Amelia (12) is on a synchronized skating team and LOVES it. She is actually in Minnesota for



sectionals with her team right now. Elijah (10) loves to write, read, draw, snuggle, and enjoys judo! While no Adirondacks, Catskills, or Whites nearby (and Josh grieves our midwestern challenged topography regularly), we do love our Great Lakes. There are gorgeous and extensive national and state lakeshores, forests, and parks on the UP and we camped/visited four times this past summer! Our favorite annual outdoor adventure is our journey to family camp on Lake Winnepesaukee with my brother's family in New Hampshire every August. A long swim every morning before breakfast is my heaven and I dream of those warmer summer morning swims all year long! Warm wishes and big FOOT hugs to all of you, Carrie Hatcher-Kay  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist

**Greg Felt:** Hello Friends – Nice to hear from everyone, the lives and transitions and children... Susan and I have been largely empty-nesters for quite some time now as both our kids (Kestrel -20, Rowen -17) boarded at Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs (about 2 hours from Salida). Rowen is in his glorious last semester and has really become a positive leader at his school. He's waiting on college returns and doing an independent project aimed at integrating the 1000 acres of prairie surrounding the school into the daily lives of the students. Kestrel is in her junior year at Oberlin College where she is majoring in Theater and English. She's overseas this semester for a program in Bath, England. Susan and her sister have built a successful company around the sale of indoor building products (cabinets, flooring, countertops, lighting, etc...) and it is located in the building that once housed our rafting company. My fly-fishing business, ArkAnglers, had a great 2014 and I look forward to more great things in the year ahead. With 25 or so employees, it is really as big and complicated now as the rafting ever was! If fishing is my vocation, my avocations have become creative writing and working on water issues. Toward fulfillment of these, I write a weekly column titled "The Fishing Report" in our local paper (over 200 columns thus far) and serve on several boards pertaining to water and natural resource issues. The water conservancy district for which I am a director covers an area about the size of Rhode Island and Delaware put together! I've not really been back east but twice soon after graduation. Something tells me the trips may become more frequent, based on Rowen's college list. I'm older than you all, as I had two years off between HS and college graduations, and will be turning 50 in April. Also, Susan and I have our 25<sup>th</sup> in September. We are doing a 14 day bare-boat sailing trip in Tahiti this October to celebrate, a nice chance to reflect on things after a long year of fishing and shortly before big game season begins. The looming 50s do not hold any trepidation for me but they seem the occasion to think about how one's remaining time should be best spent. I'll pass on any insight I can once I receive it. Meanwhile, I lament Trex's business struggle but stand by the gently dispensed advice I offered him a year or two ago: Buy the fucking Porsche! Stay on the trail, unless you think it's going the wrong way. Greg Felt

**Toby Kovacs:** All's well with us in New York – Rachel recently returned to paid employment with the New York City government, where she's managing the city's IT vendor relationships (it's a BIG job!). Joshua (9) continues to create new worlds in MindCraft and loves playing violin and learning Chinese. Daniel (12) wants to play basketball all day, except when he's texting his friends on his new iPhone. For my part, I continue to work at a small financial software company where I manage marketing. Every summer we look forward to heading to the Adirondacks where we stay at a cabin on a beautiful lake and I remind the kids how I used to lead hiking trips through the High Peaks. As proof of my expertise, last summer we extended our vacation by staying at the Adirondack Loj on Heart Lake. Highlight of our stay was a day hike over Mount Algonquin. A peak



steward at the top recommended we return by Colden Lake. Whoa. Steep, steep, steep. Many, many hours later we crawled back to Adirondack Loj and immediately hightailed it into Lake Placid for the best pizza ever. I think I may have ruined any chance the kids will do something like FOOT when they go to college. Sigh. LOVED seeing everyone at the '89 reunion last year. Now, THAT was a great day hike! Attached is a pic of us taking a bike ride in Riverside Park in NY last summer. All the best -Toby

**Paul Jahnige:** Sage, Sierra and I all became 46ers together this summer on Mt Colden.

For those who don't know, this is the completion of the 46 peaks over 4,000' (or thereabouts) in the Adirondacks. My first 46er ever (that I remember) was Giant Mt in the winter of 1986 with Ben and Trex. We are now working on our Northeast 115. Nice to see so many of you last Spring in New Haven! I, unfortunately, don't have quite as much interesting to share as Trex did, but here are some tidbits.

- 1) Paul and Sally still working at the same respective jobs - Mass, State Parks, Greenways and Trails; and Ex Dir of Hilltown Land Trust. Sally did succeed in getting HLT accredited, which was an accomplishment.
  - 2) Oldest daughter, Sage, now a freshman at Wesleyan, and loving it.
  - 3) Middle daughter, Sierra, burning up the track and beginning the arduous college search process
  - 4) Youngest son, Skye, just enjoying being an 8-year-old boy
  - 5) Paul, training for the Seven Sisters trail race, and still coaching and organizing Northampton HS Ultimate
- Oh, and here are a couple of links to things I'm involved in, if you care.

<https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsburgWoodlandTrails>

<http://www.spyglasshillhouse.com/> (my mom's vacation house)

<http://pvinvite.org/> (our big ultimate tournament)

Best, Paul, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Director, Greenways and Trails Program

**Trex Proffitt:** Here's some news at my end: 1. Roaring Brook

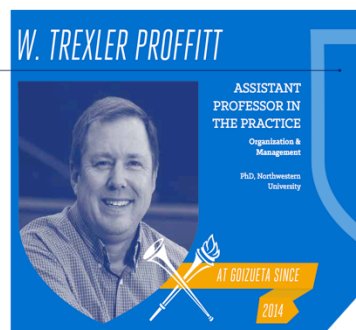
Market—shuttered after one year! Founder Proffitt remarks in local paper that failing at retail local food business was way more expensive than a Yale education, and nowhere near as fun. Learned a lot both ways, of course. All I can say is, Greg Felt was right!

Listen to whatever he says. 2. Our son George (15) is now actually legally our son George. In the last few months we convinced the courts, social security office, and the state department to change not only his name, but also his gender marker in the records.

Actually, everyone we dealt with was very helpful. It is an interesting age in which to be trans since the times they are a changin' at high speed now. Also a good learning experience.

3. I switched jobs to Emory's business school in Atlanta from Muhlenberg College back in PA, requiring a plane/train/automobile experience of about 6 hours each way. I fly

down, do my thing, and fly back to PA each week. 4. Beth still deans it up at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, and that's also still our home. People keep asking me "When are you moving to Atlanta?" and I keep



responding "Why bother?" Beth is basically serving in the same role our own college deans did at Yale, saving butts and keeping us all on the straight and narrow. She and I sleep with our best friend, iPhone, who alerts us of dumb-ass student emergencies throughout the night. The big question is whether Beth heads over to police or ER immediately, or just picks up the pieces in the morning. So actually, my being in ATL sometimes means I get to sleep better.

My college dean helped me a ton; yours? 5. Thinking of taking the 3 kids on a cross-country drive this summer to come and bother all of you. Be forewarned. Best Regards, Hugs, High Fives, Trex



From the Yale Reunion hike in East Rock Park, May 2014. Class of 1989, 25<sup>th</sup> REUNION!!

**Beth & Trex Proffitt, Ben Saylor, Paul Jahnige, Cilla, Sally Helm, Toby Kovacs, Tiff Cunningham & an assortment of kids**



**Gillien Todd Taft:** still at Harvard Law School as professor living in Cambridge. Here are her three kids hiking on Mt. Pierce in New Hampshire!



**Ben & Betsy Saylor:** Here we are at Cuicocha Lake, near Otavalo, Ecuador



**Kristin Mitchell:** Hello all! Thanks to everyone for the news, and especially to Ann for reminding me of my own procrastination. My kids are now 10 and 14 and are reliable hikers. It's heartwarming that in the absence of a decent snow season, my son's ski team spent MLK day scampering up the local vertical challenge hike. The topless photos - girls in neon sports bras and boys with discretely placed colorful mittens - would have made FOOT proud. We spent winter break experiencing summer in New Zealand and got to backpack on both the Abel Tasman and Milford tracks. I found that overnighting in cabins with bunks and gas cookers, flush toilets and in some cases solar powered LED lights makes for very luxurious backpacking, especially with a multi-generational crew. The experience makes me wish the US had a more robust hut system in some of our parks. I'm supporting an effort here in Alaska to develop some historic mining cabins to open up multi-day ski and hiking experiences (though I won't hold my breath about the plumbing). We are planning to hike the historic gold rush era Chilkoot Trail this summer - a juxtaposition of my FOOT and History major past. Between hikes, I continue to work as a general internist and sometime hospitalist in rural Alaska. I get to spend time coaching the kids' Battle of the Books teams, though I seem to be spending more time as a taxi driver for the kids than I

would like. I burned out on competitive rowing after the World Masters Games in Torino summer 2013, but still get out in my single. If Alaska makes anyone's epic road trip list, please come see us on the Kenai. Kristin Mitchell

**Ann Vileisis:** Hi all! It was great to hear everyone's news, and thanks Trex for keeping us all connected. I feel like I'm now at that stage of life where the years go by faster and faster and the news is mostly about the same as it was last year. Tim and I are still enjoying life on the Oregon coast. I am still trying to balance the quiet, focused, extended work of writing a new book with the busy, brushfires and engagement of working in conservation in my role as leader of a great little activist Audubon chapter (we're now fighting proposals for nickel mines at the headwaters of some of our extraordinary National Wild and Scenic Rivers --the Illinois and Smith.) Tim just had another new book come out about Oregon rivers and has started writing river-related OpEds in west coast newspapers, including the SF Chron and Oregonian. We try to get out everyday for beach runs, garden work, or a hike --but it's not nearly enough time outdoors for my taste. Last summer we did take a month out in the van for one of Tim's photo projects--which included backpacking into eastern Oregon's Wallowa Mts. --a stunning little range --and also rafting down the Grande Ronde River (an unexpected gem) and down Hells Canyon. We don't have kids of our own but are committed to taking my nephews on an outdoor outing every year, aiming to passing along some FOOT spirit to the next generation --as it sounds like many of you parents are doing. Trying to keep adventure as a thread of inspiration and energy in our lives. Greg --will LOVE to hear any insight for the 50s decade that you pick up in the Tahitian isles --and congrats to you and Sue on your upcoming 25th anniversary --and on recent designation of Brown's Canyon as a National Monument. Trex --put us on your road trip destination list. It's surely getting to be time to bring kids to see the REDWOODS, truly an awe-inspiring, bucket-list, spectacular natural place to visit that's close to where we live. Would love to see anyone that makes it to our remote, westernmost, edge of the Pacific place. with warmest regards and big foot hugs to everyone! Ann

**Jack Hedin:** I (Cilla) met up with Jack after many years! Jack came to Yale to give a Master's Tea this winter about his organic farming business Featherstone Farm in Minnesota. He said he has been farming (and very successfully) every since he left Yale! As I mentioned earlier, his son Emmet is a current FOOT Leader!

1990

**Kristin Wolcott Edwards:** life goes on in Philadelphia. Kristin's 40 minute commute each way to be a radiologist at Fox Chase Cancer Center is getting a bit old - anyone need a radiology/health consultant? If not, I'm thinking of switching gears completely - to teaching, either science locally or English abroad. Scott finally got some help in his infertility office but the goal for both of us in the next 10 years is to get home from work each night before it gets dark! Our oldest, Dylan, is finishing junior year at U of Wisconsin (chemistry/food science) and brother Erik applying next year (computer science). Annika is an 8th grader - swimming and softball are her game (but she really enjoyed the Penn rowing camp this summer, so who knows!) We loved hiking last summer in the Canadian Rockies and will head to Maine this summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the FOOT hike during the Class of '90 reunion in May! Photo is from Banff, Alberta



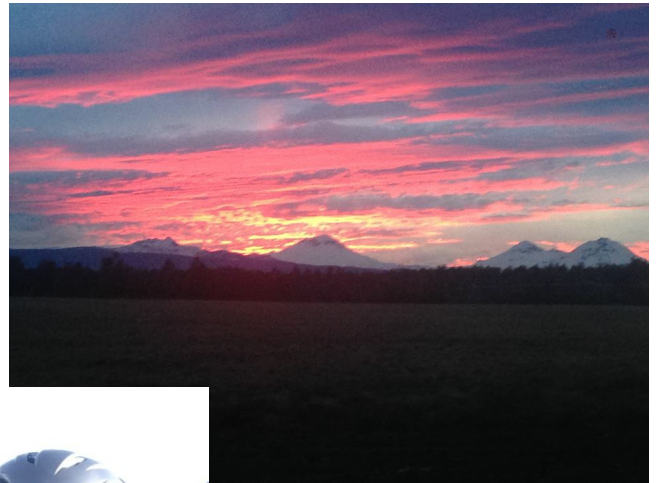




**Eve Porter-Zuckerman:** The highlight of this past year has been more (re)discovery of the outdoors with our happy little son, Thomas, who's not yet two. Our two Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs are wonderful companions as we explore, and they will one day pull him in their cart! I became the president of the Squam Lakes Association last summer. I've been doing things with this watershed conservation nonprofit since before I did FOOT (and used FOOT riddles and games when I led its camp), and it's fun and challenging to sort out this different role. My work continues as chief knowledge officer with Isaacson, Miller, an executive search firm that finds leaders for nonprofits, universities, and healthcare organizations. I think of FOOT days often!



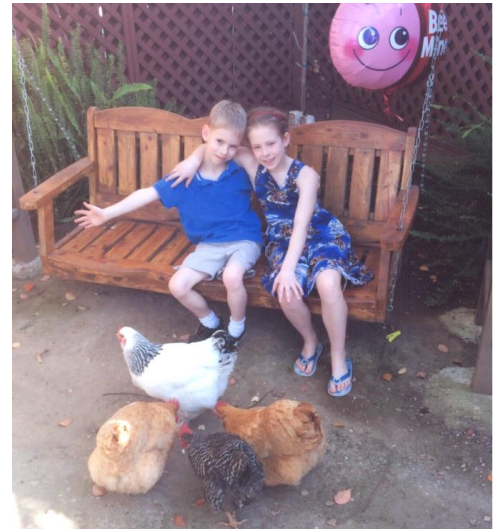
**Renny Gleason:** married Pam Lloyd (JE'90) back in 1999. Eight years ago we moved out to Portland, Oregon, where I head up interactive strategy globally for Wieden+Kennedy, the ad agency that handles Nike, Coke, Verizon, Old Spice, etc. Our two sons, Jasper (12 - 7th grade) and Rufus (9 - 3rd grade) attend Catlin-Gabel school, and these pics are from skateboarding in the Berkshires and skiing and sunset in Bend, Oregon.



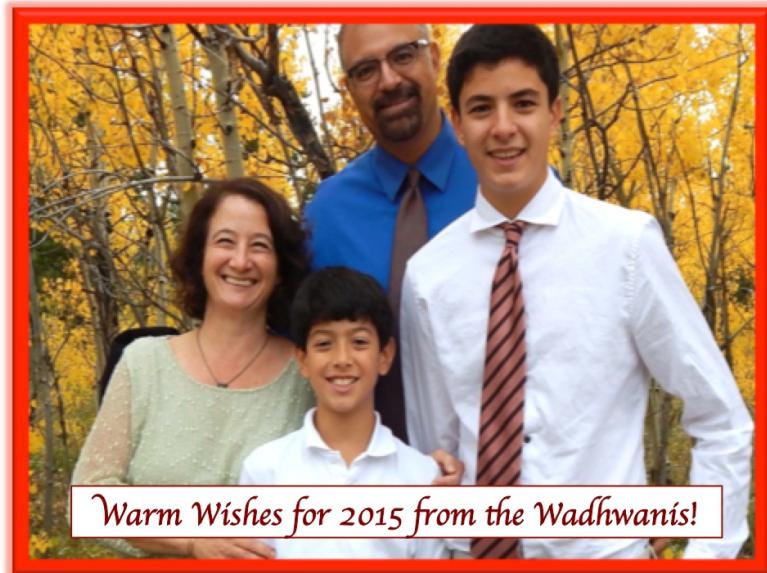


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**Eric Steadman:** After ten years of being a stay-at-home father, Eric started teaching part-time at Bangor High School in Maine. He taught BC Calculus and Advance Problem Solving. The latter is a wonderful course with students from all four grades working on problems from mathematical competitions and learning techniques of unraveling problems quickly and accurately. For Eric, it has been great to be “back in the saddle” after such a long hiatus. For the rest of the family, it has meant more cooperation and involvement in our home life. The kids have become great laundry folders.



**Emel Gokyigit Wadhvani:** 2014 was a wonderful year for our family. We spent the first 6 months in Copenhagen, where Dan was a visiting professor at Copenhagen Business School. He thoroughly enjoyed it there, and had some wonderful colleagues. The kids attended an international school in the city, where they made friends from around the world. Emel took a sabbatical from her job and, in addition to exploring Copenhagen and reading a ton of good books, enjoyed a thorough education in Danish television drama. While in Europe, we also had a chance to travel quite a bit. We managed to take trips to the UK, Italy, Germany, the Czech Republic, Sweden, and Norway, and of course explored much of Denmark. It was an unforgettable experience. We also spent a fantastic month with Emel's family in Turkey over the summer. Dan's brother and sister, and their families, visited us while we were there. We returned to Sacramento in August. After 7 months away from work, Emel returned to her position as an attorney with the California State Water Resources Control Board. There she continues to work on interesting and innovative law and policy issues regarding water quality, especially pollution caused by the runoff from rain water. Dan was on sabbatical throughout 2014, and managed to use it productively to complete a number of articles, to organize a PhD course and 2 academic workshops, and to move forward on a new book. The book he published in 2014 (Organizations in Time: History, Theory, Methods) with fellow business historian Marcelo Bucheli will be coming out in paperback in 2015! He expects sales to soar into the tens of copies. Noah Kenan threw himself into tenth grade upon returning from Denmark. He is doing well in school, and is particularly thrilled about his involvement in music and choir at his high school. He is also (gulp) now just months away from getting his driver's permit.



Adam Kaya missed home and our dog (Nickel) while we were abroad and so was thrilled to be back. However, during his exile in Denmark he learned to cook by binge watching episodes of Master Chef Junior. He has turned into quite the cook and designed and produced a fantastic three course meal for 15 people over Thanksgiving. We were truly fortunate to have not only a memorable but healthy 2014 for ourselves and our loved ones. We hope to have a chance to see all of you and to catch up in person in the year to come. Warm wishes for a wonderful 2015! The Wadhwanis



**Josh Barkan:** This year has been a year of recovery from the sudden and unexpected death of my father, on January 10, 2014. The changes have been profound: missing him immensely, taking on more responsibility for my mother, joining close with the family that remains, reflecting about our brief time on earth and how to make the most of that time. Through all of the pain, my wife Mariana Escribano has been wonderfully supportive. She's an amazing optimist, and I am lucky to be with her. We took some time off in Colorado, this winter, to hike and ski. Big hugs to all FOOTies! Josh



**Dara Kovel:** Attached is the photo from our first big overnight backwoods camping adventure with our kids (Cullen, now 9 and Amelia 10) in which we hiked 4 miles in from Salisbury CT on the Appalachian Trail, stayed overnight at a beautiful campground by a river and hiked up the highest peak in CT the next morning. We are all happily settled in New Haven after some time away (1991-2004 in CA) and sending everyone warm regards. Dara



**Chris Roberts:** Miriam Brooke Roberts - aka Roberts daughter #4 - born on December 29, 2014. Other Roberts girls are Martha (9), Ruth (6) and Sarah (4). Sledding photos from last week, in Philly. A couple of months ago, I co-authored the official book commemorating Pope Francis' upcoming visit to Philadelphia (which will be in September 2015). It's called "Love is Our Mission: the family fully alive" and it's now on Amazon. Chris







**Baker Mallory:** Jody and I celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and we treated ourselves to a long summer vacation in Boulder, CO ... where we saw Cameron Brooks and his family. I had a blast in the Spring and Fall coaching all three of my kids soccer teams; they literally are as fast as me now. Gus (8) is crazy about Pokemon, (dreaded) video games, and drawing cartoons, Brad (6) still loves hugging, lacrosse, and Emily (first girlfriend), and Rose (6) makes hand puppets, rock climbs and is the family comedian. The only bad news was old Dad (me) had to make frequent visits to the hospital in 2014 with an emergency appendectomy while skiing in VT last February followed by multiple disks herniations in my neck in October. As I write this I'm all patched up and eager for a pain free 2015!

1992

**Peter Ackerman:** I'm a writer on the TV show, *The Americans*, which is about Russian spies embedded in Reagan-era D.C. And I have a new children's book out called *The Lonely Typewriter*. It's a sequel to my first book, *The Lonely Phone Booth*. Both are available on Amazon or in your favorite neighborhood bookstore!

**Jake Bowers:** Our news: Cara and I just arrived in Santiago, Chile while on a Sabbatical (me)/Fulbright Fellowship(Cara) at the Instituto de Ciencia Politica at the Universidad Católica here. Mari (8) and Cosmo (5) will go to a Spanish speaking school. We have taken advantage of the southern hemisphere summer vacation by eating a lot of ice cream in Santiago and Buenos Aires and playing on the beach in Uruguay. So far, we agree that the best ice cream places in Santiago match the best places in Buenos Aires for the dulce de leche flavor but the lemon flavor is better in Santiago. We also agree that the beaches in Uruguay are the best for swimming and surfing. If anyone is considering spending time in Chile, I'm happy to talk about the process of becoming a temporary ex-pat with a family. “

**Sykle Jackson:** All is well with me. Kids are growing up (15 and 12) funny, kind, and smart so that's good. I've been getting a chance to do some climbing and traveling. The world is beautiful place! The ice climbing photo is from the Catskills and the waterfall is in El Salvador. We went to the climate march in NYC. Doing what we can on a local level to protect the earth.





**Cynthia Boyd:** We are well. I'm still trying my best to be a good geriatrician to my patients and having fun doing research on how to better care for older adults, particularly those with multiple chronic illnesses at Johns Hopkins. Graham is 10 and in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Liam is 8 and in 3rd, and Jane has just turned 3. They are eager



members of a community garden, willing to eat any vegetable they grow themselves other than sweet potatoes. We even tried our hand at a garden in our yard this year – it was too shady for the large amount of potatoes my eldest planted, but we had many cucumbers, to everyone's delight. We've tried to see a lot of family this year, and look forward to doing this again as much as possible this year.

**Lee Deigaard:** I've been spending my time recently arranging cultural outings for horses and sparring play bouts for an avid tiger-striped dog named Elvira (see photos) I'm still in New Orleans (since 2002) working as an artist and teacher and as part of an artist collective called The Front, curating, installing (building things), cooperating as a group...it's kind of like FOOT in a way. The "tarpitecture" skills we refined in FOOT (pre-tent days) with leaf balls, twine, and drop cloths and the backwoods emergency medicine training totally come in handy in the life of a working artist. As often as possible, I'm in the Georgia woods where I make a lot of my work. Last spring my solo show Trespass was on view at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. More can be seen at [www.leedeigaard.com](http://www.leedeigaard.com). I haven't been in good touch, but I remember the FOOT days with such affection and gratitude and love hearing what everyone has been up to.



**Sumner McCallie:** My wife Katie and I are thoroughly enjoying watching Asher grow; he is now 16 months. He has a little brother coming in July. Katie has returned part time to work and is the grant writer for the Chattanooga Aquarium. (Come visit if in the area! It's awesome.) I continue to work as Academic Dean at McCallie School, where I focus on curriculum and faculty development. Was able to travel with a group called Where There Be Dragons to Cambodia this past summer to explore methods of teaching about international development. They are a fabulous organization. Building on the 17<sup>th</sup> McCallie house in Chattanooga with Habitat for Humanity. Life is good.

1993

**Emily Swanson Guimaraes:** Alex and I moved to Portland, Oregon this fall, with our two sons Joel and Carl, who are now 4 and 6. I am an anesthesiologist at OHSU, and Alex is a radiologist and cancer researcher. Oregonians love the outdoors, and it's unbelievably beautiful and wild here compared to Boston. We are surrounded by trees all around, and can see Mount Hood from our bedroom window! All my colleagues tell me that I will join the Oregon exercise mania and be running and "working out" before I know it, but I feel pretty sure that hiking, yoga, sleep, and enjoying each breath of this fine air will continue to meet all my needs for years to come. Love and blessings to all.

**Katie Michel:** All is well from the NYC! My daughters Sadie (11) and Claire (7) keep me on my toes and are a lot of fun -- most days. And my gallery, Planthouse, is a marathon with no finish line. We are moving to 55 West 28th Street in a couple months -- so if you find yourself in NYC come visit or you can visit us in the virtual world at [Planthouse.net](http://Planthouse.net). We hosted a fundraiser for fellow '93 Footie, Zephyr Teachout, a highlight from the summer!

**Jessica Plumb:** I am happy to report that the feature documentary I Produced and Co-directed, "Return of the River", premiered to acclaim in September. It was a joy to launch this film about the restoration of the Elwha River, the **very same week** that salmon were sighted above Glines Canyon for the first time in a century! The film played in a dozen festivals this fall, and to our amazement received eight awards in its early months on the festival circuit. It's been a long journey, for the river and the film. I can't say that I recommend making your first feature film from a small town on the Olympic Peninsula, but it's been an incredible adventure, and like the salmon themselves, we found our way through the valley. I began this project the month my daughter started kindergarten; she is now in third grade, a passionate young environmental activist. As a first grader, she announced that she would not contribute to climate change en route to school (What am I learning Mom?) and she's kept her word since, walking or biking every day, rain or shine. Mostly the former, this time of year. She's written to the President, but more impressive, she's retrained her parents, one winter morning at a time. To learn where the film is headed next, check the calendar on our website, [www.elwhafilmm.com](http://www.elwhafilmm.com), or find us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/ReturnOfTheRiver>. It's a rare environmental story infused with hope, exploring how an idea moved from "crazy" to celebrated reality. I'd be delighted to see FOOTies at upcoming film festivals! Next up: Wild & Scenic in CA, and the Big Sy Doc Festival in Missoula. If you find yourself in the Pacific Northwest, we'd be glad to take you hiking! [jessica@plumbproductions.com](mailto:jessica@plumbproductions.com)

**Burch and Rachelle LaPrade:** Life marches on in Des Moines, Iowa for the LaPrade family. Our four kids continue to grow and thrive -- Abbott (almost 16), Forrest (almost 14), Beckett (11), and Kendrick (8 1/2). Because four active kids don't keep us busy enough, our household includes 1 horse, 1 pony, 3 dogs, 2 cats, 30 laying hens, and 1000s of composting worms. Every year, our family completes RAGBRAI (The Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa). The bike rides begin by dipping your back bike tire in the Missouri and ends by dipping the front tire in the Mississippi. The week between those two events is filled with 50-100 mile days through idyllic small town Iowa. We would love for any FOOTies to join us for the whole week or a day or two.





1994

**Carrie Paterson:** Living in Los Angeles and love to go hiking with visitors!! Not too much new to report here, still editing for an art magazine and my fledgling publishing business DoppelHouse Press is going to have some more activity this year with 4 new books coming out - art, architecture, a memoir and a book of short stories - all over the gamut. But the one funny thing I can tell you guys is that I was invited as an artist to speak at the SETI Institute in October. There was a closed-door meeting about creating messages to send extraterrestrials, and I had a unique proposal, which has now gotten 800 hits or something on YouTube. The story was picked up by the NPR station in San Francisco and also the BBC online, where you can find quoted yours truly:

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20141112-will-et-understand-our-messages>

Definitely the weirdest thing I've ever done, and I'll tell you guys about it but there's no way I'm writing this in to the Yale alumni magazine. [carriep@rof.net](mailto:carriep@rof.net). [213-926-3728](tel:213-926-3728) [www.cpworks.org](http://www.cpworks.org)

**Heidi Ellis:** Heidi is in Wayland, MA (the very town from which the Hale twins hail, by the way). We were thrilled to discover our proximity, and I'm hoping to visit her two cows and two chickens soon, along with an even more exciting resident: she is on the brink of having a baby. Yahoo, Heidi!

**Ben Madley:** We are still in Los Angeles, where I teach History and American Indian Studies at UCLA. Barbara is doing a lot of bread baking and weaving, and our children are now 8 and 11.

**Anne Weil:** Things here are well, too. We're adjusting to life in Baltimore. The kids have settled in their schools. I've been swamped working on a book this year, which will be published this fall by Random House. It's a knitting book called Knitting Without Needles - I'm pretty excited! My blog, [www.flaxandtwine.com](http://www.flaxandtwine.com), is growing and still providing so much joy to me. Sandy's busy and loving working for the Ravens, as well. Hoping to do some camping this summer!



**Meg Wickwire:** [meg@aya.yale.edu](mailto:meg@aya.yale.edu) Still living in Concord, MA, hiking and XC skiing as often as I can (great town for that!), enjoying my job (still teaching full time, but now privately from home), and loving watching Penn grow up. He's a soulful, exuberant little fellow. He's 8 and full of hugs, but he no longer hugs only my thigh—where did the time go? Bill is still teaching at BB&N and loves it despite the crazy pace. (Below: Penn at a rodeo in Montana. He was rapt!)



**Elizabeth Murdock:** I am living in San Francisco, with my husband, Paul, our two daughters (Zoë, age 8 and Pia, age 4.75), and our two dogs, Wallace and Darwin. For the past few years, I have been working as an independent consultant to wildlife conservation organizations. My work has ranged from strategic planning/conservation planning to organizational development to a variety of wildlife projects (trophy hunting, illegal ivory trade, and snow leopards, most recently). It has been fun and rewarding and, importantly, it has allowed me to spend time with our girls. Because I live in San Francisco, I am now a devoted yoga practitioner (mandatory for this region). I also try



to get outside to enjoy our beautiful surroundings whenever I can. Sometimes that means more ambitious hikes in the natural areas close to SF, but, more often, it means shorter hikes in Glen Canyon, which is just blocks from our house and home to red-tailed hawks, great-horned owls, tons of skunks and a few coyotes. We do love

living here—although I also deeply miss the East Coast and am always looking for excuses to visit. It was great to see several FOOTies at the Class of 94 reunion. And it is wonderful to see FOOTies here (most notably Rebecca Whitney and Perry DeValpine ;->) whenever we get a chance. Hugs to all! Hope to see you soon. Fondly, Elizabeth P.S. Two photos are attached, just in case you are interested. One is me - Zoë - Pia - Paul on a dolphin-watch/snorkel trip in Maui this Thanksgiving. Regrettably NOT wearing my FOOT hat!!! The next is Wallace (Aussie shep), Darwin (GSD pup) and Pia.



1995

**Kristen McDonald:** Fellow FOOTie Kristen McDonald passed through Ellensburg with her partner, Colin, and their 3-month-old boy, Ellis Orion. It was great to see them - they are living in Marin; Kristen is the China director for Pacific Environment, a non-profit based out of San Francisco. Ellis is already on a path towards adventure, taking a major road trip at <3 months. Kristen says our 4 month old gives me the most adoring looks which sort of makes up for the vast decrease in partying and adventuring.



Be free, be strong, be yourself, be lucky, be proud to be a man, be loved and loving.

Live among flowers, surrounded by free flowing waters, live in the sun's warmth, breathing clean air nourished by moonlight and starlight.

Know that you are welcome, that you are a precious gift to us. Be blessed.

- Starhawk, *The Fifth Sacred Thing*



**Anne Egger:** did more backpacking in the last year than I've done in the 20 years since I was a FOOT leader. With my partner and his two teenaged boys, I spent six days backpacking from Mammoth to Yosemite, which was a fantastic trip. Having a 15-year-old boy who wants to show off how strong he is is a great asset on a backpacking trip: he carried the vast majority of the food. Low snow years in the Sierra have been terrible for California but make for glorious backpacking in June. Our permit allowed us to go up the cables to Half Dome, too, which was quite a treat. After that, to commemorate my 40th birthday, my partner and I went to Peru for two weeks and hiked the Alpamayo circuit in the Cordillera Blanca - seven days above 13,000 feet! Glorious!

**Sarah Kelley** is living in Providence, RI, with her husband and two kids, Ethan and Hope - they have braved cross-country travel a few times and are doing a great job as parents.

## 1996

**Abby Benson** My husband Andrew and I just relocated from Silver Spring, Maryland to Boulder, Colorado where I work in Government Relations for the University of Colorado (CU). It was a big decision to leave the DC area after almost 10 years, but I am looking forward to being more involved with the day-to-day at CU while exploring all the outdoor recreation opportunities that Colorado has to offer!

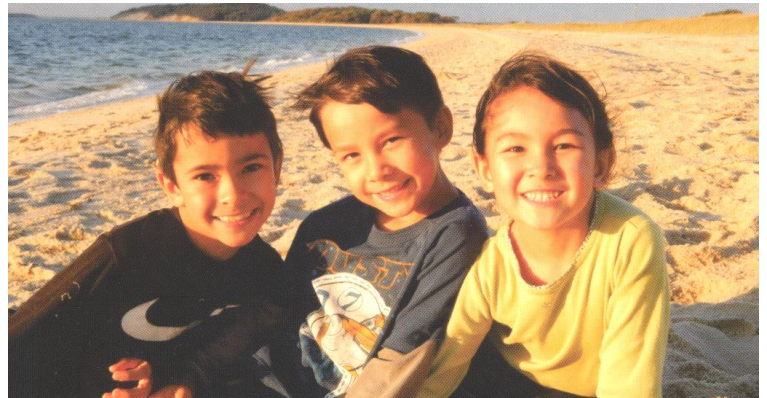


**Oliver Pierson** We're still in Malawi, coming up on two years there, and enjoying our work in the clean energy (me) and health (wife Julie) sectors. We welcomed the birth of our daughter Coralie in March 2014 and spend most of our time chasing around after her and her four year old brother Zach. Living in Malawi does give us some advantages, including affordable child care, and I spend my free time mountain biking, playing the French horn in a rock band (weird but true), and brewing beer (the locally available lager in Malawi isn't great). Hard to believe we were foot leaders 20 years ago ...

**Ivan Kerbel** Eleanor and I are enjoying life in Seattle, expecting the birth of a baby boy (our first) in March, and trying to hold on to what remains of our sanity before we truly lose our minds as sleepless parents. We're also looking forward to reconnecting with FOOT leaders near and far, thanks to connections care of Cilla. Come visit us!

## 1997

**Melissa Lee:** Melissa is overseeing Primary Care at Kings County in New York. Her patients remind her of her Chinle, Arizona days, and the mission of working for city hospitals her well. Her husband Scott continues to work as a hospitalist at Jacobi, teaching and practicing Palliative Care. Calla (5) is learning Spanish, and trying to keep it from getting mixed up with Mandarin. Lucas (8) is an avid reader and a speedy runner. Will (7) is up for any sport with a ball and dreams of spending his days fishing. The



adults braved the White Mountains with old friends, and Melissa escaped to the Grand Canyon with the Chinle gals and put another NYC marathon on the books. We're hoping for another year filled with adventures, laughter, health, and time with beloved family and friends.



**Amelia Shaw:** After leaving Papua New Guinea to have my second child, I got inducted into the Foreign Service in Jan 2014. I am currently serving on our U.S.-Mexico border in Tijuana, a great place to be - who knew TJ had such a vibrant craft beer and wine country culture. I am teaching the girls Luna (4) and Stella (2) all my FOOT skills in desert camping, not least of this is "The Hustle" - this pic from the hot springs of Canon de Guadalupe outside Mexicali. Life is good!

**Caitlin Pike:** Greg and I are still living in the Capitol Hill neighborhood in DC. Kai is in PreK and Finn is in 2nd grade now. Kai loves superheroes and drawing, and Finn loves reading and Minecraft. Both boys love playing any and all sports, and we wind up dragging a full bag of soccer balls, baseballs, and footballs to the park with us whenever we go. Greg continues his work for the administration at the National Economic Council. Last fall, he wrapped up his work on the G20 Summit, and is now focusing his efforts on the President's trade agenda. I'm taking the year off from teaching and am thoroughly enjoying spending more time with our boys and volunteering in their classrooms. Glad to hear all is well with you! Take care, Caitlin

**Michelle Anderson:** I am living and loving city life in San Francisco with my husband Sade, a multi-family housing architect, and my daughter Meda, a fiery five year old. I'm a law professor focused on social and environmental justice. I've got less open time on my hands than I'd like, but I'm very happy and fortunate. My FOOT roots still hold: Nothing is a greater luxury for me than walking on spongy soil under a forest canopy. If only it would rain more here, as nature intended!

**David Lewicki:** I am still plying my trade as a preacher in the Deep South. My wife Beth and I are co-pastors of a Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA. The job allows me to be involved in faith-based community organizing, anti-poverty work, refugee resettlement, and political advocacy at the state capitol, in addition to the meaningful work of marrying, burying, and walking with folks through the seasons of life. In celebration of our 40th birthday year, I took a weeklong trip to Peru last December with fellow Y 97s, including Greg Nelson, Jon Klein, Jesse Heitler, and Rich Frankel.

1998

**Gretchen Boger** and her family bought a house in Philadelphia this year - a ninety-year-old duplex on the western edge of the city - so it looks like she plans to stay put for awhile. She still is chairing the History Department at the Baldwin School, an all-girls' prep school in Bryn Mawr. This past fall she enjoyed attending the Jonathan Edwards all-





college reunion, where she got to chat with JE Master Penny Laurans, an alumna of Baldwin, and was led on a tour of the renovated college by her former student, Erica Wachs, Baldwin '14, JE '18. "It was fun to see a new generation as excited about being at Yale as I was in the fall of my freshman year twenty years ago. (Twenty years ago!)"



**James Carothers** with Olive (the dog) and Dixon (the 16 month old), enjoying a sunny (but alas, snowless) January in the Cascades.

**Brian Lavery** is still in Dublin, Ireland, working for Twitter in their European HQ. His two little girls are now 5 & 7 years old. He swims in the Irish Sea most mornings and hikes in the Wicklow Mountains (really just hills) most weekends. Brian says he's looking forward to the FOOT tent at the 20-year reunion in 2018. Anyone else in Europe...?

**Asa Piyaka** writes, "Hoa and I continue to live near Eastern Market in Washington, DC with our two sons, Leo (age 3) and Arun (age 15 months). We are enjoying parenthood with all of its joys and challenges and are frequently out and about in all the museums and parks of DC. I still work at USAID as a Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor, and Hoa works at a human rights foundation. I spend most of my free-time running, often with stroller in tow. If all goes according to plan, we will be relocating to Southeast Asia later this year due to Hoa's work. We have mixed feelings about the move, as we love our community, friends, and life in DC. However, we are looking forward to a change of pace, more family time, and a better work-life balance. We hope to be back in the DC area in a couple of years, though who knows what the future holds. I hope all my fellow FOOT leaders are doing well!"

**Matt Stiebel** says, "Life is great here in South Florida! My beautiful wife, Kristin, and I are expecting our first child this summer. I'm practicing orthopaedic surgery and also working with a bunch of Yalies designing medical software. If anyone is visiting our area for vacation please let us know!"

**Kristen Michaelides Clothier** After spending the years since obtaining my master's degree in 2001 from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (F&ES) working for non-profits focused on land conservation, natural resources management, and education in New England (most recently as Development Manager for Mass Audubon Sanctuaries on the Mid and Upper Cape and before that as the Director of Development for a regional land trust that has conserved 23,000 acres in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire), I have recently been given a terrific opportunity to return to Yale as the Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Services for F&ES. To all my FOOT and Yale Outdoors friends from long ago – the next time you are on campus, I would love to see you! [kristenvoseclothier@gmail.com](mailto:kristenvoseclothier@gmail.com); [508-237-0517](tel:508-237-0517) All the best

## 1999

**Andrew Bonney** lives in Marion, Massachusetts and is in his eighth year running the route strategy for commuter airline Cape Air, which now has 90 aircraft and serves 44 destinations in the Northeast, Caribbean, Midwest, Montana and Micronesia. He is also an officer in the Air National Guard, serving at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod. A highlight of the last year was getting trained and licensed to drive the big military utility trucks called FMTVs. Andrew and his wife Christina (also ES '99) have two children, Clara, 7, and Charlie, 4. This past summer Andrew introduced Clara to camping—in the backyard!



**Jeffrey Grigg:** Our second child joined us in February 2014 and she is proving to be as delightful as her older sister (now 3). I completed my Ph.D. in the summer and am now a postdoctoral fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Education, where the work is engaging and fun. Baltimore is treating us all very well and we are pleased to be back on a coast!

**Jonathan Griswold:** Preeti and I are still in Singapore and can say we've got a good, small group of less-transient friends that we love. Ironically, there's a chance now that I'll be the one making the next move--transferring to Sydney. We'll see.

**Micah Jacobs:** My wife Paula and I are living in Dallas now. She is at UT Southwestern as a surgical ICU nurse and I am doing the pediatric urology thing at Children's here. We had a baby girl in April and everything is wonderful. Often think back to great times on FOOT.



## 2000

**Jacob Heitler:** Let's see... in October 2013 Rachel and I had a little girl named Orly Binah Heitler. I'm not sure if she made it into last years report, and she's so special, it seems reasonable to start off with her this year as well. She's now just over a year, walking, talking some, and generally making us laugh (when it's not 4am). Her Spanish speaking daycare has taught her to clap and say ""bravo!"" when ever she's happy with something, so it's inspired me to invest a bit of time into learning to play simple tunes on my Uke to entertain her. I recently left my position as head of product for Nasdaq Private Market to launch a software development, product management and design consulting company called Citizen Code (<http://citizencode.io>). If anyone you know is looking to build a new software product, we'd love to talk with them! Entrepreneurship always comes with ups and downs, but at least now they're my own ups and downs again, so I'm having fun with it. Rachel, my lovely wife, is working part time and has gone back to school to get her masters in clinical psychology. If the rest of the world finds her half as helpful to talk to about their problems as I do, I think she'll have a thriving private practice some day. All this adult life stuff (i.e. jobs, kids, yada yada) is putting the kibosh on my outdoor enthusiasm... but I try to sneak in a hike or a bike ride when I can. I did invest in a terrific kid carrier backpack under the guise of a birthday present for my father-in-law though... so perhaps I'll get out more with Orly this summer. All the best to all y'all, and to Cilla especially. Thank you for keeping this report alive year after year. - Jacob Heitler





**Tara Cronin:** My husband and I welcomed our beautiful son Liam to our family in March. He loves the outdoors! We are living on the CT shoreline where I am enjoying my practice in pediatric ophthalmology.

**Emilie Hitch:** After spending the last year in Cambodia (visiting often with Sarah Ichioka JE '01 and her family - one short flight away in Singapore!), I have moved back to Minneapolis. Lots of music and anthropology in my life, and I'm a student again at the Humphrey School for Public Affairs. Happy 2015 to all my lovely FOOTies! xo E

**2001**

**Lydia Pace:** I have moved back to Boston from Rwanda in late July with my husband Erik and our almost-two-year-old daughter Celia, and now just make a trip there every few months. I'm doing clinical work and research in the Division of Women's Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital and am now trying to figure out working parenthood and life in the U.S.! I got a lot of tips from Marc Ruben during my maternity leave too long ago (unsurprisingly he and Jo really have things figured out J) and had a wonderful surprise when I saw Ashley Campion's beautiful face in the audience of a talk I gave in New Hampshire last fall. Would love to reconnect with the FOOT community in the Boston area...

**Asher Price:** My new book, *Year of the Dunk: A Modest Defiance of Gravity*, will be published by Random House in May. It's about my efforts as a 34 year-old to dunk for the very first time. Most broadly the book gets at questions a lot of us wonder about ourselves: What kind of hidden, untapped talent do we have, and how much ability do we have to shape our abilities? It's also about the special cultural significance of the dunk in America, and about the history and science of jumping. So it goes in a bunch of different directions. Yale makes a brief appearance, and my wife, Rebecca Markovits PC '01, is a character in the book. More about *Year of the Dunk*, including a silly youtube trailer, is at [www.yearofthedunk.com](http://www.yearofthedunk.com). Otherwise, still happily in Austin and still working as a reporter at the daily newspaper down here.

**Matt Kerner:** I live with my wife Laura and our daughter Elana in Seattle, where I work on Microsoft Azure. The last time I saw an '01 FOOT leader was when Alex Boxer came to dinner in September. We would gladly meet up with any others passing through Seattle - just write me at [matthew.kerner@aya.yale.edu](mailto:matthew.kerner@aya.yale.edu).

**Dan Smokler:** After 6 years as a rabbi at NYU, I now work for Hillel International as the Chief Innovation Officer. I live in New York with my wife, Erin, who is teaches at a women's seminary called Yeshivat Maharat and our two kids, Shalev (3) and Nadiv (2). We live on the upper west side and are freezing cold today.

**Sarah Ichioka:** My family decided to stay in Singapore after all (relocating from London after my maternity leave last spring), and as we are likely to be here for the next few years, I would love to hear from any FOOTies passing through the region.

**Sarah Stehli Howell:** I started an architecture practice this year, Stehli Howell Design. Most of my projects are still in New Orleans, though I'm approaching the two year mark in Chapel Hill, NC. My husband, Lucius, continues his medical training odyssey, having just accepted a fourth year of fellowship at UNC to become a cardiac interventionalist. My two sons, Lucius II (4.5) and Hunt (2) are officially FOOTies in training - sharing a small tent that is always pitched - most commonly in our living room, but occasionally beside a river. NC is a beautiful state and we hope you all come visit!

**Lindsey Tucker:** No big news for me this year - working on health care reform, splitting time between Vermont and Boston. Would love to see FOOT folks.

**Catherine Price:** Catherine Price's new book, VITAMANIA: Our Obsessive Quest for Nutritional Perfection, came out on February 24 from Penguin Press. In addition to telling lots of weird and surprising historical stories about vitamins and their discovery, it asks the bigger question of how Americans' obsession with vitamins and nutrition is actually harming our health. (With special thanks to Josh Berezin for reading an early draft and contributing his mad editing skillz.). You can buy a copy here: <http://www.amazon.com/Vitamania-Obsessive-Quest-Nutritional-Perfection/dp/1594205043%3FSubscriptionId%3D0ENGV10E9K9QDNSJ5C82%26tag%3Dcatherinepr08-20%26linkCode%3Dxm2%26camp%3D2025%26creative%3D165953%26creativeASIN%3D1594205043>

**Marc Ruben:** my update is that nothing particularly notable has happened in the last year except I've taken lots of trips (Trader Joe's, Cape Cod, a couple pediatric ER runs) and had to shovel off my roof this weekend to keep it from collapsing from snow.

**Edward West:** I'm celebrating the one year anniversary of the launch of both Impact Hub Oakland, and Hylo. Impact Hub Oakland is a co-working space and community center in Oakland, CA, and Hylo is a new kind of social network to help communities map their resources and build things together. I've also recently enjoyed having Jacob Heitler's (ES '00) and my professional worlds start to intersect. Looking forward to more. :) I've also moved to a nice house in the Berkeley hills, and we have two spare rooms for any stray FOOT leader alums who need a place to stay for a few days.

**Eric Shelov: Emily Hyde** (JE '02) and I continue to be happy in Philadelphia. We have a four year-old daughter (Lydia) and little sister on the way this spring!

**Laura McGevna:** I'm living in Burlington VT, working and teaching at the University of VT in dermatology, married to a great guy, Scott Nelson (U of O, Go Ducks, apparently), with three little boys, ages 5, 3, 3 months. I have the great pleasure of seeing a few Yalies from time to time, including Laura Schned, a dear friend and neighbor. Drop a line if you're in the Green Mountains- would love to catch up.

**Dan Broadhead:** My wife Rachel (formerly Rachel Blitzer, '02) and I just had our first child on January 3rd. Her name is Jane Leila Brodhead and she is a very adorable little addition to our family. Other than spending the frigid NYC winter helping Rachel take care of our baby, I am working in Digital Media for the National Basketball Association, which is a lot of fun and also completely insane. We just finished All Star Weekend in New York, and I am still recovering. Can't complain though, it's a great job. In summary: life is good! Would like to say hello to all other FOOT Leaders here, - hope everyone is doing well.



**Josh Berezin:** Not that much new to report here. I'm heading towards the home stretch of my psychiatry residency at NYU and still living in Brooklyn Heights. Drop me a line if you're in New York.

**Shana Segal:** Eli and I still live in Philly with our two boys - Micah (4) and Asher (1). I am a pediatrician and Eli is a lawyer.

**Gwyn Welles:** No major news from me this year. I'm still working at Google, overseeing the company's in-house YouTube channels, and enjoying life in NYC with my husband Ben Gray (TD '01).

## 2002

**The Rev. Ally Brundige:** I'm happy to share news of my ordination into the Sacred Order of Priests in the Episcopal Church. Meanwhile, the wonderful and busy work continues as Choate Rosemary Hall's Director of Spiritual Life and faculty member. It's nice to remain close to New Haven; in what free time I do have, I continue to visit my favorite outdoor spots in the area. Peace, Ally

**Saamra Mekuria-Grillo** writes that she got married in July to hubby Brandon.



**Maggie Whelan:** We had some big changes in the past year. My husband and I and our then 18 mo daughter Caroline moved to New Orleans last June. We had been in Pittsburgh for almost a decade, so quite the change. I'm in my first year of a combined residency in Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child Psychiatry. My husband continues to work remotely for his company in Pittsburgh, and Caroline just turned 2 this month. If any fellow FOOTies find themselves in the Crescent City, drop us a line!

**David Wing:** I recently started practice as an Orthopedic Surgeon at The Cambridge Health Alliance. My office is in Somerville and I live in Cambridge, Ma with my wife Gillian and dog Pippa. If there are FOOT alumni in and around New England looking to share some mushy waves, or perhaps some mushy backcountry skiing, I'd love to get in touch with them. Please write to David at: [Wing@aya.yale.edu](mailto:Wing@aya.yale.edu).

As for me, **George Cullman**, my husband Chris, daughter Hazel and dog Dottie are still living in NYC. But we balance out the joys of city life by getting away as much as possible to my family's place in CT. Today I took Hazel sledding for the first time there and I am proud to say that she is a bit of a daredevil!



## 2003

**Karen Weise:** The big news for my 2014 is that almost five years after moving to New York, I have finally made it back to the West Coast! My hubby and I moved to Seattle in November, just in time for the rain, but it doesn't matter because we are just thrilled to be here. On a clear day we can see the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges from our house, and as of about two weeks ago we have a car so we can get out and go hike in them finally. I'm still working at Businessweek, just out of Bloomberg's Seattle bureau now. I'm general assignment, which is good fun and always a little nerve-wracking--one week reporting in Kenya, the next week writing on policing in Ohio. We're still new to Seattle, so if any local FOOT folk want to meet up or can show us the ropes, drop us a line: [kweise@gmail.com](mailto:kweise@gmail.com). Happy 2015!

**Louise Davis Langheier:** We love living the FOOT life in the woods of the Presidio with our son, Davis, who is ten months old. Come visit and hike with us!

**Sasha Waring:** At long last I finished my child psychiatry fellowship at UCSF and got myself a real job as the first psychiatrist in a network of Bay Area medical clinics owned by Stanford. I'm working to build an integrated mental health program in our primary care clinics. My boys are 4.5 and 1.5 and growing quickly. As often as I can I squeeze in runs and rides on the trails near our new house in Oakland-- just ran my 3rd 50k trail race and have my eyes on going further next year. I just learned my FOOT buddy and 2001 co-equipment manager **Mike Steffen** is moving to the Bay soon so we'll have to get our hike on in these hills!

**Lauren Keane:** It took me 15 years, but I finally gave in to the tugging of the heartstrings and moved back to San Francisco. We live in the Richmond District, a mile from the house where I grew up. (If you had told me during college that this would happen, I would have laughed.) I finished business school at Stanford in June, and two weeks later our daughter, Norah Marie Shaw, arrived. We took her for her first hike at ten days old. With a little luck, the High Sierra Trail is only a few years off. We're always eager for family hiking companions: [laurenkeane17@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkeane17@gmail.com).

## 2004

**Strand Conover** (Davenport, '04), welcomed a baby girl, Saskia Conover, on 9/16/14 at Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan. Saskia's mother, Strand's wife, is Ariel Phillips (Trumbull, '06). She was also famously (infamously?) Strand's Footie. Saskia (now 5 months old), Ariel and Strand sent their update from a vacation at Manuel Antonio National Park in Costa Rica where Saskia has been ported through several jungle hikes, hopefully in preparation for a life long love of the outdoors if not as a future Footie in training. The happy family resides in Brooklyn where Strand is an agent at WME and Ariel works in development for a non profit arts organization.



**Ming Thompson:** It's been a year of new beginnings. I'm still living in the Bay Area, where my business partner and I have started our own architecture and design firm, called Atelier Cho Thompson. We're working on a broad range of buildings and spaces, from houses to restaurants to venture capital offices to public school cafeterias, and on scales from architecture to interiors to graphic design.  
AND, in breaking news, Dan Mattingly and I just welcomed our son, Henry LeGrand Mattingly, to the world on February 12.

**Maddy Fleisher:** My family and I have moved from DC to my husband's hometown near Columbus, OH, to fulfill our true destiny as Midwesterners. We're having a great time so far, having arrived just in time for OSU to win a national football championship (go Bucks!). I've also fortunately been able to keep working as an environmental lawyer, signing up with a regional non-profit, the Environmental Law & Policy Center, and delving into issues regarding energy efficiency, electricity regulation, and carbon pollution. If any other FOOTies make it to Ohio, feel free to get in touch (madeline.fleisher[at][aya.yale.edu](mailto:aya.yale.edu))!

## 2005

**NOTE:** Our 10th year reunion is May 28-31, 2015. We will be putting together some type of FOOT event for the weekend...look out for details.

**Aaron Mitchell** I am half way through my chief resident year here at Duke. I will be staying in the Old North State for at least a while longer, having just matched at UNC-Chapel Hill for oncology fellowship starting next July. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 10-year reunion in the spring - I wouldn't miss it!

**Carrie Coughlin** I am in Philadelphia and enjoying my final year of training (to other residents and fellows, there really is an end at some point). I will be returning to my hometown of St. Louis this summer to practice pediatric dermatology at WashU.

**Kirk Henderson** After four years of riding the high seas of expatdom and architecture in Istanbul, old Blue has me back in New Haven for a dual MArch-MBA degree. Anchor closed, may it rest in peace. Cheers, Kirk

**George Quraishi** I spend my days running Howler ([howlermagazine.com](http://howlermagazine.com)), a print soccer quarterly magazine I started two and a half years ago, from my home office in Memphis, TN. Howler started as a Kickstarter project, and about a week after it got funded in June 2012, I moved with Shea, who is now my wife, to Palo Alto, where she did a one-year masters in education. In June 2013, she got a job in Memphis, where she grew up, and we so moved again. I love the food here, and all the great soul music history, but we'll probably move once again when her school year ends this summer. Final destination: Tampa or St. Petersburg, FL. I grew up in Tampa, swore I'd never go back, and yet potential grandparents live there (including her mother in Sarasota), so there we are. I'd never started a business before, and man, it's hard. Sometimes I feel like I'm trapped in some kind of Willy Wonka hourglass that's filling up and emptying out at the same time: print mags are going away but soccer is growing and growing. But it can also be really fun. We had two stories short-listed in Best American Sportswriting 2014, and one of our writers sold the film rights to a story he did for us. I'm proud of that. One up-shot of going it alone, working from home, and existing outside the social environment of a traditional office has been that I finally discovered, in August, that I have ADD. It's a funny thing to learn at the age of 32, but nobody who knows me well has been surprised by the diagnosis. (Sorry if I'm oversharing, but the struggles that led to me getting this figured out and the process of learning how my mind works have been super interesting.) I have a short but intense attention span more than any sort of problematic hyperactivity, which is probably why it went undiagnosed for so long—I never got into too much trouble as a kid. These days I'm trying to stick to to-do lists and calendar entries while keeping the part of me that's interested in everything and everyone alive and coming up with new ideas. Working as an editor, and hosting Howler's weekly podcast, are good outlets for my creative impulses, which I believe benefit from the quirks of ADD. Shea is wonderful. If you want an update on me, you need to know a little about her too. She teaches third grade at a very very very poor school in Memphis, but she's more of an auxiliary parent and social worker if you ask me. We're

opposites in a lot of ways—she’s an introvert, and organized and punctual, and way more thoughtful about other people’s feelings than I am, and the process of living together and resolving all the big questions of early 30s (me) and late 20s (her) married life continues: how to make enough money; where to live; when to have a baby; should we get a puppy (I’m allergic, she’ll never give up)? What’s for dinner and who’s cooking? Speaking of which, I should probably get to the grocery store. I hope you’re all well and I can’t wait to see you at the reunion.

## 2006

**Brandon Berkeley Middaugh** writes: I am living in San Francisco and managing corporate strategy and social innovations at SunEdison, a renewables developer. I am living with fellow FOOT leader Claire Gagne for a year while hubby Mark Middaugh does a one-year clerkship in San Diego. FOOT canine mascot Annie is spending the year in San Diego and trying to learn to surf. Drop a line when you pass through SF or San Diego!

**Becky Levy** is also moving out to the left coast. She is “finishing up my MD/PhD program at Columbia and will be going into pediatric neurology. My husband and I are both doing the next step of training at Stanford. We are moving our 20 month old son out there in the summer so he will learn about the outdoors.”



Congratulations to **Baily Blair Kempner** and her husband, Nate! They “welcomed baby Tom on June 10, 2014. He's a super smiley, mellow dude and pretty much the best thing to his parents. A FOOTie in training, he summited his first mountain on NYE and spends weekends drooling on chalky mats at the climbing wall.”

**Dawn Lippert** is “Still in Hawaii working on rapid commercialization and scale up of clean energy technologies. FOOTies should come visit!”

**Dannielle Lovell** reports that: "The last year has been an adventure of all sorts! After working for lululemon for nearly 3 years, I left to join my boyfriend John in launching a video game! After a slow first month, "The Fall" picked up and even garnered a few awards for the writing and story. You can check it out (if you love sci fi, androids and games) at [overthemoongames.com](http://overthemoongames.com). Life in the video game industry has been a fun one, taking us to conferences around the US, and really upped how many games I play in any one month. My work with the company is quieting down now, as John writes the second chapter of the trilogy, so I've started doing mobility and immigration consulting for clients in Vancouver (and hopefully in the US too this year). I had no idea I'd love unwinding immigration law as much as I do for companies looking to move their people around. Finally, after a Christmas in England (with my family, including a loud and wild 16 person strong Christmas day), John decided that he wasn't put off by the Lovell madness, and proposed! All in all, it feels like I've lived three years since May, but they have been delightful years."

**David Busis** writes that, “I got married this summer to a poetess whom I met in Iowa. Now I live in Chicago, where I write and freelance edit.”

**Aaron Zelinsky** is “now in Baltimore working as an assistant U.S. attorney in the major crimes division, where he has the great pleasure of seeing his FOOTie, Avani Dholakia (not in a work-related context—she’s a resident at Johns Hopkins). Monica finished residency and is now an attending at Hopkins, focusing on primary care for



underserved populations. Aaron also makes it in to DC frequently to see **Will Niebling**. All are invited to their tailgate at the Game his November. Special Lot D.”

## 2007

**Brian Bowen** 2015 is really flying - hope you're avoiding all of this crazy snow we've had in Boston. I'm here finishing up my master's degree in Environmental Policy and Planning at MIT. And where better to look for world-saving collaborators than among our fellow FOOT leaders? Since the beginning of the year, I've been working with Steph Speirs (and her co-founder Steve Moilanen) on a community solar startup based here in Massachusetts. Steph founded [Solstice Initiative](#) last year to bring affordable solar power to every American household, particularly the 77.5 million individuals that are renters and make less than \$50,000 per year. Under the Solstice model, households purchase a portion of a community solar array and save money on their utility bill. Solstice partners with socially-minded community organizations to get the word out about community solar and makes a donation to those organizations for every home that signs up. I think Steph should send a photo, since she's both an amazing photographer and currently in India working with d.light design as part of the Acumen Global Fellows program. Or better yet, just check her [Instagram](#)!

**Tasha Eccles** Looking over my newsletter note from last year I see that life is much the same: I'm still living in Palo Alto, working on a PhD in English, traveling when I can get Stanford to pay for it and trying to get outside as much as I can. I just realized that this year I set a personal record: this is the longest I've lived in the same apartment since I left for college! In May Mila Dunbar-Irwin and Robin Pearce and I went for a



trip in the Trinity Alps, where we found the most beautiful campsite: a smooth rock face on the banks of a creek with deep mountain views in almost every direction. I spent the summer in Russia happily brushing up on language skills while US-Russia relations deteriorated around me. This winter I took up sewing after realizing that I miss doing arts and crafts. I'm making a quilt of Central Park.

**Anny Gaul** After a year in Jordan and a year in Egypt, Anny is back at Georgetown working (still) on her PhD in Arabic literature, which is secret code for a PhD in modern Arab food history. Recent non-academic projects include working with a Middle Eastern gourmet food startup in London and doing a lot of written translation work (Arabic to English). She is also still sheepishly food blogging ([imiksimik.wordpress.com](http://imiksimik.wordpress.com)).

**Ryan Hartnett** My wife and I moved to San Francisco last year and after previous stops in New Haven, New York, and Boston, SF has quickly become my favorite city so far (bread, ice cream, outdoors). I'm now working at Clever, an ed tech startup that is changing the way schools use technology and has already been adopted by 1 in 5 schools in the US. We're growing fast, and hiring! ([clever.com/jobs](http://clever.com/jobs))

**Rebecca Livengood** I'm living in New York and clerking on the Third Circuit in Newark, and starting next September I'll be working at the ACLU-NJ with a Skadden Fellowship focused on representing kids in solitary confinement. Also in September, I'll be getting married to Nate Wenstrup, who was in Saybrook (a FOOT participant and enthusiast but not a leader), but with whom I've gotten to do some really wonderful hikes. We just went snowshoeing in Park City, and it turns out running downhill in snowshoes is like running down a mountain of pillows and is the most fun.

**Robin Pearce** Hi FOOT! I've returned to the west coast for the first time since high school and have the great pleasure of living in Oakland nearby Austin Kilaru ('07), Daniel Weisfield ('07), and Bevan Dowd ('08) — among many other FOOT leaders (Paige Rossetti Hennen, '07) and FOOTies. After almost five years in the swamps of Louisiana, I've been taking the mountains of California by storm. Tasha Eccles ('07), Mila Dunbar-Irwin ('08) and I conquered the Trinity Alps over Memorial Day weekend (see epic jumping photo) and, in June I completed a 110-mile trek along the High Sierra Trail with my brother and four other childhood friends, which included a few hours of not exactly knowing where we were, summiting Mt. Whitney, and three crazy off-trail days through the Kaweah Basin to the base of Mt. Kaweah. And, just because it's nice to do an easy back packing trip every so often, Tasha and I ended the year with a short overnight at Castle Rock State Park near Palo Alto where we were the only campers on the Sunday night of Veteran's Day (Who knew Veteran's Day isn't on a Monday? Okay, probably lots of people and now I'm one of them). Please don't hesitate to drop a line if you're traveling through the Bay Area!



## 2008

**Beau Babst:** I am still Spencer Sherman's landlord (and roommate). We hang out. It's nice. I'm still developing software in crazy Bayou Startup Land, working for both my own app company, BeauxApps, and another startup in town that builds big datasets on the energy industry and software to analyze them. Come visit. We can play Botticelli. Oh, and I'm also now the President of the Yale Alumni Association of Louisiana. Weird. And I have a cat.

**Olga Berlinsky:** After graduating from my MBA/ MPP last May, I took the summer off to backpack around Europe. Highlights included: hiking in the Southern Alps in Albania, being in Munich for 2 Germany World Cup games, enjoying 20 hours of sunlight per day in Stockholm, discovering ancient beach towns in Montenegro, and finding just about every single local vineyard in Hungary/ Austria. I have since returned stateside, moved to Manhattan, and re-joined the working world (I'm back at BCG). Drop me a line if you find yourself in New York and want to ride the pony in Central Park!

**Haley Billipp:** Since the winter of 2011 I have been running the family farm in Newington, CT with my husband Andy. We grow vegetables, raise pigs, chickens and goats, and sell at our farm stand and wholesale to restaurants. Of course the subtext is we've been building (and rebuilding) greenhouses, changing tractor oil, butchering basic butchery, moving piles of dirt from place to place and encouraging our dogs to kill woodchucks mercilessly. We were also thrilled this summer to welcome our daughter Marian, born at home in August, just as the tomatoes got ripe. She is a cheerful, sturdy little bundle with marshmallow cheeks and a contagious grin. As





always, if you ever find yourself in central CT with nowhere to stay, get in touch! It's fun here.

**Alex Borinsky:** Hi! I'm living on the edge of Gowanus, Brooklyn, babysitting, tutoring, art-school modeling, and writing a bunch -- plays about Baltimore and the ocean and turtle music. Fellow FOOT-er Clare Barron is part of our house of three, plus a dashing cat, Gus. Going to class at Brooklyn College, biking back and forth across the various East River-spanning bridges. Sending warm warm hellos to all!

**Jake Branzburg:** Hi all, I've returned to Philadelphia (turns out no Philadelphians ever really *leave* Philadelphia) where I am the Marketing Manager for Uber. We're doing all we can to drag this city kicking and screaming into the 21st century. It's been a really fun ride so far. If you find yourself here (and really, why wouldn't you?), please shout. Lagers, cheesesteaks, and tastykakes on me.

**Geoff Calkins:** I live in Brooklyn and work at Flatiron Health, a startup focusing on building a platform for oncology data. I was the first employee at Flatiron, and it's been incredibly rewarding to watch the company grow from four people to 150. I moved to from Manhattan to Brooklyn over the summer, and have been working hard to fit in (read: growing a beard) ever since. Life is pretty fantastic, and it would be even better with some more FOOT love! Drop by if you're ever in the area.

**Bevan Dowd:** Hi, FOOT! This update finds me finishing up my final semester of law school here in the People's Republic of Berkeley/Boalt Hall. As sad as I am to leave behind the beautiful Bay Area this May, I am excited to be clerking for one year on the federal district court in my hometown of Birmingham, Alabama and to clerk the following year on the Ninth Circuit in San Diego. Beyond studying (which happens less and less these days), I like to go to any outdoor place near Berkeley. I also try to spend as much time with fellow FOOT leaders Lynn McGregor, Dave Lyons, and Tasha Eccles. If anybody is in the area or wants to go on a hike, let me know!

**Beth Fiedorek:** Hi everybody! I'm still makin' paintings and a server/bartender at Black Forest Brooklyn, a delightful German bar. I presented a participatory painting-producing treadmill at FIGMENT in NYC last June.

**Brent Godfrey:** The last couple of years have been sort of a whirlwind. *Very* long, *very* story short: I left New Orleans and the New Orleans Fire Department and am now an intelligence officer in the Navy. I spent much of 2014 deployed aboard the USS Peleliu, wandering about the waters of the Pacific. I'll be around DC for most of 2015 until I deploy again in late August, so, if you're in the area, let me know! I miss being outside and would love to be conscripted into any sort of weekend adventure schemes in a 300 mile radius from the District (outside of 300 miles, the scheme will have to be pretty legendary, as I'm required to get weird bureaucratic approval...but I'm down to hop through hoops for The Cause [provided It's Worthy]).

**Anna Grotberg:** Helllllo FOOT! I'm still living in London, working as a consultant in The Parthenon Group's education practice and enjoying European living. 2014 brought lots of travels - Israel, Hong Kong, Taiwan, France, Germany (even got in a little alpine hiking), Hungary, Poland and more. 2015 looks to be shaping up to be another good year of travel (Vietnam, Cambodia, Hawaii, Switzerland - send me your must-dos!). When I'm not travelling or working I spend lots of time in my kitchen with an ever-growing collection of cookbooks. I keep searching for FOOTies in the UK for some country rambles - are you out there?? Lots of FOOT love, Anna

**Angel Hertslet:** Hi FOOT family! I'm in New Haven for my last semester of grad school and soon I will be a Master of The Environment. Pretty all encompassing, I know. Don't be a stranger if your travel plans bring you back to the Elm City.

**Andrew Karlin:** 2014 has proven to be a year of many exciting transitions for Andrew. He graduated in May 2014 from Wharton Business School and the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania with a dual MBA degree and MA degree in International Studies, respectively. He moved from Philadelphia back to New York City, and is now living in Chelsea. He began a new job in investment banking at Lincoln International, a leading global middle market bank. And - Most exciting of all, he got married to fellow Yale, Mari-e Takahashi, in July at the New York Botanical Gardens. They have been together now for a decade. The picture below is of Mari-e and me this past summer in TD.



**Dave Lyons:** Life is good! Fellow FOOT leader Lynn and I married in August. Bevan, Dante, and Tasha stole the show on the dance floor. Lynn and I have moved to San Francisco and are always looking for hiking and climbing buddies...May Training in Yosemite??

**Lynn McGregor:** Hello FOOT! 2014 was quite the year. I finished my PhD in April. In August, David Lyons and I were married at Yale. Then David and I drove cross-country making stops in 9 National Parks. Highlights: Wind Cave, Yellowstone and the Tetons. Now we live in SF. I have lived in several places, but this is the first time I have moved to a city and already had friends. Thanks, Yale! I am now a postdoc at UCSF and have been learning a lot of synthetic chemistry and cancer biology. I'd love to catch up with you FOOT-folk living here or passing through!

**Elise Patterson:** After a year in France and three years in Mississippi (all spent teaching), I'm now in my third year teaching English at a high school in DC. I don't make it out into the woods nearly enough, but I'm trying! Let me know if you're in town--I've got a comfy couch and the cutest cat ever.

**Priya Prasad:** I am back in NYC after a two year stint in Boston.. I'm rounding out my 7th year at Morgan Stanley (which is crazy), currently working in Interest Rate Sales. I'm also finishing my last semester at Columbia Business School and am looking forward to graduating in May! Please look me up in NY as I would love to catch up with FOOT alum- every year I am newly impressed by the fact that Cilla corralled such an interesting group of people together and I love hearing about all the sweet things everyone is doing.



**Arun Storrs:** Arun writes from Nepal, just finishing a trek to Annapurna Base Camp with the inaugural charity trek to Nepal to raise money for a non-profit she started in 2010 called The Kumari Project ([www.thekumariproject.org](http://www.thekumariproject.org)), which empowers orphans in Nepal from the orphanage from which she was adopted in Kathmandu. The Kumari Project just opened a Safe House for girls ages 7 and up in October 2014 to protect vulnerable, orphaned, and abandoned children from being trafficked, and to provide them with rich opportunities for education and empowerment. You can email her for more info at [arun.storrs@thekumariproject.org](mailto:arun.storrs@thekumariproject.org) if you are interested in joining our 2016 trek!



She is also based in LA, working at Roy Choi's newest eatery, Commissary, and pursuing acting (nothing you've seen yet :), but hopefully this will be the year :))!

**Dan Turner-Evans:** DanTE is still enjoying rambling around the DC area and has finally learned how to play the intro to Wagon Wheel on the fiddle. He's still trying to coax fruit flies into telling him how their brains work for his postdoc at Janelia Research Campus and is enjoying the science and the people.

**Mackenzie Wehner:** This year I matched in dermatology at Penn (after a harrowing couples-match of me in dermatology and my significant other in radiation oncology), spent 6 weeks tramping around New Zealand, got engaged (!), and moved from CA to Philadelphia (where I promptly ran into fellow FOOT leader Jake Branzburg on the street). If anyone is coming to Philly, come stay and meet my adorable aquatic pet, Mr. Fishwilliam Darcy. A favorite NZ pic attached.



**2009**

**Lizzie Fulton:** I'm living in Berkeley, studying law (with a few other FOOTsies, younger and older). Come visit, and let's go on a hike.

**Ian Dull:** Ian recently left Paris for Copenhagen, where he's enjoying candlelit winters, Danish design, saunas and snow. He will soon be embarking on his first dogsledding trip in the deep north and hopes to return with all of his fingers, relying on all of his FOOT skills to protect him. Apart from being a perpetual wanderer, he has changed jobs to something that is hopefully longer term: working with consulting firm ReD Associates on research and design (kind of) projects from an anthropological perspective. Life is good, though he could use some group games for old time's sake! If anyone's passing through, he'll get them started...

**Aiden McKinlay:** Hi Everyone! I am very excited that I graduate from dental school at UPenn in May! Following graduation, I travel to Newport for 4 weeks of Navy Officer training before I move to Virginia to start my Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency. I'll be living outside Norfolk for the next 4 years. Anyone is more than welcome to visit! I hear there are lots of outdoor activities close-by and I hope to take advantage during any free time I have :-)

**Adedana Ashebir:** Hey 09! Currently living in Nairobi. If you find yourself in Kenya, do let me know. Will host for granola.

**Max Kramer:** Hello FOOT! I started a new job at Trello a few months ago, and am moving to San Francisco (from NYC, where I've been for the last five-odd years) to get a taste of that Silicon Valley and rep the company out there. Should you live in the Bay area and be interested in a hike, bike, climb, or swiss army'd cheese and salsa burrito, please hit me up!

**Laura Zatz:** This summer, I started a new job at USDA's Food and Nutrition Service where I help oversee research and evaluation for our federal domestic nutrition programs. During H-Y weekend, I got engaged to Ben Shaffer (BK '09), who is the cousin of fellow FOOT leader RKS ('08). (Ross and I try not to give Ben a hard time for being an FPCer.) I split my time between DC and Boston so let me know if you find yourself in those areas!

**Jon Wu:** Let's see, news, in bullet-point form:

- I live in Shanghai
  - Most of you know this because most of you saw me the night before I flew out to Shanghai
  - It is awesome
  - So many dumplings
  - I still work for a Globo Investment Corp
  - Very single
  - Herro ladies
  - Doing Crossfit
  - ...Wanna hear a joke?
  - How do you know someone does Crossfit?
  - They'll tell you
  - Ha
  - Ha!
  - Google and facebook and Instagram and boobies are blocked
  - There is no god
  - Pollution here is awful
  - I can count the # of blue skies I've seen on one pinky toe
  - I think I'm getting the black lung, pop
  - Animals cannot survive within the city limits
  - Closest thing to wildlife I've seen is a dead mouse
  - Life still so good
  - My Chinese has improved from "People complimenting me" to "People making fun of me"
  - Dat Chinese culture doe
- Jon "Asians don't have middle names" Wu

**Mara Harwell:** My big news is that **Jasper Frank** (FOOT '10) and I got engaged in October and will be married in May in New Orleans. We'll be nomadic this summer -- Denver, NYC, and other places TBD -- before moving to Boston in August. We're always happy to host here in New Orleans and are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends back east.

**Ali Seitz:** I started medical school at UCSF this past fall. I have a couch and a futon for people wandering through SF. Come visit!

## 2010

**Austin Anderson:** I'm still having fun in my second year at Harvard Law School, reading lots of cases and otherwise doing supercool lawyerly things. Cambridge life is good, especially with all the new breweries opening up around me. I'll be in Boston for the summer as well, so let me know if you're in town. I'm really looking forward to the fifth reunion, and hoping we can get together for a giant Oomgala on Old Campus.

**Eli Bildner:** I'm now paying for my post-college flightiness with a second year in the Bay. The hard time couldn't be easier — what a place. Still living in Mountain View and working a few desks down from Rick Levin at Coursera. Lots of cycling and trails and a good array of local FOOTies too! Hugs all around -- hope to see some folks at our 5-year in May!

**Brian Boyle:** I'm enjoying the laid-back latter half of my last year in med school, watching the snow fall on Cambridge. Looking forward to residency in psychiatry in Boston, Manhattan, or LA (mmm warm) - will find out where on match day in March, to start in July. In other news, I plan to take to the skies next month to start



training toward my pilot's license - any tips from aviators out there (Michael Boyle and beyond) are welcome. Also, if you've got reading suggestions in the realm of architecture and design, send 'em my way. Precious few months remain to mount a renaissance of sorts, before intern year turns me into a pumpkin!

**Elizabeth Breit:** Elizabeth is about to finish up a Master of Divinity from Harvard. She then plans to abandon all the work of higher education to go lead cycling adventures across France for six months. Here is photographic teaser:



**Virginia Calkins:** Virginia is wrapping up business school at Stanford this spring. She is thinking about swinging the start-up bat, but mostly looking for gainful employment somewhere with as good access to the outdoors as the bay area

**Libbey Davis:** I moved from Nairobi to Berkeley this summer to start business school and I've been enjoying the sunshine and amazing outdoors adventures (but need some more FOOT in my life to truly make it complete). My big news of the year is that I'm getting married in October! Also might be returning to Denver for the summer so would love to connect with FOOT people there as well. Hope to see many of you at the 5-year reunion!

**Doug Endrizzi:** I moved in April of 2014 to Madison, Wisconsin, where I started a PhD in plasma physics. Classes suck, but lab work is awesome and loads of fun. If anyone is passing through Madison, particularly in the summertime, please get in touch.

**Jasper Frank:** I am currently living in New Orleans and working at a community college. Mara Harwel ('09) and I are getting married in May, which we are both very excited about. We are also moving to Boston this fall, so any FOOT-folk up there should feel free to get in touch.

**Leslie Golden:** If I was writing this update in March I'd have a lot more to tell, since residency match day is March 20th. But for now I'm enjoying my last Atlanta spring and wrapping up my last year of medical school.

On Match Day I find out where I'm moving for the next five years of my life and my orthopedic surgery residency (fingers crossed, knock on wood, etc.) As soon as I hear I'm sure I will start looking up Foot leaders who live in my new mystery city!

**Christine Levy:** Helllllllo FOOT world! I've been living and playing in Denver for almost two years. I'm doing my best to get outdoors on the weekends for ski trips, hikes, and camping trips. If anyone is out this way, let me know. I can offer a roof over your head! I'm still working for the Charter School Growth Fund where I help invest in high performing schools to grow. I'm passionate about my job and feel lucky to have it! My work takes me to Memphis several times a month, so Nandi and I are able to periodically reunite. Sending lots of hugs to everyone in the FOOT community. Cheers!

**Craig Minoff:** Since last year's newsletter, I picked up and left NYC to begin work at Airbnb in San Francisco. One of the best parts about living out west is how accessible the lovely outdoors are. In just a few months I've already managed to do more camping and hiking than I did in a couple years living in New York. Not to mention, as part of the move out here, I spent a month jumping around the National Parks in Colorado, Utah and California. What an amazing part of the country!

**Dan Schechner:** After 16 months in Mexico, it was time to come back home. I've repatriated back to New York, more older than wiser. The future is uncertain, but FOOT friends are not: I see Dennis Howe and Thomas Meyer every few weeks and meet up with Brian, Jasper, Zack, Craig, and Tom every few months in a different dark underbelly of the US (next stop: Charlotte). Please blow your whistle if you ever find yourself in my neck of the woods--would love to catch up over some thai peanut pasta! See you all at the 5-year--

**Tom Stipanov:** I'm a Marine officer, and have been deployed in the Middle East for the last seven months. Most of that time I was on an aircraft carrier. Now we're finally heading home. Hope everything is well with all of you!

**Becca Summer:** I'm spending my third year in Madison, WI where I'm loving good cheese and playing on frozen lakes. I finished my master's in Geography last spring and am continuing TAing and working toward my PhD, studying historic preservation and its relation to neighborhood change in American cities. Some research with the National Park Service brought me back to DC last summer where I got to reconnect with some FOOT friends (leaders and footies!). It was great to be back east and see some Yalies, but now I think it's time for FOOT leaders to discover the beauty of the midwest! You're welcome any time for a visit!

**BT Twarek:** After four years of teaching English at a KIPP middle school in San Francisco, I left the classroom and joined the San Francisco Unified School District as a STEM and Educational Technology Content Specialist. Now, I'm training teachers, developing curriculum, and creating a policy to expand computer science to all children in the district. When I'm not working, I'm enjoying great beer, coffee, and hikes in the Bay Area. Who wants to join in?



2011

**Dounia Bredes:** Hello from Dakar, Senegal! I'm here teaching English at a university through the Fulbright program, keeping [a blog](#), and enjoying a somewhat slower pace of life. I'll be back in the States in July 2015 and I'm hoping to celebrate being reunited with Vermont by hiking the Long Trail from end to end, starting in August. Anyone want to join? [Let me know!](#) So much love to you all. If you're coming through West Africa for any reason, please stop by! I have a guest room and hugs.

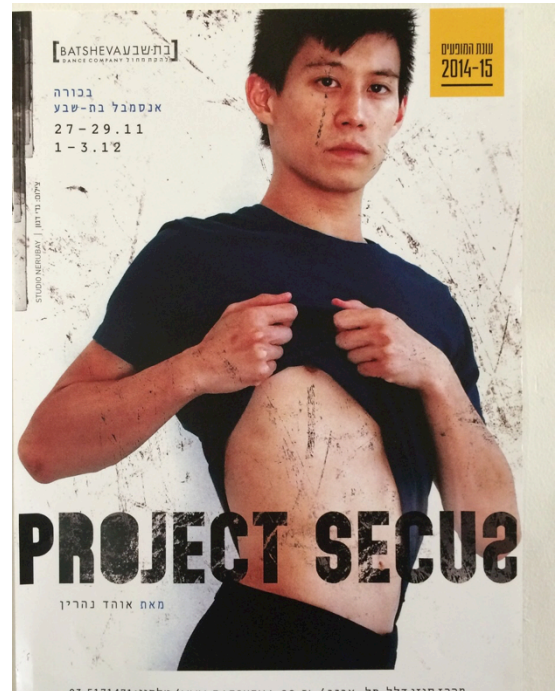
**Kelvin Vu:** This is my second year in Tel Aviv, dancing for the Batsheva Ensemble Company. Last season was fantastic: more than 120 shows, tours to places like Brazil and Réunion, and a cast of very talented dancers. This season is off to a rocket start. We just premiered a new evening of work titled Project Secus (check out the poster boy!), and in the spring, we're touring to Chile, Latvia, and Lithuania. My Hebrew is (very) slowly improving, and I'm growing a jungle of plants in my new apartment. Send me a shout out if you're around any of our tour places or Israel because I'd love to host you and get you tickets to a show.

**Dennis Howe:** Hi FOOT! I'm still living in New York, but I've finally up and moved to Brooklyn (it's been a long time coming). I live in Sunset Park, a great neighborhood with some of the best Mexican and Chinese food in the city, plus beautiful views from the eponymous hilly park of the Manhattan skyline and Statue of Liberty. Fellow FOOT denizens of Sunset Park include Adrienne Spiegel (who originally introduce me to the neighborhood), Callie "Granny" Lowenstein (teaching at a neighborhood elementary school), and Monica Ceragioli (a few blocks to the north). I've already had a couple of visits from Thomas Meyer and a couple of drinks with Yuri Shadunsky at my favorite Brooklyn watering hole, but you all should visit. Hope everyone is doing well.

**Chris Magoon:** In the middle of my first year of med school at UPenn and loving it. Stop by Philly! Love to all.

**Rebecca Hinkle:** I'm still living in Denver, Colorado, teaching writing to sixth graders, and climbing the Rockies whenever I can. Mount Sopris is my latest favorite. I also had the great pleasure of hosting Chelsea Willett on a CO 5 day backpacking trip this summer! It was magical.

**Hilary Faxon:** I'm living in Yangon, Myanmar helping local environmental and social justice NGOs with a zillion exciting projects thanks to a year-long fellowship from Yale Law School. Recently I've been traveling around the country talking to women about gendered barriers to accessing and controlling land. It's awesome. I got to take a sweet bike tour through eastern Europe last spring with some Yale forestry friends, and hope to do more regional travel this summer before heading back to the states to start a PhD at Cornell in fall 2015. In my spare time / when I have internet, I enjoy following fellow FOOT leaders on Instagram.



**Chris Lash:** Hello, FOOT family! Life in Washington, DC remains a grand-old time. I'm rounding out my third year as a teacher / administrator at The School for Ethics and Global Leadership, and I'm excited to see what the next year might bring. I got the wanderlust, so we'll see what happens. I've been lucky enough in the past year to squeeze a bit more FOOT into my life: visitors to DC include Katelynn Clement and Blair Lanier, while my trip out to San Francisco in January featured Abby West and the Funtime Labs crew (Adi Kamdar and Peter Wizzlecizzlewylinski), with cameos by Justine Leichtling and Libbey Davis. If there's one thing missing in my life, it's probably Ride That Pony. Come visit! Things continue apace in Washington, DC. I'm looking forward to my *last* semester teaching at SEGL, which starts at the end of the month. I've decided to make a bid for some foreign travel in the fall, and I'm waiting to hear about a Fulbright that I applied for. Assuming that falls through, I'm trying to come up with a few back-up plans that might get me to the Middle East before 2016. Until then, though, life is good in DC - great city, good friends, fun work. Very little to complain about.

**Katelynn Clement:** Currently testing out the west coast, future quite unknown.

**Akina Younge:** After nearly 6 months in Medellín, Colombia last year, I'm happy to be back in the good ole US of A! I'm now living in New York City, working as a paralegal/legal advocate/intake & outreach coordinator for a group called the Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center. I help workers' rights and housing attorneys, and our focus is to strengthen and empower grass-root community based organizations and their members through our legal support and services. It's been a truly rewarding experience - I'm learning a ton and feeling like I'm making a good impact on the world! I'm also still playing Ultimate frisbee for all you frisbee/FOOT crossovers! I played at the Worlds Ultimate Club Championships in Lecco Italy in August 2014 with Revolution, the best team out of Colombia and the team I had the wonderful opportunity to play with and learn from while I was aboard. I play on New York City's top women's team, BENT, and I also am now co-coaching the NYU Women's club team, Violet Femmes. I'm always excited to explore the city and some of its hidden treasures (I've especially wanted to go check out the Small Pox Hospital on Roosevelt Island, number 5 on this Buzzfeed list! <http://www.buzzfeed.com/jeremybender/hidden-gems-to-make-you-fall-in-love-with-nyc#.yrnXeoob3n>), and would love to go on an adventure with follow New York City based FOOTers.



**Monica Ceragioli:** I switched things up and have a new gig at Via, a ridesharing start-up. Look for us in a city near you (sometime) soon. My feelings for NYC really ebb and flow (cultural capital of the universe --> if that lady on the subway hits me with her purse one more time...). Working on something that requires a lot of thinking about NY's geography & transit infrastructure lands me at net positive, though. Come hang in Brooklyn if (when) you come to the city. Here are a few pics of happy 2014 times :D

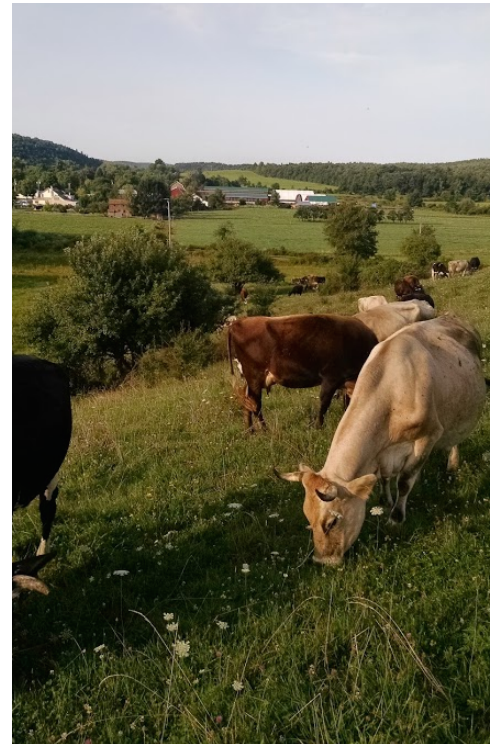




**Max Hendrickson:** Hey everyone! I moved back to NYC from Dubai and am working as an oil trader for Maersk, a Danish shipping company. My girlfriend and I moved to a nice little brownstone apartment in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn; totally addicted to the neighborhood and plan to buy a spot in the next couple of years. The attached picture is Elena and me in Rome last May. Let us know if you'll be coming through town and want to meet up.

**Elliott Brennan:** Hey y'all-- I'm living in the Hudson River Valley, where I'm working on a dairy farm. Not sure how this is connected to all the other stuff that has come previously in my life, but it's good. I spend most of my days driving around on a tractor, pretending that I'm in the music video for a country song. I live two hours from New York City and three hours from Boston -- and right across the river from the Catskills -- so please come visit. Sending lots of FOOT love to everywhere you are.

**Abby West** is still living in San Francisco, CA enjoying its temperate weather and many opportunities to play outside. She's learning to surf, though isn't sure it will ever really happen since standing up seems beyond the limits of her athletic ability. She has lots of fun hiking with other local 2011 FOOTies, including Lili Rudis and Katelynn Clement, and is glad that her current hometown continues to draw other FOOTies in for stays both short and long (here's lookin' at you Chris Lash, Chelsea Willett, respectively).





**Jon Russell** is in his 4th year at Harvard, hunting that wild beast - PhDus biochemistrius. He urges you to pass on any sightings of this elusive creature. Jon swims regularly with Cambridge Masters and swam up in Montreal for Masters Worlds in August 2014, and is planning on a trip to Medellin, Colombia for PanAm Champs in June 2015. If you're ever traveling through Boston, it's always a treat to see FOOT friends!

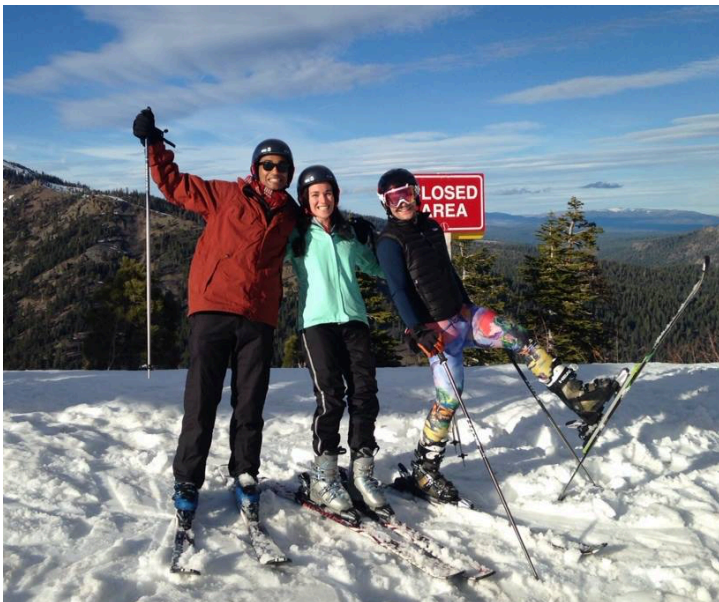
**Blair Lanier:** I'm in the first year of an MBA/MPP at Duke, and North Carolina is treating me very well. For what it's worth, I'm living on a 100-acre piece of property just north of town that houses 1) my boyfriend's 3-year-old farm, 2) a Tolkein-themed summer camp, and 3) plenty of sweet tent spots for visiting friends! That whole camp thing means that we have weird infrastructure like a tennis court and a pool... standing invitation to enjoy a piece of summer/childhood/NC pastoral beauty if you're passing through!

**Chelsea Willett:** Since the last newsletter, I've moved from Boston to Berkeley, where I'm in the first year of a PhD program in Earth and Planetary Science at Cal (because I love rocks and so on and so forth). Being on the west coast, I've seen awesome folks like Abby West, Katelynn Clement, and Lili Rudis as well as Chris Brown up in Seattle! Living in California is good, but the lack of seasons is confusing and I miss snow. I'm looking forward to bridesmaid-ing in Alex Andrews' Vermont wedding in July and hanging out with fellow FOOT leader Hilary Faxon! I've also included a photo of Stage 1 of an awesome FOOT t-shirt quilt that I'm making with my very crafty Aunt Karen



**Jose Gutierrez:** Hi Everyone! So in the second half of 2014 I took a break from work and travelled around East and Southern Africa for several months. Foot-relevant highlights include camping while on safari, hiking a volcano in Rwanda and eating delicious food in Zanzibar (No tortillas and peanut butter, unfortunately.) After that I spent a couple of months bumming around Texas and Mexico, hanging out with friends and family and eating barbecue and carne asada every other day. Now for 2015 I've moved back to DC and am back to work in international health. This is my third time moving here in as many years so maybe I'll stick around for awhile.

We'll see :)



**Julia Lurie:** I am writing this from a cafe in SF where they sell \$4 toast (I hate to admit it, but it was pretty damn good). I've been in the Bay Area for the past year and half, working as a reporter at Mother Jones, becoming an expert in the city's burrito offerings, and skiing once in a while with these fools (that's Adi Kamdar in red and Peter Wilczynski in...rainbow dinosaur tights). If you're in SF, get in touch!



2012

**Eliza Scheffler** Eliza says HELLO and OOMGALA to you! She recently made a running friend in San Francisco who is a musical theatre nerd, which is exciting because it reminds her of her family (who is back East). She also cooked delicious butternut squash soup last weekend without a recipe (woo!) and is still eating it because it was a very humongous squash. Things that still confuse her are which of the letters from various healthcare/insurance providers are actually bills and she's supposed to pay them; and also whether or not the "Singularity" is going to be a good thing. Eliza thinks of FOOT often, especially of all the lessons in leadership and community that it taught her. Some things she's looking forward to in 2015 are: a new role at work ([www.GiveWell.org](http://www.GiveWell.org)) that she is excited to help create and fill, more vegetarian Shabbat dinners with friends, running a half marathon, and reading all of your updates!

**Kevin Hoffman** Hello! I'm wrapping up my third year teaching high school math in South LA. It's been a challenging year dealing with the shift to iPad-based Common Core instruction, but it's been a learning experience that has driven me to apply for graduate school. So, if all goes well, I'll be starting a doctoral program in Learning Sciences next fall. In the meantime, let me know if you're in LA!

**Rae Ellen Bichell** Greetings from Helsinki, Finland! I moved here after graduating, then went to D.C. for a fellowship at NPR, and then came back again. Most things here are clean, functional, or surprising. The buses are always on time. If you drop your wallet, odds are someone will return it to you. Mustard comes in metal toothpaste tubes. Knitting and hockey-like sports appear to be the national pastimes. In Finnish, there is no difference between "he" and "she"; everyone is referred to as "han." Candy and liquor come in flavors like salty licorice and tar (yuck). You can ski on the Baltic Sea from island to island (fun!). You can get a PhD while in prison (haven't tried that yet). Only thing is, the language is totally whack. Supposedly it inspired Elvin in Lord of Rings. Also, someone turned off the sun and replaced it with some cloudy, diffuse blueish light. Bummer. In other news, I ordered a spouse online, so now I'm married. Just kidding. Found him in Finland. He is awesome. Name is Ale (pronounced AW-lay). See photo. And please visit!

### **Kaylee Weil**

What did zero say to eight? ... Nice belt! Well, it's good to know I haven't lost my edge, right? Right? In any case, it's been a crazy exciting year since we last updated each other. I graduated from the Forestry School and headed out to San Francisco for the summer, where I had the chance to reunite with a ton of awesome FOOT leaders. I trekked down to Peru, up to Machu Picchu (unreal), and then headed back out to New Haven to work as the director of the Coastal Center at Milford Point, one of the four nature centers run by the Connecticut Audubon Society. There's never a dull moment out here. I just saw my first Snowy Owl last week! In terms of FOOT-worthy accomplishments, I ran my first Spartan race! And didn't hurt myself! The latter is definitely the bigger accomplishment. I have to say, after 6 years of living in New Haven, I love it but I'm ready to skedaddle. After my boyfriend Grant graduates from F&ES, we're ready to move on to our next adventure. Likely heading west, but who knows!

**Thomas Smyth** I am living in LA and working for a VC fund. I am carless and try to bike as much as possible in the endless California sun. I often see Adi and Peter in SF. Tully ('11) and I went to Burning Man last August. It was awesome - like FOOT in the Nevada desert (?!). Let me know if you ever find yourself in LA!

**Catherine Osborn** In 2014 Cosborn produced and reported on the World Cup for NPR and Public Radio International, and she will continue to be based in Rio through the 2016 Olympics doing general Brazil coverage for those outlets. She had the pleasure of reuniting with FOOT leaders Raffi Friedman, Adi, Peter, Chelsea, Dennis, Monica, Sara Stalla and Zoe Greenberg in San Francisco over the New Year :) Big hugs to all!

**Adrienne Spiegel** I'm working as a paralegal for the ACLU's LGBT & HIV Project and have been here for almost 2 years. I'm thinking about law school, but am also interested in doing more social justice work broadly

related to gender or reproductive health first. I live in Sunset Park in Brooklyn and have been getting my outdoor fix rock climbing in the Gunks and backpacking a bit in the Whites and Adirondacks. I also just got a Ninja blender and have been making lots and lots of smoothies.

**Snigdha Sur** Took the biggest leap I have thus far and left my job and moved to Bombay, India for a year. I'm currently working at the "Netflix / Hulu for Bollywood" ([www.spuul.com](http://www.spuul.com) - check it out, feedback welcome!). Please come visit! 10 things I have observed about Bombay (compiled with the help of a few ex-pat friends): 1) people don't say what they mean or do what they say, 2) tinder is really popular, 3) traffic - lots of it (missing my MTA), 4) visible corruption, 5) fewer opportunities to walk (ricks and autos only), 6) everyone is always late, 7) alcohol is really expensive - blame it on the import taxes, 8) it will take 10 people to do 1 person's job, 9) Uber drivers will call you before they shimmy over to pick you up just to confirm - just double checking ma'am - that you are indeed waiting at the pin, 10) many folks have to work on Saturdays. Here's to another year of many firsts! Picture: Here's me drinking and boating near Gateway of India (I wasn't sailing and do not condone drinking and sailing)

**Virginia Waldrop** I'm back in Texas after a long absence. I finished two years of teaching at a British boarding school (yes, it was a bit like Hogwarts) in the summer, did some volunteer work at an HIV/AIDS center near Durban, South Africa up until Christmas, and am about to move to Dallas to work on developing a health literacy program at a small social venture. I'd love to get back to South Africa at some point, but for now I'm happy to be closer to friends and family and Tex-Mex and American sports. I look forward to reading all your updates! And if life brings you to Dallas, let me know!

**Adi Kamdar and Peter Wilczynski** Adi is enjoying his third year in San Francisco. He's still working at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, defending your digital rights (woo Computer Corps!). He's still living with Peter Wilczynski (woo Computer Corps!). And there's a decent chance he's leaving the Bay Area in the fall (wait, what?). Yes, Adi has decided to go back to school. Where he's going, nobody knows. Stay tuned for next year's FOOT newsletter for more!

**Brendan Ternus** I'm still living, working, and learning in Beijing, where I'm on the founding team of an experimental school called Armada. In the last year, we've grown from a small scrappy startup into a full-on education organization with big plans and the energy to make them happen! This year has been great - not least because I just spent a mindblowing 10 days in Nepal, trekking through some of the most incredible landscapes I've ever seen. I also ran in the Beijing Marathon, started doing standup comedy, and seriously sprained my foot just before I was supposed to embark on a cool hiking trip in South China with Brendan Ross (FOOT'13). I apologize again about that, bud. I'm currently prepping a trip to the US with one of the Chinese kids I work with, and you can bet your sweet bippy we're going to spend some quality time on the AT. Little guy's gonna LOVE tarpitecture. Anyone care to join?

**Jack Bisceglia** Hey gang! I'm finishing my second year of law school at UVA. I'll be working in New York this summer so I'd love to see everybody in the city! Til then, you all are welcome to visit me in Charlottesville any old time!

## 2013

**Julia Osterman:** I accepted a job to work in the Chief Conservation Office of The Nature Conservancy. It's a tremendous opportunity to work in the office that sets the Conservancy's conservation strategy and vision and holds the organization accountable for measuring our progress and accomplishing our conservation goals. I'll be a Program Specialist which means I'll be working to varying degrees on project management, operations and communications. Perhaps the biggest change that this new job represents is that I will be moving to Denver by April 1 for the position! Ben will stay in DC for now and we're determined to make long distance work. Going to start stocking up on those frequent flyer miles! I'm sad to leave DC but really excited for this next chapter of my life. I'm excited to learn a ton in this new job about how major conservation decisions are made



and large non-profits are led. I'm also looking forward to hiking, snowboarding and enjoying living in the wild wild west. Please, please come visit me!

**Charlotte Parker:** After a year spent in a New York cubicle, I quit my consulting job and moved home to New Jersey, where I spent the fall working on a small-scale diverse vegetable farm and watching documentaries with my dad. I will be teaching bilingual elementary school through Teach for America in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas (mas o menos Mexico) starting in August, so I am headed to South America for the next few months to get my Spanish up to snuff, learn more about ranching and grasslands regeneration, and visit Catherine Osborn and Ali Friedman in Brazil and Mexico, respectively. Also won't mind getting tan. Let me know if you'll be in Argentina or Uruguay



through April! 2015 feels like it's off to a good start because I rang it in the Adirondacks with fellow '13 leaders Katie Fruin, Alex Kramer, Megan Leslie, Tatiana Piskula, and Diana Saverin. I hope for more FOOT lovin soon!!!



**Helen McCreary:** Hello friends! I recently returned from a year in New Zealand, where I was working as an archaeologist (btw, NZ is AMAZING, you should all go).

While I was there, I wrote, recorded, and performed a lot of music, and I just moved to Brooklyn to try the starving musician lifestyle for a bit! So if you're in New York, please please please hit me up, I'd love to hang out and do some oomgalas for old times sake :) If you have any desire to hear my music, you can find some of it here: <https://www.facebook.com/helenmccrearymusic>. Miss y'all heaps, hope you're all having a blast!

**Bay Gross:** Dear all, I'm having a great time in Switzerland, as indicated by this fun and informal font choice! Form follows function! Last year I lived with Miles Grimshaw in NYC and it was everything GIRLS promised, but this year I'm in running around Europe working for Youtube and hiking the alps like every week is a 6-day berkshire cruise w/ cosborn. If you are anywhere near western Continent, please stop by - I've already hosted such celebrities as Micah, Peter, Zelinsky, Effron, and Ricardo. Bonus points for anyone who likes trains, thoughtful urban planning, and freedom-to-roam legislation. <3 Bay -- Bühlstrasse 47e, Zürich Switzerland 8055

**Max de La Bruyere** - as channeled by Bay Gross: Greetings, Americans. Having returned from a wild year in Moskva I now reside comfortably back in the familiar embrace of NYC, not but 2 hours from the catskills as the wild canadian crow flies. (wild canadian crow here == metaphor for my free ranging canadian spirit). If you like oil, money, or oil-money please do come say hi and we can trade Zelinsky stories over a warm tort and warm laugh. <3 Max DLB



**Stephanie Rivkin ('13)** After graduating in May of 2013, I spent the summer working at [Seeds of Peace International Camp](#) one last time and then traveling with Joel Sircus ('14) in Japan and Australia. In September, I moved to New York City and began work at DigitasLBi, an integrated brand agency, where I worked for a year and a half in account management on the Comcast business. In January of this year, I started a new job at what can best be described as a marketing start-up called sparks & honey ([www.sparksandhoney.com](http://www.sparksandhoney.com)).

In my free time, I've loved every second of exploring the city over the past year and a half, and I can't wait to try more of the amazing food and exciting opportunities New York has to offer. Despite the restrictions of the real world, I've been trying to travel as much as possible - most recently to Ireland, Peru, Turkey, Mexico, Idaho, Texas, and Florida. I often get to see fellow FOOT leaders Kat Lau ('13) and Alex Kramer ('13) in New York, and I had the pleasure of visiting FOOT leaders Dakota McCoy ('13) and David Carel ('13) at Oxford last fall. Also, that Joel Sircus ('14) character has still been hanging around a lot – can't seem to get rid of him. My little brother, Alex, will be starting at Yale this fall, and I can't wait to hear all about his FOOT trip, which is sure to be incredible. Finally, I am heading to Chile in March, so please let me know if you have any recommendations!



**Melis Emre:** After a year of working as a Business Intelligence Engineer at Wayfair and a brief stint as an Investment Engineer at Bridgewater, I've returned to Yale! I'm a Postgraduate Researcher at the Center for Green Chemistry and Green Engineering, where I focus on life cycle analysis of algal biorefineries. I'm also taking classes to prepare to apply to graduate school next fall and generally just enjoying life as a super-super-senior.

**Megan Leslie:** Megan is living in Eugene, Oregon and working as a medical scribe at a Pediatrics clinic. She welcomes all visitors, so get in touch if you are in the Pacific Northwest!





**Ric Caraballo:** In consulting we're taught to keep things concise and use lots of bullets, so here goes:

- I'm still living in Washington, D.C. and absolutely loving it
- I've been keeping the FOOT connections strong:
  - This summer Steph Rivkin ('13) and I hit up San Francisco to play trampoline dodgeball with Adi Kamdar, Pete Wilczynski, Shabda Chigurupati, Kaylee Weil (all '12), and Jake Keaney ('14+1)
  - This fall my awesome co Margaret Van Cleve ('14) moved to D.C., and I'm not saying it was the best reunion of cos ever, but it was
  - This winter I hit up Zurich, Switzerland to visit the one and only Bay Gross ('13)
- I've finally found my spirit animal, which I had never been able to settle on before, probably because it turns out my spirit animal is a [ten year old boy](#)
- Lastly, I miss you all; give a shout if you're ever in D.C.!

**Jacob Evelyn:** Jacob Evelyn is living in the post-apocalyptic wasteland that is Boston this winter. He's working as a software engineer for Panorama Education, a company that saves the world and, ahem, is hiring. #referralbonus The most exciting moments in his life are when he sees that lady on the street who looks a lot like Cilla. She's everywhere!

## 2014

**Abby Eurich** I spent the summer after graduation in the Deschutes National Forest, working on a fire ecology research project for Oregon State University. I lived in a beautiful US Forest Service cabin on the Deschutes River and was living the dream; working outside in the field every day on a fascinating project was the perfect post-grad experience. I now hail from my home state of Colorado, where I work as a ski instructor at Breckenridge Ski Resort. It is a tiring day job, but the 3-6 yr olds I teach keep me coming back every day. I got sweet new skis with a crazy looking mask on them (pictured), which also keep me coming back to the mountain daily!! I'm thrilled to be back in the Rockies and if you're ever in the area, hit me up! I'd love to ski/ride with you. Best wishes to all the far off corners of the world where I'm sure every one of you is succeeding in whichever pursuits you have chosen. Xoxo, Abby



**Aaron Lewis** I'm still in New Haven finishing up some labwork (i.e. pretending I didn't actually graduate) BUT in September I'll leave the womb of momma Yale for a PhD at Cambridge, the British one. So if you're going to be over thereabouts before '19 and want to hang out or go backpacking, holler! Their mountains may be old and flat, but we're headed that way too, aren't we. [aaron.ohare.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.ohare.lewis@gmail.com). fluv Aaron



**Amy Napleton** Hi FOOT friends! I'm teaching middle school science with Teach For America in Minneapolis, MN. I am only a 4 hour drive from the nearest FOOT leader and there are a lot of beautiful lakes here! I'm in Chicago a lot and my family continues to be incredible. Here is a picture of me holding my very newborn nephews (Sam and Mateo, born 2/15/15).

**Jesse Schreck** Hey guys! I'm holding down the fort in New Haven for one last semester. It's still the same old city (especially viz. Wenzels and Brick Oven chicken parm subs), but it's definitely a little less homey without you all. I'm writing my thesis on queer comic books from the 1980s, so if you ever feel like seeing some cool archival stuff—or if you're just passing though the Have Cave and wanna hang—please let me know! My house has couches galore.

**Amanda Hall** I'm currently in Belfast, Northern Ireland studying politics and trying to figure out how to survive in a place that *looks* like it would be great outside because there is so much green space, but is actually quite wet. For the record, my only rain jacket has smelled like bonfire since May Training 2012 (not kidding). Don't let that deter you though -- if you're ever in the area, let me know, and we can brave the rain for a FOOT reunion!

**Courtney Halgren** I'm at Yale as a super senior (adopted by FOOT 2015, but still 2014 at heart!) before heading to NYC in the fall to work for Sotheby's. I started the year off right with the best co and the most amazing group of freshmen in the wonderful Green Mountains, and since then have been making the most of my final few months at Yale! So glad I have David Cruz, Jake Keaney, Debby Abramov, Mark Trapani, Nimal Eames-Scott, Jenna Ciotti, Jesse Schreck, Ike Silver and Bobby Dresser here in the Have to keep the FOOT 2014 presence alive!

**Natalie Akers** I'm living in Cincinnati, OH (aka the big apple) working on Roadtrippers.com - a travel app devoted to helping cool people find amazing places around the world. Think FOOT leaders inside your phone. I got the 2+ yrs gig through the Venture for America program which sends grads interested in the startup grind to the middle of nowhere...I love it.

**Sarah Maslin** After a summer working as a local news reporter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I'm taking a shot at making it as a freelance writer abroad. My journey started three months ago in El Mozote, El Salvador, where a terrible massacre occurred in 1981, and where that trauma continues to haunt the town. I'm starting to write what I hope will be a magazine article or a book about it. And I'm now based in Buenos Aires, Argentina! The guy in the photo, a Salvadoran friend named Amadeo, constructed his adobe house by hand. I'm still learning how to "palmear" -- "to palm," or to make tortillas.



## **Joel Sircus**

After graduation, all I knew about what I wanted to do was that it was going to be different. Unique. Off the beaten path. So, after much contemplation and thought, I finally found a life calling that I could carve out and call my own: that's right, say hello to Yale's first graduate to ever move to New York and work for a consulting firm! All in all, things have been great since parting ways with Yale this past May. New York is a fun but exhausting place to live – basically the opposite of the White Mountains in every imaginable way save for the fact that they both have enough oxygen to support human life. I'm living with my two best buddies from home (Chicago), which I've found to be the best medicine for life after college. I've been spending what free time I have seeing lots of movies, eating all of the street hot dogs I can get my hands on, and – embarrassingly – getting into the New York spin/yoga scene. If anyone is ever in NYC and looking for a couch to crash on, or someone to grab a beer with, please let me know!



**Maren Hopkins** Hi FOOT! After graduation I spent the summer travelling and enjoying my last few months of freedom. I backpacked around Australia and New Zealand and did a road trip around the US with a group of friends. In August I moved to Seattle and started work as a hardware engineer at Microsoft. I love it here, Seattle is beautiful with great hiking, skiing, kayaking and basically anything outdoorsy you could ever want. Missing Yale and definitely missing FOOT but hey the real world isn't so terrible :)



**Margaret Van Cleve** Hi FOOT! I moved to DC in June and am teaching kindergarten at KIPP DC, a charter school network that has schools all over the country. I am a part of their alternative teacher certification program, so I am taking classes and learning from a wonderful mentor teacher. I have 25 students, so it is kind of like being on a very large FOOT trip with extra-adorable freshmen who don't know how to tie their shoes yet. I am loving DC but missing the Have, hiking, and all of you.

**Isaiah Lyons-Galante** Hi FOOOOOOT! After graduating last year, I promptly drove Gardiner, Montana with my two closest friends, which I highly recommend to anyone considering going out there, especially with your two closest friends. I then spent my summer galavanting around Peru, leading an Overland trip--it was a lot like a FOOT trip except a month long, for high schoolers, and in Peru. Finally, I ended up here in Madison, Wisconsin where I'm working for Epic, a healthcare software company. Healthcare software in Wisconsin? I didn't see it coming either. But it's been sweet, considering they hired 2000 people my age last year. If you find yourself in Madison, hit me UP. Fluv, Isaiah



**David Cruz** I'm still posted up in New Haven, working on a startup and hanging out with the remaining FOOT '14 crew! Getting geared up to go home/to SXSW next month-- if anyone's in the Have or the ATX, hit me up!



**Wesley DeVoll** I live in San Francisco and work as a Business Analyst with McKinsey & Company. After graduation, I used my summer to travel and see Yale friends around the world before moving to the beautiful Bay Area. I'm enjoying work and living in a tiny apartment with fellow Yale Sophie Grais. We can see Alcatraz from our bathroom! FOOT is one of the things I miss most about Yale, but luckily San Francisco affords me the opportunity to spend lots of time outdoors. If anyone is ever in the area, please don't hesitate to look me up!

**Ira Slomski-Pritz** This summer I started working for NOLS in Alaska. It has been a dream set in wild places with awesome co-instructors and incredible students. I have FOOT to thank for setting me on this path! Right now I'm living another dream in Sitka, AK. I'm living with 11 other people, including Will Kronick and Andrew Marburg who were both on my freshman year FOOT trip (FOOT works!). Also here with a few other FOOT leaders-- Sally Helm, Sophie Nethercut, Jacob Peterson. Sitka skies are rarely blue but Sitka life is wonderful. Mountains, ocean, whales, hiking, kayaking, salmon potlucks, and so much community. We have a guest room. Come visit.

**Emily Klebanoff** I am currently surviving (barely) in the arctic wilderness that is Boston. They give me free lunch at my job (Product and Marketing Associate at TripAdvisor) so that's cool. Missing all things FOOT immensely!!

So---

That's all the news for 2014! Steve and I are still in New Haven, still contemplating retirement. Steve is involved in some interesting projects with his Biophilic design, such as with Google and the rebuilding of the Sandy Hook Elementary School. We did a lot of traveling in 2014, including to Savannah, Florida, the Mediterranean (an AYA Cruise Trip following the Punic Wars), Ireland and Paris. I'm winding down my time at Hopkins, but still have a few good years of FOOT in me! I'm still trying to get my event business off the ground—so if you want a cool place to get married or just have a grand party, check it out:

<http://www.skyacresevents.com/!!!!>

I love hearing from you all...

Lots of FOOT Love! Cilla

p.s Here I am in Ireland and with the Kellert clan on the Vineyard.

