

Spring 2018

**Dear FOOT Leader Alums,**

FOOT has come full cycle!! Here is a photo of Jamie Williams –student founder of FOOT in 1985 –with the two Head Student Coordinators – now called Poobahs – of 2017! Taylor Holshouser and Meg Pritchard, current seniors at Yale, met Jamie for brunch in Washington DC last summer. They ended up having a three hour feast full of FOOT stories and memories.



So—2017 was one of our best years ever (of course, I say that every year). We had 410 freshmen participate on FOOT. Whoops! They are now “first-years.” We are still hiking in our same familiar spots so if you ever dare to go for a hike in late August in the northeast, you might just run into one of our trips. The Dean’s Office is still thinking about changing the format and schedule of its orientation, but I’m pretty sure FOOT will remain intact. We are now into our 33<sup>rd</sup> year!

I hope you are all well and thriving. I know the leader alums who have small children find it hard to send news, but we love all those tidbits and photos—even if it’s of changing diapers!! I have enjoyed seeing those who come back for their Yale reunions. Please let me know if, indeed, you are in town in late May.

In any case, here’s the news:

**Class of 1986 & 1987:**

**Dom Femino:** he is living in Southern California. Still leading backpacking, camping, kayaking for my son’s Boy Scout Troop.

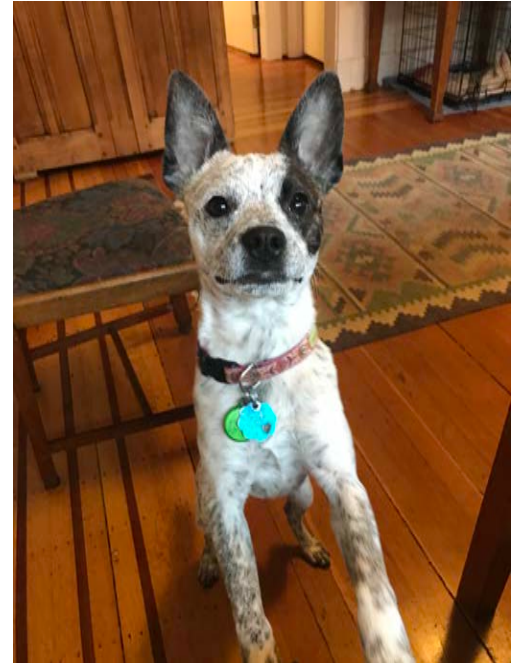
**Jamie Williams:** I am still working for The Wilderness Society in DC. Conservation has never been under attack as much as it is now, so we are fighting as hard as we ever have to protect the nation’s wild places. More fun, we have developed a youth in wilderness program that combines outdoor trips with political

advocacy in partnership with several great youth organizations around the country from the Appalachia Mountain Club to the YMCA. It's very inspiring to see so many new young leaders getting engaged in conservation! And never have we all needed the outdoors as much as now for our own resiliency and community. Great to see how strong FOOT has become at Yale thanks to Cilla's amazing leadership all these years and the inspiring students who have made it so vibrant.

**Eve Vogel** is still in Amherst, MA, teaching at UMass. Watching our third snow storm in a couple weeks! Hugs to all! Eve

**Beth Morrow:** still living in Brooklyn, working on foster care policy, trying to get out into nature when I can (which is rare).

**Liz Ablow:** am still in Seattle still working for the City of Seattle. The big news here is that we adopted a puppy in November. After being dog less for two years it was time! Now, when all I hold dear is attacked under the current administration I can take a deep breath and say but I have a puppy! She has lightened our load to say the least (included is her photo). I also want to say thank you Cilla for your persistence and dedication keeping FOOT alive and well and so much grander than we could have imagined.



### **Class of 1988**

**Roger Wynne:** No reports from Team '88 this year. Perhaps we're stunned into silence by the prospect of our 30th reunion this May. I mean, really, *us*? Isn't a 30th reunion for, like, *old* people? Stunning though it may be, I'm looking forward to it and seeing some of Team '88 there.

### **Class of 1989**

**Toby Kovacs:** Have to agree with Paul Jahnige; we had an amazing group, and memories of FOOT continue to be a highlight of my Yale experience. Funny that none of us so far mentioned our collective 50th birthday! To celebrate mine, our family traveled to Ecuador. I'd never been south of Mexico before so it was quite the adventure. We spent several days in Quito, followed by driving up a volcano and then drifting down the Napo River into the rainforest. News of our family members — our oldest son, Daniel, 15, switched from a local public high school into private school in 10th grade. It wasn't an easy transition for him but he's grown tremendously at a school which is a much better fit for him. Josh, 12, has become a full fledged tween, with a healthy attitude and growing independence. His passions are math and fashion (what the heck is a "hype beast"?!). Rachel continues to enjoy her work running IT procurement for the NYC government. With our kids increasingly on their own, we've also begun tasting what it's like to be empty nesters. For me, I switched companies in 2016, working in technology sales for IHS Markit. After nine years at a much smaller and dysfunctional firm, it feels good to be at a well-run place where I like the people and the clients (mostly hedge funds in the NY/CT area). If any of you come through NYC, give a ring! Toby  
Paul - hope to see you on the slopes at the Beast soon!

**Paul Jahnige:** Wow, what a team. I look at the To: line on this email, and I am astounded by what an amazing group of people this is, and I count myself lucky to be included. My only regret is that I don't see

any of you half as often as I'd like, and half of you almost never. Oddly enough, the person I have seen most recently is Toby and fam, who have a close tie to our local ski mountain, Berkshire East. When you guys coming up Toby?

Quick update from the Jahnige Loomis clan:

- Oldest, Sage, graduating college in May, Enviro and Bio. Coach/Captain of her Ultimate Team. Some "justice" job next (e.g. social, food, environmental...)
- Middle, Sierra, Sophomore spring, probs some psych/neuro/bio combination. Looking at study abroad next fall.
- Youngest, Skye, 6th grade. Facing middle school, maybe in that same town as Berkshire East. Just getting introduced to the world of Dungeons and Dragons (fun for dad)
- Sally and Paul, same, same mostly, enjoying community, jobs, outdoors and friends.

We are facing a couple challenges this year, ailing parents (my mom) and a repairing a damaged hurricane Irma family second home (also my mom's).

Miss you all. Paul

**Karen Shipley-Taylor:**Hi all! Here is our Christmas card letter... so it is a bit long, but it sums up my family's life well: Christmas 2017

Dear Friends,

Holiday greetings from the land of Mardi Gras, Andouille sausage, and 75 degree December weather (Gary remains astounded and delighted that he can play golf comfortably in the middle of winter!) The Taylors of New Orleans continue to thrive and grow, celebrating two graduations, mourning two deaths, and experiencing the love of God in things big and small every day.

Charlie is wrapping up his senior year at Yale where is majoring in Sociology and serving as a Resident Counselor for first years. He continues as a Frisbee player and an active member of St. Anthony's Hall, a Yale social club (sort of like a coed fraternity) that his grandfather had been part of some 40 years before! All of us, (including Charlie!) are eager to see what is next in store for him!

Wendy graduated from St. Andrew's School in May, earning prizes in Spanish, English, music, science, and acting and has matriculated to Middlebury College in Vermont. Vermont is very different (and far!) from New Orleans but she seems to like the cold and snow. Wendy was selected for the Middlebury Choir and chosen as the lone high soprano for the elite Collegium ensemble. She is studying education and Arabic and still pondering what to choose for a major.

Theo graduated from Trinity School last spring amid nice recognition for his talents in math and science, and chose to follow in his older siblings' footsteps by attending St. Andrew's boarding school in Delaware this fall. As expected, he has taken the transition in stride, excelling in the classroom and the soccer field, making lots of friends, and diving into wrestling like his brother Charlie before him.

With Theo's departure for boarding school, Karen and Gary are learning about life in the Empty Nest. They've taken a few weekends away together and are generally living the dream of adult independence - essentially trying to distract themselves from how much they miss the children! Gary's work as Head of Trinity Episcopal School continues to be stimulating and demanding, and Karen's volunteer work and service as a counselor for those with struggles around eating continue to bring her deep satisfaction. Karen has also developed into an extraordinarily clever manipulator of free airline miles and travel deals to accommodate the many flights up north to see the children!

Our sad news since our last letter of 2015 was the death in October of 2016 of Gary's mother, Guion, after a long bout with lung cancer, and the passing of his father, Edgar, some 85 days later, essentially of

a broken heart. Gary's parents had been married for 63 years and lived alone together in Pittsburgh until the summer of 2016 when plans for a move to Texas were interrupted by their decline. They were in their mid-eighties and each had led a wonderfully blessed life. They shall be missed. Gary established a website in their honor at <https://garyofpgh.wixsite.com/edtaylor> if you'd care to read more about them.

Through the highs and the lows, God blesses our family every day with the knowledge of our love for one another and for the many friends we have made along the way. We are grateful for your role in our lives and hope you and yours enjoy a most holy Christmas season! Theo, Wendy, Charlie, Karen and Gary  
Cell: 203-526-3590

**Kristin Mitchell:** I'm still practicing primary care internal medicine in Soldotna Alaska, teaching students and collaborating on developing a residency program in the state. We took a summer hiking trip on the Resurrection Trail - a 4 day cabin trip through snow and hail over a gold rush route. This time next year I'll be in Antarctica with a group of 80 other women scientists with a project I'm very excited about. Read more about Homeward Bound at <https://homewardboundprojects.com.au/about/>

I sent my oldest to college this year - he's studying math and CS at U Minnesota and my youngest is 13 and just earned her black belt in Karate. We are hosting an AFS student from Finland this year, but still can make room for visitors. Hoping my FOOT family is well. Kristin



**Trex Proffitt:** Big thanks to Cilla for once again agreeing to publish our news at no charge to us! Frank Levy (FOOT '89) reminded me at a chance meeting earlier this year in the Barnes Foundation's second floor gallery in Philadelphia how amazing this group is and how great Cilla's yearly updates are for staying in touch. Perhaps blinded and confused by so much Renoir and Cezanne, or perhaps because it's so unexpected to run into FOOT friends these days, it took us a minute to overcome the shock of meeting each other in such an unlikely spot. Continuing my career transition to teaching middle school instead of business school, I'm loving revisiting American history as a teacher. Cilla was a huge inspiration long ago and I'm only now getting the chance to emulate her. This year, my school added squash courts so I'm in heaven coordinating the squash program. In addition to 7th grade, I get to teach a high school course called Social Venturing. Our students just competed in an international contest and one team advanced to the next big international round. Trying to make entrepreneurship more reasonable and accessible,

although it might never be easy, is somewhat of my goal for this decade. So some of the business school professor of the last 18 years remains, but just targeted to social impact and a younger demographic. A highlight recently was watching my 8th grader, Eddie (14), emcee the middle school talent show, and having all my middle school kids belting out songs, and prancing and dancing on stage. The performance made me cry at least 4 or 5 times. It really is so much more rewarding to work with this age group, and a real privilege. My wife Beth (SM '89) continues to work at F&M as a residential college dean, like our deans back at Yale, helping college students survive their sentence, I mean, education. She got to fly a helicopter this year. Oldest son George (18) is still living at home getting his plan together. Maybe someday he will go to college, but for now we are just happy he is progressing at his pace. He is almost done with his GED after dropping out of high school, and has a growing group of friends. Daughter Lauren (16) is finishing junior year at a progressive boarding school called Buxton School, in Williamstown, Massachusetts. She gets to take care of chickens before French class of 2 or 3 students. It



was wonderful driving around the country with her and her boyfriend last summer. We visited many parks. Other highlights: Eddie biking from California to Indiana, and the great eclipse experience in Carbondale, IL.



**Ben & Betsy Saylor:** Betsy, Jay, Wiil, and I are doing well in Spearfish. Jay and Will are both in high school and very busy. We do a lot of skiing in the snowy months, both cross-country and alpine, and we manage to squeeze in at least one backpacking trip in the Big Horns every summer. We have a foreign exchange student from Germany this year. Betsy still enjoys her medical practice in Deadwood, and my work at Black Hills State to improve K-12 math and science is still rewarding. Hope all is well for you. Hugs from all of us, Ben

## **Class of 1990**

**Michael Kahan:** I'm still living in Mountain View, CA and working at Stanford in the Urban Studies program. My daughters are now juniors - one (Frieda) in high school, the other (Eva) in college, at Tufts. Eva actually took this year away from Tufts and spent it overseas in Jordan, improving her Arabic. The most FOOT-relevant news this year was the fabulous backpacking class (class?? well, I was a little rusty) that I took with the local chapter of the Sierra Club last spring. After many years of turning into a soft-sided car-camper, I proved (to myself) that I could still carry a pack - indeed, the same pack that I carried in FOOT over 30 years ago! It was a great way to cushion the potential trauma of turning 50. Another type of adventure is coming up this September, when my wife, Gabriella, and I will lead a group of 15 undergraduates on a 3-week academic trip to St. Petersburg, Russia - it is the first time my wife and I will be collaborating professionally! I occasionally see some other local FOOT-ies, including Tali (Zulman) Ziv and Emel Gokyigit-Wadhwani, and Michelle Wilde Anderson who was the first (and still only) person to recognize the FOOT mug in my office! Attached photo is from summer 2017 in the Berkshires - not far from some old FOOT stomping grounds!



**Eve Porter-Zuckerman:** It's sugaring (maple syrup) season again in New Hampshire, and we are tapping trees and enjoying the sweet result! Our children, Ursula (2) and Thomas (4), (and we!) spend a lot of time in the woods near our house exploring and enjoying the changing seasons (not the ticks!). I had the great fortune to hang out with fellow FOOT 90 person Eric Greenwald recently in Austin, Texas, with a bunch of friends celebrating turning 50 at one point or another. I'm still working in Boston with Isaacson, Miller, an executive recruiting firm serving education, healthcare, and nonprofit organizations, and am active in local environmental nonprofits.



**Renny Gleeson:** raising two thoughtful young men in Portland, Oregon. I'm still at the wieden+kennedy agency, pam is now an executive/performance coach, and kicking butt. Love you all!!!



**Class of 1991**

**Baker Mallory** is giving his class a break!! But we are hoping you all are saving up for lots of news & photos next year!!!

## Class of 1992

**Jake Bowers:** Our brief update is future focused: We are still based at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, living in Urbana, IL. But next academic year we (my partner, Cara Wong, and I) will both be Fellows at the Center for Advanced Study in the Social and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. So, we and our kids (8 and 11) will be living in Menlo Park for the year. And we'd love to see old friends who pass through or who are living in the Bay Area.

**Sumner McCallie:** Katie and I enjoy watching our two boys grow, now 4 1/2 and 2 1/2. She is now a Program Director for the Women's Fund here in Chattanooga and I have shifted my role at the McCallie School to Dean of Faculty and Curriculum. Have been spending much time considering the purpose of courses and how we intend to engage our students in habits of mind as well as skills and content.

**Cynthia Boyd:** It was fun to see some friends at our 25<sup>th</sup>! I got to bring my two eldest, Graham and Liam, which was really fun for me and them. They loved Beinecke as much as I always did, and had fun playing frisbee on Old Campus. Graham, our almost 14 year old, will be heading off to high school in the fall. He remains a remarkably steady kid, is very active in a great Boy Scout troop that camps every month and does lots of service projects. He is my back up baby sitter for early closures for bad weather for his little sister – and I try not to take advantage of his good nature. He's taught her how to play Monopoly and A Ticket to Ride, and read her countless Junie B. Jones books. Liam (almost 12) is also very into camping, and taking to orienteering like a duck to water – he and a buddy came in 4<sup>th</sup> in a state competition for girl and boy scouts in their first year! Liam loves to draw, and finds animals and buildings easier to draw than people, so I have an amazing collection of his drawings of birds of prey and houses he'd like to live in. Jane (6) was distraught at the idea that she might be left in his supervision for 15 minutes – its evidently against the law, according to kindergarten. She didn't want us to get arrested. Jane is still our shiny new penny – brings lots of laughter into our house and has more energy than the rest of us put together. Loves every single thing about kindergarten. I had a terrible bout of influenza and pneumonia this winter, and grateful to be regaining my energy and trying to keep up with my family. Looking forward to reading about all of you!

## Class of 1993

**Burch LaPrade and Rachelle Lyons LaPrade:** 2017 was a year marked by adventure and milestones in the LaPrade house. Last spring the six of us traveled in Israel and Jordan for around 3 weeks. It was a fascinating and wonderful trip. Highlights included hiking up Masada in the dark to watch the sunrise over the Jordan mountains, camping in a Bedouin cave inside Petra, and hiking in Wadi Rum. In the milestone category, our oldest, Abbott, graduated from high school last spring and started at Middlebury in the fall. He started things off with a MiddView trip backpacking. We obviously have done something right as he also has decided to apply to be a trip leader. Forrest, our 16 year old, just started a semester at The Mountain School in Vermont last week. He spent the bulk of last summer living with a family and studying in Argentina through the fantastic AFS program. When he is home he runs cross-country, swims, and plays soccer for his high school. Beckett, 14, and Kendrick, 11, keep things interesting at home with hockey, soccer, horseback riding, and cross-country. Burch continues working on Gain Compliance, his start-up which builds software for insurance compliance. Rachelle continues to think that sounds awfully boring. She practices as an equine ambulatory veterinarian and has enjoyed having an enthusiastic 11 year old assistant. That 11 year old performed her first horse castration this winter. Kendrick found this fascinating. Her brothers (and father) found it mildly nauseating. Never a dull moment!

**Seth Hawkins:** I've been busy writing. My climbing medicine book *Vertical Aid* ([bit.ly/VerticalAid](http://bit.ly/VerticalAid)) and my medical textbook *Wilderness EMS* ([bit.ly/WEMSText](http://bit.ly/WEMSText)) both published last year. In *Emergency Medicine News*, my article on suspension syndrome ([bit.ly/SuspensionSyndrome](http://bit.ly/SuspensionSyndrome)) was the most-read article in that

magazine in July. On a bigger scale, my EMN article on the myth of dry drowning ([bit.ly/EMNDryDrowning](http://bit.ly/EMNDryDrowning)) was the most-read article in the 40 year history of that magazine. This year I started a podcast with paramedic David Fifer ([rawmedicine.org](http://rawmedicine.org)), my "Words Matter" column in EMN is restarting after a hiatus to write the books ([bit.ly/EMNWordsMatter](http://bit.ly/EMNWordsMatter)), and I continue as executive editor of *Wilderness Medicine Magazine* ([wms.org/magazine](http://wms.org/magazine)). You can follow my collected social media posts on being a physician-writer via my hashtag #penmightierthanscalpel. I had to drop the verb in that hashtag... if you think it through you'll see why... writing is trickier than one might think!

**Jody Esselstyn:** I'm living Charlottesville, VA where we moved almost 18 years ago for my husband's graduate school pursuits. My time is pretty evenly split between working as a nurse (summers at a girls' overnight camp in Michigan; school year subbing in our city's public schools), volunteering as a docent at the UVa art museum, and managing a household with three kids (ages 16, 14, & 9 years), a puppy, and a frequently traveling landscape architect husband. I hope to get to our 25th and see many of you in May! Best, Jody c - [434.409.2661](tel:434.409.2661)

**Katie Michel:** All is well in the Bronx! Sadie and Claire are 10 and 14. They keep me busy as does my gallery, Planthouse in Manhattan. In 2016, I got together with 5 woman artists, we make protest art to cope with the challenging times. We are known as Victory Garden Collective. Our first project is featured in a show this spring at the Beinecke Library. Hope to see many from '93 Memorial Day weekend in New Haven for our 25th Reunion!

**Jessica Plumb:** 2017 was an adventurous year for our family, in part because my husband took a long-awaited six month sabbatical from practicing primary care. Highly recommended!! Although I worked on a film for part of his break, our family packed in some big trips as well: to Ecuador, Chile, Mexico, and last but not least a national park tour in the United States. Our shared joy is hiking, and we did lots of it in two hemispheres, from snow to blazing sun. We're smitten by the Andes, home to my brother and his family, and grateful above all for the precious gift of time together. In other news, my recent short film for the "Think Like a Scientist" series went live on Nautilus Magazine this week, and you can see it here: <http://nautil.us/issue/57/communities/how-the-elwha-river-was-saved>.

Glacier National Park, where the glaciers are going, going, gone





Paddle boarding with my daughter in the Tetons

Zia fell in love with the highlands of Ecuador at age 10



Mexico was hard to leave...



Exploring Chile's Pisco Elqui valley with my brother

And home again, back at work and play in the Olympics, where FOOTIES are always welcome!



**Jeremiah Scarf:** The Scharf clan is doing well – I am still in Boston at MGH where I split my time between clinical work and research focused on kids & adults with Tourette Syndrome and related disorders. My wife, Laura, is a primary care pediatrician, and we have two boys, Nathaniel (12) and Eli (9), who keep us pretty busy! They have gotten us back into hiking over the past few years – and we’ve now done one family trip to Zion, Bryce & the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, followed last year by a week split between Yosemite & Sequoia (see photo attached). Hope to see some of you in June at the Y '93 25<sup>th</sup> (!?!)



**Jael Kampfe:** is still in Montana with Gerald who is now retired. Jael is consulting full-time, with individuals on life or executive coaching: non-profits and for profits on launching strategic initiatives to impact values-driven, triple bottom line outcomes; convening people and building bridges. In general, if you have something that inspires you and you need help making it happen, let me come help.



## Class of 1994

**Ben Madley:** I am now a professor at UCLA where I teach United States history, Native American history, and genocide in world history. Our alma mater's press published my first book, *An American Genocide: The United States and the California Indian Catastrophe, 1846-1873*. The resulting book tour has taken me to many places around the world, including the homes of several FOOTies, such as Mark Barnett and Perry DeValpine. If anyone is coming through Los Angeles, please let me know! All the Best, Ben

**Ben Strauss:** After (too!) many years in Manhattan, my wife Danna and our son Noah and I have moved to leafy Princeton, NJ (ah... quiet at night, and a garden) where I'm chief scientist at the nonprofit Climate Central. And for the first time ever, we have ample room in our dwelling for guests... So any old FOOTie friends in the neighborhood or passing through should please give a holler and come visit! Warm wishes to all.

**Julie Puttgen:** I'm about to enter my last semester in the MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Goddard College, in Vermont. I have stopped counting careers - whatever this is comes WAY after "nun" and "professor," and somewhere alongside "artist/facilitator." My thesis work will consider sexual awakening experiences in seasoned Buddhist women practitioners. What does loving subversion look like, right now? I delight in finding that out, every day. Hoorah, Julie

**Jennifer Pett-Ridge:** OK, technically she didn't submit this, but her auto-reply is worthy of inclusion, I think: "I am on sabbatical leave in Ecuador through late June." Cool!  
(Note from Meg: Should we all be starting a trend toward sabbaticals in non-academic careers, too? Because aren't sabbaticals a really, really good idea?!?)

**Carrie Patterson:** I have been unhappily busy lately, but I went cross country skiing once this year, on Monday. It was a relief to be outdoors in the wild. Now I'm holding on to that moment and trying to dig out of my work hole. Publishing is an often rewarding but fiscally ludicrous undertaking. I work out of my garden and dress in clothes that are 10-20 years old. This is a seriously depressing and anxiety-ridden moment in history. 50,000 homeless people in Los Angeles. Who will help us? But I'm doing what I can in the ways I can. Working on getting my father's Austrian citizenship worked out (he is Jewish, an exile after the Anschluss and lost everything). Maybe I'll move my husband and 3 cats to the EU when I get my legacy EU passport! Escapism is good, right? We also have a bug out plan with my husband's family for their ancestral land, the Philippines. Just fantasy, but fantasy is good, too, right? But it's mostly likely I will be sticking around here to try to make a difference. I miss all the FOOTies. Hello from warming Los

Angeles. 90 degree beach day a month ago ... tempting for the northeasters? Take care everybody!!

**Scott Walsh:** Hi Guys! I was just wearing my FOOT fleece today. Our family is living in Ethiopia for a year while my wife is on detail with the US Embassy here. Addis Ababa is a frustrating city to live in, but a great base for exploring. We've been all around Ethiopia, which is pretty amazingly beautiful, as well as to Kenya, Zanzibar, Zimbabwe, and later this month, Egypt. I'm leading the local Boy Scout Troop and taught them FOOT-style tarpitecture on our last campout. Best wishes to all y'all,



**Marty Hale:** Sooo.... The big news from the Brooklyn faction of the Hales is a new 4 month old with my Australian wife Pippa. His name is Gus and he is sleeping through the night. If anyone finds themselves near Brooklyn Bridge Park, please say hello.  
Best, Marty

**Jen Weyburn:** I'm in Copenhagen with my family - we came here so I could serve as Director at Copenhagen International School. Great city with an outdoorsy lifestyle. I've been working on city biking in winter - particular technique for wind and snow needed. My goal for the coming year is to get into sea kayaking. Our school is right on the harbor. There is a great polar bear tradition here - in the posh part of town (the Upper East Side, if you will) come spring you will see elegant older people in bathrobes strolling down the street to the sea and then skinny dipping to start the morning. All best wishes to everyone, Jen

**Kathryn (Wilder) Guarini:** Oh, my, what an impressive bunch! Great to hear from everyone. We're in the less exotic locale of Westchester, NY....happily married 18 years, 18 years working in technology at IBM...3 kids (ages 15, 12, 7), 1 dog (Wheaten Terrier) who enjoys hiking on the trails behind our house. =)

**Charlie Hale:** Fellow footies! Hello from the concrete forest of Manhattan. Methinks we need another reunion on a river. Like Marty, we have a newborn, except given the age gap with our 9 Yr olds, feels more like a grandkid. I'm trying to make local news a sustainable business with Patch, where we cover 2000 towns across the us. If you need things promoted for free, or want journalists on important issues, happy to help. Thanks, Meg, and miss you all. Charlie



**Jay Ready** [who wins the award for actually writing a haiku!]

Life is so intense  
Middle age is really rough  
Old parents, tough kids

I'd love to give a longer update for the newsletter, but for brevity's sake, here are the relevant details:

- Further to my Haiku, my Mom died unexpectedly in early 2016, leaving my Dad behind, disabled and with significant health and personal needs.
- My mother-in-law is also fading from Alzheimer's
- Son started high school, completing the perfect tweener storm
- I had left my job at the end of 2015 to be an entrepreneur focused on geographic inequality and neighborhood transformation
- Self-employment was great for the flexibility to mourn a loss and attend to family matters
- Income, not so much
- FOOT-related, two developments: the first geographic equity project has been [www.bigmarsh.org](http://www.bigmarsh.org)
  - o A \$10 million mountain bike park and ecological reclamation project to date
  - o Globally significant hemi-marsh for its importance to migratory birds near Lake Michigan
  - o The largest natural space in the Chicago Park District
- Second, with my puppy and thinking fresh about mortality, I started hiking a lot:
  - o Mapped out a continuous trail in natural spaces, 150+ miles around Chicago, which I call Chicago's Outerbelt hiking trail
  - o Started a Nonprofit organization, Outerbelt Alliance NFP, to be unveiled soon
  - o Come to Chicago and Hike Chicago's Outerbelt with me!

Miss you all, Jay

**Meg Wickwire:** I'm still in Concord, MA with my husband, Bill, and son, Penn. Penn is 11. I've loved seeing him grow and experiment with homework subversion, swearing like a sailor, and clay model re-enactments of WWII and Star Wars battles. He's full of energetic fun, yet a wonderfully peaceful soul.

Bill has finally begun to think seriously about retiring. He has taught history and coached at BB&N School in Cambridge for more than 40 years. Unfathomable to people like me who get the career-switch-itch every couple of months. Actually, though, I'm still working full time as a tutor, earning about double what I did as a full-time classroom teacher. Go figure. Life is insanely busy some days (I had to expand my calendar view to include 14 hours, as 12 wasn't enough!), but I can fit in a long hike in the beautiful forests of Concord several days a week, and I've been having fun pretending to be obsessed with my Fitbit. It turns out that except for the running part, I do about a marathon and a half every week. Feeling this strong is a thrill I don't take lightly after cancer and chemo (7 years ago—all's good now!). Many days also leave me enough time to sit in a comfy chair with a mug of tea and read for a bit. Sometimes the



reading is actually part of my prep work, so I can even feel virtuous—working, yet comfy and cozy! Pretty darn lucky, I am. Boppity Bop and all the best to all of you, Meg

## Elizabeth Murdock

Reflecting on FOOT,  
Hikes long past yet fresh in mind.  
Now, do the hustle!

(Dee bah dee bah dee bah dee bah!) ☑

Life is good in San Francisco. Pau and I are at the tail end of a house remodel, which has overwhelmed us for most of the past year. But we've managed a few hikes—along the California coast, at Emerald Bay (Lake Tahoe), through a few Tuscan hill towns and the French Alps (in the girls' first-ever trip to Europe). Girls are now 11 and almost 8. I'm working on ocean policy for NRDC, which has been fun and new...and made me want to learn to surf. I love the idea of a get together! Let's do it!!! Hugs to all -Elizabeth

## Class of 1995

We have a lot of professors (two in philosophy!) and doctors in our midst, and definitely no boring people.

**Sara Heitler Bamberger:** Sara Heitler Bamberger (95) and her brood spent the last two years in Zichron Yaakov, a bucolic town in Israel nestled in the Carmel mountains, just 10 minutes from the Mediterranean Sea. Sara, her husband Ken, a law professor at UC Berkeley, and their five children (see attached photo for visual of Max, 14, Isaiah, 13, Niva, 11, Ezra, 9, and Talia, 5) are now back in Berkeley. They briefly overlapped in Berkeley with Perry D. (93) and Rebecca W. (95) before they and their three children set forth on a sabbatical to Southern Spain for the semester.

Fortunately, Sara's brother Jacob Heitler (00) lives a few blocks away with his wife and three children (Orli, 4, Maya, 2, and Emmett, 0), so there are some familiar faces to fill the De Valpine Whitney void.

Having spent twenty years launching and running small nonprofits that facilitate religious education, Sara has returned to her two college loves: frisbee and squash. She now spends time working to create an urban squash movement in Israel, playing squash, playing Ultimate, and creating elaborate schemes for getting all five of her children to take more responsibility for cooking, cleaning, and shlepping themselves. A large family dinner finds its way to the Bamberger table almost every night, so if FOOT folks are in the area feel free to join for heckling, occasional brawls, and rapid-fire conversation.



**Susan Burton:** I live in Brooklyn with my husband, Michael Agger ('95), and our two sons, Nick, 12-almost-13, and Will, 9-almost-10. We return to New Haven at least once a year for squash (Nick is a serious junior player), and love making the rounds of old haunts and new, from Atticus to Caseus. Here in New York, I'm the managing editor of the radio program *This American Life*, and in the pre-dawn hours, I try to finish a memoir I feel like I've been writing most of my adult life. It's called *The Invention of the Teenage Girl*, which was also the title of my senior essay. Mike is an editor at *The New Yorker*—mainly overseeing the cultural coverage on the website. We spend time each summer in the Adirondacks—Keene Valley, where FOOT trips finished up back in the day. (I remember whipping down Route 73 in a blue sedan with a bulldog logo the year I was support crew.) The photos below were taken atop Noonmark Mountain on a perfect ADK High Peaks day last July.



**Brendan Connolly:** Brendan Connolly (95) has been happy to call Seattle home for the last 2 decades with his wife Jodi and 2 children (Ryan, 12, and Aran, 11), who all share a passion for all things bicycles and snow. Brendan is a partner and architect at Mithun, an integrated design firm in Seattle and San Francisco focusing on the design of high performance education facilities around the country. Much of his spare time is spent tinkering with tools, toys and musical instruments and trying to maintain a high level of bad puns to keep his children sufficiently embarrassed through the sensitive years of junior high. Wishing everyone a wonderful 2018.



**Anne Egger:** I'm collecting these wonderful tidbits of life from FOOTies while on sabbatical in the Bay Area, though most of the time I live in Ellensburg, WA. It's been a productive time of writing (preparing papers in both of my research areas: tectonics and Earth science education), seeing friends, including Kristen McDonald, and relearning how to sing and play guitar. Unlike Rebecca W., I couldn't bring the whole family along, but they have visited me and we've met up in airports (literally!) a few times. I had a great visit in Seattle and Ellensburg from Sarah Kelley last fall. If life finds you driving between Seattle and Spokane for any reason, please get in touch!

**Lee Franklin:** I have lived in Lancaster, PA with my wife Marci and our two daughters Sonya and Dahlia for the last 12 years. I'm a professor of Philosophy at Franklin & Marshall College and co-Director of the College's Humanities Initiative. Marci is a poet and the coordinator of a community arts organization. Sonya and Dahlia, 11 and 7, are budding writers, artists, soccer players, and all around goofballs. As a family we take an annual bike trip on the Great Allegheny Passage every summer, along with occasional weekend jaunts. In rare and precious free time, I can be found baking, cycling, or playing piano (badly).

**Sarah Kelley:** I've been living in Providence, RI for the past five years with my husband Page Stites and our kids Ethan (9) and Hope (7). Page is the Dean of Students at Wheeler School here in Providence, and I work for the Island Foundation across the border in Massachusetts, supporting nonprofits working on a range of environmental issues in the region. Page & I play together in an original country music band with two other friends--it has been great to be back into music on a regular basis after the long ago Tangled Up In Blue adventures and our grad-school era bluegrass band with Anne Egger! Last year we took the kids on our first family camping trip (OK, car camping, but it was a good start!). With the help of liberal GORP applications we made it to the top of two Adirondacks peaks, Mt. Jo and Mt. Van Hoevenberg. Here we are atop Mt. Jo in the photos. Plans are in the works for the next outing . . . Ethan already has a phased plan to hike Mt. Marcy by the time he's 13. We got to see a good bit of Josh Kane (96?) and his wife Joann, neighbors in Providence, until they moved back to the Bay Area last year. We miss them! We get occasional doses of Geoff Tanner and family when they are on Northeast loops but also miss them since their move to KY. And I finally got to visit Anne in Ellensburg this past September! Long overdue. So great to hear from everybody -- please be in touch if you are near Providence in your travels.



**Dave Lambert:** Dave Lambert (94-95) reports that he and Emily (Wilk) Lambert (96) keep on keeping on. Dave and his lab are studying mollusc shell shape, and the role of novel genes in ancient evolutionary novelties, as one does. Emily is helping the sick people get healthy, and helping the healthy people stay healthy at her practice in nearby Geneva NY. Of particular note for Footies: We had a great visit from Mark and Katherine (Barnett and Gergen-Barnett) and company for Labor Day. Picture shows, left to right: Agnes Lambert (dog), Wendell Lambert, Curly Lambert (dog), Sam L. (10), Dave L. (me), Emily L., Amira G-B, Yogi G-B (dog), Hannah Bina G-B, Katherine, Charlie L., Mark, Gabriel G-B. So fun.



Anyone passing nearby Rochester NY or Tupper Lake NY (a lovely and quite rudimentary summer encampment) should come and say hi!

**Campbell Levy:** I have been living in Norwich, VT for the last 18 years with my wife Jenny and two kids, Mack (13) and Kate (11). We live on the Ompompanousoc River about 15 minutes from Hanover, NH. When we are not trying to keep up with our kids skiing and biking around Vermont and New Hampshire's hills, Jenny and I both work in Hanover. I am a gastroenterologist at Dartmouth and teach the 2nd and 3rd years at the medical school. Jenny is the VP of corporate social responsibility at a local metal cutting manufacturer. In an effort to find a spot on the globe that is everything Vermont is not, we spent three months of last year in Kigali, Rwanda. The kids entered a local Rwandan school, and I helped out at the national medical center working on a "train the trainer's" grant. My son wants to move back there permanently. I get to catch up with Tanner every 1 or 2 years in the late summer or early fall at a mini Yale reunion at "Farm weekend." Any one who doesn't mind pitching a tent next to a sheep paddock can come join us at Garth Harries' (or really his wife Dina's farm) in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Tanner is always good for some craft beer, lots of laughs, and, with a perfect mix of those two ingredients, an occasional late night fireside middle-aged version of an old Tangled Up In Blue tune.

**Kristen McDonald:** Kristen McDonald lives in a tiny house in Point Reyes Station, CA, where the hiking is spectacular, together with her partner Colin and son, Ellis (3 and a half). She works as China Program Director at Pacific Environment, where she makes grants and runs a training program for grassroots environmental groups in China. She enjoyed catching up with Anne Egger during her sabbatical stay in the bay area!

**Phil Mundy:** Philip Mundy (95) continues to live in Sydney, Australia with his wife Pam and two children Ben (12) and Claire (10). When not teaching history, he spend time running the local cricket club and continuing to explore more distant parts of Australia with his family. Last winter they went camping in the the ancient desert of the Red Centre and this past summer have visited various beaches on the Central Coast north of Sydney. Attached is a picture in Kings Canyon as we did the rim walk.



**Chris Smeenk:** I've been living in Canada for over a decade now, just long enough that my vowels are starting to sound funny and I let loose an "eh" every now and then without noticing. Sarah Gallagher (JE '95) and I moved to London, Ontario for jobs at Western University (mine in philosophy, hers in astronomy). Our two daughters, Corinne (age 10) and Caelin (age 7) firmly identify as Canadians. While on tenure track with small children we neglected the FOOT-y side of life, but have recently started having many more outdoor adventures — cross country skiing, canoeing, and hopefully our first extended backcountry trip with the girls this summer. If you will be in southwest Ontario, don't hesitate to drop us a line — we would love to see you.



In the picture, we're staring at the sun, just before a total eclipse (Sun Valley, Idaho in August). (Caelin is in my lap, and Corinne is in Sarah's.)

**Geoff Tanner** (*uncharacteristically understated, I might add*): In October Blake Esselstyn (96) and family (Cindy and Harriet, 10) came up from Asheville NC to visit Geoff Tanner and his family (Haviland, 7, and Hayden 6, and Tasha) in Berea KY to do a short hike at the Pinnacles. Great views of the Kentucky Bluegrass region!

**Rebecca Whitney:** I'm writing from Granada, Spain, where we've landed for six months thanks to my husband Perry's sabbatical. Our three kids are in school, improving their Spanish and working hard to cultivate Andalusian accents. I'm enjoying a break from work and am working on my Spanish while wandering the city and eating all sorts of new foods—in the name of research, of course. Walking through the city, we are treated to regular vistas of the stunning, snow-covered Sierra Nevada mountains. They're especially dramatic as a backdrop to the ancient Moorish architecture for which Granada is famous. Back at home in the Bay Area, I work as the Disability Support Services Coordinator at a small university. Hope everyone is well and getting regular infusions of the outdoors. Picture from California coast last fall. Kids: Eloise (10), Luke (12), Gabriella (6).



### Class of 1996

**Blake Esselstyn:** is living in Asheville, North Carolina. He's a geography cruncher, teacher and writer. He and Cilla ALMOST got together this winter. Cilla was planning on hiking in the Blue Ridge, but it snowed so she had to postpone her trip. Don't worry – it will happen!

**Ivan Kerbel:** Eleanor and I welcomed a second, sweet nugget into our lives (daughter Beatrice) this past autumn, and we're simply relieved to be past flu season and welcoming the cherry blossoms here in Seattle, while family back on the east coast continues to shovel out from beneath the snow. In other news, I've been working at Amazon, leading machine learning education programs, and doing my best to bike commute in and out of what feels like the "little Dubai" part of downtown (South Lake Union). Any and all FOOT leaders are encouraged to come visit ... and to babysit!



### Class of 1997

**David T. Lewicki :** It was delightful being back in New Haven for the '97 reunion and seeing good friends. Loved running up to the top of East Rock and seeing that even as the small things change, that

breathhtaking view is still the same. Mahmoud's is also still churning out falafel. And the old house we shared on Dwight street is still a s-hole. I'm 8 years in to life in Decatur, GA as a Presbyterian pastor. I have a good congregation that encourages me to be involved in the community advocating for social righteousness. I'm developing a faith-based political advocacy group working at the state Capitol on affordable housing and access to healthcare, and have just started on the board of the housing authority. My partner Beth and I are Co-pastors for our congregation and share parenting of our 3 kids (10, 8, and 2). Our daughter, for whom many of you sent prayers and good wishes during her early years of sickness and surgery, is doing great. We're taking a special trip to Olympic National Park this summer, our first big adventure as a family of 5. Sending love to all of you. Come sit on our porch when you visit Georgia.

**Veronique Brinson:** I am living in Larchmont, NY married with 3 kiddos (10,7,3) and working as an internist for Montefiore. Having serious cabin fever and can't wait for spring!

**Jesse Heitler:** I'm in London these days (and have been for a decade) with three little tikes (10, 8, 4). There aren't nearly enough mountains on this island, but we make due with camping in fields and walking along the coasts. Workwise, I'm in the "Digital Transformation" game helping Santander UK become a technology-capable company. If anyone from my years with FOOT happens to be in London drop me a line and let's meet up ([jesse@heitler.com](mailto:jesse@heitler.com)).

**Amelia Shaw:** I'm in the Foreign Service in Laos, I recently got remarried to Mario, the world's most wonderful guy, and have three kids - Luna, Stella and Lorenzo. I am attaching some pics of us, we have a fun time. We've been in Laos for the last six months, and some of our favorite things to do are visit temples where we let little birds out of cages as some sort of blessing thing - and of course eat lots of sticky rice and spicy food, and the occasional French pastry. It's pretty fun. Our latest camping experience was in San Diego, CA over Christmas. Gotta get 'em acclimated early to the out of doors! My dream for this year is to figure out how to take a family camping trip through New Zealand... come on kids, let's go hike a glacier! Hahahaha, where there is a will, there's a way. FOOT lives on in me forever. Still remember the Hale brothers or of my bag of GORP. Take care and be well!





## Class of 1998

**Matt Stiebel:** Life is good here in Palm Beach- lots of hurricane surfing this year to keep me on my toes. I've got 2 munchkins at home also doing well. Had dinner with Jeff Grigg and his family last month in FL. He looks great. Sad news about Brian Kinlan. I'll be at reunion on Sat. Hope to see you guys then! -Matt

**Liz Averill:** I'm still living in Alexandria, VA and working at the Federal Trade Commission as an attorney handling consumer protection cases. I am not doing enough hiking, but hope to do more of it this year since my kids are getting older. I'm looking forward to reunions this year and hope to catch up with lots of FOOT folks there.

## Class of 1999

**Andrew Bonney:** I live in Marion, Massachusetts and work as the senior vice president of planning for commuter airline Cape Air in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This means I oversee route strategy (37 cities served), the schedules, fares and bids/contracting. In 2017 the US DOT appointed me to their "Working Group on Improving Air Service to Small Communities", which focused on solutions to the nationwide pilot shortage. Also in 2017 I started flying again as a private pilot after a 22-year hiatus, bought a small plane, and am working toward the flight experience and ratings necessary to fly as a captain for Cape Air (we deploy duly rated management pilots to augment pilot staffing during periods of peak demand). I continue to serve in the reserves of the US Air Force at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod, where I am a Medical Service Corps officer in the 102d Intelligence Wing. I love the variety of what I get to do. When not working, I enjoy family life. Christina (also ES '99) and I have two children, 10 and 7. We are rooted in our Marion community where we are active parishioners at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, and sail as much as we can. We love to travel as a family and make the most of the flight benefits available to families of airline employees. We are deeply grateful for our family and friends, the simple pleasures of life, and most especially for our health and wellbeing, taking each day for the blessing that it is. My best to FOOTies everywhere!

**Jeffrey Grigg:** 2017 was marked by big, life-changing events: the loss of Brian Kinlan in January and the birth of our third daughter, Linnea, in June. As T.S. Eliot wrote, "As we grow older / The world becomes stranger, the pattern more complicated / Of dead and living." Baltimore continues to treat us well, work is rewarding, and we delight in watching our kids grow up and become interesting little people.

Best wishes to all as we embark on 2018!



**Eli Kintisch:** I attended the memorial for Brian Kinlan in Virginia and it was an emotionally important event for the year. Miss you, Brian. Got married to the wonderful Lauren Weinstein in March and we're expecting our first child in May :) My career is moving from print into video, where I hope to continue my work as a science reporter. I am off in January to the Arctic to produce a documentary about Polar Night and climate change, in the dead of winter and the 24-hour darkness. Also shooting some short videos about the science of the journey. Two weeks in the Barents sea east and North of Svalbard! Reach out if you're exploring this world of video already!

## Class of 2000

**Jacob B. Heitler:** In Jan 2018, Rachel and I had our 3rd kid. That gives us 2 girls (Orly - 4, Maya - 2) and a boy (Emmett - 6 weeks). I'm still working on a healthcare tech startup in the SF Bay Area. And, unfortunately, the closest we get to camping these days is the Teepee my kids set up in our living room!



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**Tara Cronin :** George, big brother Liam, and I welcomed a sweet and happy baby Luke into our family in February. I continue to enjoy working as a pediatric ophthalmologist in the New Haven area. Best wishes to all for a Healthy and Happy 2018!



## Class of 2001

**Laura Kolar:** Hi FOOT! In 2017, my family and I moved back to the U.S. from Sarajevo, Bosnia where we had lived for two years stationed with the State Department. We are settling back into Washington, DC, always its own adventure. Come visit!

**Gwyn Welles:** I continue to work at YouTube and live in South Orange, NJ with my husband Ben and our 2 little boys, Gideon (2 1/2) and Tobas (1). It's been an exhausting, but wonderful last year.



## Class of 2002

**John Norbury:** I'm in Greenville NC on faculty at ECU and raising 2.5 year old twins (William and Lydia) with my wife Amy. One got my hair and the other got my personality...the pics show you the details.

Learning why they don't call it the super easy twos and dreading the upcoming three anger stage.



## Class of 2003

**Lauren Keane:** Our second daughter, Alexandra, was born just about a year ago in March. She joins Norah ("3 3/4") as a mini partner in crime. We live in San Francisco, out in the foggy and decidedly un-sexy Richmond District, a part of the city that has mercifully changed less than most other neighborhoods as the tech world has ravenously consumed my hometown. Last weekend we managed to get Norah to hike several miles in the Marin Headlands by providing a constant stream of bite-sized chocolate and gummy treats, doled out along the trail every 500 yards or so. No shame. Whatever it takes. Ben and I are planning a major kid-free backpacking trip on the High Sierra Trail for the summer of 2020, when we figure we'll finally have both kids out of diapers and might be able to convince a rotating cast of characters to hang out with them while we play in the mountains. We'd welcome any joiners, of course.

## Class of 2004

**Kate Block:** After many lovely years in Oregon, Vicente Undurraga (PC 06) and I (CC/HC 04) are in sunny Minneapolis this year. Vicente is finishing up his fellowship (he's a trauma surgeon) and I am working at a big specialty animal hospital here in town (I'm a veterinary dentist and oral surgeon). Our son Max is 5 this year and loves swimming and skiing. We just found out we will be moving to Boise this summer, so if you're in Idaho, look us up! Hi, Cilla!

**Catherine Halaby:** I moved to LA, started a new job and got a dog in a 5 week span in late 2016. After starting my professional life in humanitarian assistance and economic development, I'm now a creative strategist at a youth-oriented new media company. While I rarely glimpse the beach (if I'm being real), I do enjoy the balmy weather and proximity to urban hikes with my schnauzery mutt, Doug. I will soon be hosting a bachelorette weekend in Palm Springs for one of my original freshman year FOOT tripmates. Holler at me, westside Footies!

**Ming Thompson:** I've moved back to New Haven, and we are starting an East Coast office for our architecture and design firm. My husband Dan is teaching political science at Yale, and our 3-year-old Henry loves being here. We bought an old brick rowhouse in East Rock and are slowly renovating. We have lots of places to stay if you are ever in town!

Cilla and Ming had a mini-reunion on a flight out of New Haven to Philadelphia! Ming was flying on to the West Coast and Cilla to Raleigh. We have promised to get together in New Haven!

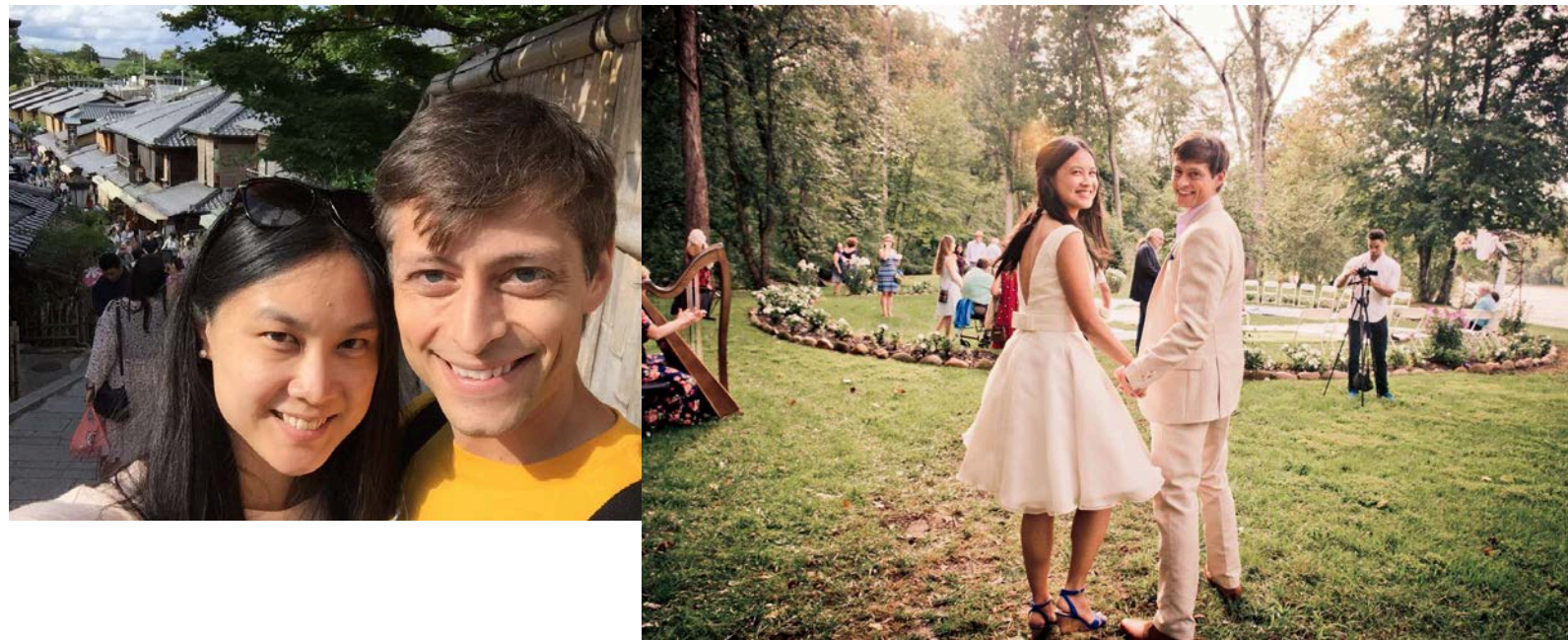
**Megan Trice:** Here's a FOOT appropriate picture of my little babe Susannah camping last summer in the Catskills.



**Adam Stack:** This year I finished my PhD in archaeology, at last! Still in Cambridge, for now, working at Harvard's Peabody Museum, and hoping sooner rather than later to find my way back out West.

### **Class of 2005**

**Aaron Mitchell:** is in Chapel Hill, North Carolina practicing medicine. He's heading for the big apple of New York City where he will be working at Sloan Kettering. Cilla and Aaron finally got together for dinner in Chapel Hill! Here he is with his lovely wife Grace who is getting a PhD in Education.



### **Class of 2006**

**Aaron Zelinsky:** is married and now with child!! (Where's the baby photo!?) Cilla ran into Aaron at the Yale-Harvard Game sweating over a grill during the tailgate. Aaron is now in Washington DC –doing some amazing to -level lawyering work (undisclosed at the moment).

### **Class of 2007**

**Tasha Eccles:** For the first time in ages I have some Big News: I am planning to graduate this spring (knocking on tree trunk) and have accepted a job in the English department at our alma mater. I sense an East Rock apartment in my future, and you all are invited to stay anytime you're feeling nostalgic for the days of FES potlucks. In another year spent mostly seated and indoors, the most memorable events happened outside. A high point was a birthday overnight in the redwoods with Robin Pearce and Angel Hertslet featuring Robin's culinary triumph of backcountry cupcakes. A low point was another camping trip in the redwoods where, like a true FOOT leader, I misread the map and subjected four friends to a night without water during an apocalyptic heat wave.

**Rebecca Livengood:** Big year! We had a baby and moved to Alabama! I'm working at the Equal Justice Initiative and we're living in Montgomery -- very different, but very interesting! Looking forward to hearing how everyone is doing!

## Class of 2008

**Bevan Dowd:** Hello, FOOT! I spent the first two-thirds of 2017 traipsing in and around beautiful San Diego, enjoying as much time as possible outdoors when my clerkship duties didn't beckon. As for the last third of 2017, well, after meandering the various coasts for the past 10 years, I have finally picked a city to set some roots in: San Francisco! I recently started work at a law firm here and have posted up for the foreseeable future. Love being around fellow FOOTies such as the magnanimous Angel Hertslet and Peter Bull. Come visit! I have a guest room.

**Beth Fiedorek:** I'm graduating from the MFA in Art at the California Institute of the Arts. On Veterans Day I was, briefly, a fountain.

**Brent Godfrey:** Hey all, big year of transitions on this end. I left active duty service in the Navy in August and heeded the seductive siren call of New Orleans once again. I initially thought I'd be going to grad school in the fall (and in true Brent fashion applied to seminary, policy school, and business school and was eager to do two out of the three...), but, after doing all the work and taking the GRE more times than I'd like to admit, I ultimately decided to say no to all the nice schools and move back to New Orleans. To pay the bills, I'm back at the New Orleans Fire Department, but my main motivation in coming back was to build a social venture at the intersections of my enduring interests around public service and leadership education. I'm working with some great folks to launch a first responder equivalent of Teach for America, starting with the police department in New Orleans. The goal is to recruit a new generation of leaders to pursue public service careers and shake up systems like criminal justice and public health in the hope of building a more just, inclusive, and engaged world. Light work, but, hey...

One of the perks of being back in New Orleans is that I get to see Beau Babst a lot. Spencer Sherman also rolled through recently, as did hometown hero Laura Chandhok and her boo Greg Lipstein (and their absurdly cute and insanely bright daughter).

If you ever have the desire to escape the rat race and reconnect with all that is good and earthy and alive and dysfunctional in your soul, please plan a trip down to New Orleans and drop me a line--my couch is always free for FOOT folks.

Sending love to you all really hoping we can get a FOOT party on the agenda at reunion...Just saying.

**Pat Grimm:** Still in DC. Will be here until 2020 assuming they let me graduate residency. Visitors welcome!

**Anna Grotberg:** Highlights of 2017 included: seeing Anna for an insider's tour of Abu Dhabi (see photo), "glamping" Sahara Desert, getting over my fear of open water swimming, eating all the dim sum in Hong Kong, being mesmerized by the Isle of Skye and becoming a first-time homeowner in London. More swim/bike/run in 2018 and keep seeing fellow FOOT leaders around the globe!



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**Angel Hertslet:** I moved to Berkeley last March and now live just a few blocks up from fellow FOOT leader Peter Bull. Tasha Eccles and Robin Pierce and I took a FOOT-tastic backpacking trip in the redwoods last summer. Workwise, I'm working to update the land conservation plan for the greater Bay Area, so I get to think about natural habitats and hiking trails on the regular. I'm planning a big

backpacking trip in the wilds of Montana with Sarah Kabay this summer, but whether we pull off an Oom-gala oom-gala oom-gala po remains to be seen.

**Annie Hirschhorn:** I got married in October 2017 and we had a nice FOOT/Y08 showing--pics below, including Greg and Laura's daughter, Mira, a FOOT baby! My husband's name is Evan Luster and we live in the DC area. He works at a K-8 school as an athletic director and I started my own professional organizing business in 2016. We just bought a house, so come visit!



**Andrew Karlin:** All swell in the Big Apple. Long work hours, good food, and great friends continue to be the name of the game. Still doing investment banking, focused currently on healthcare sector. Had a great hiking / camping trip recently to Mt. Mitchell. Highly recommended for those who find themselves in the Asheville area.

**Dave Lyons:** Hello FOOT! TL:DR, just read Lynn's.

2017 brought many changes and plenty of time outside. Before moving to Boston in June, we made the most of California, including hikes in Yosemite and Pinnacles National Park, a few urban hikes in SF, and my street-racing debut in the Bring Your Own Big Wheel 2017. More recently, the Olympics inspired me to improve in the various snow disciplines, including downhill skiing, x-country skiing, and snowplow-enclosed-car-shoveling. Sadly, I don't actually spend all my time outside, but my day job practicing environmental law and representing many public sector clients is going well. Hope to see many of you at our 10th Reunion!



**Ross Pinkerton:** Chloë and I welcomed our son Nathan Kennedy Pinkerton on February 16, 2018. We're both "enjoying" our parental leave, sleeping irregularly and always at the whim of a hungry little future camper. Aside from our leave, we're both still teaching at the same schools in New York. Our dog Maggie is adjusting amazingly well to the transition, not having eaten the baby once, despite my mom's constant worry.





**Jamie Podell:** Hi FOOT! All is well here. I have been in Philly for 8(!) years now, but my time is finally coming to an end. I am finishing neurology residency and will be moving to Baltimore for neurocritical care fellowship this summer. Perhaps more importantly, I'll be joining my fiancé, a CT surgeon and outdoor enthusiast who stole my heart in the hospital a few years back. Over the past year, we've gone on some FOOT-worthy adventures, most notably a road trip across Namibia, where we slept with lions rumbling outside our tent. We have our own little lion as well - a wheaten terrier named Teddy Roosevelt, II. Looking for friends and camping buddies in the Baltimore area, so drop me a line if you're around!

**Greg Lipstein & Laura Chandhok:**

Hello FOOT, we'll keep this quick  
We bought a house in Denver, it's made of brick  
This fall we're expecting a new little hiker  
A baby sister for Mira...we hope she likes her!



**Lynn McGregor:** *New job; new/old city:* David and I moved to Cambridge, MA last June where I began my first "real" job at Novartis and David is working at an environmental law firm in Boston. The first half of the year involved a lot of moving logistics balanced by an attempt at a California tourist bucket list. Especially to those of you within easy driving distance, I highly recommend a visit to Point Lobos State Park south of Carmel, CA. The second half of the year involved a lot of moving logistics balanced by a bunch of weekend adventures around New England. The highlight of these was a long weekend cross-country skiing between a few huts run by Maine Huts & Trails outside Carrabasset Valley, ME. Wishing you all plenty of time outdoors.



**MacKenzie Wehner:** Still in Philly, still in derm residency, but now with a baby girl! My spouse and I are pretty smitten. She technically went on her first backpacking trip in utero (Canyonlands), and we can't wait to take her on some outdoor adventures this summer.

## Class of 2009

**Laura Zatz:** I'm in my 3rd year of a 4-5-year doctoral program at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. My dissertation focuses on behaviorally-informed policies to promote healthy eating. This past year, Ben and I were lucky to do some fun hikes both locally and also on trips to California, Hawaii, West Virginia, Western Mass, and Italy. Would love to meet up with any FOOT leaders in (or passing through) Boston for hiking or other merriment.

**Adedana Ashebir:** "Greetings good people! I'm \*still\* in Nairobi, three months became 3 years+ real quick. I'm now working in venture capital, which has been an exciting switch up. One of my favorite parts of Nairobi living is my weekend walks in Karura Forest. If you're ever here, you're welcome to join for one!"

**Ian Dull:** I've been bouncing around Europe for 7 years now -- Cambridge, Paris, Rome, Paris (again), and now for almost 4 years in Copenhagen, ever so slightly settled up in Scandinavia. It's everything you'd expect: beautiful design tchotchkes, lots of cozy candlelight indoors, tall, fashionable blond people... and the cold, cold Nordic darkness. I've recently adulted hardcore and bought an apartment, giving me a tiny, European-size space for any FOOT refugees who are on a get away (temporary or otherwise) from life in the good ol' USA. And just in case it's not clear when to come, I would highly recommend summer :)

**Matt Barber:** Hello! I'm married, living in the South End of Boston with my wife Leigh who is doing her radiology residency at the Brigham. We ran into Tom and Edwina some time ago in the neighborhood! In other big news, since February 19 Leigh and I have been proud parents of Zoe. She seems healthy, and we think she's just fantastic. I've already changed over 100 diapers. Pictures attached. Take your pick of which ones to put in the letter.



**Ali Seitz:** If all goes according to plan, I'll both graduate from medical school and get married next year. Please let me know if you're ever in San Francisco--we have a guest room!

**Severin Knudsen:** I just accepted a job as a mixed animal practice veterinarian in Enterprise, Oregon. The town has a population of just under two thousand and the entire county lacks a spotlight. My wife, Emily (BK '09) has also accepted a job there as a Family Practice

physician. We are excited to be moving rural with the great outdoor opportunities that the Wallowas and Hell's Canyon have to offer near town. Once we are settled we should have space to entertain both new and old friends who want to come make a visit to our remote corner of Oregon.

## Class of 2010

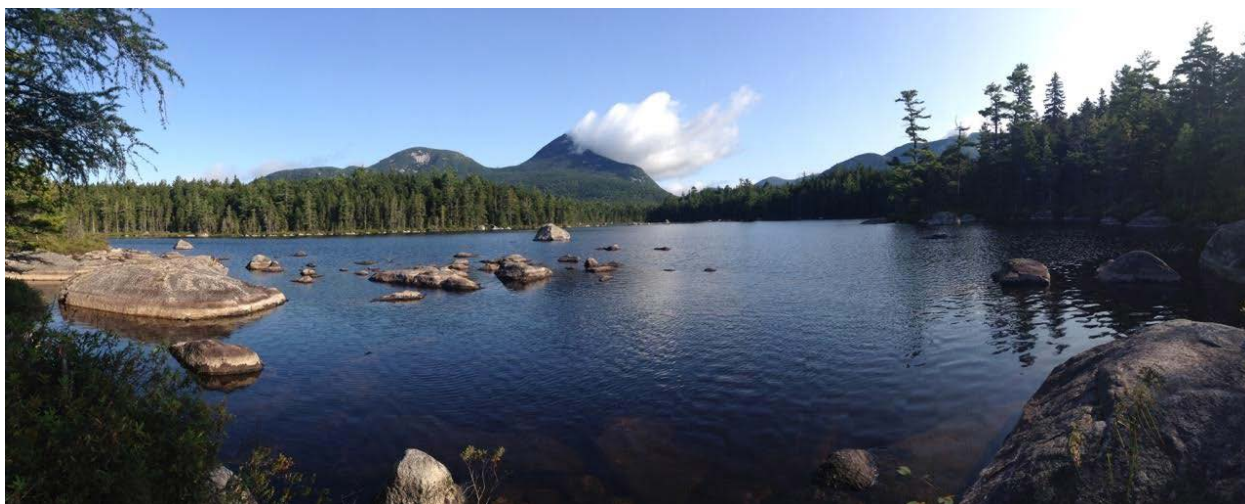
**Leslie Golden:** is in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she is doing her residency as a surgeon. She and Cilla met up at the Weaver Street Market for lunch last fall.



**Austin Anderson:** I got married this year! In October my lovely wife Emily and I tied the knot (ha! tarpitecture joke!) over a wonderful weekend in the Berkshires in Western Massachusetts. Fellow FOOT 2010ers Michael “Leslie” Golden and Bryan “BT” Twarek were there to make sure the party got crazy. I also changed jobs, finishing up my judicial clerkship in Portland (Maine, aka the real Portland), and moving down to Boston to join a small environmental and public-interest-oriented firm called—wait for it—Anderson & Kreiger (no relation). FOOT 2008 alum David Lyons is a co-worker, so you know it’s got to be cool. I took a few weeks off between jobs in late August/early September, and headed way up to northern Maine to do some fishing and camping. I explored the new Katahdin Woods and Waters national monument, canoed on the Aroostook River, and spent some time in Baxter State Park, which is probably the best place on earth.

Anyone who finds themselves in Boston should definitely look me up for a beer or a hike or a trip to the harbor islands or something else cool. All the best to everyone!





**Eli Bildner:**

Hello, FOOT! 2017 was a year of some wandering — wrapped up business school, backpacked through Alaska, did some consulting as I figured out what comes next. Started 2018 off by turning 30 (yikes) and launching a start-up education non-profit that's trying to build a better community college. Also on tap this year: Getting married. Still in the Bay (where I get to see lovely FOOTies like Craig Minoff), but finally graduated to The Big City (aka San Francisco). Drop a line if you're in town — would be great to say hi.



Future wife = good in the outdoors

**Libbey Davis Hunt:** Hello dear FOOT friends! I'm in my second year out in Denver and loving it--it's nice being in the same city, the same apartment, and the same job for another year after lots of change. Some highlights of the past year include a fabulous trip eating and drinking through Italy with my husband Nathan, several trips to Maine including a 50-person Thanksgiving extravaganza, developing my love of baking (and my love of the Great British Baking Show!), and seeing FOOT leader friends in Colorado and beyond. Would love to see more of you--let me know if you're ever in Colorado!

**Wiles Kase:** Hi FOOT loves! Life is fun these days. I'm wrapping up an MBA and masters in Env. Science at Michigan, where I see Rana Searfoss WAY too little. 5 or 6 other Yalies are floating around the business school, which is fun, too. Speaking of Yalies, I got to work for Tom Steyer and Kat Taylor this summer, which was a hoot. Lauren (Lauren Hunter, my partner of 11 years, wife of 3.5 years, and Calhoun Hopper College '10) and I are living in Evanston at the moment. We have a cat named Owen. Lauren is crushing b-school at Northwestern and I'm doing "detached study" while finishing up at Michigan. For those who don't know, "detached study" in grad school means that I'm a full-time, stay-at-home organic cat mom for the next 6 weeks until I head back to Ann Arbor to finish up one last quarter of classes. I'm leaning into it. FOOT-like adventures? ... Well, through my forest ecology coursework at Michigan's School of Natural Resources, I've become moderately obsessed with tree identification. In the fall I spent 6-10 hours /week in forests around Michigan, which pushed the limits of what my business school classmates could comprehend. One time, an undergrad business school student (total stranger) saw me holding an armful of plant specimens I had just collected for class. She looked me up and down, and said with a curious look on her face (honestly more judgmental and dumbfounded than curious) ... "Nice leaves"... to which I could only respond "Thanks." Still running trips to the Ecuadorian Amazon on the side -- hit me up for an adventure. Last but not least after a lot of exploration I think I've found the facial hair I'll keep for the foreseeable future. Happy to be settling down with a mustache.



**Christine Levy:** FOOTIES! The past year has been filled with lots of outdoor adventure and a job transition. I'm now back at McKinsey in the Denver office, still mostly working in education, and loving it. I took last summer "off" and finally checked a few big goals off my life bucket list: an Ironman and visiting all 50 US states! I'm still running into Yalies in Colorado and had the opportunity to march with Libbey and Becca a few weeks ago (see picture). Sending lots of love from Denver!!



**Craig Minoff:** Another year and another adventure. Still a Product Manager at Airbnb in SF, but finding time for plenty of outdoor exploring. Highlights included climbing Kilimanjaro last fall and the Santa Cruz triathlon with not one but two Bildner Boys (Eli & Raffi). As always, we convened a pair of Settlers

reunions with Dan, Zack, Tom, Jasper and Brian. This year in Atlanta and Minneapolis. Also squeezed in a coincidental bike ride with Alice Walton on New Year's Day, 2018. Looking to get into more mountaineering this year (e.g. Mt. Rainier et al) — if anyone is interested, give me a holler!



**Molly Rubenstein:** Hey everyone! The beginning of 2018 still finds me in Cambridge, MA, working in international development for a lab at MIT. The job has provided incredible opportunities to travel to new places: last year brought work trips to Brazil, Guatemala, Colombia, Australia, India, Thailand, and Uganda. My schedule hasn't really allowed me to incorporate much hiking and camping into those trips, but I now have many ideas for return adventures on my own time! In the meanwhile my Minnesotan boyfriend of 2+ years has helped to add some winter outdoors activities to my repertoire: I've been wandering the woods the past few months on snowshoes and cross-country skis, which has been delightful. I've joined the AMC young members group here which is surprisingly prolific, so I'm excited to do more outdoorsing in 2018! I don't get as much FOOT in my life as I'd like, but fellow FOOTie Sophia Janowitz '10 is a weekly running buddy and we had a wonderful weekend with FOOT leader Elizabeth Breit '10 in December. I've also been spending as much time as I can with Zelda Rose Kleinbaum Wenig Rubenstein Fitzerman Blue, my 2-year-old niece and daughter of FOOT leader Liba Wenig Rubenstein '05/6. And I always love the inevitable serendipitous sightings around Cambridge and Somerville. Wonderful 2018s to you all!

**Dan Schechner:** Last year was pretty eventful. I quit my job managing infrastructure investments to go work for a vertical farming company in Newark, NJ. #Lovedreamgreens (I think that's how you use it? The kids these days and their instagram). Anyway, then I also proposed to my girlfriend and ran the NYC marathon with the one and only Tom Schnitzer. Still living in New York, so if you are ever in town it would be great to catch up!

**Tom Schnitzer:** 2017 was an excellent year topped by getting engaged in November to Kristina an amazing woman who was introduced to me by none other than fellow FOOT leader, Brian Boyle. We hang with Brian quite a bit and he will be officiating our wedding this coming September in Boston. Several other FOOT leaders will be among my groomsmen as well. Really looking forward to a great celebration. A couple other highlights to report: enjoyed another great hangout with Dan Schechner, Craig Minoff, Zack Abrahamson, and Brian Boyle. This time we met up in Minneapolis in the fall (photo below). We missed Jasper Frank, who is usually our sixth compatriot. I also trained for and finished the NYC marathon in spite of many moments of doubt along the way. Schechner and I ran most of the race side by side. If you're ever in Boston give me a shout -- would love to meet up!



**Rana Searfoss:** Hey all! I'm currently finishing my last semester of business school in Ann Arbor. It's bittersweet to leave Michigan and b-school life, but I'm really excited to move to Minneapolis over the summer to start a new job at UnitedHealth Group. If anyone lives near Minneapolis or knows of good people in the area, I would love to connect! Miss you all!

**Tom Stipanov:** We had a kid! Photo evidence attached. He's a seven-month-old boy named Alexander whose hobbies include making mouth noises, playing with toy giraffe, sitting upright in a war against gravity, and sucking on his hands. As for me I'm finishing my final term at Harvard Business School and have a gig lined up at a real estate company in Boston while my wife finishes law school. Can't wait to get back to the mountains and hope to do it this summer. Oomgala!



**Becca Summer:** Life in Madison is great. I'm writing my dissertation, working for the university on creating resources for graduate student instructors, and I'm the managing editor of a digital magazine called Edge Effects ([edgeeffects.net](http://edgeeffects.net)), out of the Center for Culture, History, and Environment at UW-Madison. My new hobby is spinning yarn on a spinning wheel, and I'm still playing soccer and doing yoga. My other big news (the first was the spinning wheel) is that I'm getting married this summer. In fact, my fiancé, Kramer, just walked in and handed me an Old Fashioned, so that is pretty nice.

## Class of 2011

**Eleanor Hayes-Larson:** In September, I got married to Ben Muller (CC '10)! Still in NYC working on my PhD in epidemiology at Columbia. Ben will be starting residency at UCLA in June, so as soon as I graduate (within a year or so!), I'll be trying out life on the west coast!

**Chris Lash:** What up, FOOT! Sending a *salaam* from Jordan. The weather is warming up and the countryside is beautiful, so I'm trying to get outside as much as I can. Still working for FORSA, a regional education website, and still learning a lot. If you're in the region, let me know!

**Frances Douglas:** Frances is moving to San Francisco this summer and wants to play miniature tanks and go hiking with anyone in the area!

**Lauren Smith:** Hello FOOT friends!! I'm coming up on one year living in Philadelphia and it's been a great new adventure. My boyfriend and I chose the city mostly on a whim and it's proved to be the perfect blend of city action and neighborly regard that we were looking for. So much so that we're putting down roots! We recently bought a house and will be moving from the Soup Kitchen to the Bakery come March. Come visit and I'll bake you bread. Or maybe even soup in a bread bowl. We also recently added a dog to the mix; after talking for years about getting a medium-sized dog that can come with us on hikes we somehow ended up with a 14-pound miniature pinscher named Jetson. Not to worry, the guy thinks he's a 90-pound alpha, tennis ball is life, and he has his own hiking backpack for when he gets tired on the trail. He's the most focused dog I've ever met (a good counterweight to this proud dog mama) and has been the perfect +1 to our home. I'm excited to see what adventures this year brings and would love to see anyone who makes their way through Philly!

**Rebecca Hinkle:** I am in my 6th year working in public education in Denver, now as Director of Curriculum and Instruction at a school just north of downtown. Colorado remains excellent for outdoor adventures (looking at you, **Christine Levy**) as I attempt to pass as a skier and otherwise plot my

summer backpacking. That said, a transition is around the corner as I will be continuing my way on West (hey Bay Area!) for graduate school in the fall.

**Hilary Faxon:** Hi FOOT! Highlights of the past year included karaoke (and a household survey) in upper Burma, a marathon in upstate New York, and moving my sweetie to Yangon. After a semester in Ithaca, I'm back in Myanmar for all of 2018 for language study & dissertation fieldwork - come visit!

**Tully McLoughlin:** Hello dear FOOT. I'm a New Yorker again. 2017 saw me move from Chicago, to a temporary summertime home in London, to Fort Greene, Brooklyn, where I live with **Lili Rudis** above Mr. Mango, a 24/7 grocer that offers de facto security and eye-popping prices on produce (nearly everyone thinks they're laundering money). Via is doing remarkably well. It's been two years since I joined. When we're both in town, **Monica Ceragioli** and I sit within striking distance of each other (my back is to her, so when she does strike I'm ill-prepared). Over Christmas I fell into a well of photographs from my childhood. I hope this one reminds you, as it did me, that some things just don't change: in this case, my middle-age executive golf-aficionado look has remained my standby even after all these years.



**Thomas Meyer:** Elliott, James, Reuben, and I all live in DC and we don't hate each other so we spend time together with our favorite green light. See here a picture of us with our favorite green light. **James** and I took a lovely rowing class this fall and managed to avoid getting poisoned by the Potomac River. **Elliott** plays lots o rugby nowadays. Pretty sure **Reuben** hangs out with Jeff Bezos by the water cooler down at Washington Post headquarters. We'd love to see any FOOT friends if they're ever in town! If you don't mind sleeping near taxidermy jungle creatures, you're all more than welcome to stay on my couch. Not much else to say--we all do very DC things, inspired by Oprah's impending presidential run, beginning to feel the effects of age deep in our bones, etc. OH, can't believe I forgot this critical piece of information: saw Pitbull and Enrique Iglesias in concert for the third time this fall--turns out Enrique is over the hill.



**Steph Marton:** I am just returning from a year abroad in Tokyo, where I was living the management consultant life with my fiancé, Collin. Now we are back in the US, living in Chicago and working our way up the corporate ladder, etc. In our free time, we go hiking, listen to live music, or relax at the library. The hardest part of life might be wedding planning, which I look forward to concluding soon.

**Chris Magoon:** Still taking the slow boat through med school, this time with a detour to China where I'm doing public health research for the year. Got married this past May (she was also a leader her school's FOOT-like program), and we're now living in Beijing together, which is fun because we met here in

2012. We've been having a good time connecting with old friends, and we're doing our best not to miss our dog, Willow, too much. Here's a picture of us in a village in central China meeting a couple who is still famous in the area for having met Mao Zedong over 40 years ago...and one with Willow :-). Drop a line if you're in the People's Republic!



**Chelsea Willett:** I am still living in Berkeley, CA and studying those rocks! Last August, fellow FOOT leader **Monica Ceragioli** and I took a trip to visit **Steph Marton** and her fiancé in Tokyo and it was a blast. I'm delighted to report that the SF Bay Area is getting some hot FOOT 2011 recruits over the coming months!



**Dounia Bredes:** Here's the update: I graduated with my master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. I'm in California until June, and then I'm headed to New Delhi, India. I will be teaching middle school English as an Additional Language (EAL) at the American Embassy School for the next two years, and I would love to welcome FOOT friends. Hiking in the Himalayas, anyone? Miss you, Douni

## Class of 2012

Below are the blurbs for the FOOT Class of 2012! We wanted to include the three photos below, with the caption: "A few 2012 Footies at our 5<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion, oomgalaing in front of Bingham where it all began!"

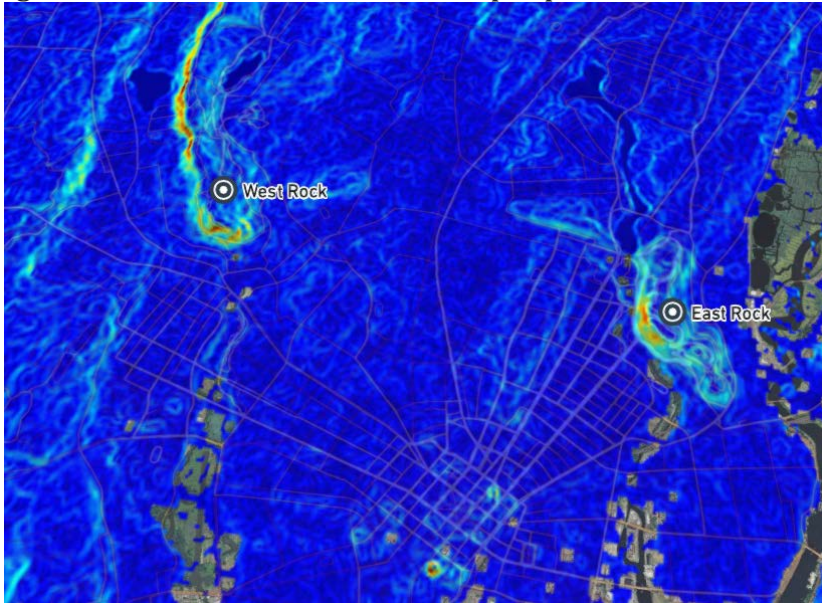


### Adrienne Spiegel

I'm in my second year at Harvard Law School, where I sometimes have the good goofy fortune of bumping into other FOOT leaders in the hallway. This summer I'll be working for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, so if anyone has SF or East Bay housing leads, weekend adventure dreams, or climbing plans and an Adrienne-shaped hole in their heart, please give a shout!

### **Peter Wilczynski**

What a year it's been! I'm still at Palantir, and going on my third year building a mission planning tool for US Special Forces. It's been a pretty sweet gig; sharp people, plenty of travel to exotic locales, and a ton of learning. Lately, we've been working on a lot of pretty sophisticated terrain analysis for route finding - I've attached a quick picture of a layer we put together that shows Yale. Bonus points to anyone who can figure out what the colors on the map represent!



### **Eliza Scheffler**

Eliza Scheffler decided to become a Rabbi, which landed her in Jerusalem this year for her first year of school. Why Rabbi? Hm, um ask her when you see her! Basically she thinks that community & culture & wisdom are key to the good life and the good world, and Judaism is the toolbox she was gifted. Also, she loves turning her phone off one day a week. She'd honestly love turning her phone off every day of the week, but it causes logistical difficulties. The other big news is that Eliza and her wonderful partner Andy decided to hang out forever and will be getting married in May 2019. Andy is the best. The most beautiful hike they took this year was probably the Kalalau Trail in Kauai. (Pic is from a hike in Southern Israel, with Jordan in the background!) Eliza hopes that the whole FOOT community is doing well and hopes to cross your paths soon.



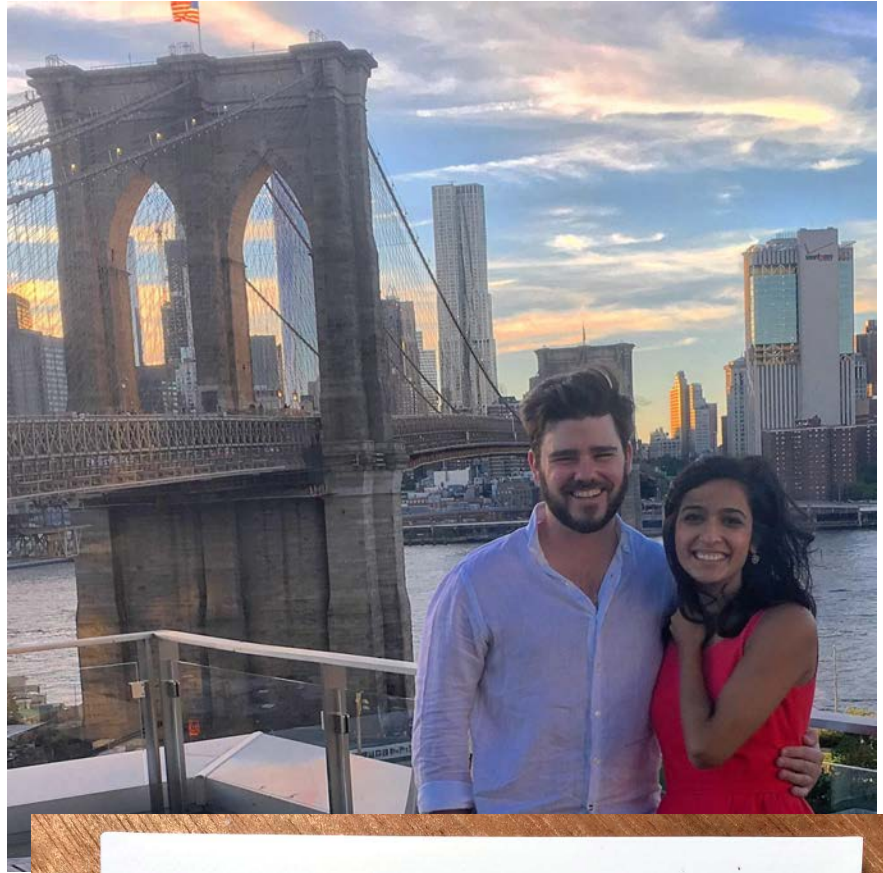
### Adi Kamdar

Hi all! I'm wrapping up my last year at Harvard Law School, spending most of my time finding new recipes to cook and taking part in the law school play. This fall I'll be in New York for a year to do a legal fellowship at the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, where I'll get to sue the president for all sorts of things.

Eventually—hopefully right after—I'll be back in California!!

### Jack Bisceglia

I am living in Brooklyn and am working as a real life lawyer, practicing litigation for Skadden Arps. More importantly, I proposed to my wonderful girlfriend Dibya in Paris last June and she said yes! We're getting married in 2019. Dibya is a pediatrician at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, so if you're ever in NYC or Philly, give us a shout! Here's a pic of us with some bridge.



### Brendan Ternus

Hey FOOTfriends! After a stint in France and Japan designing experimental summer camps at a company called Gakko alongside the indispensable Natalie Akers (FOOT'14), I moved to Melbourne last fall and rapidly got my head around the whole opposite-season thing because it was spring here. Celebrating the holidays in the middle of summer is HIGHLY recommended, you guys. Melbourne is an incredibly liberal, bikable, liveable city where I live with my girlfriend in a neighborhood called Footscray. Coincidence? I think not. Anyway I found an awesome job at a nonprofit called [Reach](#) that trains young people to run social and emotional learning programs for their near-age peers. The culture of the org is super similar to FOOT, and I've never been more grateful to have been involved in our community while I was at Yale. Final note: oomgalaing with FOOT 2012 was hands-down my favorite part of our 5-year reunion. Sending love to all - come visit!!



Photo Caption: me and Nat goofing around with a couple of camp kiddos

**Kevin Hoffman**

Oakland continues to treat me well - the weather is amazing, work is great, and the food is incredible. I'm hoping to do more camping and hiking in the coming year - I'd love to get a group trip to the Rockies together! Send me an email if you're interested, and let me know if you're in the Bay!

**Kaylee Mulligan**

Hi FOOT friends! Short blurb this year because I'm currently hiking through New Zealand's South Island and having a blast! This adventure is in celebration of my third (and hopefully last) ankle surgery last December. Let me know if you ever need recommendations for hikes here! It's amazing (picture is from our hike to Mueller Hut in Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park). General life stuff: I'm still in San Francisco working for Pisces Foundation. Let me know if you're ever passing through the city! Hope everyone is doing really well and can't wait for my next FOOT reunion somewhere around the globe.

**Ari Berkowitz****FOOT UPDATE:**

Ari is still in Los Angeles writing poop jokes for TV. But now she has a dog! Call her if you're ever in LA or if you want a free poop joke.\*

\*No purchase necessary. Limit one (1) joke per person. Users may be subjected to Ari bragging about her dog, Mr. Toby Ziegler Berkowitz, for up to three (3) hours. Viewer discretion advised.

**Class of 2014**

**Abby Eurich:** Heyo! I'm still hangin' in CO, this time I'm in grad school at CSU doing a masters in watershed science. I get to bounce around Colorado for field work and visit beautiful little streams or ski around and dig snow pits. It's been fun. Miss the FOOT days, as always.

**Amelia Earnest:** Hi FOOT! It was a pretty zany year. I started out in Chicago, where I lived in the hipster neighborhood and worked as a researcher for a law firm on pharmaceutical drug whistleblower cases (#multitudes). But in April, I left that job to go be home in the boonies of Virginia for some family stuff for a while, and then launched directly into a planned-48 hours-in advance solo European voyage. I backpacked from the Netherlands and to Austria, meeting some great people and honing my ability to eat alone in restaurants along the way. Back stateside, I moved to New York in August to start a new job at a global health consulting firm, where I focus mainly on polio eradication (YES it does still exist... and no, I actually didn't know that either before taking this job... :) ). New York is a frenzy, but now I, too, get huffy about people standing on the left side of the escalator, so I think I must be acclimatizing. Whether you're

in New York or beyond, I hope you all are well, and that you loop me in on your next planned outdoor adventures. I would love to see more of FOOT in the year to come!

**Andrew Winter:** I'm back in Washington DC after spending a year in Amsterdam. I have enjoyed hiking this year in Peru and Argentina. Photo below of myself and Alex Dobner (FOOT '15) playing contact on the Santa Cruz trail.



**Ariel Kirshenbaum:** Dearest FOOT, I am in my 3rd year teaching high school math in Richmond, California (near Oakland.) Teaching is both the FUNNEST, HAPPIEST, JOYFULLEST, MOST REWARDING, and also, THE HARDEST thing ever. The other day, an old student of mine asked a current student if I'd taught them the "whip angle" yet, which is the highly academic version of the "whip nae nae," where you make an angle shape with your arms after whipping. (Le duh.) It was one of my prouder moments. Teaching math is cool because kids carry so much baggage around the subject, so when they realize they can do it, it's quite empowering. I recommend you do it sometime. Until then, if life throws you a problem where you need to FOIL, or do the Pythagorean Theorem, I'm yer girl. (We can even sing the Quadratic Formula song together, if you insist.) Other updates include that I am applying to med school currently. This is what what kid/college Ariel was sure she wanted to do. Now she is not as certain. So who knows what the next year will bring! Feel free to send advice/insight this way. Miss you all and sending love and joy and laughter.

**Caroline Lester:** I left my job at WGBH in June to move to New Haven and work as a freelance journalist. Giving it the old college try, except I'm not in college anymore and everyone else here is. Right now, I'm contributing to Connecticut Public Radio, along with pretty much any other news outlet that will let me. I've also started ghostwriting for a professor, and you can find my words, but not my name, in places like the New York Times and the Guardian. Does that count for writing as them? I don't know, but I tell my parents it does. I have a [website](#), and an [email](#) list--sign up to make me feel okay about my life choices!

In other news, I traveled around southeast asia for a month with FOOT superstars Ali Friedman and Sophie Nethercut. We didn't take a single picture of the three of us, because we're all terrible at social media. But we swear, it happened.

Come visit and stay in my bright blue house.

**Courtney Halgren:** 2017 took me on a road trip Iceland and convinced me that the campervan most certainly lives up to the hype. Alas, parking expensive in New York, so I compromised by 13 blocks further into the Upper East Side, cementing my status as an uptown girl. Come continue to write proposals for Sotheby's, which done a thing to improve my artistic abilities but me very strong feelings about things like Oxford (we are strictly against them) and the difference an em dash and an en dash. I cook a lot and go for in Central Park to keep the grammar neuroses at Hoping to see many of you in 2018!



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**David Cruz:** I'm living well in Somerville! I'm just starting to feel settled in my third year in the neighborhood. I also am starting a new job for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts working on technology issues. In my spare time, I helped launch a podcast (please check it out + rate/review)!

In other news, I've been lucky to spend more time with friends in Boston, including attending the Boston Book Festival with FOOT leaders Adrian Chiem and Eric Fishman ('15 and '14 respectively, pictured below). I also ran into FOOT leader Ariel Kirshenbaum ('14) at Mass during Christmas this year in Austin, TX, where both of our families have apparently been going for decades but have never run into each other. Ariel's grandparents also dug up an embarrassing photo of me from the parish directory from 2003. We managed to get brunch before Ariel had to head back to Oakland (picture below).

In a series of unexpected events, I've been locked out of my Facebook and can't log in anymore. This has been a great thing for me in general, but I am less updated on my friends. If you've reached out to me in the past 8 months and haven't heard back, please shoot me an e-mail because I miss you and would love to respond.



**Eric Fishman:** Hey everyone - I'm still living in Cambridge, and now in my third year teaching 3rd and 4th graders about all kinds of subjects. My teaching skills have generalized to everyday life, as well: yesterday, I even taught my little cousin how to eat whipped cream directly from the can, an essential life skill. I've been also working on a couple translation projects, on the strange poetry of André du Bouchet, which has been a welcome side project.

**Evan Mullen:** Evan is grudgingly learning to appreciate life on the Upper East Side of NYC, where he's in the midst of the interminability of medical school. It's all okay because he's learning tons and it turns out there are trees in Central Park. He sends his love to one and all.

**Ira Slomski-Pritz:** After spending the first half of the year doing NOLS work, I have settled down a bit in Anchorage. Spending months at a time in the mountains, I felt removed from what seemed like a monumental moment in US political history. I'm working in the governor's office through a fellowship program that I'm helping to coordinate. I'm excited to have my own space, and to invest in a place/more permanent community. The Anchorage winter is actually quite fun -- I can cross country ski from my front door, or walk 2 minutes to ice skate on the lagoon behind my house. Hit me up if you're around!

**Isiah Lyons-Galante:** Hi FOOT!! I'm settling in to life here in Nairobi, Kenya where I work as an engineer for PowerGen, a solar energy startup! I've found people with whom to climb, camp, and play ultimate frisbee, so I'm a happy camper. Life for the last year has been about pushing myself finding my limits at work, at home, in friendship, and in love, and it's been a hell of a ride! If you're ever passing through this side of the world, I'd be thrilled to get dinner, give you a bed to stay on, and go adventuring together! Best way to find me is on Facebook at Isaiah LG or on WhatsApp at [+254723004343](tel:+254723004343)--don't hesitate to reach out, I'm the world's biggest extrovert!



**Jesse Schreck:** Jesse is continuing to sink roots in LA. Having reconnected with Judaism — or, more accurately, connected with Judaism for the first time — he now has a religious practice (who would've thought?), and is on the leadership of his temple's young adult community. He's also engaged with the LA "hive" of IfNotNow, a young Jewish anti-Occupation movement, and is learning to keep his feet on the ground and his mind in his body through yoga and meditation. He's increasingly confident in his belief that capitalism is facing its end in climate change, and is working to build a community that, like Destiny's Child, will survive.

**Joel Sircus:** Joel Sircus moved back home to Chicago in August after spending 6 months living in Stockholm with fellow FOOT leader Stephanie Rivkin. Their adult semester abroad consisted of many meatballs and several travel adventures, including a few hikes in the fjords of Norway (we still prefer the White Mountains). Upon repatriating, Joel left Bain and Company to join a small family investment office in Chicago called DNS Capital. The new gig has been swell so far, but Joel still frequently finds himself longing to run out to the nearest forest and, as Thoreau said, "smear PB & salsa on a tort and listen to the next hometown." Joel currently finds himself in the throes of wedding planning, and as such is quickly becoming an expert on floral patterns and silverware.



**Maren Hopkins:** Hi FOOT, Maren here! This year has been full of change for me, I left my job in Seattle to go back to school at HBS and have been adjusting to life back as a student and on the east coast. It's been great being close to so many Yale friends (and especially FOOT friends) but I do miss all of the outdoors adventures of the Pacific Northwest. I've been traveling a lot, my favorite trip was to the arctic circle in Finland to see the northern lights, but contrary to popular belief I've also been studying a lot in business school. Planning to be in the bay area this summer so if anyone is in Boston or SF, let me know! Foot Luv 4ever, Maren

**Margaret Van Cleve:** Hey team! I am still kicking it in Washington, D.C. and teaching PK4 at KIPP DC Grow Academy. I am getting my master's degree this year and giving my whole heart to the Yellow Sunflowers every day so you can find me in bed early with a tummy full of goldfish and pockets full of weird toys!!! My math skills have pretty much deteriorated to the kindergarten Common Core standards but if you need help solving conflicts with your peers or developing your self-regulation or just a big hug, CALL ME! I did a tiny bit of hiking in Quebec this summer (see pic!) but it was nooooo FOOT. Miss you guys--hit me up if you are in DC!!!



**Natalie Akers:** Hudson, NY -- get at me. After a few years of Cincinnati, Ohio I've come back around to the unbeatable value of FOOT and am professionally summer camping in Japan and the Berkshires!

**Sarah Maslin:** Sarah Maslin has been living in London working for The Economist, and will be the Brazil correspondent starting this spring. She hopes to have more visitors than she got while based in El Salvador. Come visit, all of you!

**Sophie Nethercut:** Hi beautiful humans! I'm still living in Sitka, Alaska and starting to realize I might want to live in this neck of the woods for the rest of my life. Is that crazy?! We shall see. I've worked as a community organizer for the last 3+ years, but I recently decided to quit my job and do some serious Earth wandering. If you're looking for possible adventures, I highly recommend eating coconut mango sticky rice with Caroline Lester in Laos and rock climbing above the Andaman Sea with Ali Friedman. I'm planning to hike the Continental Divide Trail for 5-6 months in 2018 so if hiking 25+ miles a day through insanely beautiful terrain appeals to you, hit me up!!! Sending love + anemones + whale harmonies your way, S

**Tao Tao Holmes:** Brooklyn serves as my current launch pad as I continue working at Atlas Obscura, now developing our new international trips after my stints on the editorial and events teams. Things stay exciting as I collaborate with guides around the world and help develop itineraries to places like Chernobyl, the Galapagos, Newfoundland, and Death Valley. Looks like I'll be staffing a number of these expeditions — FOOT leader skills coming in hot! Here's a pic from a camping trip in the North Cascades last June with Ric Best '14 and our bud Calvin Jones (swapped cheese blocks & PB for freeze-dried food). Currently counting down to a ToughMudder in March alongside FOOT leaders Ric Best and Joel Sircus and hoping to minimize the bodily damage.



**Wesley DeVoll:** I'm still living in San Francisco, and I've spent the last 8 months on "secondment" from McKinsey, working at The Primary School in East Palo Alto. TPS is a new model for primary education founded by Priscilla Chan and funded by the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. We enroll families at birth, match parents with a "coach" throughout their kids' time with us, and integrate primary healthcare into our program to serve the "whole child" across academic, health, and social-emotional outcomes. Still thinking through next steps for the end of the year!

**Will Kronick:** Hello! I am still plugging along in Juneau at Tribal Family and Youth Services at Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (the regional Tribe in Southeast Alaska). For work, I coordinate an afterschool program and summer camps, help with our Elders' Fitness and Nutrition Program and provide grief support services. For fun, still playing in the beautiful waters and mountains of Southeast. The highlight of last year was riding a snow machine on the Yukon River from Emmonak to Alakanuk, two villages in Western Alaska. If you make it to the Far North and/or land a job with the State of Alaska, hit me up!

## **Class of 2015**

**Adrian Chiem:** Hey FOOT family! Since we last spoke, I've moved to Providence, RI and finished my first semester of medical school at Brown! I'm truly loving it here, and feel challenged and grounded by what I'm learning and being asked to do. Here is a fun fact about our bodies: the cerebellum ("little brain") takes up just 10% of our total brain volume, but contains 50% of our brain's neurons! So wild! Another fun thing: Our year was the first year they implemented a FOOT-esque program (FOAM), and I'll be taking over the helm with a couple friends for this next year. Can't wait to get some folks oriented for the new year. Let me know if any of you guys pop through Providence, I would love to have you! Miss you all, and FLUV all around.

**Kevin Kirk:** I'm in between jobs and traveling alone in Brazil because I thought it might help me decide what to do with my life. I'm also trying to improve my broken Portuguese. I've done a few hikes, all easier than FOOT trips but with more exotic views. I'm starting a new software engineering job in New York at the end of the month. Still haven't bought my return ticket!

**Abigail Carney:** I am still living in Los Angeles and making movies at Heyday Films. This year, Paddington 2 and Tarantino's new film! Last summer I took a month away from LA to write in Sitka, Alaska where there were of course plenty of FOOT leaders roaming. Excited for more FOOT adventures in 2018!

**Emily Rutland:** Emily is living in New York and has decided she likes this place! She is working for a nonprofit called ID2020 with the mission to provide refugees with identification so they can get access to health, financial, and educational services. Even living in New York, she has found ways to get back into the mountains, whether in the Berkshires, Maine, or a recent adventure to Ecuador.

**Grace Lindsey:** Hi FOOT! I am (still) teaching 6th grade History in Brooklyn. Every other Friday, we have to do a full grade team builder on the field-- unsurprisingly Jellyfish was a hit and Ride that Pony led to full mutiny. Still trying to figure out what 11 year olds love and how much trouble I would get in for Birdie on a Perch... Going on a big National Park trip this summer-- hit me up if you have any time and would like to join!

**Gracia Vargas:** Gracia is currently taking a research year between her first and second year of medical school at the University of Michigan. While she misses the sun in the winter, she has loved becoming a part of the Michigan community. She is excited to carry on the FOOT legacy as one of the first leaders ever for the medical school's new CAMP (Creating Adventurous and Mindful Physicians) backpacking pre-orientation program, and carrying on the legacy of hard core in training the new leaders throughout the spring semester!!!

**Megan Opatrny:** Hi FOOT! I'm having more fun than expected in my first year of medical school at Case Western Reserve University, where I'm pursuing a joint MD/MA in Bioethics. I spend most of my free time meal prepping, exploring Cleveland, and planning trips to places that are warmer and sunnier than Cleveland.

**Kyra Morris:** Kyra is mid-way through her second year of teaching 9th and 10th grade Humanities at the Waring School in Beverly, MA. More importantly, this summer she hiked the Tour du Mont Blanc with her family, and spent a week hiking in Yosemite. (Picture attached from the Tour du Mont Blanc)



**Valerie Eisenson:** Hi there FOOT! I am in my 3rd year of teaching at Chelsea High School in MA. My students are lovely and crazy, and each day is an adventure. I explored Yellowstone last summer and adored it, and just booked flights to see Glacier this summer! Hope to see many of you in 2018.



## Class of 2016

**Curtis Broberg:** Hi FOOT! For the last few years I have clung to Yale for dear life, wearing my FOOT gear as often as possible and conducting research in a cell bio lab on Science Hill (lemme know if you wanna talk about nuclear envelope morphology and reformation in embryogenesis!!!). However, next year I will finally be moving out to start medical school! Though the location is TBD, I will likely remain in the northeast so hit me up if you ever want to escape to the woods for a weekend (I have a tent and stove - you just need to bring your beautiful selves and a love of torts)! Miss you guys so much!

**Isaac Hudis (and Brooke Eastman):** Lady Gaga is amazing, and Brooke and I went to her concert with two other randos last year. We thought this photo looked good at the time, so here it is:



In the fall, I'll be heading up north to Columbia to start law school. If I were your lawyer, I'd tell you to come hang out (this is not legal advice)!

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**Jerelyn Luther:** Jerelyn is still teaching children, but middle schoolers this year. In her free time she likes to explore new restaurants, read books and be outside in nature. She lives with two fluffy cats and every week has a burrito and margarita on Friday night.



**Greg Meyerowitz (and Sarah Kahanamoku-Snelling, Shalila de Bourmont and Scot Casleton '17)**

We're both first year grad students at UC Berkeley. Sara's in the "Integrative Biology" department studying paleontology, and I'm in the physics department ostensibly accomplishing something. We are super busy with grad school, but still trying to find time to get outside and find new mountains!



(Sugar Bowl)



(Yosemite)

Also Scott Casleton happened to land out here with us at Berkeley! He's a philosophy PhD student. I know he never checks his email so I'll include a couple photos of him too!

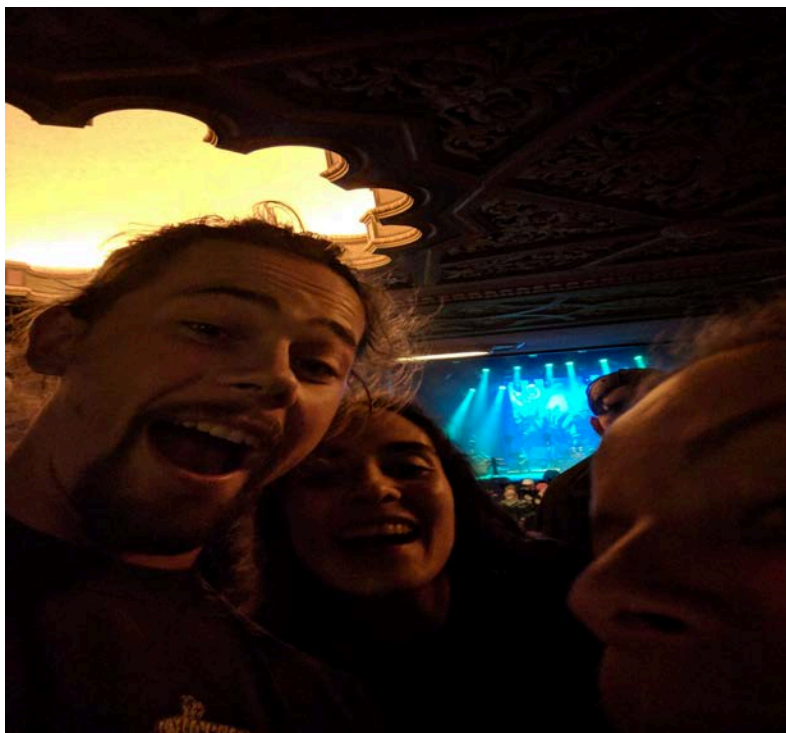
We went skiing and got to use our FOOT WFA training on Scott when he dislocated his shoulder and had to get emergency sledged down the mountain:



We also have become masters of the culinary arts:



Last but not least, Shalila also happens to be out here with us!! Wow! Here is a pretty bad photo of us at a concert on Valentine's day!



Tons of FLUV! Greg (and Sara, Scott, and Shalila!)

**Peter Wyckoff** : Peter Wyckoff moved back to Paris for two years to work at the OECD (conveniently located next to one of the two Parisian woods!) Drop a line if you're ever in town.

## Class of 2017

*FOOT 17 -- What's up in your life?*

**Laura Goetz**: MD-PhD student at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons



**Rob LaRose:** I finished my bucket list! (see below)

1. [X] visit Georgia Aquarium



**Brandon Hudik:** Right now I'm doing a post-bacc to (someday) become a doctor, hopefully before *all* my hair falls out. Been living at home with my parents and dog in the Dirty Jersey. They for some reason put me in charge of Xmas decorations this year, and I don't think I thought out the color scheme very well. You be the judge. I probably talk to my dog more than I do any human beings, so if you're ever in NJ and want to even the balance out a bit for me, hmu. We can go get gas and stay in the car the entire time. Also this past summer after graduating I hiked with classmate/other half Rob LaRose along the superior hiking trail in MN!! We didn't quite finish, but I had more than my fill. There's a photo from that as well.

Miss you all!



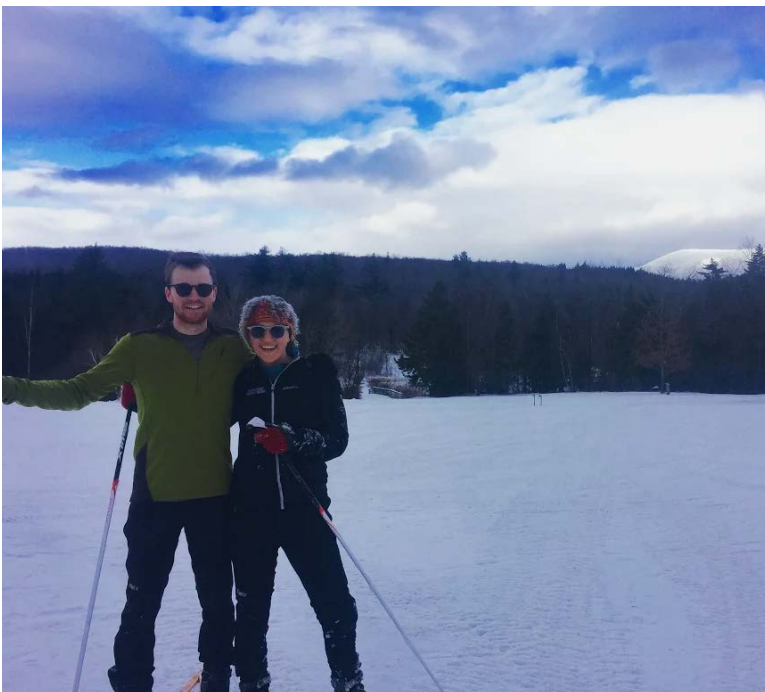
**Daniel Judt:** At the time of writing (December 7, 2017), I actually.... haven't yet graduated! But I am oh so close. I say goodbye to Yale and New Haven in two weeks. Next fall, I'll be hopping across the pond to study history at Oxford. (If you're in the UK or Europe, write to me!) But before that, from March to August, I'm going to be hiking the whole AT! I guess I just missed torts that much. So: if you are reading this in the summer and you are anywhere on the East coast that's north of Georgia and South of Maine, come hike with me for a weekend (or a week!).

**Emmet Hedin:** Hey all! Love from Fiji, where I've been working on building an adobe bure with a local family that's trying to open their own lodge in the Yasawa islands. A day older and a smile younger. Sending you all good thoughts, Emmet

**Myles Garbarini:** I've been doing lots of reading, cooking, personal projects, applying to jobs, questioning Art History, and I always make sure to include a walk as part of my daily routine. Otherwise, I've started writing reviews and analyses of graphic novels for ComicsVerse, your premier source for comics/graphic novels journalism!

**Analía Del Bosque:** I've been teaching high school English in Philadelphia, while getting my MSED at UPenn. Hi FOOT! Ana here, happy to report that I am currently teaching high school English in North Philly to a bunch of brilliant kiddos who keep me on my toes. While I miss the AT, all you FOOT leaders, and of course my darling FOOTies, I try to keep the outdoor spirit alive through my tech screensavers, the pictures on my walls, and an occasional walk along the Schuylkill River. I am hoping to hit some trails come spring, now that I much better sense of what I'm doing, but until then, please consider taking a hike in my honor. With much fluv.

**Emma Ryan:** Hey FOOT! Still here in the Have, getting my masters of public health (so hit me up if you want to chat about anything related to environmental health science or climate change and health). Hanging out with other FOOT folks still in New Haven when I get a chance, and trying to do get in as much hiking & skiing as I can this winter and spring to balance out all the time I spend in basement classrooms. Here's a photo of Will Conlon (FOOT '16) and me post nordic ski to prove it.



**Juliet Strauss:** Juliet still lives in New Haven because she refuses to leave. She also insists on wearing her FOOT winter hat every day. She sometimes even wears it inside her lab, where she currently researches the gut microbiome (a glorified word term for people's stool). But sometimes she wears this other silly hat! She's having a blast though and if you are ever in the area, she would love it if you would swing by! She has a big comfy couch for any and all visitors, and she also has a lifetime supply of hot chocolate!



**Calvin Harrison:** Hi my fellow FOOT people! This is the first "alumni" thing I've done, so I'm not sure exactly how it goes... Anyway, I moved to Egypt in August 2017 to work for a year at the American University in Cairo's Office of Sustainability. It's been a crazy five months adjusting to a new country, a new job, and post-grad life in general, but I'm enjoying it. Cairo is full of excitement at all hours, and I've absolutely loved getting to discover all sort of things, including the bus routes, which are not published or explained anywhere. FOOT time has actually prepared me well in many ways to live in a city where delays are a constant fact of life. I'm not sure what the future holds, but I hope to stay in my position in July networking, ever passing me know, I would to show you around my newly adopted home (big shout out to fellow FOOT '17-er Adam my first visitor!). all. Cairo past the end of (Egyptian anyone?). If you're through please let be more than happy around my newly Echelman for being Oodles of fluv to you



**Zoe Dobuler:** I moved to Boston in September to start working at HUBweek, an ideas festival focusing on innovation in art/science/technology (still working on my elevator pitch). Post-grad life has been fun and

challenging as expected, but I would absolutely love to relive the FOOT glory days with any other leaders in the area!

**Mikayla Harris:** Hello FOOT! Following graduation last May I spent the summer traveling in Europe, Southeast Asia, and Australia. I've now officially hit every continent except Antarctica! Anybody looking to plan a trip there, let me know--though we might need to pack more than just tarps...In September I started my job at NBC News where I am in a rotational program in which I work for four different shows during the year. First up was The Rachel Maddow Show and next is Nightly News. Any FOOT alums in New York please reach out--I'd love to head out of the city for a hike! fluv, Mikayla



And now some news of me. As many of you know, Steve, my wonderful husband of 35 years, died in the fall of 2016 to multiple myeloma. It was a sad and terrible journey I hope you never have to go through. I also had to sell my big beautiful yellow house on Edgehill Road. So I have an apartment now on Orange Street, not far from East Rock Park, but back in the student ghetto. (Everyone is 40 years younger!!) I am still keeping my Vermont farm (Please plan your wedding here: [www.skyacresevents.com](http://www.skyacresevents.com)) and my house on the water on Martha's Vineyard. So I still have lots of real estate and will probably have to downsize more someday. But the good news is that I reconnected with an old Yale classmate that I had seen in 40 years (yikes!!) and we are engaged to be married in September. And guess where?! My VT wedding venue! Russell is from the Southside of Virginia and very southern. He had a great career with Time Magazine but is retired now. We will be living part of the year in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where I spent some of the winter. I have to say, I didn't miss all those nor'easters!! In any case, we got reconnected on Facebook, which is a very funny and romantic story. I'm thinking of sending it to Modern Love of the *New York Times*. Other news is that Steve's last book *Nature by Design* is coming out by Yale Press this April. Please run to your local bookstore and buy it! There was a wonderful tribute to Steve at the Greenbuild Conference in Boston last November. I have reconnected with the Yale forestry school as a new member of the Alumni Board. And finally—April means lots of FOOT activity: meet & greet, Shakedown, Bulldog Days, Spring EQ Day, and then on to May Training!!

Here's my new address: 865 Orange St. #3, New Haven, CT06511 (cell: 203-500-5350). Please visit!

Lots of love, Cilla

Here I am with Russell at your favorite place at Yale. Then at Sweet Briar College where my dad had been President (that was our house!), and finally at the bell tower with Russell at Sweet Briar.



