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As interim president over the past year, I have had the distinct pleasure of getting to know many of our pathfinders, trailblazers and change-makers who sustain the College and its bright future. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and trust. It has been an honor and a remarkable experience.

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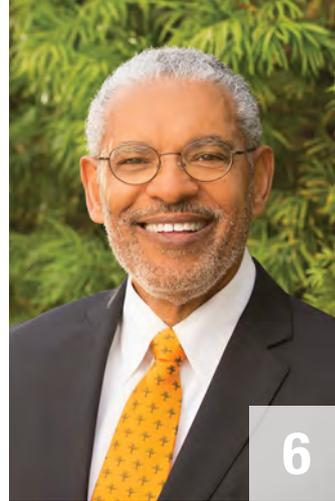
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Pitzer College is a nationally top-ranked undergraduate college of the liberal arts and sciences. Pitzer offers a distinctive approach to a liberal arts education by linking intellectual inquiry with interdisciplinary studies, cultural immersion, social responsibility and community involvement.

María E. Garay-Serratos '87

When María Elena Garay-Serratos, MSW, PhD, earned her BA in sociology from Pitzer College in 1987, she became the first member of her family to graduate from college. Growing up in an immigrant family from Mexico, she understood that education was her opportunity to improve her family's future.

As a child, Garay-Serratos experienced family violence and ultimately lost her mother to the long-term effects of domestic violence. Garay-Serratos dedicated her career to helping families break the cycle. Today, she is CEO of Sojourner Center, one of America's largest domestic violence shelters, and is creating a safer world for children and families.

"This epidemic affects the health and well-being of everyone it touches," says Garay-Serratos. "We must create a world free from domestic violence."



**PITZER
PATHFINDER**

Pitzer alumni take the path less traveled...
and make a world of difference.



2016 Alumni Weekend

The 2016 Kohoutek Alumni Weekend brought music, emeriti faculty and Pitzer grads from across the continent and class years to the Mounds in April.



Amy Rosen '76 (above), a nationally recognized expert in comprehensive urban school-system reform strategies, was named the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award winner. Community leader Betty Avila '08 (near left) was the 2016 Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient. The two were honored at a reception on April 22 at the Pitzer College President's Residence.

Interim President Thomas Poon completed 26 laps around Pitzer's campus to meet a \$26,000 fundraising challenge. He also donated \$100 per lap to support first-generation college student programs. Students, staff and Alumni Board President Brian Christiansen '93 joined the fun.

Check out all the 2016 Alumni Weekend photos on www.flickr.com/pitzercollege

Pitzer College students aspire to make a world of difference

“At Pitzer College,
everyone is passionate
about something, and
that inspires me.”

—Polina Goncharova '18
Environmental Analysis Major



Polina Goncharova '18 is a first-generation college student who is passionate about biodiversity conservation and teaching children about the importance of saving endangered species from extinction. Through her work with A Cleaner Tomorrow, she brings the outdoors inside for young students in urban schools who have limited access to nature.

Help students like Polina by contributing essential resources for financial aid and scholarships, academic initiatives and student programming.

Inspire Change. **Invest** in Pitzer College.

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WELCOME

MELVIN L. OLIVER

PITZER COLLEGE'S 6TH PRESIDENT

On January 13, 2016, the Pitzer Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Melvin L. Oliver as the College's 6th president.

Oliver is a noted expert on racial and urban inequality. He served as executive dean of the College of Letters and Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he was also the SAGE Sara Miller McCune Dean of Social Sciences and a professor of sociology since 2004. Oliver was the vice president of the Asset Building and Community Development Program at The Ford Foundation from 1996–2004 and was professor of sociology at University of California, Los Angeles, from 1978–96.

Oliver co-authored the seminal book *Black Wealth/White Wealth: A New Perspective on Racial Inequality*, which won the Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award from the American Sociological Association and the C. Wright Mills Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems. When *Black Wealth/White Wealth* was first released in 1995, the Gustavus Myers Center named it an outstanding book for its

groundbreaking exploration of race and inequality. He is the co-editor of four books, numerous special journal issues and more than 50 scholarly publications.

Oliver earned his BA at William Penn College, and his MA and PhD from Washington University in St. Louis. Washington University awarded him the Distinguished Alumni Award, Arts and Sciences in 2002 and the Sesquicentennial Celebration Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003. William Penn honored him with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named him California Professor of the Year, and the UCLA Alumni Association recognized him with the Harriet and Charles Luckman Distinguished Teaching Award. In April, Oliver received a 2016 ASSET Builder Champion award from the Center for Global Policy Solutions.

Melvin L. Oliver assumes office on July 1, 2016.

“To be named president of Pitzer College is such an honor, and I am so humbled.... I’m coming to a place that’s authentic, a place with a commitment to the values that have characterized my work, my life and my concerns with social justice and urban and social inequality.”

—Melvin L. Oliver, March 11, 2016, Pitzer College



Learn more about Melvin L. Oliver: View his first speech at Pitzer College and leave a welcome message at www.pitzer.edu/6th-president



Class of 2016

On Saturday, May 14, Pitzer College held its 52nd Commencement attended by more than a thousand families, friends and graduates. Patrisse Cullors, social activist and co-creator of the viral Twitter hashtag and movement #BlackLivesMatter, was selected by the graduating class as this year's keynote speaker.

259 GRADUATES

Top majors:

Environmental Analysis, Psychology, Organizational Studies, Sociology, Media Studies, Economics, Biology and Human Biology



55%
studied
abroad



38%
conducted
independent
research

Graduates will be working at:

Accenture, HBO, JP Morgan, Marvel Studios, National Park Service, Netflix, Wells Fargo, Walt Disney and Yelp

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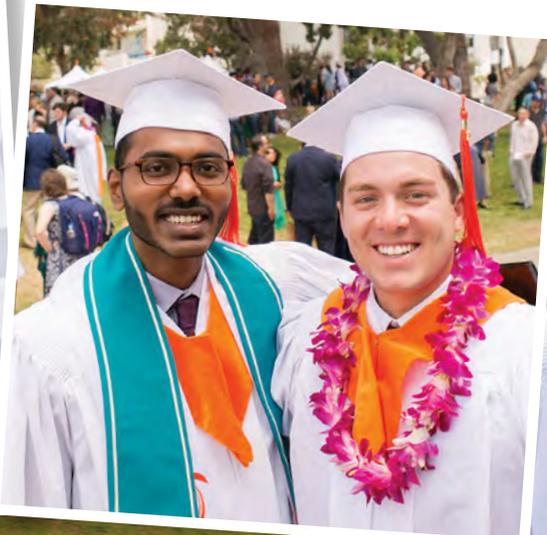
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Correction: A statistic on page 5 of the fall 2015 *Participant* should have stated 260 students enrolled in the Class of 2019, not 260 applicants were accepted.



\$750,000 Rose Hills Grant Supports STEM STUDENTS

Five Pitzer students are one step closer to becoming physicians because of life-changing Rose Hills Foundation STEM scholarships.

The scholarships are part of a four-year, \$750,000 grant from the Rose Hills Foundation to Pitzer College, beginning in the 2015-16 academic year. They are awarded to high-achieving students from Southern California who show passion and aptitude for STEM studies and plan to major in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

The students are: Theresa Dang '18, from San Diego; Patricia Doan '16, from Riverside; Erick Cruz Grave '19, from Los Angeles; Karan Patel '16, from West Covina; and Maria Rivera '17, from Riverside. They are the first in their families to attend a four-year college or university.

All five said that without the foundation's generous scholarship support, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to realize their dreams of attending medical school after graduation.

"The scholarship tells me that others see I am working toward a goal worth fighting for," said Doan, who plans to be a general practitioner. "It lets me concentrate on my studies without my family worrying about paying for tuition and books."

The scholarships are distributed in varying amounts based on individual financial need. They first go toward paying down student loans, then toward Pitzer-based aid, then can provide a monetary stipend to offset the students' need for work-study employment.

"I was working 10 hours a week to sustain living in college," said Dang, whose goal is to become an osteopathic physician. "Now, I have time to focus on studies."

According to Robin Thompson, Pitzer's director of financial aid, the students themselves did not apply for the scholarships; rather, the College selected them for the grants, which are renewable for up to four years.

"These are remarkable young men and women," said Thompson. "We're enormously proud of them and thankful to the Rose Hills Foundation for its critical support."

Aside from being excellent students, the scholarship recipients all share a deep interest in social responsibility—one of the College's core values—some from a very young age.

Dang said that when she was in kindergarten, she told her mother: "I want to be a trash collector in the morning to keep the community clean and a doctor in the afternoon to make people better."

While the former goal is no longer on her bucket list, the latter remains strong. "There's a lot of pressure as a first-generation student," she said. "I'm not just going to college for me, but for my parents and for hundreds before and after me."

Grave, a first-year student who plans to major in human or molecular biology, intends to become a gastroenterologist so that he can help people with medical conditions similar to his own; a few years ago he was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, now in remission. "I want to give service to others," he said.

Patel, who is pursuing a major in molecular biology and a minor in economics, has worked as a volunteer at a leprosy center in India, and speaks Hindi and Gujarati. He hopes to eventually set up his own medical practice.

The students all expressed surprise at receiving the grants, followed by enormous gratitude—to both the Rose Hills Foundation and to the College for the ongoing support.

"I was struggling a lot in an organic chemistry class last year," said Rivera, who is majoring in chemistry with a minor in Spanish. "I wondered if I should drop the class and put off my dream of becoming a doctor."

A professor told Rivera that she also had struggled academically in college and almost withdrew. "Don't let one class stop you or determine your future," she said.

"That motivated me," said Rivera. "I can't give up now."

Around the Mounds

News from Campus & Beyond



Groundwater in the Golden State

The Robert Redford Conservancy hosted the inaugural John D. Sullivan Memorial Lecture. Alumna **Kristin Dobbin '13**, the regional water management coordinator for the Community Water Center, joined environmental advocate and attorney **Cynthia Koehler P'19** to discuss the role of groundwater in California and the ramifications of the state-wide drought.

Art Works

Pitzer College Art Galleries won a \$200,000 grant from the Getty Foundation for *Juan Downey: Radiant Nature*, as part of the Getty's Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA initiative, opening in fall 2017. The Galleries also received a National Endowment for the Arts grant for *A Moderate Proposal*, which will explore the forms and effectiveness of manifestos in the 21st century, slated to open in 2018.



Dialogues on Democracy

For its Mindful of the Future Speaker Series, Pitzer's Student Senate brought a roster of political all-stars to campus, including California Secretary of State **Alex Padilla** (left) and Democracy Now! host **Amy Goodman** (right) and former Speaker of the California State Assembly **Fabian Núñez '97**.



Gold STARS for Sustainability

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education awarded Pitzer College a STARS Gold rating, which measures sustainability achievements in all aspects of higher education, for Pitzer's long-term and widespread sustainability practices.



Fêting the Firsts

Students, families, faculty and staff came together to celebrate Pitzer's first-generation college students at the 2016 First-Gen Celebration Dinner. **Professor Roberta Espinoza, Maria Melendrez '16** and **Interim President Thomas Poon**—who were first-gen students themselves—spoke at the event, which included a stole ceremony for graduating seniors.



Living Pitzer Values

Pitzer recognized students and organizations that embody the College's core values at its inaugural Student Leadership Awards. Interim President Thomas Poon said the event not only honored the award winners and nominees, it honored "all those who came before us who have made core values an integral part of who we are at Pitzer."

Prizing Pluralism

The American Humanist Association presented Pitzer College and **Professor Phil Zuckerman** with its 2016 University Award for Philosophical Diversity. **Roy Speckhardt**, executive director of the American Humanist Association, called Pitzer "a trailblazer in its attention to the study of secularism and humanism in our society."



Singing for Survivors

Pitzer student **Olivia Klugman '19** and other members of the 5C a cappella group **The After School Specials!** performed at the White House after their rendition of "Til It Happens to You" won first place in the Sing for Survivors contest. To help raise awareness about sexual assault on college campuses, the singing competition invited students from across the country to submit their own a cappella version of Lady Gaga and Diane Warren's Oscar-nominated song from the documentary *The Hunting Ground*.



The Latino Vote

Professor Adrian D. Pantoja moderated a panel discussion with **Alejandra Campoverdi** of the *Los Angeles Times* and **Pilar Marrero** of *La Opinión* about the role of the Latino vote during the 2016 election season. They spoke on issues ranging from immigration and education to the economy and the environment.



Setting the Pace for Peace

For the sixth consecutive year, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* named Pitzer as the top producer of student Fulbright Fellowships in the bachelor's institution category.



The Ocelots of Foothill Boulevard

The Pitzer College Art Galleries' spring exhibition featured artists **Mark Dion**, **Jessica Rath** and **Dana Sherwood**. *The Ocelots of Foothill Boulevard* explored the shifting contact zones between human and non-human worlds in the habitat surrounding the former Claremont Colleges infirmary and future home of the Robert Redford Conservancy by bringing objects from the infirmary, currently undergoing renovation, into the gallery spaces.



Modern Love

On *The New York Times*' "Modern Love" podcast, actress Dakota Fanning read an essay by student **Natalie Lindeman '16**, the youngest writer to be published in the *Times*' "Modern Love" series.



Empty Bowls

Professor Timothy Berg and students from his Wheel Throwing class hosted Empty Bowls, a grassroots effort to use art to help fight against hunger. For a small donation, supporters chose a handmade keepsake ceramic bowl that they could fill for a free meal provided by the Grove House or Shakedown Café. The event raised more than \$2,000 for the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

#watermelonwoman

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the film *The Watermelon Woman* (1996), produced by **Professor Alexandra Juhasz**, director **Cheryl Dunye** led a workshop focused on the experiences of black, trans and queer communities.



From Prison to Graduation

Pitzer College and the California Rehabilitation Center (CRC) signed an agreement to grant college credit to inmates enrolled in Pitzer's "inside-out" courses taught by Pitzer professors at CRC facilities. The 1:1 ratio of inmates and Pitzer students in each course brings a diversity and richness of discourse to every class.

À la Carte

FOOD—it's so much more than sustenance these days. It's everything from culinary creativity and food justice to craft concoctions and sustainable farming practices. Pitzer alumni are exploring ways, new and old, to use wholesome—and tasty—ingredients that satisfy the appetite and refresh the soul. They start their own companies, add their expertise to thriving establishments and enhance the enjoyment of food in myriad ways. They promote natural, local products and ingredients; they pioneer cooperative gardening; they use their Pitzer education to identify practical solutions to complex public health and environmental issues. On these pages, we salute alumni for their drive, their determination and their commitment to healthy, sustainable living.

Salud!



Localicious

Jesse Gaddy '13, a former manager of Pitzer's Shakedown Café, is co-owner and general manager of Barbareño in Santa Barbara, CA, with CMC grad and head chef Julian Martinez. Named for one of the region's extinct Chumashan languages, Barbareño serves California Central Coast specialties like Santa Maria BBQ and Eggamuffins (based on the Egg McMuffin, invented in Santa Barbara).



We All Scream for Vice Cream

Tamara Keefe '06 left a corporate career as a marketing executive to open Clementine's Naughty and Nice Creamery in St. Louis, MO, which produces small-batch, handcrafted creations made of 100% natural and local ingredients. Treats range from the sweet to the savory; Clementine's popular "boozy" ice creams contain wine, spirits and locally brewed beers, adding a tantalizing touch of naughtiness.



Healthy Helpings

Sheila Kemper Dietrich '78 encourages eating healthy foods in right-sized quantities through her company Livliga, which produces stylish tableware that doubles as elegant portion-control reminders. Dietrich returned to Pitzer last fall to talk about simple solutions for living a healthy lifestyle and spoke about the history of the Grove House, which her family helped establish on campus in the '70s.



True Food

Caitlin Watkins '13 (near right) is dedicated to food safety and food justice. She is a development associate at the Center for Food Safety, a nonprofit that works to curb the use of harmful food-production technologies and promotes sustainable agriculture. While at Pitzer, Watkins co-founded Fallen Fruit From Rising Women, an initiative she developed with the nonprofit Crossroads to help formerly incarcerated women gain job skills while crafting and selling unique jams (blackberry sage, anyone?). Watkins' adapted thesis research will be published in an upcoming book, *Addressing Environmental and Food Justice toward Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline*.



Return to Paradise

Daniel Bendett '06 graduates in August from the Executive MBA in Hospitality Management program at the Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne in Switzerland. This fall, he will become general manager of the La Hiki Restaurant at the new Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina in Hawaii. A certified sommelier, Bendett formerly managed The Grill on the Alley in Beverly Hills, CA.



Tastemaker

Flor Fausto '03 is a flavorist—her official, and officially cool, job title. A member of The Society of Flavor Chemists, the former biology major puts her discerning taste buds to work at California Custom Fruits & Flavors, where she has been working for more than a decade.



Starting Young, Growing Strong

Rachel Küichli '06 co-founded Bay Leaf Kitchen, a San Francisco-

based nonprofit dedicated to teaching children and families how to create sustainable, healthy meals while fostering a connection between urban communities and farmers. Bay Leaf Kitchen Camp—named one of the 10 Coolest Cooking Camps by *Bon Appétit*—aims to help stem the tide of diet-related diseases by getting kids excited about cooking, healthy eating and learning about where food comes from. The nonprofit provides scholarships for kids growing up in food deserts in some of the Bay Area's most economically depressed neighborhoods.



Spice Girl

Nydia Armendia Sanchez '02 launched The Spanish Tin, a small-batch online spice shop that offers hand-mixed premium spices for a taste of Spain in home kitchens or as special gifts for the discerning foodie.



Sowing Solutions

Andrew Grubb '11 co-founded the Homegrown Co-op, a four-season demonstration garden in Point Roberts, WA, that grows an array of crops, from artichokes to watermelon. The co-op pioneers agro-ecological solutions for gardens of all shapes and sizes. Grubb's classmate, **Acadia Tucker '12**, one of the directors, just completed an MBA in land and water systems and is teaching local small-scale growers how to build and design rainwater harvesting systems for sustainable water use.



Coco Confections

Coco Kislinger '11 whips up desserts, such as a cardamom citrus cake with fresh market fruit, using organic ingredients at her LA-based company, Coco Bakes. *Elle* magazine calls her treats “a must-eat for in-the-know Angelenos.” Who says dessert can't be healthy *and* delicious?



Going With the Grain

Tremaine Atkinson '86 left a career in finance to pursue his love of libations when he co-founded CH Distillery in 2013 in downtown Chicago. As head distiller and managing director, Atkinson specializes in “grain-to-bottle vodka” and spirits concocted from locally grown ingredients. His products are served in the cocktail lounge and restaurant attached to the distillery and distributed throughout Illinois.

All in the family

For generations of students, alumni, faculty and staff of The Claremont Colleges, there's no place like Walter's.

It's where you have your first dinner date, where you take your parents to lunch, where you hang out on a balmy evening on the patio, where you meet friends during reunions. You return time and again because Walter's never grows old.

One of the reasons for Walter's success is the welcoming presence of its manager, Asya Ghafarshad Beardsley '91, daughter of owners Nangy and Fahima Ghafarshad. While she says the restaurant is "100 percent my mother and father's," she is usually the first smiling face you see when you walk through the door on Yale Avenue. "I take pride in this place," she says. "It's like inviting people into my home."

It has been home for much of her life. Her first memory of the restaurant was at age 4, shortly after her parents bought the former hamburger place, in 1973. She had a little bed in her father's cramped office, where she often napped. When Beardsley was 9, she begged her parents to let her hostess, working two hours at a time. "Even then, I loved meeting people," she says.

She started college in Washington DC, but after a year Claremont drew her back. She studied English, art, dance and French at Pitzer College and worked at the restaurant when school was out.

She married fellow Pitzer alum Kurt Beardsley '96, started a family and earned an MA in English from Chapman University, then worked at Pitzer in the PACE program and at Pomona College. After her second son was born, she returned to Walter's—and has been there ever since.

"I do everything except finances," she says. "That's my brother's area of expertise." One of the most enjoyable parts of her encompassing role is overseeing the restaurant's weddings, where she can concentrate on individual service. An ordained minister in the Universal Life Church, she has even married couples at Walter's.

In the demanding and competitive restaurant world—where a trendy hot spot appears every few years—how has Walter's continued to thrive?

"Authenticity," Beardsley says. "Everything we serve is made here." That includes an impressive array of desserts inspired by her mother's study of pastry making at Le Cordon Bleu in France.

Walter's has something for everyone: a traditional breakfast or luncheon salad or Afghan specialties like sabzi chalu (a spinach and lamb dish) and aash (made with meat, noodles, beans, dried mint and yogurt).

As the restaurant evolves to meet customers' needs, Beardsley makes sure menu additions and upgrades to dining areas are created with heart and soul. "I'm committed to the art of food and service here," she says. "I love to keep people coming back."

Field of dreams

A vacant lot that once gathered trash and weeds is now a thriving garden feeding the bodies and souls of an underserved Southern California neighborhood.

Before it fed more than 60 families and supplied local restaurants with fresh, organic produce, it was a vacant, dry lot, gathering trash, weeds and animal carcasses. But on this seasonably warm afternoon, visitors circle for parking, a band plays, and the scent of earth and home-cooked Mexican food welcomes hundreds of guests over the course of a day. It's the third anniversary of the four-acre Huerta del Valle community garden, a homegrown success story whose roots were established through Pitzer in Ontario (PIO), and nurtured by unremitting determination, vision and—quite frankly—sweat.

"We moved every rock and pulled every weed," PIO Academic Director Susan Phillips recalls. That was 2012, when 10 families in this underserved neighborhood joined Phillips, PIO Community Engagement Fellow Arthur Levine '14, and garden executive director Maria Alonso in scrubbing the land without machines. (Simply put, there wasn't funding for those things then.) A year later, they had something big: opportunity. The parcel, ignored for two decades, in an area beneath Ontario International Airport's flight path, was now ripe for organic, social, sustainable change.

"To create something like this is a privilege," says Phillips, who is an associate professor of environmental analysis at Pitzer College.

"It feels good here." She talks about honest work; shared stories; connectivity; the spirituality of inclusiveness and transformation; of community empowerment; and health and wellness. In short, Huerta del Valle literally is a living room, and an incubator for leadership, education and the kind of practical, social change that Pitzer students—some of whom research and intern here— theorize about. It is a blueprint for sustainable, urban agriculture and a model for showing communities how to build their own economic wealth by tapping into the local food movement, says Levine. The latter goes beyond putting food on the table to seeding small businesses in their neighborhoods.

Before Huerta del Valle opened in 2013, Alonso cultivated a growing list of residents interested in a community garden. The City of Ontario included Pitzer as a subcontractor in the Kaiser-funded Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Zone Initiative, which would ultimately support stipends for staff salaries and garden managers, equipment and supplies. Thus was born Huerta del Valle, an impressive field of dreams, divided into plots primed for planting. Sixty are for local families for their own use, and there's a wait list for another 60 plots when an adjacent, vacant lot is absorbed.

The largest section of land is devoted to the "intensive" garden,

DEL VALLE



from which organic produce is plucked and sold to residents, six days a week, for a fraction of grocery store prices. They can pay with cash, credit, food stamps or by volunteering at Huerta del Valle. The intensive garden also grows what's sold to local restaurants, including Pitzer's Grove House and Shakedown Café, at market value. Pitzer's McConnell Dining Hall has been a customer for kale, mustard greens, turnips and herbs. And 30 minutes south, Radical Botanicals in Santa Ana has bought produce for its cold-pressed green juice.

The intensive garden earns enough to employ two people at living wages; another few farmers managing the garden's three sections receive gift cards or produce. All other profits feed back into Huerta del Valle.

Although Pitzer currently holds the land lease, the goal is for the garden to be an independent nonprofit that assumes the lease and grant opportunities. Zoom out again, and the operating dream for its founders looks like this: a garden every mile—quilts of urban farms transforming communities and regions, socially and economically.

Phillips says they will continue to fundraise toward Huerta del Valle's ongoing growth, inspiration and progress. "This is more than a garden. This is a place where people come to relieve stress; it's an oasis, an escape."



A New CASA for Pitzer in Ontario

On April 14, Pitzer celebrated the College's 20-year community partnership with the City of Ontario and the opening of CASA Ontario, Pitzer in Ontario's new office. Interim President Thomas Poon, Ontario Mayor Paul Leon and PIO Director Susan Phillips, along with Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe Chairman Tony Cerda, Huerta del Valle Executive Director Maria Alonso and 200 community members, students, faculty and staff came together for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and inaugural festivities.

Strategically located in historic downtown Ontario, CASA Ontario will house local organization offices, classrooms for students and community members, and will offer space for trainings, conferences, fundraisers and region-wide stakeholder gatherings to tackle issues ranging from public health and education to the environment and immigration.



Pitzer Reads (*and Cooks*)

From handmade pasta to unexpected and tantalizing street food, whip up Pitzer alumni culinary creations in your own kitchen.

LOUIS
PASTA BY HAND

***Pasta By Hand* by Jenn Louis '93**

The executive chef and co-owner of Lincoln Restaurant and Sunshine Tavern in Portland, OR, gives you 66 of her favorite handmade pasta recipes—no gadgets required.

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THE *Lemonade* COOKBOOK

***The Lemonade Cookbook* by Alan Jackson '90 and JoAnn Cianciulli**

The CEO and co-founder of the highly successful Lemonade restaurants, which are now in more than 20 locations across California, passes along delicious recipes for Southern California comfort food.

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Susan Feniger '76, owner of Border Grill and Mud Hen Tavern restaurants, shares her master-chef masterpieces in five quintessential cookbooks.

City Cuisine with Mary Sue Milliken

Regional Italian, Mexican and Asian Cooking with Mary Sue Milliken and Evan Kleiman

Cantina: The Best of Casual Mexican Cooking with Mary Sue Milliken

Mexican Cooking for Dummies with Mary Sue Milliken

Street Food



Taste of Southern California

A delicious, healthy—and very Pitzer—recipe from alumnus **Alan Jackson '90**. Check out his *The Lemonade Cookbook* for more great recipes straight from the kitchens of his Lemonade restaurants.

Black Kale Kumquat Salad Serves 4 to 6

1½ pounds Tuscan black kale, (2 bunches), center ribs removed, leaves thinly sliced crosswise
 8 button mushrooms, wiped of grit, stemmed, and sliced
 6 kumquats, halved crosswise and sliced
 ½ cup Kumquat Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
 Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a mixing bowl, combine the kale, mushrooms, kumquats and vinaigrette; season with salt and pepper. Toss thoroughly and allow the ingredients to sit for at least 15 minutes before serving.

Kumquat Vinaigrette Makes 1½ cups

8 kumquats, halved crosswise and chopped (about ½ cup)
 1 Thai bird chili, minced
 2 teaspoons Sambal Oelek chili paste
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 ¼ cup chopped fresh chives
 Juice of 2 limes (about ¼ cup)
 2 tablespoons honey or agave nectar
 1 teaspoon coarse salt
 ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
 ¼ cup canola oil

To prepare the vinaigrette, in a mixing bowl combine the kumquats, chili, Sambal, garlic, chives, lime juice, honey and salt. Gently blend with a whisk. Pour in the olive and canola oils all at once and lightly whisk until the ingredients just come together. Pour the vinaigrette into a plastic container or jar and shake it up just before you are ready to dress the kale. Keep any leftover covered in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

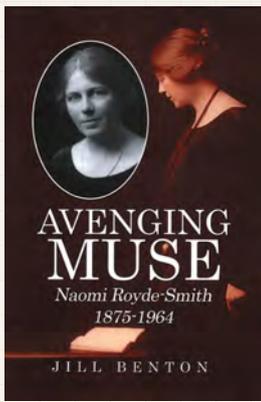


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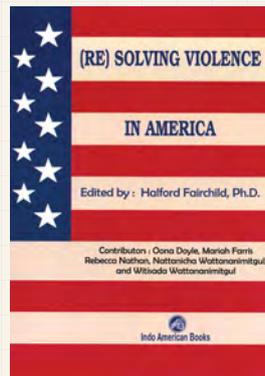
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Pitzer professors expand worldviews both inside and outside the classroom. As authors, award winners, researchers and media experts, they shape national policies and conversations while sharing the power of intellectual inquiry with Pitzer students.

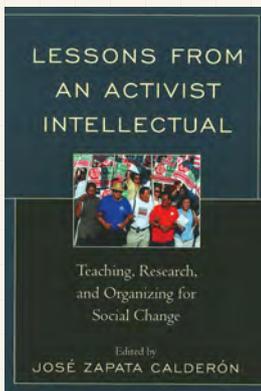
New Books



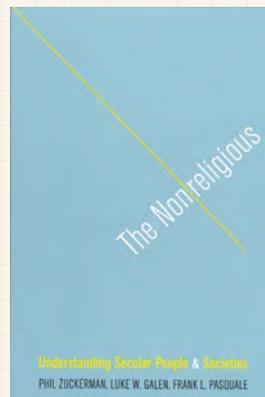
In *Avenging Muse: Naomi Royde-Smith, 1875-1964*, **Professor Emerita Jill Benton** recounts the life of a powerful early twentieth-century British literary editor and author who wrote about human sexuality during an era that was morally and legally hostile to exploration of the topic.



(Re) Solving Violence in America, a new book by **Professor Emeritus Halford Fairchild** and students from his social psychology seminar, delves into the details of different forms of violence in the US and proposes ways to (re)solve the crisis of violence in America.



In *Lessons from an Activist Intellectual: Teaching, Research, and Organizing for Social Change*, **Professor Emeritus José Z. Calderón** tackles a range of societal issues and shows how his roles as a professor, researcher and community organizer have shaped his fight for social justice.



The Nonreligious: Understanding Secular People & Societies, co-authored by **Professor Phil Zuckerman**, is the first comprehensive compilation of social scientific research on the rapidly growing population of the nonreligious.

Media Highlights

Associate Professor Timothy Berg and his ceramics students were featured in an *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* article about terra-cotta pots, known as ollas, which are used to irrigate gardens.

Professor Carmen Fought and alumna **Karen Eisenhauer '13** captured imaginations and headlines around the world when they released research highlighting the discrepancy between male and female dialogue in movies featuring Disney princesses (quick summary: women don't talk as much as men).

In "Viva Latino Voters!," **Professor Adrian Pantoja** wrote about the impact of Latinos on the 2016 elections for *The Cairo Review of Global Affairs*. On the *Tavis Smiley* show, Pantoja discussed the presidential election and pandering to Latino voters.

Assistant Professor Suyapa Portillo's op-ed "Deportation Nation: Sending Central American Refugees Back to Certain Death" appeared in *The Huffington Post*.

Associate Professor Rachel VanSickle-Ward co-authored *The Washington Post* op-ed "Why women's representation may suffer when Hillary Clinton is attacked as 'ambitious' and 'unqualified.'"

Awards and Appointments



Associate Professor Brent Armendinger's book of poetry, *The Ghost in Us Was Multiplying*, was a finalist for a 2016 California Book Award.



Associate Professor Harmony O'Rourke won the biannual Graves Award in the Humanities, which honors outstanding teaching in the humanities by younger faculty members. The award will support O'Rourke's research on the relationship between gender and religion on the East African coast.



Assistant Professor Menna Bizuneh won a \$6,450 grant from the Consortium on High Achievement and Success for her project "Demystifying the Economics Major Shortage of Women in Minority Groups."



The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) named **Professor Muriel Poston** the new chair of its education section. In 2013, the AAAS selected Poston as a fellow in recognition of her efforts to improve and expand undergraduate science education.



Associate Professor Roberta Espinoza was honored with an inaugural 7Cs Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Award for fostering interactive, student-led and community-based learning.



Associate Professor Susan Phillips and **Assistant Professor Ruti Talmor** were both awarded Art and Anthropology grants by the Getty Research Institute. Phillips will be finishing her book on the history of graffiti in LA, and Talmor will be working on her book, *I and I: Transnational Art Practice in Ghana*.



Assistant Professor Aaron Leconte received a three-year, \$100,000 Cottrell Scholar award to research a protein critical to the creation of bioluminescence.



Professor and Assistant Vice President for Student Development Kathleen Purvis-Roberts will help the US Department of State shape Asian-Pacific environmental policies as a 2016-17 Jefferson Science Fellow. One of only 12 scientists, engineers and physicians to be awarded the fellowship, she will begin her one-year appointment in August.



The National Science Foundation tapped **Professor David S. Moore** as the next director of its Developmental and Learning Sciences Program. His one- to three-year appointment begins in July. Moore also won the American Psychological Association's 2016 Eleanor Maccoby Book Award in Developmental Psychology for his book *The Developing Genome: An Introduction to Behavioral Epigenetics*.



Professor Kathleen Yep was honored by the City of Monterey Park with the Mayor's Centennial Volunteer Award for the partnership she created between her Asian American Studies classes and the adult literacy program at the city's public library.



Legacy of Learning: *Four Pitzer Professors Retire*



Judith V. Grabiner
A Theory of Everything

Take a class with Professor Halford Fairchild, and he will question your unconscious set of assumptions. He might challenge the idea that Europe qualifies as a continent or that the SAT measures scholastic aptitude at all.

“He’s radical,” said Collin Blinder ’18, who took Fairchild’s Introduction to African American Psychology this spring. “He wants to tear down all your preconceived notions and make you realize that there’s a way out of what seems like an inescapable mode of thought.”

Since coming to Pitzer College in 1993, the professor of psychology and Africana studies has asked students to cross-examine the origins of their ideas and the standard sources of knowledge—including the professor standing at the front of the classroom.

“As professors, we spend too much time telling students what we think they should know and not giving them the opportunity to share their wisdom,” Fairchild said. “I really want to make students producers of knowledge, not mere consumers.”

This year, in a kind of culmination of his teaching career and philosophy, Fairchild turned students not only into authorities, but authors. In three classes, he started the semester by telling his students, “We’re going to write a book.” He asked his 5C undergraduates to tackle big topics—violence in America, the Black Lives Matter movement and world peace—and then propose possible solutions to the problems they uncovered.

Blinder calls Fairchild’s emphasis on searching for potential cures for societal ills “an antidote to cynicism.”

“That is one of the great things that Hal Fairchild gives his students—a way to view the world with hope,” Blinder said.

Fairchild’s optimism and activism have changed many minds, and Pitzer policy. His campaign to eliminate the SAT—which he calls a test of affluence, not academic ability—ultimately led to Pitzer becoming a

trailblazer in SAT-optional admissions. He led a community-wide protest when an African-American teenager was shot and killed by police in Claremont. He shaped the development of both Africana studies at the 5Cs and the psychology field group at Pitzer, according to Professor Emeritus Alan Jones, who served as the College’s dean of faculty for 11 years.

Today, Fairchild looks forward to aspects of his post-Pitzer life: pursuing his passion for photography, spoken-word poetry and semi-pro poker. He plans to travel and raise funds for the Halford H. Fairchild Endowed Scholarship in Africana Studies and an endowed scholarship he established in his mother’s name. But he says he will miss mentoring students and opening their eyes to alternate realities, helping make “their lives somewhat different—and better.”

Before he graduated, Demetrius Lamar CMC ’96 gave Fairchild a pillow embroidered with the saying, “To Teach is to Touch a Life Forever.” Lamar can readily recite lessons he learned two decades ago in Fairchild’s Introduction to Psychology class: think critically, research deeply, read scrupulously, and revise your essay “until it bleeds.” Today, Lamar teaches sociology at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and says Fairchild is a constant presence in his classroom 3,000 miles from Claremont.

“These things he taught me are still in me,” Lamar said. “And now I try to share them with the world.”



Did You Know?

Professor Halford Fairchild...

- Served as president of the Association of Black Psychologists in Washington DC
- Is CEO of Fairchild Tax Service in Los Angeles
- Donated the par-course on campus to Pitzer in honor of his parents

When Judith V. Grabiner began teaching at Pitzer in 1985, she asked students and colleagues what they wanted from their new professor of mathematics. Almost everyone gave her the same answer: “We want you to explain what mathematics has to do with everything else.”

As a historian of mathematics and science, Grabiner thought, “If that’s what they want, I should be able to do this job very well.” Recalling that moment 31 years later, she adds: “And I hope I have.”

She has. Marcelo D’Asero ’86 vividly remembers Grabiner’s lecture about the way Thomas Jefferson used language associated with geometric proofs—such as “self-evident”—to endow the Declaration of Independence with axiomatic certainty.

“Professor Grabiner allowed me and other students to see how mathematics is used in everyday life and in areas of human endeavor that you wouldn’t think have anything to do with mathematics,” said D’Asero, who is now a supervising research attorney at the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

For her courses designed for non-mathematics majors, the Flora Sanborn Pitzer Professor of Mathematics doesn’t assume students have a propensity for parabolas—she jokes that the only prerequisite is a hatred of math. In Mathematics, Philosophy and the “Real World,” students uncover the math underlying areas of their own expertise: in music, in art, in ski jumping—an approach that allows undergrads to feel like they really “get” math, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

“My goal is to teach students mathematics,” Grabiner said. “But there are so many different roads to coming to an understanding of mathematics.”

When Grabiner introduces examples of mathematics in different fields

and cultures, she is drawing on her own infinity of interests. She can riff on constitutional law, Kant, and Lewis Carroll as easily as she talks about the origins of the epsilon. She’s known as an advocate for the underdog, a fierce believer in blackboards and an ardent proponent of participatory politics who reminds everyone, every election, to vote.

During a recent dinner held in her honor, her peers from across The Claremont Colleges described her as a towering figure in her field, and her Pitzer colleagues called her a paragon of principles who has shaped both the College and her discipline.

“The future of mathematics at Pitzer is bright,” Professor of Mathematics Jim Hoste said to Grabiner. “And, in a large part, we owe that to you.”

Today, in addition to core and upper-division courses for mathematics majors, students at Pitzer can study the mathematics in gambling, in a Rubik’s Cube, in 3D printing. Grabiner says her legacy at the College may be helping people understand how numbers, measurements, symbols and sets relate to the world around them.

“I think that was a very Pitzer thing to do.”



Professor Grabiner’s [P=ri]me (N^m)/b^o-rs]

- 31 Years at Pitzer (1985–2016)
- 4 Lester R. Ford Awards for best article in *The American Mathematical Monthly*
- 1 Beckenbach Book Prize—Mathematical Association of America (MAA)
- 1 MAA Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching
- 1 Great Courses DVD: *Mathematics, Philosophy, and the “Real World”*
- 2012 Inaugural fellow of the American Mathematical Society

Halford Fairchild

Changing Minds, Changing Lives

From the very beginning, Professor Dipannita Basu brought her trademark trans-Atlantic and trans-disciplinary perspective to Pitzer. Born in India and raised in England, Basu spoke about diaspora, African-American entrepreneurs and hip-hop during her first lecture on campus—a job talk for an opening in the sociology field group.

“I remember being wowed by her work on ethnic entrepreneurship, rap music and her trans-Atlantic understanding of race and space,” Pitzer Professor of Psychology Mita Banerjee says. “And, of course, her accent.”

Banerjee wasn’t the only one who was wowed. Basu joined Pitzer’s faculty in 1995 and, as a professor of sociology and black studies (now Africana studies), she began transforming students’ understanding of everything from urbanization to the societal catalysts for contemporary music.

One of those students was Jamilah King ’07, a writer and editor who focuses on race, gender and sexuality. The winner of Pitzer’s 2015 Young Alumni Achievement Award, King counts Basu among the most influential professors she encountered at Pitzer.

“When it comes to the discipline of black studies, she provided valuable global context,” King said. “That global context was instrumental in getting me to think about race and culture in a much broader way.”

Basu often co-taught with professors from across Pitzer’s spectrum of field groups and her courses transcended traditional borders between academic disciplines. She created classes never before seen in the College’s course catalog: *The Black Atlantic*; *Sociology of Popular Music*; *Class, Caste and Colonialism in Film and Documentaries*.

“I felt so lucky to teach what I wanted,” Basu says. “I loved teaching at Pitzer.”

Basu connected classrooms to communities both near and far. She helped develop Pitzer’s partnership with a juvenile probation camp in La Verne

and pioneered one of the College’s first global-local courses, taking a group of first-year students to Kalimpong, India, in 2007. She is also the co-editor of the book *The Vinyl Ain’t Final: Hip-Hop and the Globalization of Black Popular Culture* and the author of numerous articles about ethnicity, gender and entrepreneurship.

Although she has dedicated her professional life to higher education, Basu didn’t always plan to be a professor—she did her undergraduate degree in pharmacology, and then earned her MBA and PhD in ethnic entrepreneurship. She discovered her love of teaching when she was doing postdoctoral work at UCLA. Now, when asked what she will miss about teaching, she says, “Everything. Really, everything.”

Basu’s teaching career was cut short in 2012. That summer, she was on London’s Underground when she suffered a massive stroke and seizure triggered by a malignant brain tumor. She spent 104 days in the hospital, underwent three operations and couldn’t speak for a month.

“I’m supposed to be dead,” she says. “But I’m not.”

Determined is one of the terms—along with forthright, funny and fun—colleagues use to describe Basu. Over the past four years, she regained her ability to walk and talk. Then she set her sights on returning to the classroom and, in fall 2014, she did, co-teaching a First-Year Seminar called *Africana Film: UK to USA*, with Professor Emeritus Halford Fairchild.

In the 20 years since her first talk at Pitzer, Basu has expanded the College’s curriculum and undergraduates’ worldview, Fairchild says.

“Dipa’s unique trans-Atlantic perspective provided a reminder to our students that the world is bigger than the United States,” he says. “She challenged students to make their analyses apply to local and international situations, and inspired their sense of global citizenship.”



Alan Jones
Setting Minds in Motion

Dipannita Basu

Changing Our Understanding of Race, Place and Space

Professor Alan Jones' legacy at Pitzer could be summed up in a litany of college-wide accomplishments: facilitating the founding of the intercollegiate neuroscience program, the Pitzer in Ontario program and the Community Engagement Center—just to name a few. But the professor of psychology and neuroscience, who served as Pitzer's dean of faculty for 11 years, doesn't cite institutional entities when asked about his 30-year career at Pitzer.

"The legacy is the students," Jones says. "The legacy is what they took away and what we learned together in the classroom. There's nothing carved in stone that will last. The question is, 'How do you set things in motion?'"

For Charles R. Martinez '91, Jones helped set the future in motion. Now a professor of education and a department head at the University of Oregon, Martinez calls Jones "a seismic influence."

"He catalyzed my love of teaching," Martinez says. "He cared so deeply about what he was doing, you couldn't help but go along with him."

A first-generation college student when he arrived at Pitzer, Martinez took a transcript's worth of classes with Jones, who he credits as "one of my very first role models in higher education."

"He just didn't help me develop the skills, he helped me develop the confidence in my emerging image of myself as a scientist and a scholar," Martinez says.

Jones set things in motion for the College as a whole as well. Shortly after he arrived at Pitzer in 1986, he gathered a group of professors who secured funding from the National Science Foundation and established the 5C-wide neuroscience program.

"I thought, 'Oh, if that's possible, all sorts of other things are possible,'" Jones says.

Jones found in Pitzer a like-minded college, interdisciplinary to its core and open to educational experimentation. He taught classes on the foundations of neuroscience as well as courses on gender and sexuality, the

biological basis of behavior and the chemical component of perception. His fundamental fascination with how people come to be who they are ultimately led him into the field of epigenetics, the study of environmental factors' impact on genetic expression.

Jones says when he came to Pitzer, he never thought he would be dean of faculty, much less the longest-serving one in the College's history. But Pitzer's openness to academic inspiration persuaded him to accept the position and become "a very, very interesting and creative dean," in the words of Professor Emerita Judith V. Grabiner. As dean, Jones played a pivotal role in establishing many of Pitzer's most innovative programs, including the Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology in Costa Rica and the Vaccine Development Institute's partnership with the University of Botswana.

Jones could have retired when he stepped down as dean in 2012, but he wanted to spend his last four years as a professor without any agenda "other than to teach a really good course."

Looking back over his career, the man who grew up in a Northeastern mill town and studied the genetic scars of forced starvation during World War II says the great glory of teaching is that "there's such hopefulness to it."

"Eighteen-year-olds are so optimistic about the world, and they should be—they have such agency to make a difference," Jones says. "I've always liked the idea that, as a teacher, you can change people for the rest of their lives."

For Andrew R. Harrison '89, Jones' psychobiology course changed his understanding of how vision works, and ultimately the focus of his academic career. Today, Harrison is an associate professor of ophthalmology and visual neurosciences at the University of Minnesota, where he also serves as the director of Ophthalmic Plastic and Orbital Surgery Service.

"Alan taught me how to think and question in research," Harrison says. "My experience with Alan at Pitzer really paved the way for my entire career."





Harvey Botwin

— Years at Pitzer: 1967-2007 —

Professor Emeritus Harvey Botwin, who shaped the study of economics at Pitzer, passed away in November 2015. He was the first—and for years the only—economics professor at Pitzer; all six classes listed in economics in the 1967-68 course catalog were taught by one Mr. Botwin.

Botwin taught everything econ, from the History of Economic Thought to The Stock Market. The seemingly simple No. 2 pencil served as the centerpiece for his legendary lecture about how human innovation and economic impetus drive the creation of everyday objects.

In 1975, Botwin established Pitzer's Summer in London external studies program. Based at the London School of Economics, on the island that produced Adam Smith and John Maynard Keynes, he taught students about the international economy with "a particularly Botwinian flavor," Marian McNamee '83 recounts in a 1980 *Participant*.

The economics professor brought that "Botwinian flavor" to generations of Pitzer students. Tracy Tindle '82 once said Botwin's students felt like they were "part of an ever-increasing extended family." He created that sense of family both literally and figuratively at Pitzer. His daughter, Michele Botwin Raphael '92, graduated from the College, and he and his wife, Harriet, regularly hosted dinners for colleagues at their home.

Although Botwin was an economist's economist who delighted in elucidating the inner workings of inflation, he described

himself as a "radical eclectic." Known as "Pitzer's first search engine," he inhaled newspapers and distributed countless articles among students and colleagues. He had a penchant for colorful shirts, an unapologetic passion for the Yankees and a deep love of fine cars, including a red Alfa Romeo he once owned that looked like he drove it off the set of *The Graduate*. He brought his passion for automobiles into the classroom with his course Cars and Culture, which he co-taught with Professor Emeritus of Sociology Rudi Volti.

When founding faculty member and Professor Emeritus of Classics Stephen L. Glass spoke at Professor Botwin's memorial service in November, he said that, in the right hands, i.e. Botwinian hands, a classroom can be viewed as a sacred space.

"A classroom is not unlike Delphi, a place where daily enlightenment and revolution spring from some divinely inspired guide," Glass said. "Fine scholars abound, but truly great teachers are exceedingly rare, which is why each of us can remember but two or three of them in our lives whose guidance permanently altered portions and perceptions of our existence. Harvey Botwin was surely one such."



ALUMNI ClassNotes

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1960s

'68 **Susan Norwick Horrocks** of Orinda, CA, and **Fusako Ishibashi '66** of Tokyo, Japan, reconnected after many years at the Shinagawa Prince Hotel in Tokyo. Ishibashi was Pitzer's first international student; she transferred to Pitzer as a junior in 1964, the same year the College opened its doors.

'68 **Deborah Deutsch Smith**, a Pitzer College emerita trustee and the co-director of the IRIS Center at Claremont Graduate University, co-authored the textbook, *Teaching Students with Special Needs in Inclusive Classrooms*. She also spoke at a University of Edinburgh conference as part of her ongoing efforts to improve international understanding and practices regarding inclusive education.

1970s

'72 **Ann Llewellyn Matthews** left her law career to study at the Angel Academy of Art in Florence, Italy, where she now works as an anatomy instructor.



Fusako Ishibashi '66 and Susan Norwick Horrocks '68



L-R: Char Miller '75, Susan Feniger '76, Judi Lipsett '75, Lee Perry '75 and John Moscovitz '75 gathered at Walter's Restaurant in Claremont to celebrate friendship and Pitzer.

'73 **Sandra D. Mitchell** was named a 2015 American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow.

'74 **Mariel Clemensen** was appointed managing director of Andres Capital Management and will manage the Pennsylvania firm's high-yield and high-income strategies.

'76 **Houston Putnam Lowry** was re-elected to the Board of Education in Avon, CT, and subsequently elected chair.



Reflections in the Garden, an art exhibition by **Karen Hochman Brown '79**, ran from January to June 2016 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum Library. One of Brown's pieces is based on a photo captured on campus during Pitzer's 50th Anniversary weekend.

'78 **Amy Borenstein**, a professor and epidemiologist, retired from the University of South Florida's College of Public Health. She plans to continue her research into Alzheimer's and create a program dedicated to reducing the risk of developing the disease. Her new book, *Alzheimer's Disease: Life Course Perspectives on Risk Reduction*, was published in February by Academic Press, an imprint of Elsevier.

'79 **Katherine Armstrong** recently joined Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP and is working with the Government and Regulatory Affairs Group to enhance the firm's data protection and privacy practice.



Katherine Armstrong '79

'79 **Beverly Voelkelt** graduated from the Los Angeles Police Department's LGBTQ Community Police Academy and received honors from the City of Los Angeles, LA County and the LA City Council. Her work focuses on transgender suicide and homelessness.

1980s

'80 **Cellin Gluck** directed *Persona Non Grata* (Japanese title: *Sugihara Chiune*), a film about a Japanese diplomat working in Lithuania who saved more than 10,000 Jews during World War II. The North American premiere was part of the 2016 Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.



Bernadette Coghlan-Walsh '87

'80 **Peter Loy** and **Gretchen Bard-Loy '82** have been working at international schools in the Netherlands since 1997. Loy received the 2015 Council of International Schools' Peggy Templeton Strong Award for making a significant and lasting contribution to the field of international school guidance and counseling.

'80 **Sheryl Cooperman Stiefel P'12** welcomed her first grandchild, Eli Noah Kier, whose arrival was also celebrated by his aunt, **Miriam Stiefel '12**.

'81 **Lou Driever** has spent more than 30 years in military/defense contracting positions such as VP of operations for Evergreen Airlines and director of business development for RP Advanced Mobile Systems. He is now semi-retired as the airport manager for Grimes Field in his hometown of Urbana, OH.

'81 **Donna Hollander** was featured in an art show at the Square i Gallery in Claremont, CA, during Women's History Month for her series of mosaics depicting famous women as iconic Madonnas.

'87 **Bernadette Coghlan-Walsh** serves as head of global workforce mobility region Americas and non-commercial fleet for Linde North America, an East Coast-based industrial gases and engineering company. She visited Pitzer in February driving a Toyota Mirai, a car powered entirely by hydrogen—one of the alternative fuel vehicles Linde is integrating into its employee fleet.



L-R: Hector Martinez '88, Coleen Leavitt Martinez '90, William Martinez, Jill Hawthorne '87, Robert Madero '86, Bernadette Coghlan-Walsh '87 and Laurice Martinez '88.



Pitzer grads celebrate the nuptials of **Stephanie Milner '89**.
L-R: Milner, Elizabeth Wright '89, Ellen Schnier '89 and Gretchen Buxbaum '89.

'89 **Stephanie Milner** married longtime boyfriend Todd on a Cleveland tour boat in summer 2015. The wedding, performed by the ship's captain on Lake Erie, was a total surprise to the four guests: Stephanie's mom, her mom's friend and the groom's parents.

1990s

'92 **Mychal Rosenbaum Copeland** edited *Struggling in Good Faith: LGBTQI Inclusion from 13 American Religious Perspectives* (2015), a sourcebook telling the story of reconciliation, celebration and struggle for LGBTQI inclusion across the American religious landscape.

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Amy Eriksen and Griselda Suarez '99

'93 **Eloisa Klementich** was named president and CEO by the board of Invest Atlanta, the official economic development authority for the City of Atlanta. She previously served as special assistant for economic development at the US Economic Development Administration in the Office of the Secretary.

'99 **Griselda Suarez** and her wife, Amy Eriksen, were named the 2015 Jean Harris Persons of the Year by the Long Beach Lambda Democratic Club, which recognizes community and political leaders for their advocacy efforts to support the LGBT community. Suarez was also recently named executive director to the Arts Council of Long Beach.

2000s

'00 **Matt Morin** married Peter Touchard in 2014 at the top of San Francisco's Potrero Hill with 110 of their closest friends and family members looking on. They met in San Francisco and honeymooned in Dublin, London and Paris.



Peter Touchard and Matt Morin '00

'09 **Caitlin Pierce**, a freelance radio producer, hosts Borders Radio, a podcast that has featured Pitzer graduates, including **Yazmin Chavira '07**, **Nicole Scheunemann '10** and "Ben and Ben"—best friends **Ben Alpert '10** and **Ben Rubin '10**.

2010s

'10 **Josh Brown**, a special education teacher in LA, received a TeachPlus Teacher Policy Fellowship to help shape US education policy as well as a fellowship from Earthwatch to bolster conservation efforts through education.

'10 **Megan Dooley** launched the Senior Year Mentor Program to connect Pitzer seniors with young alumni mentors (graduates of the last decade). More than 30 young Pitzer alumni are participating in the program. She is also teaching a first-year experience class for undergrad education majors at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

'11 **Benjamin Eachus** and **Natalya Ratan '12** were married in India in December. Many Pitzer alumni numbered among the guests, including Benjamin's father, **Todd Eachus '84, P'11**; **Hasan Ahmad '11**; **Virginia Anton '14**; **Jenna Bivona '12**; **Shawn Campas '11**; **Alex Ferre '12** and **Max Reed '11**.

'12 **Susy Sobel** wrote about her experience working with incarcerated youth at Camp Afflerbaugh-Paige and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in her article, "What prison poetry and a redhead have in common," published in *The Huffington Post*. She also released a video of an original spoken-word poem, "Closer to the Cuts," which she wrote to shed light on criminal justice reform.

'13 **Mitchell Felton**, on behalf of the University of San Francisco, won a 2016 CASE Silver award for best practices in fundraising campaigns for "Scoring an A+ in Faculty and Staff Giving."

'13 **Kristin Salmon** serves in the Peace Corps as an agriculture volunteer in Jamaica. Previously, she lived in Chile and taught environmental studies in Patagonia.

'15 **Taylor Caldwell** teaches English in Vietnam and plans to bicycle down the country's coast to fundraise for an organization in Nepal.



In Memoriam

Christine Kendall '67 passed away in January 2016. Kendall majored in English at Pitzer.

Harriet Jacobs '72 passed away on February 2, 2016. Born on January 29, 1951, in Los Angeles, CA, she was the first African-American head cheerleader and homecoming queen at Gardena High School. Jacobs majored in psychology at Pitzer and earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut. She is survived by her husband, mother, brother, aunts, cousins, in-laws and grandchildren.

Curtis Kinder '82 passed away in March 2012. Kinder taught junior high school English near Osaka, Japan, where he lived with his wife and daughter.

Denise Nielsen Tackett '84 passed away on February 23, 2015. She majored in organizational studies at Pitzer and worked as a freelance writer and photographer. Tackett spent 14 years overseas as a research diver for the Arizona State University Cancer Research Institute. She discovered and named a pigmy seahorse species, *Hippocampus denise*.



Denise Nielsen Tackett '84

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NANCY BISHOP '69 arrived on campus shortly after Pitzer's founding. The young college's commitment to fostering student participation in all aspects of campus life gave Bishop the opportunity to hone leadership and program-building skills she would use throughout her life. A human biology major, Bishop discovered a passion for serving students with special learning needs. Pitzer College transformed Bishop's passion into purpose. Following her graduation, she went on to teach special education classes for more than 34 years.

"As a proud Pitzer alumna, I am pleased to make a planned gift leaving 100 percent of my estate to Pitzer College to establish the Nancy Bishop Allen '69 Endowed Emergency Assistance Fund," Bishop says. "I am, with gratitude, making this gift in honor of my late parents, Robert Loomis Bishop and Lynn Hagen Bishop, whose sacrifices enabled their four daughters to attend college."

The Nancy Bishop Allen '69 Endowed Emergency Assistance Fund will help students who are challenged by unforeseen financial hardships during their undergraduate studies.



For information about how you can join Nancy Bishop in providing for Pitzer's students, please contact Stephen Tanenbaum, Pitzer planned gift specialist, at stephen_tanenbaum@pitzer.edu or 909.607.3731.



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