President’s Message

Pitzer College recently celebrated its 54th Commencement. Before our eyes, 254 of our seniors transformed from accomplished students into alumni with bright futures.

My second year at Pitzer and The Claremont Colleges has been an extraordinary time of discovery, both personally and in my role as president. At commencement, I noted that I faced a major medical challenge this year, and it prompted me to reflect on James Baldwin’s definition of love. Baldwin said he used the word love “not in the infantile American sense of being made happy but in the tough and universal sense of quest and daring and growth.”

I charged Pitzer’s Class of 2018 to make the world a better place, but to do it with love that brings light to darkness, that buries hate, that transforms enemies into friends.

In this edition of The Participant, I see how generations of Pitzer students, alumni and faculty have done just that. We look back at Pitzer’s Class of 1968, our first four-year class, which enrolled in a new, untested college during the most testing of times and went on to help mend their world. And we look forward to the “more hopeful future” Professor Brinda Sarathy describes when reflecting on the first full semester of classes at the Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability’s new home on north campus.

The renovated historic building that serves as its hub earned the US Green Building Council’s highest rating—LEED Platinum. Our future, by necessity, must express the daring and quest for an environmentally sustainable world.

Thank you for your support this year, for joining us on this quest. With your help, we are continuing our mission to make Pitzer one of the great stories in higher education. I look forward to exploring the next daring era for Pitzer College.

Melvin L. Oliver
President
MICHELE SIQUEIROS ’95
Leading the Way in Creating College Access

Michele Siqueiros ’95 was the first in her family to attend college and the first to experience how higher education can empower positive change in the world.

Combining academic studies at Pitzer with activism, the political studies and Chicano/a-Latino/a studies double major invested her spring break in service to farmworkers and studied abroad in the Dominican Republic.

Today, Siqueiros is the president of the Campaign for College Opportunity, which helps Californians attend college in the Golden State. In 2015, the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation named her Woman of the Year, and in 2018, Pitzer honored her with its Distinguished Alumni Award.

“I am fortunate that my work’s mission is to expand college opportunity,” Siqueiros says. “I know the power of what an education can do to move a low-income kid like my own out of poverty and into a successful career.”

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On May 12, 2018, seniors capped their college careers during Pitzer’s 54th Commencement. Keynote speaker Dolores Huerta, co-founder of United Farm Workers of America, encouraged the Class of 2018 to improve the world. “The power is in your person,” she said.

Class of 2018 Awards and Accolades include:
- California Senate Fellowship: Jennifer Kaku ’18
- Davis Projects for Peace Award: Geneviève Kules ’18
- Fulbright Fellowship: Wyatt Barnes ’18, Emily Diementh ’18, Elizabeth Ellis ’18, Sasha Fordth ’18, Peter Hansen ’18, Eleanor Neal ’18, Ramiro Pinedo ’18, Anya Quig ’18, Aria Tung ’18
- International Elections Observer: Madeline Hauenstein ’18
- Los Angeles County Volunteer of the Year: Anjuli Peters ’18
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship: Adriana Ceron ’18
- Napier Initiative Fellowship: Olivia Cornfield ’18, Terryonna Smith ’18, Sydney Warren ’18
- Repair the World Fellowship: Alison Rollman ’18
- Thomas J. Watson Fellowship: Elizabeth Ellis ’18
- Yenching Scholarship: Carlisle Micallef ’18

254 GRADUATES
- 10% double major
- 4% designed their own major
- Nearly 50% studied abroad
- 14% were the first in their families to graduate from college

Top Majors
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental Analysis
- Organizational Studies
- Economics
- Political Studies

Post-grad Plans
- Pursue graduate degrees at top universities, including Georgetown, Columbia and UCLA
- Work at companies such as BlackRock, Nike and Ernst & Young
- Study or teach around the world on major fellowships and scholarships

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Critical Education
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Pitzer a five-year $1.1 million grant to develop the Critical Justice Education program at The Claremont Colleges, which will foster learning and social change through the transformative power of prison education. The College also received a $150,000 grant from the Hearst Foundations to provide scholarships to underrepresented students pursuing STEM—science, technology, engineering and math—degrees.

Mutual Sensitivities
A dozen Pitzer art majors shared their work in the 2018 Senior Art Thesis Exhibition. In an array of mediums, the pieces explored connections between human and non-human states.

Sprites at Play before the Break of Day

Topical Talks
Jeffrey C. Stewart, professor of Black studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, delivered the 2018 Stephen and Sandra Glass Humanities Lecture on April 23. His talk, “Cosmopolitanism and Culture: Alan Locke’s Vision for 21st Century America” drew from his new biography about the father of the Harlem Renaissance. Astrophysicist Ulysses J. Sofia, dean of the W.M. Keck Science Department, shared solar secrets and explored the influence of money and politics on scientific inquiry at Pitzer’s fourth annual Distinguished Scientist Lecture.

Bringing the Bebop
Pitzer student Graham Brady ‘21 and members of the SC Jazz Ensemble transformed Scripps’ Motley Coffeehouse into a jazz club, riffs on songs arranged for small groups instead of big bands.

Worth a Thousand Words
The Pitzer College Art Galleries spring exhibitions, Edgar Heap of Birds: Defend Sacred Mountains and Manifesto: A Moderate Proposal, explored the power of protest and turned prose into pieces of art. The artist Edgar Heap of Birds also delivered the annual Murray Pepper and Vicki Reynolds Pepper Distinguished Visiting Artists and Scholars Lecture on January 23.

Kohoutek 2018
Kohoutek, the 5Cs biggest and longest-running music and arts festival, celebrated its 48th year in April.

Pitzer in the Primaries
Kara Eastman ’93, founder of the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, won the Democratic primary in Nebraska’s 2nd Congressional District, positioning her to face incumbent Rep. Don Bacon this fall.

Still to come this August: Seth Leibsohn ’91 is campaigning for the Republican nomination in Arizona’s 9th Congressional District, and Debbie Mucarsel-Powell ’92 is looking to secure the Democratic nomination for Florida’s 26th Congressional District.

Campaigning for Change
US Senate candidate Kevin de León ’03 kicked off his statewide campaign tour at Pitzer on April 4.

“This is where it all started for me,” he said, before outlining his vision for California and the country. “We succeed because we’re dreamers, not dividers.” De León took second in the California primaries and will face incumbent Sen. Dianne Feinstein in the November election.

Spring/Summer 2018
Each February, Pitzer students share their college life with their loved ones. Pitzer parents, siblings, and even grandparents sample seminars and the dining hall’s dessert bar. They meet their students’ closest friends and favorite professors. They get a peek into Pitzer and the day-to-day reality that shapes students’ educational journeys. Here are a few memorable moments from Family Weekend 2018.

Introducing Neil

Say hello to Neil A. Macready, Pitzer’s new vice president for college advancement. In this role, Macready oversees alumni and parent relations as well as the College’s fundraising efforts. Macready brings to Pitzer more than 30 years of success as a fundraiser, team builder and external relations professional. Prior to starting at Pitzer in July, he managed a $750 million campaign at the University of Southern California and served as vice president for university relations at the University of Redlands from 2007 to 2012. Macready also led development efforts for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America in Manhattan Beach, CA. He earned his BA from USC in political science and geography and a master’s degree in sports management from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. A former captain of the men’s swim team at USC, Macready serves on the executive board of the Swim with Mike Physically Challenged Athletes Fund.

Asked to name one of the most defining moments in his life, Macready recounts going to the historic 1968 Olympics in Mexico City and witnessing US Olympians Tommie Smith and John Carlos raising their black-gloved fists to protest racial injustice.

Macready looks forward to meeting you the next time you’re in Claremont or at one of the many upcoming Pitzer events.

“Pitzer is an amazing, unique experience in the vast landscape of American higher education,” Macready said. “I’m excited to be part of this enterprising institution and look forward to meeting more of our incredible alumni, parents and students.”

Parent Volunteer Service Honoree

Ruth Norwood P’16 received Pitzer’s 2018 Parent Volunteer Service Award during Family Weekend. Since joining the Parent Leadership Council in 2014, Norwood has provided Pitzer students with internships and career-shadowing opportunities at the Evergreen Speech and Hearing Clinic, which she and her husband, Thomas Norwood, co-founded in Bellevue, WA.

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The Pitzer Society auction—silent and not—raised $64,700 for student scholarships, research, internships, the Immigration Civil Rights Fund and much more, well exceeding the total from last year’s fundraiser.

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At the Robert Redford Conservancy’s new north campus home, students learn about the environment in the environment. They discuss protecting threatened plant communities on a 12-acre swath of California’s endangered coastal sage scrub habitat. They study sustainable building practices inside a renovated historic infirmary that earned LEED Platinum certification from the US Green Building Council and is on track to become The Claremont Colleges’ first net-zero energy facility.

Brinda Sarathy, director of the Redford Conservancy, describes this immersive learning experience as “embodied cognition.” “How we move through space, how we see and how we sense, all impact how we learn from—and in relation to—one another and the natural world,” said Sarathy, professor of environmental analysis.

Sarathy kicked off the climate justice workshop by giving thanks to the Tongva elders who had blessed the ancestral land beneath participants’ feet. She looked around the circle of Pitzer students, alumni, faculty and community members as a light spring rain seasoned the air.

“All of you are the seeds,” she said. “And then the workshoppers get to work, analyzing environmental challenges and proposing ways to create, in Sarathy’s words, “more hopeful futures.”

The following pages offer a glimpse into the Redford Conservancy’s first full semester in its renovated home and the start of a new chapter in Pitzer’s storied commitment to environmental justice, education and action.
The yearlong, collaborative renovation transformed the abandoned Claremont Colleges infirmary into a showcase for environmental building that meets the US Green Building Council’s LEED—Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design—Platinum certification, the USGBC’s highest rating. With solar arrays generating approximately 88,000 kWh per year, the Robert Redford Conservancy also will be the first net-zero energy building at the Claremont Colleges. To earn Net Zero Energy Building Certification, a building’s on-site renewable generation must meet its annual electricity needs.

Kevin Tyrväinen P’18, a partner at GDG Architecture and a member of the Redford Conservancy’s Board of Friends, said that there are very few buildings “not only in California but in the entire country” that achieve both net-zero energy certification and LEED Platinum status. Naomi Pore P’20, a sustainability and redevelopment expert as well as a member of the Board of Friends, added that meeting net-zero energy standards in a historic structure—the Conservancy building in more than 85 years—“is a very, very challenging goal.”

“It’s a great achievement for Pitzer to have done that,” Pore said.

Seeding Sustainability

Many of the native plants used throughout the landscape were cultivated at the neighboring Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden from seeds found on site. Redford Conservancy Director Brinda Sarathy consulted with both biologists and Tongva elders to ensure that plantings were indigenous to the area and culturally significant for the land’s Native people.

Public Education

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund awarded the Robert Redford Conservancy a $50,000 two-year grant to increase public understanding of climate justice and find creative, effective ways to address the global crisis. The first symposium funded by the grant, “Climate Change, Climate Justice: Organizing in the Face of a Changing Planet,” brought climate experts and activists to campus in February to explore the possibilities of a fossil fuel-free future.

Fellowship for the Future

Robert Redford Conservancy fellows are a select group of Pitzer students dedicated to addressing environmental issues through education and action. Since the fellowship launched in spring 2015, more than 25 fellows have led programs, such as “Toxic Tours” that illustrate environmental injustice and the disparate impacts of pollution on communities around Los Angeles and the Inland Empire.

“Conservancy fellows all mobilize together,” said Conservancy Fellow Melissa Bañales Mejia ’18. “We build bridges and relationships, and we get to put what we learn in theory into practice.”

“The art studio is a hit! We love it,” said Kindergarten Teacher Lourdes Díaz. “The building is very clean, the classrooms are spacious, and the outdoor spaces are great for environment-related activities. This place is like a laboratory to learn about nature and sustainability. We play with pens, paint, and nature in an environment that makes us feel comfortable and in harmony with the natural world.”

— Brinda Sarathy, director of the Robert Redford Conservancy

The art studio is to the left of the three teaching spaces on the Conservancy’s main floor
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That does not relieve us of the responsibility of planning. For foothill communities nestled into the San Gabriels, from Claremont to La Cañada Flintridge, that means controlling development within what CalFire calls Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Planning boards and zoning commissions must alter their pace of great lighting every housing development in every canyon, foothill and subridge. These subdivisions are among those that burned this past year. Another story thatMutovka, Glendora, and Claremont have pursued has been to purchase uphill land and developmental rights from willing sellers, extending the buffer zone available for housing developments downhill.

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Above: Noreen Barcena ’99, Young Alumni Achievement Award honoree, and Michele Siqueiros ’95, Distinguished Alumni Award honoree.

Ready, Set … Mark Your Calendars!


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The problem comes when wildfires collide with the built environment. The Thomas Fire, which burned more than 280,000 acres in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, incinerated suburban subdivisions and urban streetscapes. Nature, in a flash, can destroy our best-laid plans.

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Class of 1968

Four Years in the Life of the College’s First Four-Year Class

Fifty years ago, Pitzer’s first four-year class graduated from a college they helped create, committee by committee and meeting by meeting. These young women worked alongside a couple dozen faculty members and a small staff to lay the groundwork for generations to come. And so, on this 50th anniversary of their graduation from Pitzer, we say thank you to the Class of 1968.

This timeline, adapted from the Pitzer College Archives 2017–18 exhibition, Pitzer Pioneers, highlights some memorable moments and major milestones during the Class of 1968’s foundational four years at Pitzer.

—if you have additional information about this period or the Pitzer Archives, please contact Archivist Stacy Ellis at archives@pitzer.edu or call 909-621-8110.

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1968

April 24–25—Pitzer Community Conference

May 16—Senior Class Luncheon at President Atherton’s home

June 5—Commencement is held in the Scott Hall Courtyard for the first time

August 3—Mead Hall is completed

September 5—Two hundred students, faculty staff and friends attend an event to announce Pitzer’s past and future as an all-day Pitzer Community Conference

November 23—College Council meeting

November 29—Four college barbecues on College Campus (followed by “Hilliard Dance”)

December 1–3—Conference on Religion

December 5—Town Hall Meeting

December 15—Town Hall Meeting focusing on the College’s Honor Code

December 15—First meeting of the BDAC, allowing first-year students to pursue independent study projects

February 18—President Atherton addresses the faculty of the College at Pitzer Convocation

February 22—House Council Meeting proposal include “the possibility of opening on the campus living rooms to men until 2 a.m.”

February 22—Bernard Hall completed

February 22—Town Hall Meeting focusing on the College’s Honor Code

February 25—House Council Meeting proposal include “the possibility of opening on the campus living rooms to men until 2 a.m.”

February 25—Town Hall Meeting, amended bylaws approved

April 10—Town Hall Meeting focusing on the College’s Honor Code

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Generating Excitement about Math

Jim Hoste

A "fun and exciting" way to look at mathematics, especially knot theory, is through the eyes of professor Hoste, who is a faculty retiree this year.

“I love math. I can work on a math problem all day and be excited about it. I’ve worked on some problems for three or four months until I have an answer. At that moment, I feel elated, “ he says.

Hoste’s enthusiasm for math has been contagious. After hearing about his advisor’s research and taking his course, Kristine Stanton ’11 decided to focus her senior thesis on knot theory. She notes, “It’s a specialized area, and I was lucky enough to have a professor in it. Knot theory is an interesting branch of mathematics I didn’t even know existed. It opened up my mind to what mathematics can be.”

Another of Hoste’s former students, Scott Garrabrant ’11, came to Pitzer with an interest in research and recalls, “Professor Hoste made my undergraduate experience great by making me feel like a peer. While most people publish their first paper in graduate school, mine came about when Professor Hoste casually talked about his research during lunch and invited me to work with him.” Garrabrant chose to take more courses with Hoste than with any other professor, learning about advanced calculus, hyperbolic geometry, knot theory and mathematical puzzles. The last is representative of Hoste’s eclectic course creations, which included me on the mathematics of gambling---actually a class or probability—and another linking math and art.

“These classes were designed to appeal to students who weren’t math majors. I’m more than happy to teach math to any student who’s excited about learning math,” says Hoste. As Hoste retires from teaching, Stanton is certain students will miss him. She says, “It’s good for him, but I’m sad that he’s not going to mold anyone else. The younger generation will need him just as much as I did.”

Leah Light, professor of psychology, has seen 48 years of growth and change at Pitzer College. Now, as she enters retirement, she looks to a constant in Pitzer’s success. “The College doesn’t pigeonhole either students or faculty,” she said. “Pitzer has always fostered students’ pursuing their own directions, it has also been very good about allowing faculty to develop their own teaching and research interests,” she said.

When Light was a PhD student at Stanford University in the 1960s, there was little research focused on cognitive aging, her area of expertise. According to Light, the field didn’t fully take off until a decade or two later when the federal government began to more systematically fund cognitive aging research because of its clear implications for the health of an aging population.

At Pitzer, Light developed courses in cognitive development and psycholinguistics (with Professor of Linguistics Ronald Macanuary). “There was no sense it was inappropriate for me to move in those directions if I wished to do so even though I had no formal training in these areas as a graduate student,” she said. She developed new courses and partnered with other faculty members on some, including the psychology of food and eating with fellow psychology professor Nirmal Rodriguez and a course on memory and history with Allen Greenspan, professor of history. “That is a strength of the College: it allows people to push their own boundaries.”

Light sees the teaching of ethical issues in psychology, a requirement for the major, as part of Pitzer’s core commitment to social justice. She believes students must have skills in analyzing research for scientific merit and be able to decide whether the work has been conducted in an ethical way. “It’s critical that students have training both in methodology and in ethics,” she said.

Throughout her tenure, Light has seen a difference in students overall. “I’ve had wonderful students all along. But over the years, it’s clear that when students come in better prepared, they are more challenging and more exciting to be involved with because they ask better questions, they see extensions, they see different ways of doing things.”

Light always believed in giving her students hands-on research experiences. Ben Peloquin ’10, now a PhD candidate in cognitive psychology at Stanford, recalls that Light took him seriously as an undergraduate researcher. “Setting high expectations for your students and providing them the support to meet those expectations is the greatest gift a teacher can offer,” he said.

In 2007, Light received the Baltes Distinguished Research Achievement Award, American Psychological Association Division 20, which honors researchers who have made exceptional theoretical and empirical contributions to the psychological science of aging. She has served as editor of Psycholgy and Aging and associate editor of Consciousness and Cognition, and has chaired theAPA Publications and Communications Board and the Board of Scientific Affairs. She currently serves on the Committee on Human Research.

In retirement, Light will continue her research interests. She and Rodriguez are looking at peoples understanding of negative emotions, such as romantic jealousy, envy and schadenfreude, and their personal experiences with these emotions as a function of age. Nothing appears to stop, or pigeonhole, Leah Light.
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He says. "Everything important in American history happens between about 1848 and 1940," he says. "It's where you aren't 'Herr Doktor' between teachers and students that's less formal." He believes "no matter what you're teaching, you're teaching writing." Which is why he preaches his "51-Idol Path to Happiness in Historical Essay Writing" to all of his students. "Topping the list: History, evidence is everything. If you want to make a point, support it with evidence from the text or other source.

His teaching has been equally eclectic, including a class on science and creativity at Pitzer College; the Freshman Humanities Seminar at Claremont McKenna College; and a course on race, gender and science at Scripps College. Naftilan has, of course, also taught plenty of physics courses, as well as a popular introductory astronomy class for non-science majors.

Stephan Naftilan's interests are anything but narrow. The Kenneth S. Pitzer Professor of Physics has studied how vibrations are transmitted through webs and allow spiders to locate their prey. He developed computer models of US banking system risk that predicted the possibility of a financial crisis long before 2008. For the past five years, Naftilan has been calculating the chemical makeup of exoplanets; so far, he has determined results for three of these planets that orbit stars other than the sun.

His teaching style: encyclopedic, down to earth, always fun. "It's been a lot of fun, and I've learned so much," says Naftilan. "There is no shortage of opportunities, but some are more recent and some are more now professors." Yet for all he has done as a teacher and researcher, Naftilan takes pride in pointing out an unnoticed accomplishment: In 37 years as a professor, he has never taken a sick day or missed a class.

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His students have also learned a lot from him. Samuel "Yoni" Rubin '15 took Intermediate Mechanics with Naftilan, who was also his faculty adviser: Rubin recalls many thoughtful and wide-ranging conversations with Naftilan about both science and life. Now completing a PhD in immunology at Stanford University, Rubin says, "I have the highest regard for him as a professor, scientist and mentor. He inspired my curiosity and skepticism, which are at the root of discovery in science."

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Retirement will close that run. Naftilan, however, has some ideas about what may fill his days instead. He might volunteer at a hospital or high-needs high school. He could spend more time on days-long bicycle trips, a favorite hobby he has pursued around the world. He might even restart his long-dormant spider web research.

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Pitzer Faculty Field Notes

New Publications

Assistant Professor of English and World Literature Amanda Lagi published two articles: “Now is Here: Disillusionment and Urgency in Anita Desai’s Cry the Peacock” in the South Asian Review and “Marooned Time: Disconnection and Idleness in Carpenter and Coe الأوسم” in Safadit: Journal of South African and American Studies.

New Awards and Grants

The National Geographic Society awarded Professor of Biology and Environmental Science Donald A. McFarland and a team of researchers a grant to explore three acidic lakes in Indonesia using a small, remote-controlled, sonar-equipped boat. The scientists will map uncharted lake beds and measure the shifting, sulfurous waters on the summit of the Kelimutu volcano.

Professor of Economics Emma Stephens was awarded a 2018–19 Fulbright US Scholar grant to develop new ways to model agricultural and food security systems at the University of Georgia in Athens. She will analyze often overlooked issues affecting food access, such as the role of gender, to better understand agricultural systems’ ability to guarantee collective food security.

Ammari K. Junusbaev, associate professor of sociology, was selected as a 2018–19 Fulbright US Scholar. He will serve as a visiting faculty member at his undergraduate alma mater, Al-Jabri Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan, from September 2018 to June 2019. At the university, he will teach sociology, mentor graduate students and offer pedagogy workshops for faculty.

Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies Jean Z. Calderón contributed a chapter to the forthcoming book Left Us Truck Don’t Punt Us Out That’s from the Front Lines of the Educational Justice Movement. He also co-authored an article on community-engaged scholarship in the journal The Urban Education.

Pitzer College Art Galleries Director and Curator Chiara Emme’s article “Julie Shables: Conquest of the Vertical,” was published by the journal Exposeur. Emme also served as a juror for the Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts’ program that gave talks at national and international art museums, including the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Assistant Professor of Art Terah Krajnak won the inaugural 2017 Texas Photographic Society National Photography Award. The award included a solo exhibition of Scenic/Nature Krajnak’s work that examines the intersection between her life and the turbulent period in the history of Lima, Peru.

Professor of Media Studies Jesse Lerner co-edited the journal’s new special issue “Feminism and the Environment.” He also wrote an essay for the journal on the theme of “Nature and Neoliberalism,” which explores the ways in which environmentalism intersects with capitalism.

Professor of Psychology David S. Moore co-authored three new papers in the journals Developmental Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and the Journal of Individual Differences. Moore, who is the director of the Claremont Infant Study Center, also spoke about developmental science and epigenetics at Georgetown University and the University of Mary Washington.

The fourth edition of Professor Emeritus of Sociology Peter M. Nordlof’s book Doing Survey Research: A Guide to Quantitative Methods was published by Routledge in January. Based on a course Nordlof taught at Pitzer for almost 35 years, the textbook shows people—from undergraduates to professionals—how to conduct quantitative studies.

Professor of Anthropology Claudia Strauss co-edited Political Sentiments and Social Movements: The Persu in Politics and Culture, which draws on psychological anthropology to explore how people construct political meanings, form political identities and engage—or disengage—with politics.

Professor of American Studies Kathleen Yip’s article “Mak’s Potatoes, Lo Cheung, and Nuclear Testing: Placing the Culture of Health in the Context of the Culture of Trauma” was published in the journal Anthropological Quarterly, in January by the National Center for Biethics in Research and Healthcare and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

In Anthropological Quarterly, Jean M. Pitzer Professor of Anthropology and Professor of History Daniel A. Segal questioned the validity of primatologist Jane Goodall’s claim that chimpanzees’ tool-making abilities demonstrate the primacy of “near-humanity.” He also co-authored an article that explores the complex relationship between humans and non-human primates, focusing on how the use of tools affects their behavior.


Associate Professor of Urban Studies Tessa Hicks Peterson’s article “Critical Learning, Radical Healing and Community Engagement in Prison” appeared in Diversity at Democracy. Hicks Peterson was also appointed director of the Office of Contingent Academic Collaboration, which works to develop and sustain effective and enduring cross-campus academic collaborations among The Claremont Colleges.

Professor of Sociology and Secular Studies Phil Zuckerman co-authored the Journal of Contemporary Religion article “Nondenominational: Danish Youth Who Choose Not to Have a Lutheran Confirmation.” He had the distinction of being interviewed by Professor of History Chris Mattes for the book Are the ‘Nones’ Done With Civic Engagements? at Augsburg University in February.

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Ranslow led Pitzer College’s Office of Admission over an 11-year span starting in 1984, first as director and later as vice president for admissions and college relations. He stepped away from that role for a year, from 1991 to 1992, to serve as Pitzer’s interim president. He left Pitzer to become president of Ripon College in Wisconsin and later served as president of Sierra Nevada College in Nevada.

Ranslow was a Southern California native, a graduate of North Hollywood High School and a lifelong Dodgers fan. He earned his BA from Pacific University in Oregon, his MA from Springfield College in Massachusetts and his EdD from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University. He distinguished himself first as a superb director of college admissions and was known as a national leader in the field. He was an irrepressible booster for the College while he was in Claremont, and he sustained his enthusiasm for Pitzer long after he departed. The Ranslow Terrace and Pool behind Gold Student Health and Wellness Center are named in Paul Ranslow’s honor.

Robert “Lee” Munroe

Robert “Lee” Munroe, professor emeritus of anthropology and a founding faculty member who shaped the study of human development and culture at Pitzer College, died on May 14, 2018. He was 85.

Born in Baltimore, MD, Munroe was the eldest of five brothers. He was a talented baseball player in his youth, and his love for the game never waned—Professor Emeritus of Sociology Rudi Viti says he and Munroe, whom Viti calls his role model, batted about the fine points of baseball stats for decades.

Munroe joined the US Army during the Korean War. He was on leave, waiting for a bus in Washington DC, when he picked up paleontologist George Gaylord Simpson’s The Meaning of Evolution. Fifty pages in, Munroe knew what he wanted to study in college. He went on to earn his AB in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, and his PhD in social anthropology from Harvard University, where he met Ruth Hagberg, a psychology graduate student who would become his wife, research partner and fellow founding faculty member at Pitzer.

The Munroes moved from Cambridge to Claremont to help establish Pitzer’s anthropology and psychology field groups in 1964. Their son Jonathan remembers going to the Pitzer Town Hall Meetings, where faculty, students and staff debated the College’s direction and drafted Pitzer’s future.

The Munroes were pioneering academics and adventurous intellectuals. They studied how sociocultural settings shaped children’s behavior and development in American Samoa, Nepal, East Africa and South America. Munroe’s daughter, Julia, vividly remembers her father driving within inches of a bull elephant in East Africa.

For more than three decades, Ruth, who died in 1996, and Lee had a “wonderfully productive working relationship,” recalls Professor Emeritus of Anthropology Susan Seymour: “They just fed off each other.” Munroe delighted in data and created opportunities for students to collaborate in research through his apprentice program. More than 30 undergraduates co-authored journal articles with Munroe.

“Lee’s quantitative rigor and critical statistical analyses demonstrated to me the value of anthropology as a science,” said Lynne Miller ’83, who is now chair of MiraCosta College’s Anthropology Department.

Munroe was a teacher and scholar who thrived in the quest in every avenue. He continued his research projects long after he retired from the classroom. Over the years, he wrote more than 125 published papers, books and book chapters; his most recent paper, co-authored with longtime collaborator Professor Mary Gaurain of the University of California, Riverside, was published in May by Pitzer Professor of Anthropology Sheryl Miller once urged Munroe to take a vacation—a true vacation, not a research trip. “He convinced me that nothing was as much fun for him as finishing a research project successfully,” Miller said.

Over the course of his career, Munroe became a leader in cross-cultural human development and cross-cultural research methodologies. He was named an American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow in 1993 and served as the president for both the Society for Cross-Cultural Research and the Society for Psychological Anthropology. In January 2017, the Association for Psychological Science named him a fellow for his “sustained and outstanding contributions to the advancement of psychological science.”

Ronald Macaulay, professor emeritus of linguistics, described his colleague and close friend as a voracious reader who could converse about nearly anything. “I was constantly amazed at the breadth of his interests,” Macaulay said.

Lee and Ruth Munroe created a culture of conversation—a cross between a salon and a conference—at Pitzer. Seymore, whom Lee recruited to Pitzer in the ’70s, recalls lunches at the Munroes’ home and later at Walter’s Restaurant, where colleagues broke bread and brainstormed ideas.

“The past 44 years, Lee has read and critiqued everything I have written for publication,” said Seymour, who describes Munroe as very principled, very rigorous but also very warm—“a kind person with a warm smile.”

The Munroe legacy lives on at Pitzer in many ways. In the Ruth and Lee Munroe Center for Social Inquiry, the Ruth and Lee Munroe Laboratory for Cross-Cultural Research, the Lee Munroe Endowed Scholarship Fund and in the memory of a remarkable professor, researcher and—the Munroes’ ultimate subject—human being.

In Memoriam

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Chirp! Seasonal Sagehen Highlights

All-Sports Spectacular
The Sagehens won six Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) championships and four Pitzer student-athletes garnered SCIAC Athlete of the Year awards during the 2017–18 academic year. On the men’s side, the Sagehens’ four SCIAC Championships helped Pomona-Pitzer Athletics claim its first men’s SCIAC All-Sports Trophy. The Sagehen women’s teams, with two championships, finished second overall in SCIAC’s All-Sports standings.

Twin Wins!
Both the Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving teams clinched the 2018 SCIAC Championships in February—the first championship for the men’s team; the second in three years for the women’s team. Numerous SCIAC honors included Maddie Kaushi ’19 as Athlete of the Year and Dj Gowdy as Coach of the Year.

Back-to-Back Champs
Propelled by Pitzer’s Jocelyn Castro ’18, Haley Crabtree ’21, Kahea Kahaulelio ’19, Nohea Kahaulelio ’19, Kyle Pickall ’19 and Morgan Stockham ’19, the Women’s Water Polo team won the 2018 SCIAC Championship after finishing the regular season undefeated in conference play. Castro won SCIAC Athlete of the Year. Pickell earned tournament MVP honors and Alex Rodriguez was named Coach of the Year. It was the second consecutive championship for Pomona-Pitzer Water Polo and the program’s sixth crown in seven years.

Seasons to None
For the first time in 27 years, the Men’s Track and Field team won the SCIAC Championship. Fourteen athletes won All-SCIAC honors and first-year Head Coach Jordan Carpenter won Coach of the Year.

Pitch Perfect
Softball pitcher and slugger Elizabeth Rodarte ’19 won SCIAC Athlete of the Year honors after hitting .382 from the plate and compiling a 2.98 ERA from the mound during conference play. The team ended the year 27–15 overall.

A Remarkable Rookie
Midfielder Sarah Woo ’21 was named SCIAC Newcomer of the Year during her first season on the Women’s Lacrosse team. Eight players earned SCIAC honors, and the team advanced to the SCIAC Championship final before falling to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (CMS).

Sagehens Scoreboard
- Micah Elan ’20 and the Men’s Basketball team powered their way to the SCIAC finals, where Elan led the team in points and rebounds in the Sagehens’ loss to CMS.
- Keilani Ikehara ’19, a Women’s Basketball guard, led the Sagehens—and was second in the SCIAC—in assists. The team finished the season 8–17 overall.
- Octave Bellot ’19 and three other players won all-SCIAC honors in Men’s Tennis, which finished the season second in the SCIAC.
- Summer Garrison ’19 won All-SCIAC honors while the Women’s Tennis team finished the season second in the SCIAC.
- The Baseball team ended the year with a 22–19 overall record, finishing fourth in the SCIAC.
- The Women’s Golf team finished second in the SCIAC, Men’s Golf in fifth place.
- Pitzer alumna and former Sagehens Women’s Water Polo standout Alyssa Woodward ’15 rejoined Pomona-Pitzer Athletics Women’s Water Polo program as an assistant coach.
- The Intercollegiate Tennis Association inducted former Sagehens Women’s Tennis Coach Ann Lebedeff into the ITA Hall of Fame in May. Lebedeff retired in 2017 following a 19-year career with Pomona-Pitzer.

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16 Michael Caruso kicked off the Pitzer College 2017 Mindful of the Future series with his talk “Why the Rust Belt, the South, and Rural America Need You.” Caruso managed a South Carolina House of Representatives election for a first-time candidate. Previously, he served on President Barack Obama campaign team and ran city council and state senate races.

14 Richard Roderick spoke at Yale University in February at a screening of the documentary The Coster Bandits, which features Roderick and three friends who were convicted of robbing restaurants in Ohio in 1991. The film follows their journey from incarceration to reintegration into their post-prison lives. Roderick is now the program coordinator of the Justice-in-Education Initiative at Columbia University and plans to pursue a PhD in sociology.

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13 Louisiana "Gilbert" Lopez ‘78 passed away on November 6, 2017, from complications of a stroke. Lopez majored in sociology, performance art at Pitzer and pursued a PhD in sociology. He retired from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, where he served as a legislative analyst, contracts analyst and subject matter expert on Equal Employment Opportunity issues and the Americans with Disabilities Act. In retirement, Lopez served as a patient advocate with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and played trumpet with the Riverside Concert Band. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Latimer; his daughter, Ashley, and son-in-law, Joshua de Wolf; his son, Wesley; and his twin grandsons, Rowan and Jasper.

13 Chris Young was promoted to policy analyst at the RAND Corporation and manages the American Teachers Panel and American School Leaders Panel. Participants are nationally representative educators who provide feedback on educational policy and practice. Young has worked for the RAND Corporation since finishing his master’s degree at Cal Poly Pomona in 2013.

12 Tom Butts was honored by LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions) as an Emerging Curator of 2018. Butts is interested in cultural dialogue and how it is affected by professions; together, they are committed supporters of the College as leading members of the Pitzer Society and much more. They have served as co-presidents of Pitzer’s Parent Leadership Council, hosted College events at their home and helped other Pitzer parents during their students’ college careers.

12 Sylvie Froncek finished a two-month bike tour of Chile with Vincent Giannotti ‘12. Froncek also started Vie Cycle LLC to teach bike maintenance skills to people who identify as female; trans, intersex, queer and gender non-conforming.

12 Annie (Oxborough-Yankus) Braude gave birth to Riley Alexandra Braude on October 9, 2017. She and her family reside in Cape Cod, MA.

12 Anna Goldberg is one of four University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson School of Management graduate students who were awarded a 2017 John Wooden Global Leadership Fellowship. At UCLA, Goldberg is examining “why and how inclusion and equity is good for business.” She was the 2017-18 president of Anderson’s Women’s Business Connection for business. “She was the 2017–18 president of Anderson’s Women’s Business Connection for business. “She was the 2017–18 president of Anderson’s Women’s Business Connection for business.

12 Timmy Williamson and his team at the University of California, Los Angeles, published a paper in SAMA’s Ophthalmology on the supportive-care needs of patients newly diagnosed with eye cancer. With his partners, Williamson, who researches understood medical populations, found that nearly all such patients have unmet needs, and these needs were predominantly psychological and educational/informational in nature.

12 Jennifer Lesorogol, ’17, was a participant of the Coro Fellowship, met with legendary philanthropist and Pitzer Trustee Emeritus Eli Broad at his foundation headquarters in Century City. Pitzer’s Broad Hall and Broad Center bear the Broad name.

In Memoriam

Thomas “Tag” Gibbs ’75 of Upper Lake, CA, passed away on March 20, 2018, after a battle with cancer. Gibbs majored in performance art at Pitzer and pursued graduate studies in secondary education at the University of San Francisco. A true Renaissance man, he involved himself passionately in music, drawing and painting, soccer, auto mechanics and sailing. Professionally, Gibbs built and remodeled homes. He is survived by his partner, Susan; his daughter, Ashley, and son-in-law, Joshua de Wolf; his son, Wesley; and his twin grandsons, Rowan and Jasper.

Louis “Gilbert” Lopez ’78 of Portland, OR, passed away on November 6, 2017, from complications of a stroke. Lopez majored in sociology at Pitzer and received his JD from the University of La Verne. He retired from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, where he served as a legislative analyst, contracts analyst and subject matter expert on Equal Employment Opportunity issues and the Americans with Disabilities Act. In retirement, Lopez served as a patient advocate with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and played trumpet with the Riverside Concert Band. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Latimer, his daughters, Marika Lopez Brandenburg, two stepsons, and five siblings.

11 Richard Roderick spoke at Yale University in February at a screening of the documentary The Coster Bandits, which features Roderick and three friends who were convicted of robbing restaurants in Ohio in 1991. The film follows their journey from incarceration to reintegration into their post-prison lives. Roderick is now the program coordinator of the Justice-in-Education Initiative at Columbia University and plans to pursue a PhD in sociology.

11 Michael Caruso kicked off the Pitzer College 2017 Mindful of the Future series with his talk “Why the Rust Belt, the South, and Rural America Need You.” Caruso managed a South Carolina House of Representatives election for a first-time candidate. Previously, he served on President Barack Obama campaign team and ran city council and state senate races.

11 Christopher Erledson, co-wrote, directed and produced Magic the Play, which premiered in February at Theatre Row in New York. The play tells the story of the magical kingdom Alteria, where chaos ensues when spells, potions and pendants begin to lose their powers. The production tackled the question of what people should do when their government fails to represent them.

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