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----- From December 2014 AALFNY Newsletter -----

In Memoriam:

- **Janine Rofé** († December 2, 2014)

(See In memoriam section of this newsletter for further details, or click [HERE](#))



TOP: Remi Bellocq ('80);
BOTTOM: Janet Ambrosi-
Wertman ('80)

- **Carolina Benalal** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) is a “dental surgeon with extensive clinical experience in Spain and Tanzania. [She is the] Founder of One World One Smile, an International NGO in Tanzania aiming at creating mobile clinics that will help bring oral health to deprived areas in Tanzania.”

(<https://tz.linkedin.com/pub/carolina-benalal/15/40a/a61/en>)

- **Minh-Tam (Nguyen) Janssens** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) “is an independent education consultant, having set up her consultancy in 2011. Her expertise is in advising international students on the selection and application process at colleges and universities in the UK, US and Canada. She earned her MBA at NYU Stern Business School and her bachelor degree at Barnard College (Columbia University). Minh-Tam maintains her ties with US higher education through her commitment to the Barnard Alumni Club as an officer and interviewer. She is on the Board of the London Chapter of the Seven College Conference (a consortium of seven American all-women colleges: Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Harvard, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley). Her son is currently a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to becoming an education consultant, Minh-Tam spent 25 years as an IT and Business Consultant managing global projects for major institutions including Salomon Brothers, Citigroup, Merrill Lynch and Shell in New York and London.”

(<http://janssensconsulting.com/about-us/>)

- **Nicolas Roux** (*LSY: 6eme in 1974*) “PhD [is] Senior Scientist [for] Genetic Resources and Genomics, [at] Bioversity International. For the past 25 years, Nicolas has been involved in projects related to the conservation, safe exchange, characterization, evaluation, improvement, and distribution of vegetatively



TOP: Mary Kraus ('80);
BOTTOM: Norah (Lincoff)
Cohen ('80)



TOP: Carolina Benalal ('80);
MIDDLE: Minh-Tam (Nguyen)
Janssens ('80);
BOTTOM: Nicolas Roux ('80)

propagated crops, with an emphasis on banana and plantain. With experience in both the field and laboratory, he has applied expertise in transferring modern techniques to support conventional breeding programs. He has conducted training in this area and missions to Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In 2003, Nicolas joined Bioversity International as Global Musa Genomics Consortium (GMGC) Coordinator and soon after became the Project Coordinator for Genomics and Genetic Resources. The work of the GMGC was one of the major drivers behind the recently concluded sequencing of the Musa genome. Nicolas holds a PhD in Plant Biology from Palacky University in the Czech Republic.” (<http://www.rtb.cgiar.org/who-we-are/>)

● **Remi Bellocq** (*LSY: 9eme in 1971*) is the Executive Director of Equine Programs at the Bluegrass Community & Technical College in Kentucky where he is “as likely to be leading students on a two-mile run across a pasture on Paris Pike as he is teaching a course, sitting in a faculty meeting, keeping in touch with industry professionals or working on fundraising efforts. ‘I’m at the barn, teaching a kid how to shovel manure,’ he said, ‘and a half hour later, I’m in a curriculum meeting, with people saying, ‘What’s that smell?’”.....He comes from a long line of European horsemen. His dad, Pierre ‘Peb’ Bellocq, the equine cartoonist for the Daily Racing Form, moved the family to the United States from France in 1954. Three of the children, including Remi, were later born in New York, with dual citizenship. Growing up on Long Island, Bellocq’s high school was so close to Belmont Park that he would often go to the track after school. ‘I wanted to be a professional jockey,’ he said. He wasn’t able to get below 118 pounds, though and wound up studying racetrack management at the University of Arizona. A couple of years after earning a bachelor of science degree in 1984, Remi and Peb Bellocq formed the Amateur Riders Club of America.....[He] worked in various management positions at racetracks across the country for 15 years.....In 2001, he was named CEO of the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association in Lexington.....” (<http://bizlex.com/2012/10/equine-academician-serves-as-bctcs-jockey-of-all-trades/>)

● **Janet Ambrosi Wertman** (*LSY: 1ere in 1979*) “grew up within walking distance of three bookstores and a library on Manhattan’s Upper West Side – and she visited all of them regularly. Her grandfather was an antiquarian bookdealer who taught her that there would always be a market for quirky, interesting books. He was the one who persuaded Janet’s parents to send her to the French school where she was taught to aspire to long (grammatically correct) sentences as the hallmark of a skillful writer. She lived that lesson until she got to Barnard College. Short sentences were the rule there. She complied. She reached a happy medium when she got to law school – complicated sentences alternating with short ones in a happy mix. Janet spent fifteen years as a corporate lawyer in New YorkBut when her first and second children were born, she decided to change her lifestyle.....Janet became a grantwriter.....and took up writing fiction. There was never any question about the topic of the fiction: Janet has harbored a passion for the Tudor Kings and Queens since her parents let her stay up late to watch the televised Masterpiece Theatre series (both The Six Wives of Henry VIII and Elizabeth R) when she was eight years old. One of the highlights of Janet’s youth was being allowed to visit the Pierpont Morgan Library on a day when it was closed to the public and examine books from Queen Elizabeth’s personal library and actual letters that the young Princess Elizabethhad written. Janet currently



TOP: Juliette Feeney-Timsit ('80);
BOTTOM: Martine Gorce-Momboisse ('80)



TOP: Valérie (Wernicke) Corbia-Galinsky and spouse Philip; MIDDLE: Laurent Fairhead ('80); BOTTOM: Laurent Lantiieri ('80)

is happily working on the first two books in The Seymour Dynasty series: *Jane the Quene* and *Edward, Proud Duke of Somerset.....*" (<http://janetwertman.com/about/>)

● **Mary Kraus** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) " is a principal of Kraus-Fitch Architects, Inc., a firm specializing in sustainable design and internationally recognized for its work with cohousing communities. She uses a participatory process to help large client groups reach consensus on design decisions. She emphasizes a common-sense approach to ecological architecture, including strategies that dovetail well with affordability. She has served on the boards of the Cohousing Network and the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association. Her work has been featured in green design books and on national television, and she was named one of the "Top Ten Green Architects of 2005" by Natural Home and Garden magazine. Mary lives at Pioneer Valley Cohousing, the first cohousing community to be completed on the east coast (in 1994); her daily experience living in her ecologically-designed neighborhood lends inspiration to her work with sustainable development." [Education: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI – M. Arch. 1987] (<https://nesea.org/users/mary-kraus>)

● **Dr. Norah (Lincoff) Cohen** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) : "I am a neuro-ophthalmologist with a primary clinical interest in optic neuropathy and vasculitis. I see a full range of neuro-ophthalmologic conditions, but I specialize in adult autoimmune optic neuropathy syndromes, diplopia, headache and multiple sclerosis (MS). I am also a board-certified ophthalmologist and conduct vision tests such as visual field testing, ocular coherence tomography (this assesses the health of the retina and optic nerve), sensorimotor examination and prism measurements. I see patients five days a week at UBMD Neurology at Buffalo General Medical Center. My main research interests include preventative treatment trials for autoimmune optic neuropathies and neuroprotection. I present annually at national and international conferences regarding MS and the use of ocular coherence tomography and imaging in my field. I am also involved in the "Hopeful Ways Nicaragua Eye Care Mission Project," an annual medical mission to Nicaragua to prevent blindness. I work together with a group of medical professionals, local interpreters and Peace Corps volunteers to provide free vision care to over 2,600 patients a year. I am actively involved in training medical students, residents and fellows. I lecture weekly to students in small group sessions as well as larger lecture settings at UB." (<https://medicine.buffalo.edu/content/medicine/faculty/profile.html?ubit=lincoff>)

● **Florence Bauchard** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) is a reporter at Enjeux Les Echos. (Publié depuis 1992, Enjeux-Les Échos est le supplément magazine du quotidien Les Échos.)

● **Juliette Feeney-Timsit** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) "is based in Paris and board member and director (France) of the French-American Charitable Trust (FACT). She graduated from Cornell University and has a Public law degree from the Assas School of Law (Paris). She is Chair of the United Nations Association Film Festival at Stanford University and co-produces social change documentaries. Her recent initiatives center around strengthening the philanthropy sector in France and developing a collaborative network of family



TOP: Anjali Maazel ('80); BOTTOM: Patrick S. Maidman

foundations." (<https://goodpitch.org/users/juliette-timsit>)

- **Martine Gorce-Momboisse** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) "is a graduate of Harvard University, Sciences-Po Paris & holds a MBA from INSEAD (France). For the first 10 years of her career, she worked in advertising (Saatchi& Saatchi; CLM BBDO; Australie) and as a consultant (McKinsey Paris). She joined Renault in 2000 as Advertising Communication Director (Renault France) then Brand Identity Director. In 2009, she was appointed as Marketing & Communication SVP for SnCF TGV brand. [She] has joined Accor in June 2011 as SVP Brand Marketing & Communication, in charge of all Global Marketing expertises (advertising, media, research & quality, consumer technology, sponsorship and events, art direction)."

(<http://www.womens-forum.com/speakers/martine-gorce-momboisse/137>)



- **Valérie (Wernicke) Corbia** (*LSY: 5eme in 1975*): "JULY 19, 2015: Valerie Edithe Corbia, a daughter of Josiane S. Cabrera and the stepdaughter of Robert Cabrera of New York, was married Saturday to Philip Andrew Galinsky, the son of Ellen M. Galinsky and Norman M. Galinsky of Palisades, N.Y. Mrs. Galinsky, 51, and Mr. Galinsky, 45, work at Samba New York, a samba music and dance company that offers classes and performances. The bride is the company's manager; the groom is its owner, director and principal percussionist. The bride is also a holistic health coach. She received an associate degree in travel-tourism and hospitality management from Johnson & Wales University. The groom graduated from Columbia and received a master's degree in world music and a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from Wesleyan University."

(<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/19/fashion/weddings/valerie-corbia-philip-galinsky.html>)

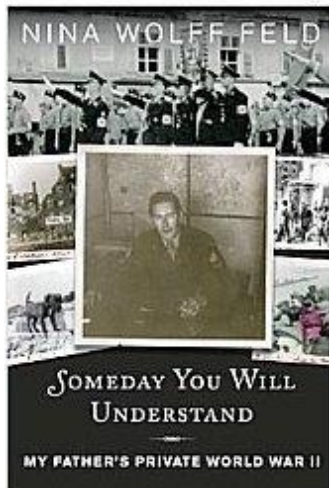
- **Dr. Laurent Fairhead** (*LSY: Terminale in 1980*) holds a PhD in astronomy from the Observatoire de Paris (1989). He joined the Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique (LMD/CNRS) in 1990 as a research engineer in scientific computing. He has since been involved in the development of the LMD atmospheric model (LMDZ) and the IPSL Earth system model and has participated in the various intercomparison programs (AMIP, CMIP, ...) the LMD and IPSL have been part of, acquiring HPC expertise for the last 20 years and porting the LMDz model on the different HPC structures at his disposal. He also leads the technical team handling support for LMDZ, is a member of the scientific committee of the IPSL global climate modelling group and has been a member of the IDRIS users' committee." (<http://emc3.lmd.jussieu.fr/en/group-members/lfairhead>)

- **Dr. Laurent Lantieri** (*LSY: 7eme in 1973*) "est un chirurgien plasticien français d'origine corse. Il est connu pour avoir effectué en juin 2010 la première greffe totale du visage en France. En 2012, il quitte son poste de chef du service de chirurgie plastique et reconstructive au CHU Henri-Mondor de Créteil pour diriger le service de chirurgie reconstructrice et esthétique à l'Hôpital européen Georges-Pompidou à Paris."

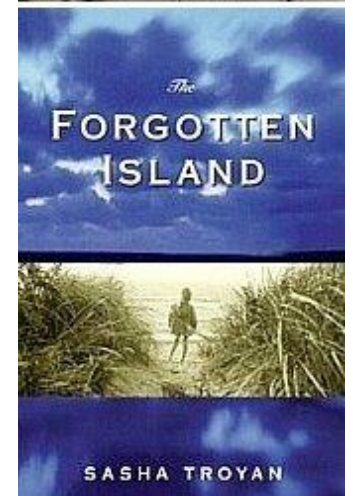
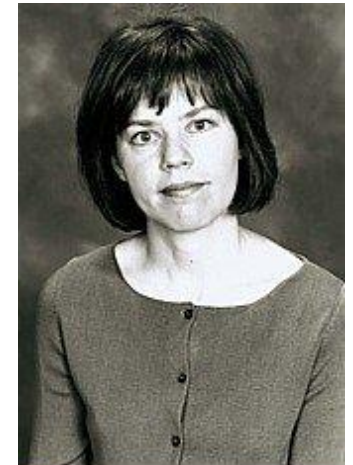
(https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurent_Lantieri)

Videos of LFNy alumni on the internet:

- [Susan Fales-Hill](#) gave an informative and touching speech "In praise of complexity" for TEDxMet in



TOP: Roxane (Roethlisberger) Feller ('80); BOTTOM: Nina (Wolff) Feld's ('80) new book



Sasha Troyan ('80) and one of her books

September, 2015

- [Harriet Gerard Clark](#) talks about the "Pearls of Oyster Bay"
- [Dr. Laurent Lantieri](#) est connu pour avoir réalisé dès 2010 les premières greffes totales du visage. Il présente ces exploits récents, et retrace l'étonnante histoire de la chirurgie reconstructrice.

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● **Roxane (Roethlisberger) Feller** nous écrit : « J'ai épousé **Frédéric Feller (class of '79)** et nous vivons à Bruxelles depuis 23 ans et sommes les heureux parents de trois magnifiques garçons. »



● **Donatella Lorch** shared this with us: "I moved to Kathmandu, Nepal in 2013 with my husband and nine-year-old son, Lucas. As for the older kids: Alex, 16, is graduating from Hotchkiss School (Connecticut) this May; Nico, 20, is a Junior at University of Toronto (UofT) majoring in physics and philosophy and Madeline, 22, is graduating this year from UofT in political science. I continue freelance writing. For more on life in Nepal: the quirky, the daily life, the history and anything else that catches my fancy (which is pretty much everything here), check out my blog: <http://tangledjourneys.com/>. There is also my website: <http://www.donatellalorch.com/>. I've reconnected with many of you through Facebook which is a great way to catch up on our lives and families and my never ending pictures of 'daily life in Nepal.' "

● **Alix (Roth) O'Mara** wrote: "I'm still in NYC and busy with my four sons ages 20, 17, 14 and 11 and doing film, tv and print location work. I keep in touch with **Vivian (Preston) Dole ['80]** who lives in Massachusetts and I was thrilled to run in to **Suzanne Goldman ['80]** on the north fork of Long Island this summer. **Aline Amiel ['80]** got in touch with me and we had a great visit a while back as well. Lastly, I connected with **Corinne Franco Kopelman ['68]** (sister of **Leslie (Franco) Coch, '80**) and we paged through old year books and I remembered all the fun I had with Leslie. Would love to hear from others in or visiting NYC: alixkevinhome@aol.com"

● "International artist **Anjali Maazel** is a 21st century Renaissance woman. Her mixed media works today reflect her experimentation in film, theatre, dance, literature and music, each enriching the other and all contributing to the power, structure and drama of her art." (<http://dawhois.com/site/anjaliMaazel.com.html>)

● **Dr. Patrick S. Maidman** practices adolescent and pediatric psychiatry in Biddeford, Maine. He is a 1989 graduate of New York Medical College.

● **Anne Habiby** "co-founded AllWorld Network (AllWorldLive.com) in 2007 to change the way the world does business.....In 1996, Anne was one of the founders of the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC), a non-profit launched by Harvard Business School professor Michael Porter to expand the job and business base of



TOP: Anne Habiby ('80);
BOTTOM: Claire Atherton ('80)



Peter Frumkin ('80) and one of his books

distressed urban areas. From 1996 to mid 2005, Anne led the organization as its Co-Executive Director, and collaborating closely with Michael Porter, pioneered strategies to advance the economic potential of inner cities..... Anne is a Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government. While a visiting scholar at the Illinois Institute of Technology she developed an MBA course entitled "Strategic Competitiveness in the Next Economy." Anne has published numerous articles, including two Harvard Business School cases co-authored with Professor Michael Porter. Her most recent article "The High-Intensity Entrepreneur" appeared in the September 2010 issue of the Harvard Business Review.....Prior to her work at ICIC, Anne was an investment banker in the Public Finance Department of Morgan Stanley & Co. specializing in finance for hospitals and universities. She holds degrees in economics from Barnard College of Columbia University, and the University of Cambridge." (<http://www.allworldlive.com/about/team/anne-s-habiby>)



TOP: Adriana Pepe ('80);
BOTTOM: Jean-Marc Monti ('80)

- **Claire Atherton** "is a film editor born in 1963 in San Francisco. Attracted by taoist philosophy and by visual ideograms, she turned to studies of Chinese language and civilization. Then she enrolled in the professional branch of the Ecole Louis Lumière..... According to Atherton, editing shapes the film, giving it body and rendering it visible through a process of shared research, combining intuition and thought. It is from this particular dynamic, created with the filmmaker, that she draws her working force. Some encounters have been of major importance, particularly the one with Chantal Akerman. In 1986, she edited *Letters Home*, a little-known film with **Delphine Seyrig ('50)** and Coralie Seyrig....." (http://coalab.cinecoa.com/?page_id=546)

- **Nina (Wolff) Feld's** new book -- *Someday You Will Understand: My Father's Private World War II* – was published in August 2014. "Telling the rousing story of a Jewish boy who fled persecution and returned to prosecute the Nazi oppressors, Walter Wolff's daughter Nina has reconstructed these events from family lore and her father's own cache of more than 700 wartime letters and 200 photographs, which he revealed to her shortly before he died."

Nina also shared this with us: "My dream now is for it to be translated into French and German and eventually to see the story on the big screen. Here is a link to the Kirkus Review: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/nina-wolff-feld/someday-you-will-understand/>" [Or, [click here](#)]

- **Roxane (Roethlisberger) Feller:** "Since 2009, [she] is Director of the Economic Department in FoodDrinkEurope an umbrella organization which represents the Food and Drink manufacturing Industry in Europe, the single largest manufacturing sector in the EU both in terms of employment and turnover..... Prior to this position, she worked for 14 years at Copa-Cogeca, the European farmers and agri-cooperatives, on all food and feed safety-related issues (hygiene, labeling, Diet and Health, GMO, animal health and welfare, pesticides, cloning.) She started her career in the area of EU political advocacy in Brussels in 1992 for the European Sugar Industry, where she was in charge of social affairs. Roxane Feller studied in the United States and in Switzerland. She is a lawyer by training and speaks French and English, with an excellent knowledge of German, Spanish and Dutch." (<http://www.sustainablefood.eu/site/index.php?id=300>)



TOP: Andrew Warne ('80);
BOTTOM: Brigitte (Dauman) Suarez ('80)

● Prof. **Sasha Troyan** is "a half-time instructor at Montclair State University [and] has published two novels, *Angels in the Morning*, in 2003 and *The Forgotten Island*, in 2004. The *Forgotten Island* has also been published in England, Germany, Australia, Holland, and New Zealand. Her short story, "Hidden Works," appeared in the Spring 2009 issue of *Ploughshares*, guest-edited by the poet Eleanor Wilner and was nominated for a Pushcart Prize and chosen as one of the "Distinguished Short Stories" in the Best American Short Stories for 2010." (http://www.montclair.edu/profilepages/view_profile.php?username=troyans)

----- From December 2012 AALFNY Newsletter -----

In Memoriam:

● **Philip Siegel** († April 1, 2012)

(See [In memoriam section](#) of this newsletter for further details)

● **Béatrice Boeglin** wrote: "I switched firms at the end of February, and I am now working for a Private Equity firm in Briarcliff Manor, NY. The name of the firm is Saw Mill Capital LLC. Prior to that I was working at UBS (in Stamford) for almost 7 years. My daughter Gabriella (my only child) is a sophomore at West Point, she is class of 2015. She declared her major as Systems Engineering and is also doing a Math Track. I am extremely proud of her! I am engaged to be married - wedding date not set yet - but will be sometime next year (2013). It's a second marriage for both my fiancé and me. He has two teenage children from a previous marriage."

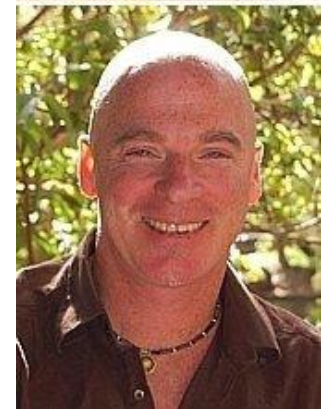
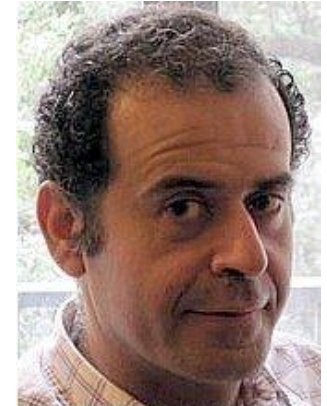
● **Hani Morgan** wrote: "I still work for the University of Southern Mississippi. I wrote an article about school bullying which was published in August. I also created my own website." ([Click here](#) to read the article and [click here](#) to access Hani's website)

● **Marc Cléjan** is the co-founder and CEO of "GREENLOGIC, a for-profit company aligned with his growing desire to help make the world a better place. In preparation for this new focus, he earned a Masters Degree in Environmental Management from New York University.....The company provides alternative energy solutions for residential, business, institutional and governmental customers. Previously, he was president of Odyssey Capital Corp., a Manhattan real estate investment and management firm.....Prior to establishing Odyssey Capital, Mr. Cléjan was a corporate vice president at Health Management Systems, Inc.....Mr. Cléjan earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Cornell University. He lives in East Hampton, N.Y., with his wife and two children." (<http://www.greenlogic.com/Bios/>)

● **Peter Frumkin** "is Professor of Social Policy and Faculty Director of the Center for High Impact Philanthropy at the University of Pennsylvania. His research and teaching focus on philanthropy, nonprofit management, and social entrepreneurship. Frumkin has written articles on all aspects of philanthropy..... His book, *Strategic Giving: The Art and Science of Philanthropy*, was published by the University of Chicago Press in 2006. It has

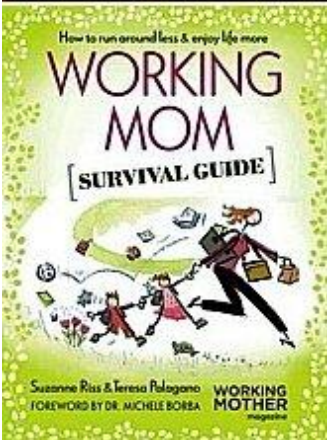


TOP: Marc Cléjan; BOTTOM: Valérie (Wernicke) Corbia ('80)



TOP: Hani Morgan ('80); BOTTOM: Philippe Denham Hyman ('80)

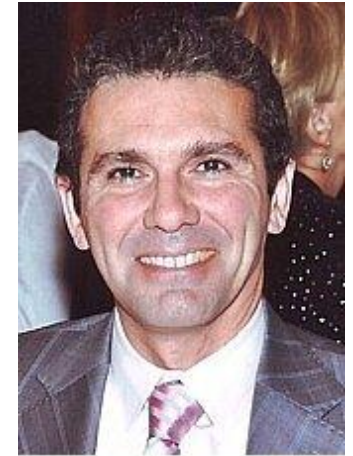
been touted by reviewers as the “benchmark text for the field”..... Frumkin is the author of *On Being Nonprofit* which won the best book award from the Academy of Management’s public and nonprofit section.....In 2010, two books by Frumkin were published: *Serving Country and Community* co-authored with JoAnn Jastrzab, and *The Essence of Strategic Giving: A Practical Guide for Donors and Fundraisers*..... Prior to coming to Penn, Frumkin was Professor of Public Affairs and Director of the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. He has taught at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and served as a senior fellow at the New America Foundation. Before academics, Frumkin worked as a foundation program officer, a nonprofit manager, and as a program evaluator in both nonprofit and public agencies. Frumkin received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago.” ([.sp2.upenn.edu](http://sp2.upenn.edu))



Suzanne Riss ('80) and book she co-authored

- **Andrew Warne** “has been elected President of Australians in Film (AiF), the preeminent organization for expatriate Australians in the entertainment industry..... [He] is Showtime Australia’s longstanding host of Showtime Movie News. He presents interview segments with the actors and directors responsible for Hollywood’s finest films, regularly covers major international film festivals, red carpet premieres and production set-visit stories. Prior to Showtime, Warne worked for six years as a U.S news correspondent for Network TEN Australia, covering major news stories from North America, and presented his own weekly entertainment segment on TEN News and Good Morning Australia. Locally, he worked as a news reporter for KTTV Channel 11, the Fox Network affiliate station, Reuters and E! News. In 2002, Warne was presented with the prestigious International Media Award by the Publicists Guild of America. The award recognizes outstanding journalists who cover the entertainment industry, and is voted on by the Publicist’s Guild entire membership.” (australiansinfilm.org)

- **Suzanne Riss** “is Editor-in-Chief of *Working Mother*, the voice of 2.4 million working moms. She leads the magazine’s editorial coverage, which blends personal, professional and family related stories..... A working mom herself, Suzanne has held senior positions at national magazines for more than ten years. Before joining *Working Mother*, she served as Managing Editor at *American Demographics*, where she helped guide the magazine's coverage of emerging trends, particularly those involving women and their choices relating to work and family. At *Heart & Soul*, a consumer magazine for African American women, she oversaw special projects on health and money. As Editor-in-Chief of *Ticker* magazine, she spearheaded the popular Wall Street 100 list of highest earners. At [the] *New Jersey Law Journal*, she contributed to the signature investigative surveys, including the law firms that engaged in the best practices for advancing women. An advocate for the issues that matter most to working moms, Suzanne is interviewed extensively by national broadcast and print media and speaks on a variety of work/life and parenting related topics. Her appearances and interview credits include Good Morning America, the Today Show, Entertainment Tonight, CNN, the *Wall Street Journal*, the Associated Press and USA Today. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a BA in comparative literature. She received her MA in journalism from Columbia University.” (workingmothermediainc.com)



**TOP: Fawzy Ghérah ('80);
BOTTOM: Salif Thiam ('80)**

● **Stephanie Morrell** "is half Australian, half English, born in New York, raised in Switzerland. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and the Centre for Counseling and Psychotherapy Education in London, and practiced psychotherapy in London for 15 years before moving to Charlottesville in 2007. She is fluent in French and Italian and speaks enough Spanish and German to get by in a pinch! She has a 23-year-old daughter living in New York, and an 11-year-old son living in Charlottesville, as well as two dogs (Yogi and Eigg), three cats (Beep, Elizabeth and Kat) and a number of interesting fish. Stephanie is currently completing her 500-hour yoga teaching training with Dharma Mittra. She is certified in First Aid, Adult/Child/Infant CPR and AED and as a yoga instructor with Yoga Alliance at the 200 hour level, having completed a 300-hour training with the Yoga Studies Institute in Arizona." (*studio206downtown.com*)

----- From December 2011 AALFNY Newsletter -----

In Memoriam:

● **Marcel Bruell** (†May 17, 2010)

(See [In memoriam](#) section of this newsletter for further details)

● **Natacha Rajakovic ('80)** organized a [Thanksgiving dinner in Paris](#) for alumni of the classes '79, '80 and '81. She sent us a *compte-rendu* which can be seen (with photos) in the Reunions section of this newsletter .

● **Hani Morgan** wrote: "I still work for the University of Southern Mississippi as an assistant professor of education and developed my own website this year, which is available at: <http://hanimorgan.com> (or click on link below). I presented my research at two conferences this fall. In October, I presented a paper in Chicago, Illinois on William Heard Kilpatrick for the Organization of Educational Historians, an academic society of scholars from throughout the nation who produce research on educational history..... In November, I presented a session titled "What Teachers, Parents, and Schools Can Do to Prevent Cyberbullying" at the MSERA conference in Oxford, MS. The Mid-South Educational Research Association was formed in 1972 as a nonprofit incorporated educational organization to encourage research in institutions of higher learning. I hope to do research and write a paper on the LFNy one day!"

----- From November 2010 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● The classes of '79, '80, and '81 had **class reunions** in NYC and Paris in September, 2010. (See [Reunions & Events](#) section of this newsletter, for two detailed "comptes rendus" by **Christine Auclair**, **Nathalie (Girod) Buet**, and **Tuki Chabou-Péladeau**.)



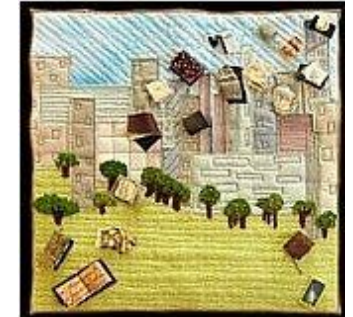
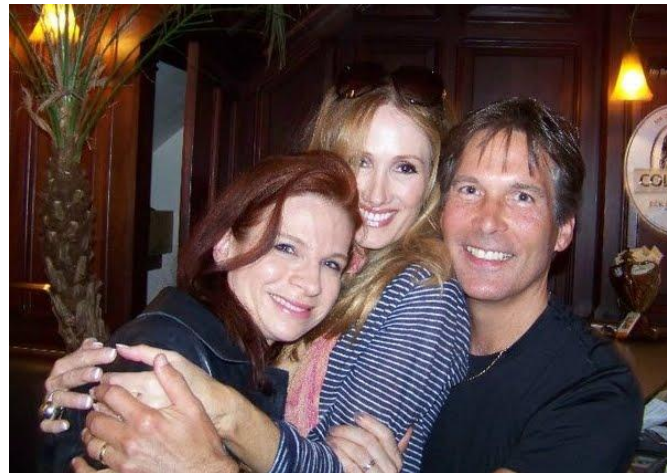
TOP: Stéphanie Morrell ('80);
BOTTOM: Daniel Salomon Sicart ('80)



At 30 year reunion in Paris: TOP (left to right): Juliette Feeney, Carole Leprette & Nathalie Girod; BOTTOM: Daniel Lefloc'h, Juliette Feeney, et Guido Van Hauwermeiren (all '80)



Natacha Rajakovic ('80 --left) and Juliette (Feeney) Timsit ('80) at the October 5, 2011 reunion in Paris, organized by the LFNy



At 30 year reunion in NYC:
TOP (left to right): Norah Lincoff ('80), Colette Smith ('80) & Christine Auclair ('80);
BOTTOM: Pierre Cailliacrec ('80), Jean Pierre Riou ('80), and Alessandra (Kelmans) de Bozzo ('81)

Nathalie (Buet) Girod ('80)
and sample of her textile art
(*'Bookin' it in NYC'*)

- **Donatella Lorch** wrote that she "has been living in Nairobi Kenya for almost a year and a half. Her husband works with the World Bank there. She mostly consults with the United Nations. Oldest daughter is a freshman in college, 16 year old son is in boarding school near Boston, 12 and 5 year old sons greatly enjoying school and life in Kenya. She can always be tracked down through her website: www.donatellalorch.com."

- **Susan Fales-Hill** wrote: "As I watch the grey hairs increase on my head, so too, happily does my productivity. Now that my beloved only daughter is in school full time, I am concentrating full tilt on my career once again."

My second book, first novel, "One Flight Up" hit the bookstores this summer and garnered some lovely reviews. It is, to paraphrase a 19th Century writer, "mad, bad and dangerous to read." The subject: four women who grew up together attending the same New York private school all find themselves at 37 in adulterous relationships...It's available on Amazon and all major bookstores. Otherwise, la vie est plutot belle. Good health, good friends, fantastic child."



TOP: Alain Bobet ('80);
BOTTOM: Carole Virginie
(Leprette) Davis ('80)

- [Jean Pierre Riou](#) wrote: "Hi to lycée alum. Living in N.C. since 1994. Plastic surgeon married to Lori Schneider, MD neurologist. Met at NYU in 1984. Have 2 kids: Jessica born in 1997 and Justin born in 2000. Parents mMrcel and Marie-Louise retired from their restaurant *La Vielle Auberge* (48th street & 8th avenue) in 1994 to live near us at Lake Norman, north of Charlotte, N.C. Had a great time at our 30 yr lycée reunion on 9-11-10. Hope everybody is doing well!"

- **Hani Morgan** wrote: "I am still working as an assistant professor of education for the University of Southern Mississippi. I made many friends with classmates from the Lycee on Facebook last year....."

- **Nina (Wolff) Feld** shared this with us: "I have been working on *Chère Mamo: Letters From A Charmed Life* for three years. As I have progressed towards completion of the manuscript, public recognition of the project has helped build a foundation for its future publication. For example the website *cheremamo.com* has become part of Apple's corporate library and they continue to help by inviting me to speak at their New York flagship store."

- **Philippe Denham Hyman** "has been producing and directing for over 15 years. He has over a dozen features and 15 television shows and documentaries to his credit. Recently he dedicated a year supervising producing and directing the rugged National Geographic series "Expeditions to the Edge" where he shot in such locations as the Sahara Desert, the jungles of Peru, and the clear underwater caves of New Zealand as well as a new 6 part Discovery/Travel Channel series.....His varied career has seen him seamlessly move between the artistic stages of Off-Broadway New York (his home town), to a lengthy stint on the mean streets of the long running hit show "America's Most Wanted," to the lyrical beauty of Paris for a series of successful short films, to the tightly run sets of indie films..... He has completed projects for The History Channel, Discovery Channel, TLC, F/X and National Geographic.....As a producer/director he also writes, shoots, and edits. Along with his numerous credits Philippe teaches graduate film at USC School of Cinema when his schedule permits." ([http://caferacer\(filmworks.com/team.html](http://caferacer(filmworks.com/team.html))

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- [Susan Fales-Hill](#) talks about her new book, *One Flight Up*



Noromalala (Rabetafika)
Rasolonjatovo ('80) &
Thomas Habal ('80)

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TOP: Pascal Ehrlich ('80);
BOTTOM: Harriet Gérard ('80)

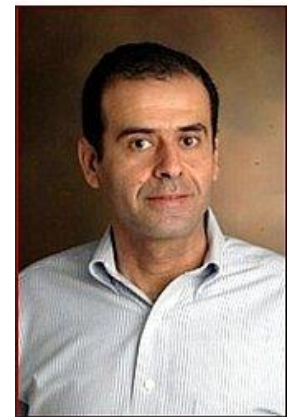
● **Avis de Décès:** Julie Levine ('80) informed us that "**Michel Colbert**, or Michael as many of us knew him, was a member of the graduating Class of 1980. He was a Bond Trader at Cantor Fitzgerald in New York City and was working in his office in the World Trade Center on the morning of September 11th when his life was cut short by an act of brutality. He was survived by his parents Raymond and Marie (though they were 79 at the time, so I don't know if they're still alive, especially after that heartbreak), and his wife Elizabeth." (Editor's note: The only other Lycee alum' to have perished in the 9/11 tragedy, to our knowledge, is Philip Haentzler, class of 1970.)

● **Joelle (Hary) Reilly** wrote that she "is currently writing the accompanying text for the LFNY book that will celebrate the school's 75th anniversary. The book is part of a series of events meant to commemorate this landmark. The idea is to capture *les moments forts* of the school's history and spirit. In order for this mission to work, Joelle is hoping to write about many facets of school life: facilities, celebrations, special events and moments in history, and, especially, recollections of past teachers and/or administrators. **Wanted:** All alums, all promotions; **Deadline:** mid January. **Length:** a small paragraph or even just a sentence recalling a special room, a teacher's idiosyncrasies or kind gesture, a ceremony, a day in history spent at school are all ideal responses. **Contact:** email Joelle at joelle.reilly@verizon.net with all comments and queries."

● Viviane Schiavi ('81) told us that her sister "**Isabelle Schiavi** is an architect and art critic and is married to an American-Spaniard. [She] lives in London where they raise their two daughters, aged 15 and 11."

● **Nathalie (Girod) Buet** wrote that she "is living in Chartres. Teaches English to retired people at *Université du Temps Libre*, also started her own translation company specialized in textiles. In her free time (not much of that unfortunately) she does some textile art. She is married, has 2 children who are 20 and 18. Would love to hear from old classmates, and lately has had many contacts through Facebook. Has always been in touch all these years with **Nadine Le Lan Kaston**, **Joelle Hary Reilly** and **Vicki Ortega**. If there is a 30-year class reunion, would love to attend if possible! Take care all!"

● **Thomas Habal** shared this with us: "I studied Electrical Engineering at Boston University where I earned the B.S.E.E. in 1984. I also earned a Master's degree in Information Systems (M.S.I.S) from Northeastern University in 1992. I have since then been working in the computer industry since 1987 in a wide range of activities ranging from Support Specialist to Applications Programmer to Software Developer in the Boston Area. I was then relocated to the Paris France office of Intersolv, which then became Serena Software, to work as a software Engineer, then as a Consultant and Training Manager. I am married and living in the Paris area with my wife, an interior designer, and my daughter, who is currently studying law and geography at the



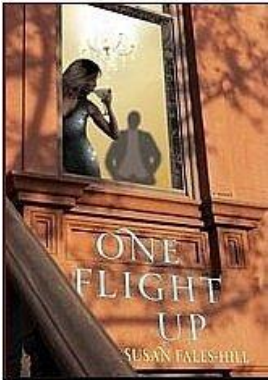
Susan Schwenger ('80) &
Hani Morgan ('80)

Université de Paris Sorbonne."

● **Nina (Wolff) Feld** wrote: "I have translated over 500 pages of my father's letters home from WWII from French to English, which were written to his mother and family on an almost daily basis from 1943-1946. I am currently writing a book.

The letters are riveting, heartbreaking, often very humorous. Walter Wolff was a charming and resourceful young man, a keen observer of the turmoil and settling of scores that occurred at the end of the war. This collection takes the reader to the places of his childhood, eventually liberating his ancestral home in Landau from collaborators who installed themselves there after his family fled. He worked as an interrogator in Italy, Austria, Belgium, Germany and France. I have compiled a manuscript that forms a significant addition to the history of the immediate postwar period and reveals the unique experience of an exceptionally charismatic and intelligent G.I. who eventually returns to the U.S., attends Columbia University and becomes a prominent New Yorker (He owned the furniture chain Bon Marché).

Walter Wolff was extensively interviewed by Spielberg's Shoah Foundation before he died in 2006. My website *Chere Mamo* is dedicated to the project and I invite you to take a look at it." ([Click here](#) to access *Nina's website*)

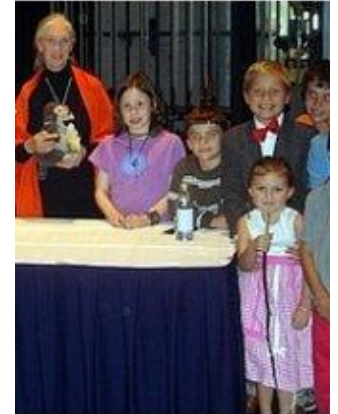


TOP: Susan Fales-Hill ('80, left) & Bettina Zilkha ('77);

● **Hani Morgan** wrote: "I am still living in Mississippi and working for the University of Southern Mississippi as an assistant professor of education. I hope to start doing research soon on the effects of culturally authentic children's books on elementary students' attitudes towards people from different cultures. I am applying for a grant and hope it will get funded, so I can do this research. Last spring, I presented a paper for the Comparative and International Education Society's annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina. This was great because I met a few former classmates from Columbia University. This fall I will be traveling to Atlanta to present research for the National Council for the Social Studies, and I will also be going to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to present another paper for the Mid-South Educational Research Association. I hope to make it up to New York one day to visit Le Lycée Français de New York. I was thinking about maybe doing research on Le Lycée Français de New York or writing an article about the school to get published in an education journal. This year I had articles published for *Multicultural Education*, *Childhood Education*, and *Early Childhood Education Journal*."

● **Hillary Ray** wrote: "To everyone, I wish you a healthy, happy and fun holiday season. My family (Rose, now 3, Ella, 6, and Sean who just turned 8) and I were lucky enough to visit France in late September. We met up with **Nathalie Girod-Buet, ('80)** and that was just delightful. She bravely came over to our hotel the day we arrived and helped to herd the brood and take them to the nearest park and then go with me to do such exciting errands like buying a stroller, as we had forgotten ours in Sydney! I was very sorry not to be able to meet up with anyone else, it was very chaotic with the jet lag and the upside-down mealtimes, and two very tired parents after the 30 hour trip.

On the third day in Paris we were off to the French countryside for an idyllic week, and then off to Budapest



TOP: Amy Nammack's ('80) children (far right) meet Dr. Jane Goodall;
BOTTOM: Axelle de Berger ('80)

for two weeks holiday. I very much hope to get to France again in the near future, and this time to meet some of my anciens amis in Paris and elsewhere. The kids loved their first visit Paris (of course!) and are asking about when we will be returning. Next time we'll have to organise an afternoon tea in the 7th. A tres bientot, I promise to write more in the next update. Bises!"



- Vivian Preston Dole wrote: "I am living in Wellesley, MA with my husband, Kip and 2 children (William - 18, Alyssa - 14). At Thanksgiving joined us as well as my brother, **Robert Preston ('79)**, his wife, Marta and his 2 children. I have just returned from New York City where my Mom is still living and I had a nice visit with **Alix Roth O'Mara ('80)**, her husband, Kevin and her 4 sons."

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WEDDINGS/MARIAGES

- **Susan Schwenger** got married on November 1st at the Jefferson Market Garden [NYC], to Walter Szymanski.

- **Natacha Rajakovic** wrote: "Next year will be the **30th Anniversary of Class of 1980** and I feel we should definitely celebrate. I would therefore like to launch an appeal to my classmates: if there are any out there who would be willing to participate in the organization of such an event (we would need people on both sides of the Atlantic) in any way, co-host it, suggest ideas, I would appreciate it if they could let me know. We could set up a small organizing "committee" and then decide if, when, how and where to proceed. Merci d'avance à tous les volontaires et à bientôt!" [*Natasha's email address, for anyone who wants to join her in organizing this event, is available upon request.*]

- **Emmanuel Barré** nous écrit: "1980-2009 ... 29 ans sans donner de nouvelles, il était temps de se manifester ! Passé plus de 15 ans en banque d'affaires à Londres, Paris et New York, suivi de la création d'une start-up dans le domaine de l'affichage dynamique avant d'arriver chez GE pour faire de la banque corporate grands comptes, basé à Paris. Père très fier de 3 enfants (Charlotte 17 ans, Hélène 14 ans et Guillaume 12 ans). Durant toutes ces années, j'ai eu l'occasion de croiser **Donnatella Lorch** (au NY Times) en 1996, de faire quelques sorties parisiennes ces dernières années avec **Laurent Fairhead, Cécile Le Péchoux, Florence Bauchart, Anne-Marie van Bockstaelle**, et reste en contact avec **Olivier Lennuyeux-Comnène**, basé à Montpellier, et qui travaille chez Pomona."

- **Christine Auclair** envoie un "Salut a tous!" à ses anciens copains du LFNY.

- **Hillary Ray** wrote: "We all survived the Christmas/Hanukah school holidays and the kids were very pleased with their presents. We tried to keep the amount of gifts under control as we are all too aware that many children, even some in Australia, go without. It is summer here so it is quite warm and definitely beach weather! Luckily Santa got all of us a sun tent to take with us to the beach so we won't sear in the ferocious



Alexandre Orłowski ('80) & Nina (Wolff) Feld ('80)



Top: Hillary Ray ('80)
Bottom: Noromalala Rabetafika ('80) and Amy Nammack's ('80) son

Aussie sun! Sean turned 8 in December and is an avid reader. Ella turned 5 and starts school tomorrow. Rose turned 2 and is talking quite a lot, usually bossing the rest of us around! I don't think the word "chaos" accurately describes what it is like here on a day-to-day basis but it will have to do. I have dropped my days at work down to three days a week this year and am feeling more rested and a bit more focused as a result, though I fear it is too late for my sanity!

As you may know, Sean, Ella and I spent a glorious 12 days in New York for Thanksgiving and my mother's birthday. It was just too wonderful seeing my parents, friends and the city. My parents took over charge of the kids and I was able to finally have a very good rest! If only we lived closer... I saw **Harriet Gerard ['80]**, which was delightful, and the formidable Mrs Yates and the **Yates-Cacciato** children, which was great fun. Sean and Ella were very happy to be able to play with others their age. I was sorry to have missed Nathalie and Richard and hope to see them next time around.

Here is one of the pictures of us at the Met with my mother, my father is taking the picture. My sister **Ashley Ray ['89]** (also LFNy) is re-training as a registered nurse or RN, and she also took the kids to the Museum of Natural History and to the movies. I am pretty sure that fun was had by all! My other sister and fellow-LFNy **Sabrina Ray-Valli ['85]**, has just moved to Rome with her husband and children. Hopefully we will all see and hear more from her.

On another topic, I went and saw Leonard Cohen in concert here in Sydney last week and he was just superb and an inspiration. So much energy and life at 74! There could be hope for the rest of us.

I wish you and everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful 2009. It is a difficult time for many because of the economic situation, war and other unfortunate circumstances, and I think we will all appreciate friendship, good will and family (whatever that means for you) more than ever."

● **Hani Morgan** (Assistant Professor of Education, Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education, University of Southern Mississippi) wrote:

"This fall I presented papers and research at three conferences. One presentation was in Knoxville, TN for the Mid-South Educational Research Association, and the other two were in Mississippi. I am expecting to have at least three more publications in 2009. I will also be presenting a concurrent session at the ACEI conference in Chicago in March of 2009. In 2008, I had three publications. I am including the full reference for each below:

-- Morgan, H. (2008). American school textbooks: *How they portrayed the Middle East from 1898 to 1994*.

American Educational History Journal, 35, 315-330.

-- Morgan, H., & Jones R. (Winter 2007/08). *What's in your name? Exploring name awareness with children*.

Childhood Education: Infancy Through Early Adolescence, 84, 94K-94M.

-- Nelson, P. & Morgan H. (2008). *Stop faking it! Chemistry basics*. (Robertson), Chemistry International, 30(5), 23.(Book review, available online:http://www.iupac.org/publications/ci/2008/3005/bw1_nelson.html)

----- From July 2008 AALFNy Newsletter -----

● **Hani Morgan** wrote: "I continue to live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. It is going to be my third year working for



Eve Greenwood ('80) & Jean-Marc Monti ('80)



TOP: Natacha Rajakovic ('80); MIDDLE: Amy Nammack and family; BOTTOM: Domitille Teze

the University of Southern Mississippi. This past year I presented papers and research at education conferences in Atlanta, Chicago, Lafayette, Louisiana, and Hot Springs, Arkansas. Three articles I wrote were accepted for publication. I still have not presented in New York, but if I do, I will be sure to visit the Lycée Français de New York. I would enjoy hearing from my classmates."



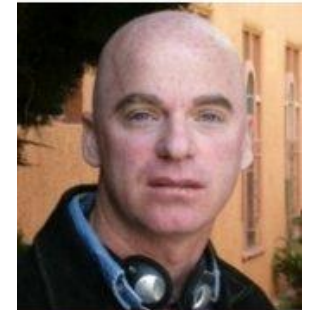
TOP: Hillary Ray ('80) with children Sean & Ella and her mother Marlys;
 BOTTOM: Susan Schwenger ('80) and husband Walter Szymans

- **Domitille Tézé** "est diplômée de l'Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris et a obtenu un MBA de Harvard Business School. Après avoir évolué dans l'environnement de la finance internationale à Paris et New York (JP Morgan et Banque Indosuez), elle s'est dirigée en 1995 vers les Ressources Humaines, d'abord comme consultante en outplacement, puis en 1998 comme Directeur, chez A.T. Kearney, en charge des Ressources Humaines (recrutement, gestion des carrières, mobilité)." (From Transition Plus, <http://www.transitionplus.com/#>)

- **Hillary Ray** wrote: "Here are a few pictures of [my children] Rose, Ella and me at a friend's birthday party, and one of Sean at a ski race. [Life here has been] even busier than when I last wrote. Rose is a very active 20 month old toddler and she has to be watched every minute as she is very adept at getting jars, tubes and bottles off of high shelves and then taking off the caps and, you guessed it, smearing, pouring etc. the various contents everywhere: on the carpets, walls doors and on herself! Ella is still at the French preschool and is almost fluent in French. She is taking drama classes at NIDA on Sunday mornings. Sean is thriving at the local public school and is going well with German and French. He is taking karate lessons on Saturday mornings. Both kids are doing theatre workshops at the Australian Theatre for Young People during the school holidays (it is winter here). Rose sometimes tags along if there is no alternative. Our lives are completely mad and chaotic. On top of that, Mark and I are still trying to practice law part-time. My new role the past six months has involved a lot of travel. My work is also in the midst of a rather drastic restructure. It is quite tough. I wish I could win the Lottery and take a few years off! I will keep you posted as I am thinking about a number of things at the moment re work and the kids. How did my parents ever survive raising three kids and in New York no less, a mystery to me. For those who do not know, I will be in New York for the last two weeks of November 2008 with Sean and Ella. My father has just finished the first draft of his book as of two days ago, so that is very exciting. I will have more news for Anciens Eleves as his book project progresses. It would be wonderful to see everyone and see how you are doing while I am in town. I hope you and yours are enjoying the summer!"

----- From December 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Hillary Ray** wrote: "Hello everyone, it has been another busy year. Rose was born on 11 October, 2006 so she is now just over a year old. She is still not a great sleeper so it has been a bit of a struggle for her parents but she is doing well. Here are some pictures from Ella's 4th birthday party. Mark (wearing batman t-shirt) and I (dressed in pink



TOP: Philippe Hyman ('80);
 BOTTOM: Susan Fales Hill ('80)

with wings, I am the assistant fairy) decorated the house to resemble a rainforest, as it was raining outside and we could not go to the park as planned. Look out for the paper tress and sun!! I had the kids put stickers of birds, butterflies and dinosaurs on the trees. It was a lot of fun. Also notice the handmade decorations: butterflies, cookies and popcorn garlands. Sean just had his 6th birthday 2 days ago. We had a science party and again had lots of fun in the park. Luckily for you I do not have the pictures back yet-- yes I am shooting with film again as I prefer the resolution.

Apologies to you all for being such a poor correspondent, it has been a challenging year, as they say!! Rose only started sleeping through a month ago, and I went back to work on a three-day a week basis in May. Wishing everyone a very happy holiday, thank you Roger for keeping the newsletter going and all your efforts. Hoping to see some of you in 2008. I would love to hear from others and how their year has been. Bisous, Hillary"



Dr. Jean-Pierre Riou ('80)
and Mary Kraus ('80)

- "**Anjali Maazel** earned a French Baccalaureate from the Lycee Francais de New York, then received her BA in Romance Languages & Literature from Princeton University. She has lived for many years in France, but has also had homes in Brazil, Germany, and Italy. She has been a language teacher for 11 years and speaks English, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish." (*hoftiaei.com*)

- **Hani Morgan** wrote: "I moved to Hattiesburg, Mississippi a few years ago where I work as an assistant professor of education. I would enjoy hearing from my old classmates."

- **Axelle de Borger** est ancienne avocate au Barreau de Paris, ancienne déléguée générale de l'Association Française des Juristes d'Entreprise, auteur de nombreux articles pour la presse juridique et diplômée de l'Université Paris II-Assas et du MBA de Sciences Po Paris. Elle nous écrit qu'elle a créé "une nouvelle organisation regroupant les professions du droit partageant une culturelle juridique francophone -- Organisation des Juristes d'Affaires Francophones (OJAF), organisation internationale non gouvernementale ayant son siège à Paris. L'OJAF s'adresse à tous les professionnels du droit des affaires (avocats, juristes d'entreprise, notaires, magistrats, universitaires, etc.) ayant en commun une même culture juridique et exerçant leurs activités au sein de l'espace francophone (68 pays membres de l'OIF). L'OJAF, lieu d'échange et de réflexion, a mis en place un outil informatique permettant à ces professionnels de débattre en ligne de questions juridiques les plus variées (voir les débats). Mais l'OJAF c'est aussi un regard porté sur le monde du droit et la francophonie par diverses personnalités (voir les vidéos). C'est également pour les adhérents une plus grande visibilité professionnelle à travers l'espace francophone : publications de leurs écrits, annuaire professionnel, actualité des associations nationales, etc."

- **Donatella Lorch** wrote: "In addition to three step kids: Madeline (15), Nicholas (13) and Alexander (10), my husband John (who works at the World Bank) and I have added one of our own: Lucas (2 1/2)."

- The *News & Observer* reported on 10/17/2007 that **Amy (Nammack) Weiss'** son "Zack Weiss put on a red



TOP: Dr. Norah Lincoff ('80);
MIDDLE: David Zara ('80);
BOTTOM: Hassan Abdel-Hamid ('80)

polka-dot bow tie and a brown wool blazer, just a bit too long for his 9-year-old frame. The McDougle Elementary School student spent weeks planning for Tuesday night, when he and other fourth-graders would meet Jane Goodall, the primatologist who made profound discoveries about chimpanzee behavior...." Amy sent us a picture of the event (above) and wrote: "The boy in the bowtie and the little girl in front of him are my two kids, Zack and Jessie. Because of our involvement in a local Roots & Shoots group, we got to meet Dr. Jane Goodall at Duke University."

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- [Click here](#) for news of **Gilles Mascarell**.

- **Dr. Norah Lincoff** is on the faculty of the University at Buffalo, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She practices Neurology and Ophthalmology at the Jacobs Neurological Institute. Her clinical and research interests include vasculitis, inflammatory eye disease states, optic neuropathies, and neuro-oncology.

- **Amy Nammack-Weiss** wrote: "Just bought a house in Chapel Hill, NC. Very friendly people, but too many ticks and too much poison ivy! Would love to hear from or see classmates. Photo is of Zack and Jessie and a May Day Celebration at school."

- **David Zara** shared this with us: " My son Tristan starts 'la petite section' this fall and we are very excited. Both my brother and I graduated from the lycee and it was a great experience. My wife Laurence was an attorney for Skadden Arps and Clifford Chance in Paris and NY and I am a pilot and a partner in an aviation company named Tradewind Aviation. We have a service that flies to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket from Teterboro and Westchester airports and we also fly to St Barth's and all over the Caribbean. We are also an aircraft charter and management and consulting company and fly all over the world on demand. We have a 1 year old daughter named Valesca and hope she will attend the lycee as well. I graduated 27 years ago and still count lycéens as my closest friends. The bonds we forged have been lasting and though we have spread all over the world we are still bound by our common experience. I hope my children will feel the same way."

- **Natacha Rajakovic** wrote: "Hello and Salut to all of you!

A few months ago I decided to move to Brussels, in search of a new - and hopefully better - life. I sold my tiny Paris apartment, for the money got a much bigger one, and spent the last two months coping with the movers, the workers, and boxes, of which a few dozen are still piled up unpacked. Not easy when you have to do it all alone, and with no resettlement package. But I did it, and I will be settled there for good at the end of June. I would love to know if there are any former 'lycéens' in Belgium, so please don't hesitate to contact me at my new address [*available upon request*]. I've been blogging for the past year, so if you have nothing better



TOP: Natacha Rajakovic ('80);
MIDDLE: Janet (Ambrosi)
Wertman ('80); BOTTOM:
Peter Bacanovic ('80)

to do and want to read more about my 'tribulations', you can go to *[there]*. I wish everybody a great summer!"

- **Pascale (Cirano) Schmidt** wrote: "Happy to see so many familiar faces in the directory. Ahh, les années passent!"

----- From December 2006 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **BIRTHS/NAISSANCES: Hillary Ray ('80)** wrote: "Here are some pictures of Rose Davidson taken right after her birth at 3AM local time (!) on 11 October 2006. My husband Mark Davidson is in a couple of the pictures. He was kept very busy during the labor as I took my exercise ball with me into the labor ward and we did a so-called natural birth!.....As you can imagine, I have been really busy since so apologies for the late email! All is going well though, Rose now weighs 5 kilos and is feeding every 3 to 4 hours instead of every 1 or 2, so that is a welcome development. I am still up two to three times a night though and am getting used to seeing the sun rise very morning...." (to view pictures: <http://www.lfnyalumni.org/en/news/no.24/50/869>)

- **Hillary Ray** wrote: "I had such a great visit in NY, seeing everyone at the reunion at the apartment of Mrs. Marguerite Yates, and enjoyed meeting her daughter **Natalie Yates Cacciato ('78)** and son-in-law Richard, as well as **Alex Gagliardi ('86)** who organized the reunion. What an outstanding view of Manhattan! I also enjoyed speaking with the lovely **Professor Violette Benzaken** whom I have not seen in over 20 years and who is as sprightly as ever. I was sad to leave NY and look forward to my next visit. All is well in Sydney as it is summer here and our two children and new baby are keeping me very busy. Sean will be 5 years old in December and Ella is 3 years old. She just started school at the Maternelle, Lycee Francais of Sydney. Sean is attending the equivalent of kindergarten. I am on maternity leave from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission until next year. Looking forward to the next newsletter to see what everyone else has been up to." (On June 10th, 2006 Hillary's father, Bill Ray, had an exposition at the Leica Gallery in NYC, entitled 'Bill Ray - A Retrospective: Four Decades of Celebrity & Historic Photos', which was attended by several alumni. See [Reunions, Events, and Gatherings](#) section for more details)

- **Amy (Nammack) Weiss** shared this with us: "Attached is a photo of Flat Zack (my son) and **Noromalala Rabetafika '80**, in Madagascar. It was for a class project."

- A full update for **Donatella Lorch** can be viewed at her website (click on *link* below) which says, in part: "Donatella Lorch has been a reporter and correspondent for almost twenty years and has covered wars and conflicts in South Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Europe for The New York Times, NBC News and Newsweek. Her writing has been praised for humanizing the cost and politics of war and giving a face not only to the fighters but to affected civilians as well. She has won awards for her reporting on Afghanistan and the Rwanda genocide as well as for her coverage of massive refugee migrations that have torn apart families and transplanted cultures....."

● **Hassan Abdel-Hamid** wrote: "In February this year, the Bank of Alexandria - of which I was a board member - sold out its 34.5 % stake in Egyptian American Bank to Credit Agricole Bank Egypt. As part of the privatization process of the Egyptian economy, Bank of Alexandria itself was sold to Banca San Paolo IMI of Italy in October 2006. I now sit on the board of the 2nd largest public sector insurance company in the country. I have also become the secretary general of the newly-incorporated Egyptian Austrian Business Council."

-----From February 2006 AALFNY Newsletter-----

● **Aline (Amiel) Halimi** wrote: "Hi! It's great finding out what happened to everybody. In the past 20 years I have kept in touch with **Anne-Marie Van Bockstaele** (teacher in Paris) and **Norah Lincoff** (MD in Buffalo, NY). I got my MD degree in France, met my husband just as I was about to go back to the US, and I had four kids (David 14, Joshua 13, Eli 7, and Sara 3).

Until last year I was working with adolescents in a family planning center and doing smoking cessation consults for young adults at the University Hospital of Tours; I recently changed job, and I am training to be an occupational physician. I often go to Paris, and I manage to get back home to NY from time to time. I would love to hear from those living in France: don't hesitate to get in touch! I saw my brother at Christmas in New York. Michel Amiel (class of 1973) is a psychiatrist, married with two boys (Shawn 6, James 3) and living in Gainesville, Florida."

● **Amy (Nammack) Weiss** shared this with us: "My husband Randy, son Zack,8, and daughter Jessie,3 are living in Florida. In the past one and a half years we have lived through 4 hurricanes! Otherwise, the weather is great. We are thinking of moving to Chapel Hill, North Carolina next year. We just sent Zack's school project to **Noromalala Rabetafika ('80)** in Madagascar. Noro took pictures of "Flat Stanley" sight-seeing in Antananarivo. Hope everyone is well and I would love to hear from anyone who wants to get in touch."

● **Francis Mensah** nous écrit: "Je vous félicite également pour tout le dévouement que vous démontrez dans le cadre des activités de l'Alumni, et qui me permet d'avoir des nouvelles du lycée que j'ai tant aimé. Je rêve d'une «high school reunion» avec mes amis de la promotion 1980, en compagnie desquels j'ai passé des moments formidables et inoubliables entre 1977 et 1980. C'est encore un rêve, mais qui sait? Peut-être pourrais-je les revoir à nouveau un jour, pour rire et danser sur un air endiablé de disco ou de rock'n'roll, comme nous le faisons si souvent pendant ces années folles. Nostalgie, quand tu nous tiens ..."

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● **Alix Roth O'Mara** sent this in: "I am busy raising my four sons, Nicholas (11), Ian (8), Peter (5) and Charles (18 mos) in NYC. Having practiced law for 9 plus years, keeping up with these four guys feels like the real

challenge, though I love it. I keep in touch with Vivian Preston Dole who lives in Wellesley and has two children, William and Alyssa. I would love to hear from anyone in the class."

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● **Amy Nammack-Weiss** shared this with us: "Just moved from Maui to West Palm Beach, Florida, in time for all the hurricanes! Had a reunion in Orlando, this past August, with Noro Rabetafika and Sonia Doo Kingue(1980). We talked about old and new times, it had been over twenty years. Also, got in touch with Philippe Hyman, by e-mail, thanks to your website. Even though I have worked at many different occupations, I find I am happiest as a mother to my 2 year old daughter Jessie, and my 7 year old son Zack. My husband Randy and I don't know how much longer we will stay in Florida. Colorado? California? Hope that classmates get in touch. Love to all."

● **Hillary Ray** shared this with us: "Well, it has already been over a year since my last note when I reported I was pregnant with our second child and about to visit New York for work. My visit went fine but I was very busy with meetings with US regulators and lawyers and visiting my parents while tired from the pregnancy, so apologies for keeping a low profile. I did have the great pleasure of seeing Harriet Gerard ('80). Harriet, when are you going to update the newsletter? Upon my return, Ella was born without much fuss and, to our good fortune, has been a good sleeper ever since. However we regularly wake up for her older brother! Sean starts at the Lycee Francais here in December on his third birthday. Sydney, has been called "Frappuccino heaven" by Bill Bryson, deservedly so. There is something to be said for not having to wear socks most of the year. Sydney also follows the English model for schools and its private ones are mostly single-sex which I did not want for Sean or Ella. The public schools teach Italian and not French. I was very keen that Sean and Ella learn French as speaking French has been a great asset for me in many ways. Australia is very remote and I think a grounding in French language and literature give a child an opening into another culture and all its treasures such as literature, art and music. Fortunately for us, there is a French Lycee here that follows the curriculum set by the French government and that by the Australian department of education. There are, surprisingly, perhaps many French people living in Sydney and the school is expanding. Work is fine though busy (no matter who wins an election, there is always work for lawyers!), and I have not been able to be involved in many human rights projects this year. Family takes up most of my time. Mark, my Aussie husband, works part-time and helps a lot with the kids. I guess I am lucky that things are a bit more relaxed here and we do not have to work all the time. I have asked my sister Sabrina ('85), also LFNY, who leads a very exciting life in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to send in an update, and my other sister Ashley ('89), LFNY and lives in NYC, to write in. I would love to hear from any of my Lycee contemporaries and hope everyone is doing well. Write in with your news!"

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● **Janine Rofé** writes: “I would like to say hello to all the classmates I remember: Alexandra Kelmans, Brigitte Dauman, Leo Joachim, Suzie Reese, Johnny Schwab. Anyone who might remember me, I'd love to hear from you. I was the one who always got into fights with my sister Colette Rofé in M. Fontaine's class... I live in Charleston, SC and have owned a foreign language school and translation service for 20 years in the South. My sister Colette is married, with one son (a real cutie named Marc). I have not married. I have spent much time in building a business, completing a degree in Social Work, enabling me to train social workers to better serve the Latino population. Much travel as well. Hope all is well with my ex-classmates. I look forward to hearing from you!”

● **Stephen Allen**, President of Integrated Technology Solutions in NYC, is interested in promoting a new business of providing anti-spam solutions to small and medium businesses.

● **Donatella Lorch** is a correspondent for Newsweek magazine. Based in Washington, she covers news from the Pentagon. We send her best wishes on her recent marriage. She and John Zutt were married on June 21st, 2003. Donatella is the daughter of Lycée trustee, Dr. Maristella de Panizza Lorch, and the late Dr. Edgar Raymond Lorch, a longtime administrator and friend of the school.

● **Vivian (Preston) Dole** writes: “Although I live in Wellesley, Mass., with my husband and two children, I often pop into New York, as my mother and my brother, Robert Preston [‘79] are living in the ‘big apple.’ I teach part-time and keep busy with my children’s activities. My son, William, is in 7th grade and my daughter, Alyssa, is in 3rd grade.....I just returned last night from NYC where I got together with Alix Roth O’Mara. She and her husband Kevin have three wonderful boys and are expecting a fourth in October. I would love to hear from my fellow classmates. I can be reached at [email address available upon request from AALFNY].”

● **Colette Smith** tells us that she is married to Gotz Grossman, and has two children : Ariane (4 ½) and Luca (3).

● **David Zara** is a vice president of an aviation management, acquisition and charter company as well as a corporate jet pilot.

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● **Laurent Fairhead** nous écrit : « Après des études à Londres et à Paris, j'ai décroché une thèse en astronomie à l'observatoire de Paris. J'ai ensuite passé 18 mois à l'université de Berkeley en séjour post-doctoral avant de rentrer à Paris en 1990 et d'intégrer le CNRS comme ingénieur de recherche dans un laboratoire étudiant le climat (son observation, son évolution). L'été dernier '01, je suis tombé presque par hasard sur le site web www.lfnyalumni.org et ai ainsi pu trouver l'adresse de Cécile Le Péchoux qui était elle-même restée en contact avec plusieurs anciens élèves. Nous nous sommes retrouvés récemment à dîner chez moi (la chère y fut bonne si j'en crois les commentaires de mes anciens codisciples) et la soirée très agréable et sympathique. J'y ai donc

retrouvé (avec plaisir): Cécile le Péchoux qui est médecin oncologue à Villejuif, Anne-Marie Van Bockstaele qui donne des cours d'anglais en fac, Florence Bauchard qui est journaliste dans le groupe "Les Echos" et Emmanuel Barré qui travaille dans la finance chez Solomon Brothers; tous habitant Paris. Une grande partie de la soirée fut passée, un peu (beaucoup) au détriment de nos conjoints, à éplucher mes anciens Year Books et à échanger souvenirs et anecdotes sur nos années au LFNY. Nous nous séparâmes vers 2 heures du matin en nous promettant de remettre ça assez rapidement (en tout cas avant vingt ans) en essayant, entretemps, de retrouver d'autres anciens camarades de classe et de ne pas laisser passer les 25 ans de la promo sans les fêter. »

- **Alexandra Roth O'Mara** fills us in: "Having practiced corporate law for many years, I'm now staying home with my three boys, Nicholas (8 yrs.), Ian (5yrs.) and Peter (2 yrs.) and enjoying every minute. My husband Kevin is tending to the law as a partner at Clifford Chance, as head of their private equity group. Would love to hear from other people in the class."

- **Hillary Ray** wrote: "Apologies for not writing sooner but things have been very hectic. On 7 December 2001 I gave birth to Sean Davidson, weighing a whisker under 8lbs. He has a big and energetic boy ever since. On 2 february 2002 his father Mark and I got married (we had been engaged for over a year-- just goes to show how you can be overtaken by events!). I went back to work in May on a part-time basis, going full-time in August. It is very tiring and I seem to be very busy all the time but you do what you ahve to do. Mark is working part-time as a lawyer and helps to look after Sean at home. I am now working in the corporate legal department of Westpac, the Australian bank where I work in Sydney. I am really enjoying the work, probably more so than I did in intellectual property because you get to look at "bigger picture" issues. Of course corporate governance is of great concern at the moment. Westpac is listed on the New York stock exchange and I am doing quite a bit on the filing of forms required by the SEC. I am really enjoying having a new York angle to my practice and hope it will mean I can work in the New York office for a few weeks next year, as well as visit. I have not been to east Timor, Aceh or anywhere dangerous in a while now as Sean and Mark won't let me. I miss it but I have been outvoted. For now anyway. However there is still plenty of opportunity to do pro bono work from Sydney. I will try to set up some pictures and a little movie of us on our website and will send on details when I do. Most days though it seems a major effort just to get out the door! I hope everyone is doing well. I miss my old Lycée pals and look forward to reading about your news on the AALFNY bulletin."

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- **Donatella Lorch** est correspondante de guerre pour le New York Times et Newsweek et a récemment présenté "La vie d'une correspondante de guerre: raconter des histoires de guerre, de réfugiés et de reconstruction" à Columbia University.

----- From November/December 2001 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Laurent Fairhead** habite à Paris et travaille comme "Research Engineer."

- **Natacha Rajakovic** writes: "It was great stumbling on the Alumni Network on the Web. I recognized names, which brought back a lot of memories. I'm back in Paris after a five-year hiatus, and have recently gotten in touch with an old classmate, Nathalie (Girod) Buet '80. We met for coffee two days ago, and I really enjoyed catching up with her. Until spring this year, I regularly kept in touch with Guido van Hauwermeiren. We often spoke on the phone and even saw each other a few times while he was living in France and Italy. He is now in Chicago, working for the Credit Lyonnais, married and has two sons. I also had lunch recently with one of my favourite teachers, Françoise Moulin (Spanish), and have been in contact on and off with another favourite, French teacher Anne Barbet-Massin (now married Liebemann), also living in Paris. We of the Class of '80 have not been too good at staying in touch; we missed the opportunity for a Bac 20-year celebration, but maybe we could work towards a 25-year one? I'd love to get in touch with classmates who are living in Paris or elsewhere in France; I'm sure there must be more of us! Looking forward to hearing from any and all of you."

-----From July/August 2001 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Hassan Abdel-Hamid** is currently a banker at Citibank, N.A. in Cairo, Egypt.

- **Laurent Folliguet** habite à côté de Versailles; il a trois enfants et possède une concession de voitures à Paris.

- **Nathalie (Girod) Buet** wrote in response to NYC Alumni Cocktail invitation: «Wish I could go; alas Chartres is far from NYC! Tell all my old classmates '80 hello for me! Thanks.»

-----From February/March 2001 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Joelle Hary Reilly** est revenue au LFNY en tant qu'enseignante d'anglais; 2 enfants, Colin et Liam, aussi au LFNY. Joelle habite Brooklyn.

----- From March 2000 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Hillary Ray** writes us from Sidney, Australia, where she is Counsel at Westpac Banking Corp. Dr. Ray is also a member of the International Commission of Jurists which coordinates the taking of evidence of war crimes from refugees through oral statements. She recently returned from East Timor: "I primarily went to East Timor because I believe that legal practitioners have a duty to be the eyes and ears of civil democratic society. We...also care about human rights and the rule of law in our neighboring communities."