



## 1989 Class Notes Archives



TOP: Brice Challamel ('89);  
BOTTOM: Carole Aubert de  
Vincelles ('89)

----- From December 2015 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Giordano Benassi** (*LSY: 2nde in 1987*) sent us this update: "A little story of myself: After the LFNY I moved to Italy and finished school there ( BAC- C ). At that time the BAC exam was held in Chambéry (a French town quite far from Milan – half day trip by train ). We all went there and spent some 10 days from the first written exams to the last oral exam. I have a very good memory of that time: Around 40 boys and girls together in a hotel. I'll let everybody imagine how much time was spent on studies !! After that, I continued my studies at Aeronautical Engineering in Milan. During those years I appreciated a lot the LFNY experience since many books were in English and would have been hard to study otherwise.

I then moved to Rome, and then to Carpi, a small town near Modena. Modena is the town of super car: Ferrari, Maserati and Pagani are built there. But it is also where where all hydraulic equipment is manufactured. I worked for some companies and then set up my own company. Very small but with customers worldwide today we have reached 79 different countries ). You can have a look on the internet --[www.euromatsrl.eu](http://www.euromatsrl.eu)-- if you like.

For sure, what I have learned in French schools has always helped me. Speaking a good French and English permitted me to have strong relationships with French companies and with those in French speaking countries. Also, the international education that all of us alumni have received is a plus in all what we do. This year, I participated in a meeting of ALFM ( anciens des lycées français du monde ) which was held in Milan during the EXPO 2015. It was a great pleasure and a very interesting experience to participate actively in this event where we discussed the future of ALFM and how this network can work better. Many countries from throughout the world were represented : ASIA ( Japan ) , EUROPE (Italy, Austria, Denmark), AFRICA ( Maroc, Senegal) and AMERICA ( Colombia,Chile) ! I wish a wonderful 2016 to everyone, hoping it will bring more peace everywhere."



TOP: Christophe Charlier  
( '89); BOTTOM: Alexandre de  
Beauharnais ( '89)

● **Shigefumi Tomita** (*LSY: 6eme in 1983*) told us that he is “currently the Assistant Professor of Jazz Pedagogy and Performance at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.” (To access his website, click [HERE](#))

● **Mahery Rakotoarivony** (*LSY: 2nde in 1987*) : "I started my professional career in Guadeloupe working for a restaurant where I learned how to cook Afro-Caribbean specialties and also vegan specialties. At the same time I meet a disk jockey named Kandia who introduced me to the "wheels of steel." Ever since then it as been in that field of work that I've been expressing myself going from Dj to stage show host to artist management to stage technician. Today I have gotten involved in the television industry working for the BBC on a TV series and some video clips." (<https://fr.linkedin.com/in/mahery-rakoto-19818639>)



TOP: Giordano Benassi ('89);  
BOTTOM: Shigefumi Tomita ('89)

● **Brice Challamel** (*LSY: 4eme in 1985*) is the founder and CEO of Act One. "When I joined the Boston Consulting Group. , I started teaching Innovation Management at Sciences-Po and HEC, where I have been a professor for 14 years now (at the Msc, MBA and Executive MBA levels)..... Twelve years ago, I founded a consultancy called Act One to deliver innovation methods through training, conferences, seminars and project management.....Early accomplishments from our French clients include Daily Monop' for retailing or iDTGV for train transportation. Along the way, I wrote 3 books on this topic, one of which has a second edition in libraries since 2013." (<https://fr.linkedin.com/in/brice-challamel-2330a920/en>)

● **Carole Aubert de Vincelles** (*LSY : 4eme in 1985*) « est professeur en droit privé à l'Université de Cergy-Pontoise depuis 2009, après avoir exercé six ans à l'Université Jean-Moulin-Lyon III en tant que professeur, et une année à l'Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2) en tant que Maître de conférences. Après sa thèse de doctorat soutenue à l'Université Panthéon-Assas [.....] elle a passé le concours d'agrégation de droit privé et de sciences criminelles en 2003. [Elle] a co-fondé le réseau européen d'experts en droit « Trans Europe Experts » en 2009 dont elle est aujourd'hui secrétaire générale. Elle a également participé à la fondation de l'Institut européen du droit dont elle est membre du conseil d'administration [.....] Elle est également membre de la Société de Législation comparée et de l'Académie internationale de droit comparé. [Elle] a co-dirigé plusieurs ouvrages de droit européen [.....] et a publié de nombreux articles en droit français et européen des obligations. [...] Elle est aujourd'hui directrice de l'Ecole doctorale de droit et sciences humaines, membre du Conseil d'UFR de la Faculté de droit et membre du conseil scientifique de la Fondation de l'Université de Cergy-Pontoise. » ([https://www.u-cergy.fr/fr/\\_plugins/mypage/mypage/content/caubertd.html](https://www.u-cergy.fr/fr/_plugins/mypage/mypage/content/caubertd.html))



Emmanuel Besnier ('89)

● **Christophe Charlier** (*LSY : 7eme in 1982*) wrote and told us that he and "**Alexandre de Beauharnais ('89)** have resumed their friendship after many years. However, instead of the judo tatami, their rivalry has progressed to the ping pong table. They are now exploring various interesting projects together in film and environmental issues."

**Editor's Note:** « A 41 ans, Christophe Charlier est, depuis son arrivée au sein de l'équipe NBA des Brooklyn Nets, le premier Français à présider le conseil d'administration d'une franchise de sport professionnel en

Amérique du Nord. Arrivé aux Etats-Unis à l'âge de huit ans, l'ancien banquier de Wall Street joue un rôle clé dans l'implantation du club à Brooklyn et rêve d'aider les Nets à atteindre les sommets de la meilleure ligue de basket-ball du monde. Dans l'organigramme des Brooklyn Nets, entre le propriétaire russe Mikhail Prokhorov d'un côté et les actionnaires minoritaires de l'autre, un nom à consonance française saute aux yeux : Christophe Charlier. Et pour cause, le président du conseil d'administration, numéro deux derrière le milliardaire moscovite, est français [...] Né à Paris en 1972, Christophe Charlier a huit ans lorsque son père est muté aux Etats-Unis pour raisons professionnelles : "la société où il travaillait voulait se développer en Amérique du Nord et toute la famille a suivi", se souvient le quarantenaire. Destination New York. "C'était quelque chose de fou pour mon frère et moi de voir des buildings, d'énormes voitures et des gens partout. Au début, j'étais comme dans un rêve", sourit le financier. Il suit sa scolarité au Lycée Français de New York, puis décide de faire des études de finance après avoir vu le film Wall Street avec Michael Douglas et Charlie Sheen. "J'avais 15 ans et je me suis rendu compte après avoir visionné ce long-métrage que je voulais être banquier", souligne Charlier. Parti suivre un cursus universitaire à la célèbre école de finance Wharton, en Pennsylvanie, le jeune Français réalise son rêve lorsqu'il est engagé par JP Morgan au milieu des années 1990. "Aller travailler à Wall Street pour une très grande banque d'affaires était pour moi quelque chose d'énorme. Je me souviendrai toujours du sentiment de fierté que j'éprouvais à chaque fois que je sortais du métro en voyant les plaques "Wall Street" un peu partout", se rappelle encore aujourd'hui le financier [.....] »

([http://www.france-amerique.com/articles/2013/03/28/christophe\\_charlier\\_au\\_coeur\\_des\\_brooklyn\\_nets.html](http://www.france-amerique.com/articles/2013/03/28/christophe_charlier_au_coeur_des_brooklyn_nets.html))

- **Emmanuel Besnier** (*LSY: Terminale in 1989*) est Réalisateur/ Journaliste/Chef opérateur indépendant. Il est diplômé de l'Ecole Supérieure de Journalisme de Paris et de l'Université Nancy 2 (Deug Culture et Communication). (<https://fr.linkedin.com/in/emmanuel-besnier-41582b25/en>)

- **Leila Abrous** (*LSY: 1ere in 1988*) is an Adjunct Professor (of chemistry) at California State University San Marcos. She has a PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/leila-abrous-86710b1>)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- **Nathalie Caplet** (*LSY: 5eme in 1984*) talks about her job at CAP SCIENCES

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- **Mohamed Niaré** wrote : " I am leaving in Mali and work in the mining sector (Iron/Ore) mostly in West African countries. I am General Manager of International Goldfields Mali Ltd., Newmont Ventures Mali Ltd., Corvette Resources CIV Ltd. and International Goldfields CIV Ltd. On the personal front, I am married since 2006 and father of three (one girl and two boys). The youngest was born less than two weeks ago in Los Angeles on the 16th of May."



TOP: Agathe de la Boulaye ('89);  
BOTTOM: Fumi (Shigefumi) Tomita ('89)



TOP: Leila Abrous ('89);  
BOTTOM: Nathalie Caplet ('89)



● **Greg Diamond** told us that he "resides in LA, earned his law degree, and has worked in law and in film and TV production. Gregory's fondest memories of Le Lycée include two of his favorite teachers during the late 70's: Mme. Nguyen and M. Dorion. He recalls both the times when M. Dorion brought his guitar to class and taught a song he wrote; and also the yearly 80's pop dance nights at the former LFNY Vanderbilt estate ballroom on 72nd Street and 5th Ave." Gregory added: "When it came to the most exclusive venue in Manhattan, comparable to Le Chateau de Versailles, we were certainly not deprived."

● **Amelie (Hurel) Martin** wrote: "*Iman El Banhawy ('89)* , my classmate from my NY years (79-81) has beautifully linked a lot of us via emails / Facebook, etc. Last year, she stayed in Paris a few days and paid me a visit. It was great to see her again, after about....32 years! Thanks to her, I connected with another ex-classmate, *Michel Robert Abood ('89)* who is in the wine business. He paid us a visit when he came to Paris this year, and my husband (a sommelier) and he are in touch and could very well start some business together."



● **Héléne Fillières** « née à Paris le 1 mai 1972 (41 ans), est une actrice, scénariste et réalisatrice française. Fille d'un chef d'escale d'Air France, Héléne Fillières grandit entre l'Europe, le Brésil et les États-Unis. Sa sœur aînée Sophie ('81), réalisatrice et scénariste, la fit jouer, adolescente, dans ses premiers travaux. Après le court-métrage *Les Sirènes* de Pascal Bonitzer [.....] la cadette apparaît en 1991 dans le film de fin d'études de sa sœur, *Des filles et des chiens* [.....] Mais elle se lance ensuite dans des études d'anglais - elle publie d'ailleurs plus tard des traductions d'ouvrages de Dorothy Parker. Dans les années 1990, [elle] fut brièvement mannequin [.....] Mais c'est encore grâce aux films de sa sœur qu'Héléne Fillières prend le métier d'actrice au sérieux : après un second rôle dans *Grande petite* en 1994, elle incarne en 2000 l'extravagante héroïne de *Aïe*, déployant dans cette comédie loufoque un charme non dénué de mystère. Nouveau visage du cinéma français, Héléne Fillières, sollicitée surtout par les réalisatrices, campe une adorable râleuse dans *Reines d'un jour* de Marion Vernoux en 2001, puis la fille de Catherine Deneuve dans *Au plus près du paradis* de Tonie Marshall, en 2002 [.....]Souvent à l'affiche de premiers films, de *Bord de mer* (2002) à *De particulier à particulier* (2006), elle fait en 2006 ses débuts de réalisatrice avec le court métrage *Mademoiselle Y*, une réflexion sur le métier d'actrice. En janvier 2004, dans une interview dans l'émission *Tout le monde en parle*, elle évoque brièvement sa lutte contre un cancer. En 2006, elle s'impose au grand public dans le rôle de Sandra Paoli dans la série *Mafiosa*, le clan. Elle fut la compagne de l'acteur Thierry Neuvic dont elle se sépare en 2011. » (<http://fr.wikipedia.org/>)



TOP: Ronald Tran Ba Huy ('89); MIDDLE: Héléne Fillières ('89); BOTTOM: Laura (Ederer Schwartz) Naaz ('89)

● **Ronald Tran-Ba-Huy** "is currently the Regional Manager for Central Africa at the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria where he is notably in charge of overseeing a portfolio of programs amounting to over U\$ 1 billion. Ronald joined the Global Fund in 2004 shortly after its creation (2002) following the G8 Summit in Okinawa, Japan.....Recently, Ronald was actively involved in developing the 2012-2016 Global Fund strategy which aims at saving 10 million lives and preventing 140-180 million new infections from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria between 2012 and 2016. Prior to joining the Global Fund, [he] worked for seven



Allegra Nasi ('89) and her book



TOP: Olga de Grèce ('89);  
MIDDLE: Alexander  
Houstoun-Boswall ('89);  
BOTTOM: Ulla Bartsich  
Parker ('89)

years as a Manager in the 'Strategy and Business Architecture' department of Accenture, an international management consulting firm.....Ronald Tran-Ba-Huy studied at the University of Edinburgh, the Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.He grew up in France, the United States, Singapore and Great Britain."

([http://graduateinstitute.ch/fr/home/executive/masters\\_executive/negotiation-policy-making/faculty-negotiation/skills-experts-inp.html](http://graduateinstitute.ch/fr/home/executive/masters_executive/negotiation-policy-making/faculty-negotiation/skills-experts-inp.html))

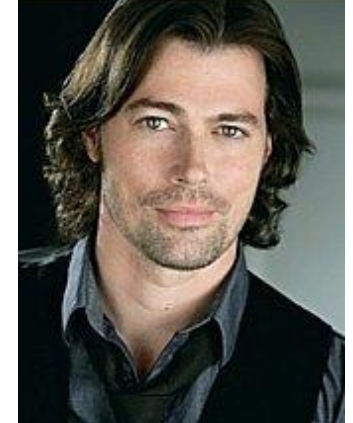
● **Laura (Schwartz) Naaz** "is a Human Resource professional with over 12 years of experience. She began her career as a generalist and has developed an expertise in recruiting, strategic staffing and client relationship management. During her career, Laura has gained diverse corporate experience ranging from Internet start-ups to Fortune 500 companies.....Before her career in HR, Laura was a professional dancer with the Pennsylvania Ballet and is a certified Yoga Instructor. She has a Bachelor of Arts in English and American Literature from Columbia University. In 2005, Laura and her husband relocated to New Mexico, where they live with their two sons, Zach and Lucas."(<http://peopleperfect.com/about-us/>)

● **Nina Edwards Anker** " graduated with a Master in Architecture from Harvard's Graduate School of Design in 2001 after having completed two years at the Architectural Association and a year at Sotheby's in London. After a couple of years of teaching at Pratt and 4 years of experience in architectural firms in Manhattan and Oslo, Nina started nea studio in 2006. In 2008 she was awarded a Research Fellowship at AHO, the Oslo School of Architecture and Design. Her doctoral thesis bridges phenomenological theory and solar design."(<http://www.neastudio.com/profile.php>)

● **Dr. Isabelle Rosso** is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the Harvard Medical School. She obtained her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania in 2002.

● **Agathe de la Boulaye** "was born in Paris, France. Versatile and easily-appealing, Agathe began her acting career in 1995 and has since then, forged lengthy line of film and television credits. Her work primarily has been in French film and television series, however notable film credits include the French-made film *The Girl* (2000) and more notably the comic book science-fiction cult favorite *Alien vs Predator* (2004). It is in this movie, that Agathe played a member of a expedition team who provided audiences with the nostalgic and famous moment when an "Alien" was born out of a human chest; as seen in the 1970s original *Alien* (1979). This is also the movie in which she is best recognized for by American audiences."(<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0209169/bio>)

● **Fumi (Shigefumi) Tomita** : "A hard swinging bassist with a driving beat, Fumi Tomita has been consistently entertaining audiences with his music. His first CD, *Impromptu*, a collaboration with pianist Lou Rainone and drummer Robert Weiss has just been released.....As a sideman in New York city, Fumi has played at Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, Gracie Mansion, The Up Over Jazz Café, The 55 Bar, Cleopatra's Needle, the Garage as well as



TOP: Isabelle Rosso ('89);  
BOTTOM: Dana Watkins ('89)

Cecils and Trumpets in New Jersey. He was the bassist on the national tour of the Nat King Cole tribute, Unforgettable. Festival appearances include the Montreal International Jazz Festival, Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz, the Henry Mancini Institute, and the Banff International Workshop in Jazz.....In addition to his work as a sideman and with Impromptu, Fumi began to find his own voice as a composer and led a number of his own gigs at the Garage, Miles Cafe/Somethin', and Tomi Jazz. His compositions are featured on an upcoming CD, Untold. A native New Yorker, Fumi has studied bass at McGill University and the Manhattan School of Music. Before moving back to New York, Fumi has also lived and played in Montreal and Portland.....After residing in New York for many years, he has recently relocated to Rochester, NY where he is working on his doctorate in Jazz studies at the Eastman School of Music." (<http://www.fumitomita.com/about.html>)



TOP: Sophie Frydlander ('89);  
BOTTOM: Pascaline Lopes ('89)

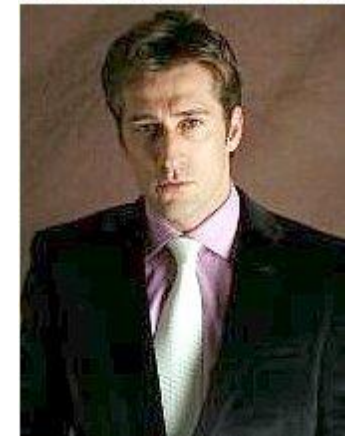
- **Dana Watkins** “was last seen in The Culture Project’s production of Tennessee Williams last full length play *In Masks Outrageous and Austere*. Other roles include Achilles among others in Verse Theatre Manhattan’s production of *Kings, My First Time* (which enjoyed a two and a half year run at New World Stages), F. Scott Fitzgerald in the world premiere of Allan Knee’s *The Jazz Age, Marat/Sade* (Corday), *Native Son* (Jan Erlone), *Macbeth* (Banquo) and *The Cherry Orchard* (Trofimov) at the Classical Theatre of Harlem, Charles in *The French Lieutenant’s Woman* at The Fulton (world premiere), Kafka in Stanley Walden’s *Letter to My Father* .....and Poe in the one man show *An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe*. TV: “Christmas with Holly”, “OLTL,” “Guiding Light,” “The City.” Film: *The Empath, Dreamgirl, Unbridled*. Graduate of SUNY Purchase.” (<http://www.quysinahottubtalking.com/cast-and-crew.html>)

- **Allegra Nasi**: “On September 21st...1971, in Torino and feet first, Allegra Nasi is born.....In New York where she lives until 1973 and then again from 1975, while her classmates play, Allegra memorizes the musical “Evita” (and forces her parents to take her to see it on Broadway repeatedly).....[In 1984] at Bedgebury School in Kent England, Allegra discovers acting.....[In 1985] in Lyons, Colorado, Allegra goes to high school, acts in the school’s plays and falls repeatedly from her horse Sandokan. [In 1992] Allegra returns to live in Italy.....[In 1997] Allegra works as press officer for the Italian National Ski Team.....[In 2008, she] publishes her first novel: “Il Segreto dei Vanderloo”.....[In 2009] Allegra starts working as anchor with LUXE TV and as associate executive producer with BRW Filmland.....[In 2010] Allegra starts working with Class Horse TV for which she hosts talk shows, interview series and other programs. From 2011 on, Allegra continues her studies in psychology, learns Armenian - which becomes the seventh language she speaks, objective being getting to ten - and continues to play polo (though very badly). Today she is a working anchor, producer and writes for several magazines. She published a second novel “La Grande Avventura”, directed her first films and has returned to her first big love: acting.” (<http://www.allegranasi.com/default.asp?Lang=EN>)

- For a Wikipedia biography of **Olga de Grèce**, [click here](#).

Videos of LFNy alumni on the internet:

- [Hélène Fillières](#) interview: 'Mafiosa'



TOP: Olivier Peardon ('89);  
BOTTOM: Alexandre de Beauharnais Romanovsky ('89)

- Bande-démo anglo-saxonne de la comédienne [Agathe de Laboulaye](#)
- [Allegra Nasi's](#) hosting reel
- [Khadidja Benouataf](#), responsable du FIFO hors les murs invité du journal de Polynésie 1ère

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● **Pascaline Lopes** nous écrit: "Je suis professeur d'arts à Lyon depuis 9 ans après avoir été styliste dans le textile dans cette même région 8 ans. Le fait d'avoir été à New York durant l'année 1984/1985 m'a permis de connaître ses beaux musées et m'a donné cette passion pour l'art. Depuis, j'essaye de transmettre cette passion et même si Lyon est une ville bien plus petite, nous avons l'occasion d'avoir de belles expositions de temps en temps."

● **Sophie Frydlender** nous a envoyé ceci: "J'ai crée ma société de peintre en décor NINA FRYDLENDER CREAZIONI en 2010 et j'expose toute l'année mon travail chez le parfumeur anglais Penhaligon's situé au 209 rue Saint-Honoré dans le 1er arrondissement (métro Tuileries). Ma prochaine exposition se déroulera du 20 décembre 2012 au 20 janvier 2013 dans leur très belle boutique-écrien parisienne. J'espère faire découvrir mon savoir-faire aux anciens élèves du LFNY qui passeront par là."

● **Sumaya Abu Haidar** "was born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon. Fleeing the civil war, Sumaya and her family moved to the United States when she was 12. After completing high school, she attended Dartmouth College, and majored in political philosophy with an additional concentration in education. The combination of these two areas of study gave Sumaya a lens through which to understand the political and social chaos that had defined her childhood in Lebanon. As her studies progressed, she became increasingly committed to exploring the ways in which schools can strengthen and re-vitalize a democracy by educating responsible and engaged democratic citizens. After graduating from Dartmouth, Sumaya spent two years teaching high school and middle school in Alabama, an experience that further fueled her desire to study the relationship between education and democracy. She left Alabama for a Ph.D. program in political theory and education at the University of Colorado at Boulder. During her five years of graduate work in Boulder, Sumaya's research, teaching and community work all focused in different ways on the relationship between democratic theory, education and social justice. Sumaya is the mother of Owen....." ([watershedschool.org](#))

● **Vincent Chriqui** "a été nommé sur proposition du Premier Ministre, Directeur Général du Centre d'analyse stratégique en Conseil des Ministres du 13 janvier 2010." ([hstrategie.gouv.fr](#))

● **Paul Denamiel** "is the owner and executive chef of Le Rivage, a traditional French restaurant located on New York's historic Restaurant Row..... Born on New York's Upper East Side, Paul has been submerged in the restaurant world from birth, spending time in the kitchen of his family's restaurants, Le Cafe Du Soir, Le Colony and La Côte D'Argent. Paul's true love for French food developed as a youth during summers spent in France



TOP: Paul Denamiel ('89);  
BOTTOM: Coralie (de Viel Castel) de Clermont-Tonnerre ('89)



TOP: Sumaya Abu Haidar ('89);  
BOTTOM: Vincent Chriqui ('89)



where his grandparents taught him the secrets of traditional French cooking. While still in school, Paul went to work in the kitchen of La Duchesse Anne, where chef Frederique Puichaud took him under his wing and showed him what it takes to work in and run a restaurant. After high school, armed with a love for food and with some experience under his belt, Paul went on to attend The Culinary Institute of America..... While in school, Paul had the opportunity to do his externship at Le Cirque, learning from French masters Daniel Boulud and Jacques Torres. When his time at CIA came to an end, Paul traveled to France, spending a year exploring the country soaking up as much culinary knowledge as possible. Upon returning to the states, Paul made the decision to return to and take charge of the family restaurant business..... Paul has been at the helm of Le Rivage for the last 15 years creating French fare that has been heralded by many as one of the last true traditional French restaurants in New York. Paul has recently completed filming a French based documentary detailing his family's journey to New York and their success in the restaurant industry. Paul lives in Manhattan with his family and beloved dog Jo Jo." ([hnycwff.org](http://hnycwff.org))



- **Coralie (de Viel Castel) de Clermont-Tonnerre** est chargée de mission RH & Formation chez APPUI RH.
- **Denny Kalenzaga** is the Director of Finance and Administration at Yale University's Office of Cooperative Research (OCR). He is "responsible for all financial, legal and administrative aspects of OCR, including financial management, patent administration, government compliance, license compliance, information technology, and human resources." ([yale.edu](http://yale.edu))

Videos of LFNy alumni on the internet:

- Introduction de [Vincent Chriqui](#), Directeur général du Centre d'analyse stratégique à la journée d'étude organisé : Le vieillissement cognitif : Quelles caractéristiques ? Quelles stratégies préventives ? Quels enjeux pour les politiques publiques ?



TOP: Ariane Amsz ('89);  
MIDDLE: Sophie Frydlender ('89);  
BOTTOM: Jeremy Lodeon ('89)

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- "Ariane Amsz ('89) et Jeantet Fields ('91) ont le plaisir d'annoncer leur premier anniversaire de mariage et la naissance de leur fille, Lyra Alexandra Madeleine Fields."
- **Melchior Dikkers** wrote: "After working in investment banking in Paris, London, and various emerging markets for nine years, I returned to study. I have been living in Rio de Janeiro since 2003. I often go back to France to see my parents and sail around Corsica and to the US to see my grandmother and attend the annual conference of the American College of Sports Medicine. My parents will now be living in New York half the year so I expect to visit more often."
- **André Vanyi-Robin**, "of French nationality and a resident in Barcelona, has a BA in Political Science from the State University of New York at Geneseo, a CEP in Political Science from the Institut National de Sciences



Vincent Nida ('89) & Magalie (Laguerre) Wilkinson ('89)



Politiques in Paris and an MBA in Finance & Business from the University of Miami. He has worked in Miami at Visualcom as President and CEO for five years." (*hitbarcelona.com*)

- **Khadidja Benouataf** "est journaliste aux *Nouvelles de Tahiti*.....Militante de la cause des femmes depuis longtemps, ses motivations sont personnelles comme idéologiques." (*ladepeche.pf*)

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- **Iman El-Banhawy** nous écrit: "J'ai commencé un nouveau poste juillet dernier et suis maintenant responsable du service de la Francophonie au sein du Ministère Affaires étrangères au Caire."

- **Jeremy Lodeon** wrote: "Hello! I went back to New York last month and got in touch with an old classmate. It is was both exciting and insightful to reminisce back to the times of LFNY. I am now in Washington DC as a banker during the day and a musician at night. Apprentissage honoré! :-)"

- **Gregory Diamond** wrote: "I am a law graduate, having worked in legal and business affairs and in production at MTV Networks, Paramount Vantage, and for criminal defense attorney Robert Shapiro. I've been residing in Los Angeles for over seventeen years, and I still miss living in NYC. Out of all the teachers at the LFNY, I miss two: **Monsieur Dorion** [*prof. de classes élémentaires, 1980-82*] and **Madamme Nguyen** [*prof. de classes élémentaires, 1977-80*]; and that, to me, is worth having had the privilege of attending Le Lycée."

- **Christine (Reinholt) Makarigakis** wrote: "I currently live in Ethiopia as my husband works for the United Nations here. Since the Lycée and University, I worked as a Psychologist and then moved to the field of Human Resources. My husband joined the UN in 2003 and we have been living in Africa since (4 1/2 years in Namibia and for the past 2 1/2 years in Ethiopia). I have two boys and since I cannot work in Africa I have turned to photography."

- "60 Minutes' [Magalie Laguerre-Wilkinson Reflects on Her Recent Trip to Her Homeland](#) (January 2010): 'When a severe earthquake hit Haiti last Tuesday, there was no question that I had to go. As a journalist, the severity of what was unfolding made it obvious to cover, but as a Haitian-American who'd spent her childhood there, I felt I could be of help.....'"

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- [Karine N'Diaye \('Kenia'\)](#) performs at the bar/discotheque Au Saï-Saï in Paris

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- "Nina Edwards Anker was born and raised in New York City. She graduated with a Master in Architecture



Nina Edwards Anker ('89) and Paul Denamiel ('89)



TOP to BOTTOM: Pascaline Lopes ('89); Hugues Van Den Driessche ('89); Melchior Dikkers ('89)

from Harvard's Graduate School of Design in 2001 after having completed two years at the Architectural Association and a year at Sotheby's in London. After a couple of years of teaching at Pratt and 4 years of experience in architectural firms in Manhattan and Oslo, Nina started *nea studio* in 2006. Since then, she has been living and working between Oslo and New York City." (*neastudio.com*)



TOP: Iman El-Banhawy ('89);  
BOTTOM: Jeremy Lodeon ('89)

- "Le Rivage is one of New York's most famous French restaurants. The Denamiel family has owned and operated Le Rivage for over 25 years. The current Chef, **Paul Denamiel** not only has the restaurant business in his blood, but brings culinary merit to Le Rivage as a graduate of CIA & experience as a sous chef in the City's best restaurants. As an NYC restaurant, Le Rivage changes over the years to stay with the times, but is consistently cozy & romantic serving authentic & expertly prepared French cuisine." (*newyork.citysearch.com*)

- **Melchior Dikkers** wrote: "I have been living in Rio de Janeiro for the past six years. After working in investment banking in Paris, London and various emerging markets I decided (in 2001) for a change of lifestyle. Since then, I did graduate studies in Toulouse and Rio de Janeiro in economics, business, and sociology. I also became a *moniteur de voile* at les Glenans where I often spend the summer taking students around Bonifacio and sometimes further, Tour de Corse and to Sicily. Today I am mostly interested in sports (rowing, triathlon) and research. After presenting a paper at Harvard in 2005, it was published as a chapter in a book in 2007. My research interests are development, finance, and sports physiology."

- **Ulla Bartsich-Parker** informed us that she "lives in New York City and is married to Kevin Parker. They have 2 boys."

- **Ariane Amsz** invites her classmates to a Holiday Open House that her firm "Wall Street Wellness & Physical Therapy will be hosting on Monday December 21st from 4-8 pm. Feel free to bring guests! We are located at 111 Broadway, Suite 1705A (between Thames and Pine Streets). For more information, please contact us at 212-385-9200 or by email at [ariane@wsupt.com](mailto:ariane@wsupt.com)."

- "**Magalie Laguerre-Wilkinson** is currently an Associate Producer for the legendary CBS newsmagazine, *60 Minutes*. Her work has covered everything from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans to the first exclusive interview French President Nicolas Sarkozy granted to an American news program. Her work mainly focuses on foreign affairs, but it has covered topics as diverse as the search for the Ivory Bill Woodpecker in the swamps of Arkansas to an extensive profile of NBA star LeBron James to a portrait of popular music sensation Wyclef Jean.

Before joining *60 Minutes*, Mrs. Laguerre-Wilkinson was a producer for the NBC News program *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*. She produced daily stories as well as investigative pieces for that program. She was nominated for Emmy Awards for both the 9/11 Attacks on America and the Columbia Shuttle disaster. She was also the coordinating producer for Tom Brokaw's interview of Jacques Chirac for the 60th anniversary of D-Day.



TOP: Adam Cahan ('89);  
MIDDLE: Karine N'Diaye ('89);  
BOTTOM: Sigrid (Lemaire) Perrot ('89)

Mrs. Laguerre-Wilkinson has lived in Haiti, France and the U.S. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Marist College, earned her International Baccalaureate from the United Nations International School, and attended the Lycée Français de New York as well as l'Ecole des Roches in Normandy, France."  
([frenchamerican.org](http://frenchamerican.org))

----- From January 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Franck Bodereau** wrote: "Hi. I've been back in France for such a long time that my english isn't very good. So forgive me for mistakes I could make. What's new about me? Afer the Lycée I went back to France. I spent a year in a police academy, and I became a cop, which I am still. I'm married for nine years, with two kids (5 and 2 years old). What else? Oh yes, I miss NY a lot."

● **"Ariane Amsz, DPT**, received her DPT from New York University in 2004. Prior to pursuing a career as a physical therapist, Ariane worked in international business for several years. She has had extensive training and experience in orthopedics, geriatrics, neurology, and pelvic floor dysfunction and has been working part-time in women's health for the past several years. Since May 2007, Ariane has taken several courses on myofascial release (the John F. Barnes approach), which has since become her newfound passion.....She is dedicated to learning and frequently attends continuing education courses to further her knowledge base. Ariane is fluent in French, German, Italian, and Spanish." (*Wall Street Wellness & Physical Therapy, LLC; [wswpt.com](http://wswpt.com)*)

● **Vincent Nida** wrote: "On November 6th, a 3kg, 376g, 52cm Camille (Hana) Nida was born in Tokyo. We hope she will have as grand a life as Suleiman the magnificent who was born on the same day some 514 years ago!"

● **Sophie Frydlender** nous écrit: "Après le LFNY je suis rentrée à Paris pour faire des études d'art, j'ai ensuite vécu à Rome quatre ans pour revenir en 1997 à Paris où je vis maintenant. Après 10 années passées dans l'Asset Management je suis actuellement Responsable du développement (en indépendant) pour des galeries d'art. Métier passionnant! Je souhaite faire un "hello" à tous mes classmate!"

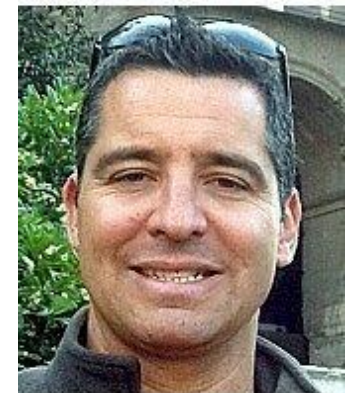
● **Lys Amega** wrote: "I just want to wish a happy new year to all the alumni members!"

● **Nina Edwards Anker** wrote: "We are moving back to Manhattan after five years in Oslo, as my husband Peder Anker received a tenured professorship at NYU. We very much look forward to it and will be arriving with our 4-year old, Lukas, and a newborn in August. I am an architect/designer currently employed as Research Fellow at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design."

● **Iman El-Banhawy** wrote: "Hello Class of '89: I'm back in Cairo after 5 years in Geneva, Switzerland and would love to hear your news. If ever you come to Egypt, drop me a line. I now have two kids: Alyaa, 5 and



TOP: Dana Watkins ('89);  
BOTTOM: Beatrice Pelletier ('89)



TOP: Khadidja Benouataf ('89);  
BOTTOM: André Vanyi-Robin ('89)

Youssef, 7 months. I'm a diplomat and hope to see you again one day. Your old friend and classmate, Iman"

----- From July 2008 AALFNY Newsletter -----

### WEDDINGS/MARIAGES

● **Vincent Nida** wrote to us from Japan: "Just married! Got married on April 26 in LA to charming Grace whose family lives on the West Coast. We both work and live in Tokyo and enjoy Japan a lot. Enclosed is a picture blown by the wind!"

● **Lidia (HwaSoon) Anchisi** wrote: "Got married last year, July 21st in Italy (Pinerolo) to Mark Hopkins. We are both professors at Gettysburg College, PA since 2002. I teach Italian language and culture in the French/Italian dept, Mark teaches economics. Expecting our first child in December of this year."

● **Christophe Charlier** wrote: "After graduating from Wharton, I worked at JP Morgan for two years and then moved to Russia, where I have now lived for ten years. I am married with four sons."

● **Ariane Maitre** nous écrit: "Soon to graduate (again!): rentrée il y a deux ans à l'Ecole Nationale de la Meteorologie (en bref Meteo-France), j'attends avec impatience ma première affectation (Nord, Est, ou Région Parisienne?)"

● **Michel Robert Abood** shared this with us: "Just a quick note to say that I've started a new venture, Vinotas Selections ([click on link below to access his website](#)). It's an artisanal wine brokerage that represents boutique wines selling in the \$8-25 range. Many are already available in NYC, NJ and Seattle."

● **Bibi Eng** wrote: "I am working for the UN and have been serving in various parts of Africa for three years now. Former classmates can view some of the photographs of my travels at <http://www.bibieng.com/>"

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

● **Benoît Malraison** nous écrit: "Heureux de rejoindre la communauté des anciens du lycée. Voici donc le Flash Back de mes 17 dernières années:

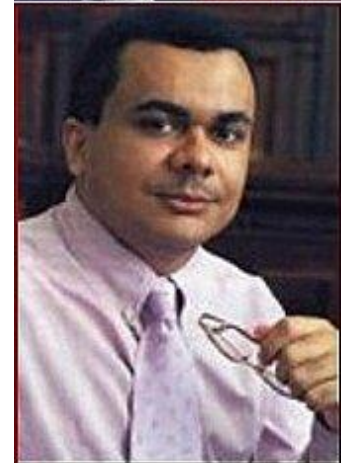
- études supérieures entre Paris et Oxford en finance
- VSNE pour Danone aux US
- 2 ans chez Danone à Nantes
- 5 ans chez Michael Page à Paris
- 4 ans chez Dun & Bradstreet à Paris

Marié en 1996, à une corse, Laetitia, 1 garçon Louis (6 ans) et

une fille Angèle (2ans et demi. Une passion qui n'a pas changé: la voile, j'ai participé, entre autre, à une



Flavie Mouraux Durand-Ruel ('89) & Sidney Francois ('89)



TOP: Khadidja Benouataf ('89); BOTTOM: Rodolphe Biffot ('89)

course transatlantique en 2003 et nous avons eu la chance de la gagner! Je serais très heureux de reprendre contact avec un certain nombre d'entre vous. Je suis toujours en contact avec Coralie '90, Alix '92, Flavie '89'. Merci pour ce site très riche."



● "Born in the early seventies, **Bibi Eng** has lived in New York City, Tehran, Baltimore, Hamburg, and Santiago de Chile. She attained her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University, and her Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School. Having received informal art and design training during the course of her life, Bibi has engaged in professional photography since 1996. Currently, her work is represented by SLP Stock and Bruce Coleman USA." ([www.iranian.com](http://www.iranian.com))

----- From June 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Paul Denamiel** wrote that he is "married to Lisa Turk, three children, Jean-Baptiste, Justine and Jacqueline."

● **Nicolas Giauque** "joined Farallon® in 1998 and is now a partner and portfolio manager of Noonday Asset Management LLP. Prior to joining Farallon®, Mr. Giauque worked in the investment banking and asset management divisions of Goldman Sachs for four years in Hong Kong and Singapore. Mr. Giauque graduated with a master's degree in Management from Hautes Etudes Commerciales." ([noonday.com](http://noonday.com))

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

● **Magalie (Laguerre) Wilkinson** wrote: "After nearly ten years at NBC News as a producer, I joined the team at CBS' "60 Minutes", working with legendary journalist Ed Bradley as an Associate Producer. The switch was both professional and personal, permitting me to spend more time with our daughter Juliette who is now four years old. She has just started her first year at the Lycée and is in Moyenne Section. My husband Bruce and I are about to celebrate our seven-year wedding anniversary. How time flies! It's wonderful to be back in the Lycée environment and the new buildings are just a breath of new life and fresh air. It's a joy to take Juliette in every day and she loves it, as do we!"

● **Iman El-Banhawy** wrote: "Dear Class of 1989, I miss you all so much and left you when I was only 10! I live in Geneva now and wish that we could have a reunion on this side of the Atlantic if possible. I'm so proud of our achievements. Every time I look up an old classmate's name on the web I feel very proud that they have become somebody. Let's chat on Skype, at least if we don't meet up. My skype name is iman7203. Love, Iman."

● **Dr Rodolphe Biffot** habite à Libreville, Gabon ou il est Conseiller du Président de la République et Directeur de Cabinet du Haut Représentant personnel du Chef de l'Etat.



TOP: Sebastien Revault D'Allones ('89); BOTTOM: Christian Rieupouilh ('89)



TOP: Iman El-Banhawy ('89);  
BOTTOM: Photo by Bibi Eng ('89): From 'Photo essay: Kish Island'

● **Christian Rieupouilh** nous écrit: "Depuis le temps que je me dis qu'il faut écrire ce mot ... alors cette fois c'est la bonne! Je vous transmets donc un amical bonjour d'Annecy, France, où je me suis installé à la fin de mes études. Je travaille aujourd'hui dans le domaine de l'informatique pour le groupe anglais SAGE. Je suis marié et papa de jumeaux, Louise et Romain, qui sont nés en 2002. Mes deux années au Lycée Français restent pour moi un excellent souvenir et une période véritablement enrichissante. C'est aussi des amitiés que le temps a dénouées mais qui sont pourtant toujours «vivantes»: **Ali Fekhar, Sébastien Revault d'Allones, Clara Jondot, Nicolas Giauque, Vincent Chriqui** et d'autres encore. Bravo au mystérieux Roger et à toutes les personnes qui font vivre l'Association des Anciens Elèves."

● [Click here](#) on link below for news of **Lidia Hwa Soon Anchisi**

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

● **Orly Sofer-Sherman** wrote: "I live in NY with my husband Marc and our daughter Maya (18 months) and we are expecting our second baby very soon. I have been working as a psychologist at Queens Hospital Center for the past two years."

● **Iman El-Banhawy** shared this with us: "I wish we could get together and see whether we've changed or stayed the same. I remember the people of my class vividly even though I left them when I was 10. I live in Geneva now with my husband and daughter and would love to hear all your news."

● **Sidney François** wrote: "After getting my Bac at the Lycee, I went to undergrad at Goucher College in Maryland where I received a BA in Communications. I studied law for a semester in France at Paris-Pantheon Assas II. I received my JD from the University of Baltimore School of Law. I worked for the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland in the Consumer Protection Division for eight and a half years as the Administrator of the Health Club Unit. Recently, I was a staff attorney in the Legal Aid Bureau representing children in need of assistance for about a year. Currently, I am the Director of Grass Roots and lobbyist for a special interest association representing seniors in Maryland and DC. As a result, I am constantly on the road. I bought a Cape Cod house in Baltimore about four years ago which I am renovating. It's good to hear that so many of my classmates are doing well."

-----From June 2005 AALFNY Newsletter-----

● **Michel Robert Abood** wrote: "I currently run a private-equity management company that invests in luxury-related firms (fashion, wine, food, etc...). Our most recent project is a fine wine storage facility, Brix Wine Vault. The various companies are: [www.MCRHolding.com](http://www.MCRHolding.com), [www.NovelKnit.com](http://www.NovelKnit.com), [www.BrixWineVault.com](http://www.BrixWineVault.com), TriState Lace. In addition, I graduated from Columbia University's Executive MBA program in August of 2002. I



**TOP: Michel Robert Abood ('89); BOTTOM: Vincent Nida ('89) and wife Grace being blown away**

still live in NYC."

-----From November 2004 AALFNY Newsletter-----

● **Flavie (Durand Ruel) Mouraux** writes: "Thank you for your regular messages which often bring me back to the good time I spent in the Lycée Français de New York. I take this opportunity to inform you that I am very excited about a personal project which will bring me back to NY very soon : I will have the pleasure of giving a lecture on my ancestor, Paul Durand-Ruel, Friend and Art-Dealer of the Impressionists at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Wednesday 10th November 2004."

● **Camille (Lévitte) Vernerey** wrote: "After so many years...I eventually give some news! I got married in 2000 with Laurent Vernerey and we had a little boy, Adrien in February 2003. I stopped working (I was in the PR and communication business, first in Phoenix, AZ where I lived with my husband, then Paris) to take care of Adrien. I am still in contact with many friends and teachers from the Lycée. Nathalie Dassas and Caroline de Marco with whom we go to the park with their children and also Denise McConnee who was my sister's nursery teacher. As my sister now works and live in New York again and my parents in Washington DC I hope I will be visiting the new Lycée pretty soon! Thanks for the news and the great web site."

-----From Winter 2003-2004 AALFNY Newsletter-----

● **Nicolas Giauque** s'est marié avec Nathalie Desbiez. Ils habitent Londres où ils ont eu leur troisième enfant, Alexis, en juillet 2003.

-----From Winter 2002/2003 AALFNY Newsletter-----

● **Magalie (Laguerre) Wilkenson** writes: "I'm married since October 1999 to Bruce Wilkinson. As for children, we have one on the way, due in August [2002]. I'm a producer with NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw here in New York and my husband is also in the TV business. After the Lycée I was in France at l'Ecole des Roches, then back to NY for my last two years of secondary school and did my Bac International at the United Nations International School... I went to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY and majored in English Literature. I've been at NBC since 1996 and before that I was at Fox 5 TV from 1993 to 1996."

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

● **Ariane Maître** est en formation de développeur à l'AFPA (Association pour la Formation Professionnelle des Adultes) de Dunkerque.

● **Mohamed Niaré** went to the LFNY from 1984-1988, and went to Vienna to complete Terminale. He is

presently "back in my home country Mali where I represent two Canadian mining companies( Nevsun Resources/Mali Ltd. and TAMICO s.a.). I would like to get in touch again with some of my classmates, namely Sidney François, Ali Fekhar, Patrick Barr and Rodolphe Biffoh. My father being a career diplomat and often changing countries made it very difficult to keep in touch with friends who were dear to me."

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

- **Violaine Pillet** vit à Paris depuis dix ans où elle a fait ses études et est devenue psychologue clinicienne. Elle souhaiterait avoir des nouvelles d'anciens amis de cette promotion.
- **Michel Robert Abood** is currently in the Executive MBA Program at Columbia University. He also runs his own fabric and textile design and import company.

-----From November/December 2000 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Antoine Rieger** nous écrit de Levallois, France et nous a demandé de lui envoyer le dernier yearbook du Lycée.