



1994 Class Notes Archives

----- From July 2017 AALFNY Newsletter -----

In Memoriam:

- **Alexander Gomez Trochez ('94)** († March 28, 2017)
(See [In memoriam section](#) of this newsletter for further details)

- **Kristof Kunzmann** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) shared this with us: "Settling into the English life, and often in the mountains exploring. Come visit in the Cotswolds and meet Caitlin my lovely wife and Maya our amazing dog, or name a peak and I'll join you for an attempt....perhaps not at the summit, but always for a very good lunch! I'm not in NY as often as I'd like, but my parents are still in the city so I am never a stranger."

- **Pauline Fraisse** (*LSY: 8eme in 1986*) wrote: "Here is my latest news: I am pregnant with a little girl for the month of July, and looking forward to welcoming her! I otherwise still teach private and semi-private courses in drawing and watercolor sketching, in Paris and at the Louvre. A fun and creative way to discover Paris, with a pencil in hand! My website is still: www.paulinefraisse.com."

- **Marcelle Monthe** (*LSY: 5eme in 1989*) wrote: "I wish to share with the class of '94 that I am a mother of a beautiful daughter that will be 8 months old in a couple of days. Her name is Zaya, which means victory. This is my first baby and the pregnancy itself was a wonderful journey. I wish that every women encounters motherhood in any type of way, the most important is to take care of one other THAT IS NOT YOU. :-) This surely counts and makes us mothers. I will soon be in the front scene on YouTube sharing my pregnancy journey and journal, and there will be makeup tutorials and fashion hauls as well."

- **Andrea Zarate** (*LSY: 6eme in 1988*) wrote: "In 2018, it'll be 30 years since I last saw many of my classmates from the Lycée. I left when we were in 6ème, back in 1988, when my parents moved back to our home country, Colombia. Since then, I lost track of many wonderful friends, many of whom I have found via Facebook recently. Nonetheless, I believe that many don't use social media and it saddens me to think I'll



TOP: Marcelle Monthe ('94)
and Zaya; BOTTOM: Yassana
Croizat-Glazer ('94)



TOP: Maria Monteiro ('94);
BOTTOM: Raphaëlle
(Janoray) Choël ('94)

never see them again. I hope this note reaches everyone and some day we can reunite, like in the old days. I now live in Peru and am working as a freelance journalist. I contribute regularly with The New York Times World/International section and my husband is a TV journalist in Lima. We have a 2 yr old daughter, Ilana, who is like a small version of me. :-)

It has been a long journey since I left this wonderful school, but I always keep many of the memories close to my heart; the friends and teachers definitely left a long lasting mark in my life. Many hugs to everyone and thank you LFNY!"

(Click [HERE](#) access Andrea's articles in the NY Times)



TOP: Kristof Kunzmann ('94);
BOTTOM: Pauline Fraisse ('94) self portrait

● **Yassana Croizat-Glazer** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) is an Assistant Curator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC.

● **Maria Monteiro** (*LSY: 8eme in 1986*) wrote:

"Hello my dear colleagues, Long time no see.

I am currently living in London - I have been based here for the past 10 years.

In 2016, I did a bold career move by leaving the Portuguese Embassy in London (where I was Press and Political Affairs Attaché and President of the Diplomatic Press Attaches' Association) to move to the investment management firm Gemcorp Capital LLP in the City of London, where I took up the role as PR and Investor Relations Vice President. I am combining my job with being a member of the Council of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce in the UK, as well as Head of the Committee responsible for relations between Portuguese-speaking countries and British Business.

After leaving the Lycée Français de NY in 1987, I relocated to my home town Lisbon, where I attended the Lycée Français Charles Le Pierre. I went on to finish my degree at Universidade Catolica Portuguesa (Lisbon), before moving back to New York to complete my Master's in Public Communications at Fordham University. After graduating from Fordham, I began my career as a journalist, working for various media outlets (Bloomberg and NBC News among them). In 2000 and back in Lisbon, I started working as foreign affairs correspondent at the newspaper Diario de Noticias. Three years later I was invited to work for Jose Manuel Durao Barroso, then the Prime Minister of Portugal and I continued to serve the Portuguese Government as Press Advisor until 2005. I was then posted to London and fell in love with this city.

Just before moving to London, I married Hugo and now have two beautiful daughters, Leonor (7) and Laura (3). Our ultimate goal is to go back to Portugal in a couple of years so the girls can enjoy a little bit of sun and beach all year round and get better acquainted with their roots."

● **Amy Lyne** (*LSY: 7eme in 1987*) "After attending La Sorbonne in Paris and Bogazici's University in Istanbul, [she] received her BFA in Photography from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, as well as her BA in Art History and French Literature. Lyne's photography has involved many humanitarian projects, her first being "People and Places with No Name" with Michel Comte and the International Committee of the Red Cross. She has worked on "Ushuaia Nature", a french documentary series about indigenous cultures around

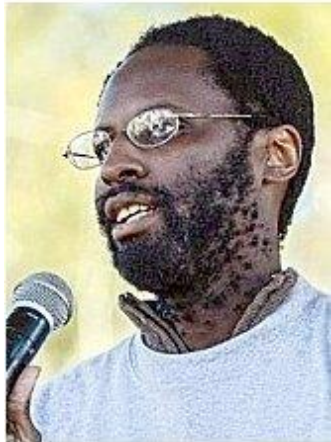


TOP: Maura Kropke ('94);
BOTTOM: Maria Kellis Kamvyselis ('94)

the world.....Lyne has produced many multimedia pieces, including "If I Could Wake Up Tomorrow..." which addresses the notion of (dis)ability with the participation of Eva Mendes and Richard Gere, to name a few. More recently, her work has involved collaborations with renowned dancers including choreographer Tamara Levinson and Georgina Pazcoguin of the New York City Ballet. Her photographs have been recognized by the International Photography Awards, le Prix de la Photographie Paris, the Black and White Spider Awards, and the International Color Awards. Her work has been exhibited in galleries and festivals worldwide, including.....the Sounding Jerusalem Festival, where her images were projected against the Old City's walls.....Lyne is represented by Flo Peters Gallery in Hamburg, Germany. "
 (<http://www.amylyne.com/biography>)



● **Raphaëlle (Janoray) Choël** (*LSY: 4eme in 1990*) "is a coach, a journalist and an author. She published 'Tokyo Sisters, in the intimacy of Japanese women' which sold over 5 000 issues. She also signed the first-of-its-kind bi-media guide about London ('So ! Londres'). Last but not least, she coached and co-signed a book on handicap 'la sacoche chinoise' (www.lasacochechinoise.com), thereby exploring the concept of resilience. A confirmed globetrotter and pluri-lingual, she has spent 20+ years abroad (Switzerland, USA, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, China, Singapore); Israel (Tel Aviv) will be her new base from August 2016. Raphaëlle holds an MBA from the French business school ESSEC and a Master degree in communication from the political-science school Sciences-Po Paris. Communication has always remained her platform of expertise while she worked in the international marketing department of Christian Dior Parfums, as a reporter for French prime-time programs, and as a correspondent for various magazines in the beauty & food industry....."
 (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/rapha%C3%ABlle-cho%C3%ABl-408b394/?ppe=1>)



TOP: Christophe Helmke ('94); BOTTOM: Aly Wane ('94)

● **Christophe Helmke** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) "is Associate professor of American Indian Languages and Cultures at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on the archeology, epigraphy, iconography and languages of Mesoamerica. Since 2000 he has tutored hieroglyphic workshops as part of a series of conferences in Europe as well as North and Central America. Besides Maya archaeology and epigraphy, other research interests include the Pre-Columbian use of caves, Mesoamerican writing systems as well as rock art and comparative " (<http://www.mayaatthelago.com/participants>) [He] "graduated with a BA in Anthropology (concentration Archaeology) from McGill University, Canada after completing an Honours Thesis on Classic period (AD 250-900) Lowland Maya stelae. He received his MA in Archaeology with distinction from the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, England in 2001.....He obtained his PhD in Archaeology in 2009 from the University of London (Institute of Archaeology, University College London). His PhD thesis focused on ancient Maya cave utilisation as attested in the glyphic corpus of the Maya area and the archaeological remains found within the caves of the Roaring Creek Valley of Belize." (<http://utsib.blogspot.fr/>)



TOP: Anouk Masson Krantz ('94); BOTTOM: Alexandre Albin-Mondoloni ('94)

● **Gabriel Taran** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) "is the Assistant General Counsel for Cybersecurity at the Department of Homeland Security's Office of General Counsel, National Protection and Programs Law

Division. During his seven years at DHS, Mr. Taran has advised on the full range of NPPD's cyber mission, including the deployment of technologies that protect federal Executive Branch systems, information sharing and incident response engagements with the private sector, and cybersecurity legislation pertaining to DHS authorities and information sharing. Mr. Taran has extensive experience working with attorneys and policymakers across the interagency as well as Congress and the private sector. Before joining DHS in 2010, Mr. Taran was a senior associate at WilmerHale, LLP, in Washington, DC, where his matters involved cyber and communications law, constitutional law, intellectual property and international issues. Before law school, Mr. Taran worked for five years as a computer programmer. Mr. Taran graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and Harvard University, and clerked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit." [i\]\(http://legalexecutiveinstitute.com/author/gabriel-taran/\)](http://legalexecutiveinstitute.com/author/gabriel-taran/)



TOP: Pierre Daudin ('94);
BOTTOM: Julien Ponthus ('94)

- **Aly-Stephane Wane** (*LSY: 5eme in 1989*) is an organizer at the Syracuse Peace Council ("an antiwar/social justice organization"). He was interviewed in March 2017 by *The Progressive* regarding the recent changes in USA immigration policies. (Click [HERE](#) to read the interview)

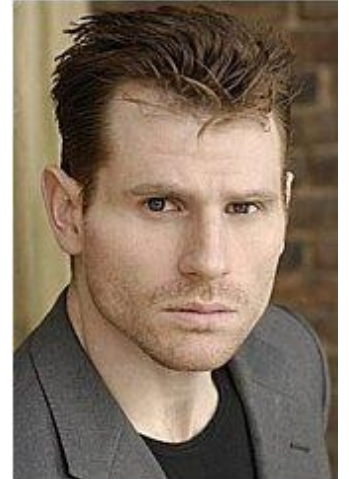
- **Maura Kropke** (*LSY: 2nde in 1992*) "is a classically trained violinist who attended the School for Strings in New York City as well as Manhattan School of Music..... [She] performs at indoor and outdoor wedding ceremonies, special events and occasions, corporate functions, violin serenades and memorial services throughout Wilmington, North Carolina and the surrounding southeast area." (<http://weddingviolinist.net/>)

- **Maria Kellis Kamvyselis** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) "Maria Kellis is a certified spiritual healer.....[She] was born In Greece, grew up in France, and went to college in the United States. She holds two degrees from MIT, a degree from the Sloan School of Management and a degree from the Academy of Cannes. She has achieved high honors and high level positions. She achieved a lot in her life as a person of this world. She worked hard and participated in the creation of companies. She also held prestigious jobs for the government of Greece and the church of Greece. She now is a published author, holds seminars and retreats around the world and she is also currently pursuing a doctorate degree in the prestigious Mahidol University, in Thailand....." (<http://www.mariakellis.com/about.php>)

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

- **Pierre Daudin** (*LSY: 7eme in 1987*) was kind enough to share with us two of his poems -- "Même pas peur" and "Guillemette." (Click on [PDF file HERE](#) to read his poems)

- **Pauline Fraisse** (*LSY: 8eme in 1986*) wrote: "I am still using my website, www.paulinefraise.com, to show my artwork and to sell art classes and art supplies. I do portraits, paintings and watercolors upon request. For individuals or companies. I teach individual / group / family / birthday and private event classes, teaching people how to draw what they see in a fast and expressive way." (Click [HERE](#) to access Pauline's website)



TOP: Kenneth Winston Wood ('94);
BOTTOM: Julie Vallat ('94)

● **Julien Ponthus** (*LSY : Terminale in 1994*) is a Senior Correspondent at Thomson Reuters. To read some of his recent articles, click [HERE](#).

● **Anouk Masson Krantz** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*): "Born and raised in France, Anouk Masson Krantz moved to New York City in the mid 1990's. She has since traveled the world to explore and photograph the peaceful elements of humanity, both across cultures and in the natural world. Anouk made her first trip to Cumberland Island over a decade ago and continues to return each year as a source of inspiration and strength. Over time, she has captured the calm and peaceful spirit of the isolated population of wild horses as well as their pristine natural surroundings. "Wild Horses of Cumberland Island" is one of several collections. Her work has appeared in several renowned galleries and has earned accolades from the International Photography Awards." (<http://www.anoukkrantz.com/about/index.html>)



● **Alexandre Albin-Mondoloni** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) est « avocat au Barreau de Paris depuis plus de 10 ans, Il défend devant le Tribunal correctionnel ou devant la Cour d'assises [...] Il traite, devant le Tribunal correctionnel, de nombreux dossiers concernant les infractions à la législation sur les stupéfiants, le blanchiment, le trafic d'armes, les associations de malfaiteurs, les vols, délits routiers, escroqueries, abus de biens sociaux, infractions économiques et financières, abus de confiance, violences, etc. Devant la Cour d'assises, il intervient dans des affaires d'assassinat, de séquestration suivie de mort, de viol, de terrorisme, etc. » (http://albin-avocat.com/?page_id=289)



● **Isabelle Sajous** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) is an Associate General Counsel at Cramer Rosenthal McGlynn. She "joined the firm in 2014. Prior to CRM, she was Of Counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP. Isabelle began her career as an associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP. She received a BA from Yale University and her JD from Harvard Law School." (<http://www.crmlc.com/our-firm/people/legal-compliance/>)

● Dr. **Séverine Chavel** (*LSY: Terminale in 1994*) "is a dermatologist in Stamford, Connecticut and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Stamford Hospital and VA Connecticut Healthcare. She received her medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine (2004) and has been in practice for 11 years." (<http://health.usnews.com/doctors/severine-chavel-656138>)

TOP: Isabelle Sajous '94);
BOTTOM: Séverine Chavel ('94)

● **Kenneth Winston Wood** (*LSY: 7eme in 1987*) is engaged to marry Giulia Pignatelli in June, 2016. (<https://www.theknot.com/us/giulia-pignatelli-and-kenneth-winston-wood-jun-2016>)

● **Julie Vallat** (*LSY: 11eme in 1983*) : « Après des études de philosophie et un DEA obtenu à l'EHESS en Etudes comparatives sur le développement, Julie a commencé son parcours professionnel dans le secteur de la solidarité internationale au sein d'ONGs agissant en Afrique et en Asie du Sud-est, et au siège de l'UNESCO à Paris. Après avoir été directrice de l'association Agir Pour le Cambodge, Julie a rejoint la Fondation de France,



Mélanie Chappuis ('94) and her first book

où elle a notamment occupé les postes de Responsable de la collecte de fonds et Responsable de Fondations sous égide. Elle a ensuite séjourné pendant deux années aux Etats-Unis où elle a réalisé, pour l'agence de conseil Faircom New York, des études de faisabilité et de positionnement pour des organismes culturels et caritatifs européens souhaitant se faire connaître et collecter des fonds aux Etats-Unis. Julie collabore avec différents acteurs du secteur philanthropique, dans le cadre de missions variées : mécénat/programmes, études et recherches, fundraising/communication, prestations opérationnelles et rédactionnelles. »
[\(http://www.cerphi.org/qui-sommes-nous/julie-vallat/\)](http://www.cerphi.org/qui-sommes-nous/julie-vallat/)



- **Christopher Grinda** (LSY: 5eme in 1989) "is the online marketing manager of his family's business, Guarantee Floridian Pest Control, headquartered in Miami. As his career choice would indicate, Chris is an analytical guy Originally from the New York, Chris attended high school at the prestigious Lycée Français de New York in Manhattan and graduated from Connecticut College (2000) , where he was a member of the crew team, practiced karate and wrestled." <http://kediet.com/chris.html>

Videos of LFNy alumni on the internet:

- **Irina Prentice** (LSY: 5eme in 1989) talks about UNRWA's services in Syria during the ongoing conflict there

----- From December 2014 AALFNy Newsletter -----



TOP: Christopher Grinda ('94); BOTTOM: Irina Prentice ('94)

- **Pauline Fraisse** wrote: "A new website for Pauline Fraisse Art & Culture was released in October: www.paulinefraisse.com [or [click here](#)]. It presents my artwork, but also the classes and workshops I teach in Paris, and occasionally abroad. It is now possible to register to all classes online, and also to purchase artworks. I will have an exhibition in Lyon, starting [in November, 2014]. It will take place at the LYINC, an international club in Lyon (<http://www.thelyinc.com>)..... Finally, attached are a few pictures of my work (some on NYC, and some on Lucca, in Tuscany!), and a picture of myself."

- **Andrea Zarate** shared this: "I didn't graduate in New York with my classmates because my family left to Colombia, South America in 1989, when we were in 6eme. I then moved back to the United States in 1996 to study journalism at the Florida International University in Miami and graduated as class of 2000. Then, in 2004, I moved back to NY for a while and studied Digital Film at the New York Film Academy and then, I moved back to Miami and started working as a freelance journalist for the New York Times. I was what they call a "stringer" or street reporter because I was in charge of going out to do the reporting that was needed on the ground. In 2008, I moved to Peru, South America, where I continue to work for The New York Times and as a freelancer, I also work for a variety of news channels, newspapers, magazines, etc.

I am now married to a TV journalist whose name is René Gastelumendi. He's the anchorman for the night time news in Lima's America TV station and he is also a reporter for a Sunday show where he presents in depth reports on the each week's most outstanding political news stories. We are now expecting our first child. My linked in page has more on my career and some of my videos. [\[click here\]](#) Many of my classmates are on



TOP: Hassiatou Idé Oumarou ('94); BOTTOM: Fantic Dimur ('94)

Facebook and we have each other on our friends list, but there's a few that I have not been able to find like **Alex Sales ['94]** and **Mathieu Lorenzini ['94]**. I'd like to send them a shout-pout in case they are around and hope that some day we will make a class reunion in NY!"



● **Mélanie Chappuis** “grew up between Guatemala, Nigeria, Argentina, Bern and New York before studying literature at the University of Geneva. After obtaining a BA in modern/contemporary history and a DEA from the European Institute of Geneva, she worked as a freelancer in several newspapers. In 2005, while she was working for the Swiss Roman radio, she obtained her BA in Journalism. Her first novel, *Frida*, was published by Bernard Campiche Publishers in 2008 followed by *Des baisers froids comme la lune (Kisses as Cold as the Moon)* in 2010. In September 2012, she was granted the Canton of Vaud La relève award , which rewards emerging talents with great potential. In 2013, *Maculée conception (Maculate Conception)* was published by Luce Wilquin. Mélanie is also the author of the column ‘In the head of’ which is published in the Tuesday edition of the daily newspaper *Le Temps*.” (<https://www.emirateslitfest.com/melanie-chappuis>)



Pauline Fraise and one of her works

● **Amy Lyne** “is a freelance documentary photographer, whose work focuses on social issues.....After attending La Sorbonne in Paris and Bogazici’s University in Istanbul, Lyne received her BFA in Photography from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, as well as her BA in Art History and French Literature. Lyne has exhibited in galleries and festivals throughout the US and abroad.....Lyne has worked on various humanitarian projects, including a collaboration with Michel Comte from 1999-2002 on “People and Places with No Name”, benefiting the International Committee of the Red Cross’ activities in Angola, Ethiopia and Afghanistan. Lyne was involved in “We are the Future”, a joint effort between Quincy Jones’ Listen Up Foundation and The Glocal Forum, a coalition committed to giving a voice to children living in the world’s most war-ravaged regions. Lyne has also collaborated with Nicolas Hulot, one of Europe’s most respected environmentalists, on “Ushuaia Nature”, a television series about indigenous cultures around the world.....Lyne is currently working on “Seeing”, a project about people living with visual impairment and “Innocence”, a book of her photographs of children from around the world. “

(www.linkedin.com/pub/amy-lyne/6/9/889)

● **Agathe (Apparu) Snow** “was born on February 1, 1976 in Fontenay-sous-Bois, a village East of Paris, before joining her parents in their newly settled, remote home in the mountains of Corsica, France. Her mother, a Tunisian Jew, and her father, a Corsican, raised goats, sheep, and pigs crossed with wild boars. Under the name U’Sputino, they prepared and served food to tourists. In late 1987.....Snow moved to New York.....but continued to spend half of each year in Corsica. Upon graduating high school from the Lycée Français de New York, Snow enrolled at McGill University..... After receiving her [BA] in History and Political Science in 1998 she moved to New York. This same year she wed the young artist Dash Snow..... Over the next several years they helped establish an influential community of artists in downtown New York.....Prior to making the sculpture, installations, video, and communal gatherings for which she became known, Snow engaged with the city and her community through undocumented public performances centered on food and dancing. For an early



TOP: Thomas Nutt ('94);
BOTTOM: Alexandra Phanor Fauray ('94)



TOP: Amy Lyne ('94);
BOTTOM: Agathe (Apparu)
Snow ('94)

project she provided three meals a week to the public in various sites around the city. This later developed into a collaborative, nomadic kitchen specialized in conceptual feasts. Snow has exhibited widely in international group shows.....In 2005.....Snow hosted a 24 hour dance marathon at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan. In 2007 she had her first solo exhibition at James Fuentes LLC in New York, followed by her Berlin solo debut at Peres Projects.....As a culmination of her earlier projects, she hosted a weeklong dance marathon.....preparing a large feast for the closing of the Biennial at the Park Avenue Armory.....At the end of 2008, Snow had her third solo show in New York and then moved to Orient Point, Long Island. In 2009 Snow had her first solo museum show at the Jeu de Paume in Paris. This same year, she completed a solo project at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York and performed at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum as part of the 24 -Hour Program on the Concept of Time. In 2011 Snow's work will be featured at the Deutsche Guggenheim in Berlin." (<http://www.voqtgallery.com/files/agsnbio.pdf>)

- **Hassiatou Idé Oumarou** is an educator at the American International School of Niamey, Niger.

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet (click on links below):

- [Vijaya Sourì](#) works toward promoting the orderly and humane organization of migrants for the benefit of migrants and societies.
- Portrait de [Melanie Chappuis](#), écrivaine et journaliste.

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

● **Benoît-Laurent Durteste** "has been Managing Director and Executive Director of Intermediate Capital Group PLC since May 21, 2012.....Mr. Durteste is the Head of the mezzanine business in Europe and is responsible for France and South Europe. He joined the firm in 2002 and is based in London. Mr. Durteste served as an Investment Director at ICG since November 2005. He served as Mezzanine Executive of France and Executive Officer of France at Intermediate Capital Group Plc. He joined ICG from Swiss Re where he worked in the structure finance unit in London. He worked six years at BNP Paribas leveraged finance and for GE Capital in London, notably taking Chief Financial Officer position at a GECC portfolio company for GE Capital in London. Mr. Durteste speaks French and English. He is a graduate of the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris." (investing.businessweek.com)

● **Diane Feeny:** "As FACT's [French American Charitable Trust] first staff member, Diane was instrumental in designing the Trust's grantmaking program and hiring the other U.S. and French staff. Before becoming active full-time in her family's foundation, Diane worked as a campaign assistant at Greenpeace in Washington, D.C. Diane is currently Chair of the Board of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), and serves on the Board of the Center for Community Change. Her specific interests include philanthropic reform (making foundations more accountable, transparent and accessible to grantseekers) encouraging greater collaboration across sectors and between multiple stakeholders, and increasing funding to community-based



TOP: Pauline Fraise ('94);
MIDDLE: Edith Marcelle
Tommo-Monthe ('94);
BOTTOM: Kenneth Winston
Wood ('94)

organizations and intermediaries. Diane was born in France and visits often for vacations and foundation business. She has a BA in history from Cornell University and an MA in philosophy and social policy from George Washington University. Diane currently lives with her husband and three children in Costa Rica." (factservices.org)

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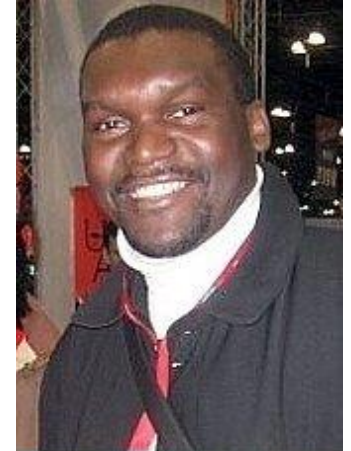
● **Pauline Fraisse** wrote: "Après une Maîtrise de Lettres et un DESS de Communication, j'ai travaillé plusieurs années dans la communication, avant de faire un tour du monde une année en solitaire puis de passer à mi-temps dans mon travail pour poursuivre ma formation en peinture. Je suis partie ensuite comme professeur d'anglais en Chine, dans la banlieue de Kunming (capitale du Yunnan), où j'ai enseigné la moitié de la semaine, peint et écrit l'autre moitié du temps, et étudié le mandarin. De ce séjour chinois j'ai rapporté, outre une fabuleuse expérience, de nombreux carnets de voyage (dont certains ont été publiés par les éditions Reflets d'Ailleurs en 2009 sous le titre Autour du Yunnan), un roman (Vol intérieur, éditions Les Promeneurs Solitaires, 2009), deux séries de peintures sur l'urbanisme chinois. Depuis septembre 2009, je me consacre à l'écriture, à la peinture et à l'illustration à Paris, où j'anime par ailleurs des ateliers de Carnet de voyage et d'illustration. Je garde une grande fascination pour l'Asie, ainsi que pour les Etats-Unis où j'ai vécu enfant pendant un an à NY, puis à nouveau comme étudiante en 1998. Et pour Paris, à mi-distance entre les deux !" (*To access Pauline's website, [click here](#)*)



● **Edith Marcelle Tommo-Monthe** wrote: "Hi. This is Edith the girl who used to be very shy. Today, I work in a petroleum company. It is all ok. I come to New York usually on vacation during summer time. I have my family living in New Rochelle, and another part living in Brooklyn. I would really want to communicate, share my work experience with my old classmates. I still don't have a family of my own, I am single but very open minded! Hope to read you soon!"

● "A 32 ans, **Mélanie Chappuis** publie son premier roman, Frida. Concentré, il va à l'essentiel au cœur des angoisses et des passions d'une femme. Un discours intérieur sans artifice, entre impérieux besoin de plaire et peur de n'être qu'illusion, où la jeune auteure a mis beaucoup d'elle-même..... Après des études de lettres à Genève – précédées par une année à l'Université de Fribourg – Mélanie Chappuis a suivi un DEA à l'Institut européen, puis a écrit des piges pour différents journaux, dont la Tribune de Genève. Aujourd'hui, elle travaille à la Radio Suisse romande. Fille d'un diplomate suisse, elle a grandi entre le Guatemala, le Nigeria, l'Argentine, Berne et New York, avant le début de ses études universitaires. De ses voyages et des escales de quatre ans qu'elle a faites dans la plupart des lieux où elle est passée – « mais je ne veux pas faire de la psychologie à deux francs » – elle a gardé une habitude de « prendre et de donner un maximum dans la vie ». (*lagruyere.ch/fr/html*) (En 2010, le deuxième livre de Mélanie a été publié --*Des baisers froids comme la lune.*)

TOP: Vijaya Souri; BOTTOM:
Jean-Pierre Aboly ('94)



TOP: Daniel Amiot Priso ('94);
BOTTOM: Oksan Bozkir Mirap
('94)



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● **Camille Hottlet** wrote: "I moved back to France in 1998 and have been working as a translator since 2000 in Paris. I currently work as such for the law firm Gide Loyrette Nouel. In August 2009, we were thrilled to welcome the birth of our daughter, Isabeau."

● **Raphaëlle (Janoray) Choël** wrote: "I have just published a book on Japanese women (I spent 2 years in Tokyo) and I thought this might be of interest to your readers. I would really love to share this with you and my classmates of the Lycée."

According to the press release on Raphaëlle's book:

"Rues arpentées, semelles usées, observation, confidences, interviews, expériences, moments partagés et carnets griffonnés. 54 mois à Tokyo, 124 pages du Tokyo City Atlas annotées pour écumer les quartiers sans s'égarer, une centaine de femmes interviewées, mariées ou célibataires, femmes au foyer ou business women, killeuses ou soumises, constituant un panel représentatif de femmes entre 15 et 60 ans. A travers ces témoignages, Raphaëlle Choël et Julie Rovéro-Carrez ont souhaité raconter sous forme de chroniques la ville de Tokyo vue par ses habitantes..... Raphaëlle Choël et Julie Rovéro-Carrez reportent ici leurs longues discussions avec ces jeunes femmes autour d'une bière Asahi, des femmes qui se livrent sans tabou dans une société qui ne leur laisse pas toujours la parole....." (*autrement.com*)



Vanessa (Der Calousdian) Crosbie ('94) & Kristof Kunzmann ('94)

----- From December 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Pauline Fraisse** a récemment annoncé la sortie de son roman, *Vol intérieur*, paru aux éditions les Promeneurs solitaires. "Née en 1977, elle a travaillé plusieurs années dans la communication à Paris, avant de partir [trois ans vivre dans le sud-ouest de la Chine] où elle a écrit, peint et dessiné. *Vol intérieur* est son premier roman, inspiré profondément par sa propre expérience de changement de vie, et d'un voyage autour du monde en solitaire réalisé en 2004." (*.lespromeneurssolitaires.fr.tc*)

● For news and a recent picture of **Mathieu Lorenzini** see Nicole Gotthelf's message under class of '73 Class Notes archives.

● **Peggy Roudey** told us that she "has just opened a new Modern Art Gallery called the Forge Gallery in Capetown at the new Cape Quarters. Artists being exhibited are Nicolas Lehmann (sculptor specialized in wrought ironmongery, bronze and glass), Nienke Van der Meulen (ceramist), Kate Mason (landscaper), Anna Richerby (beadwork and ley, painter). All are contemporary South African up- and-coming artists."

● Peggy also told us that her sister **Malvina Roudey** "created an NPO --the Kraal toddlers-- in 2007 after living on the wild Coast of South Africa since 2004. The NPO is aimed at not only fundraising for schools in the local



Andrea V. Zarate ('94)



TOP: Melanie Chappuis ('94);
BOTTOM: Peggy Roudey ('94)
& Malvina Roudey ('94)

communities but at educating parents on being self sustainable in remote villages and in 'keeping basics.' She has done tremendous work and raised funds for World Aids Day.... Malvina is also seeking volunteers to take over, and maybe someone to manage their establishment, which is entirely self sustainable. They also have 14 horses, (Boorpad-Arab) that are being sold."

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

● **Vanessa (Der Calousdian) Crosbie** wrote: "I left corporate America this summer after having worked at Smith Barney, Bear Stearns, and UBS for the last 10 years and have become a contributing editor to the website *thegreengirls.com*. This website aims at inspiring others to go green but having fun while doing it." ([Click here](#) to access Vanessa's bio at that website)



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

● **Agathe (Apparu) Snow's** work is being exhibited at the Southampton (NY) Parrish Art Museum until the end of the 2008 July 4th weekend. From the 6/25/2008 East Hampton Star: "....For the first 12 years of her life, she grew up in Corsica, France, and she has the accent and *je ne sais quoi* to prove it. In 1988, she and her mother and two siblings moved to New York City, where she attended the Lycée Francais, a bilingual private school on the Upper East Side, while resisting the transition by refusing to speak English...She started calling herself an artist only eight months ago. 'It's really my life,' she said over lunch in Greenwich Village last week. 'I was searching for a way to express myself, and the art allowed me to have a voice.' "



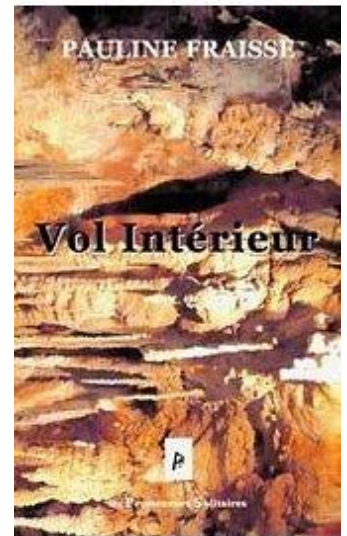
TOP: Valerie Ouedraogo ('94);
BOTTOM: Alberto Costa ('94)

● "**Gabriel Taran** is an associate in [WilmerHale's] Litigation and Controversy Department. He joined the firm in 2007 after completing a clerkship for the Honorable Timothy B. Dyk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. **Practice:** As a summer associate for the firm in 2005, Mr. Taran researched and drafted sections of two Supreme Court briefs, summarized contents of provisional patent applications for a due diligence review matter, and worked on antitrust and immigration matters. In 2004, Mr. Taran served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Richard M. Berman of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Taran worked for five years as a computer programmer, developing websites and databases. He was a lead developer for The Princeton Review and developer for Citigroup, Inc. **Professional Activities:** Mr. Taran is a member of the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association." (*wilmerhale.com*/)

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

● [Oksan (Bozkir) Mirap wrote: "On August 10th, 2007 Cem Mirap and I were married in Istanbul, Turkey."

● **Vanessa der Calousdian** and Pierce Crosbie celebrated their marriage on September 22nd, 2007. The



TOP: Eric Freizer ('94);
BOTTOM: by Pauline Fraisse ('94)

wedding, held at the Larchmont Country Club, was attended by guests from NY, France and Canada, including **Isabelle Sajous ('94)** who was a bridesmaid. Other *anciens* were also in attendance: **Alexandre Gomez-Trochez ('94)**, **Valerie Darguste ('94)**, **Aline Attiyeh ('94)**, and **Alessandra Gagliardi ('86)** all had a memorable time toasting the wonderful couple.



- **Camille Hottlet** wrote that she "lives in Paris and works as a trilingual translator for the international law firm, Gide Loyrette Nouel / vit à Paris et travaille au sein du cabinet d'avocats international, Gide Loyrette Nouel, en tant que traductrice trilingue."

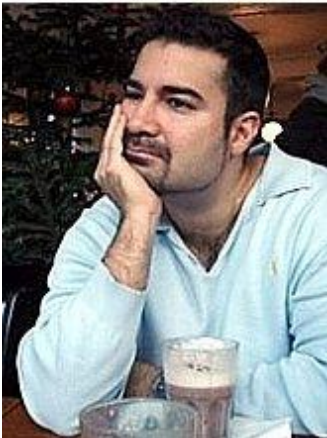
----- From June 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Peggy Roudey** wrote: "My sister **Malvina Roudey ('94)** and I were students in 1992-93 at the NYC Lycee. Malvina is currently living in South Africa, while I have moved back from Dubai to St Paul de Vence in France. Both of us, along with her partner, have founded an NGO call the KRAAL TODDLERS and we are seeking funds to rebuild the primary school located in the Wild Coast, South Africa. Malvina and her companion have been putting their own money being 50% of the revenues from earning from the backpackers and donations into helping the kids of the village, providing them with vitamins, a meal and basic schooling. The school is based in the rural wild Coast area of South Africa where there is no running water, no electricity and the nearest road or town is 80KM away. This project needs active fundraising, and they need international help. If everyone of us would tell at least one other person, perhaps that would be a good start for this project to get the exposure and help it deserves." (For more details on this project, [click here](#).)

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

- **Kristof Kunzmann** wrote: "Lots of time has passed, and lots has happened, but this past year has been a quickening for so many of us '94s. Let 2005/06 be known as the neverending wedding season. Many of the late-bloomers have taken the plunge: **Benjamin Trehet ('94)** and his beautiful wife Sharon, **Lucien Lidji ('94)** and the always lovely and charming Rita, **Pierre Fraiture ('95)** and the incomparable **Caroline (Imbert '96) Fraiture**, **Fidel Amaro ('94)** and the rockin' Mercedes, **Severine Chavel ('94)** who broke many hearts when she found her doctor of love, **Benedicte Perrot ('94)** and Vincent Lefebvre, **Fanny Lestelle ('94)** and her mystery man... and the list will continue with rumors of a certain **Vanessa der Calousdian ('94)** having snatched up a charming prince from up north. What's happened with the rest of us?"

After ten glorious years in Los Angeles, this little piggy got a shot at moving to Paris to help set up Houlihan's new Paris office. Never one to shy away from a challenge (or a limitless supply of caviar, champagne, foie gras, and so many wonderful cheeses that I will never succeed in picking a favorite), I accepted and have been living in Gay Paree since June 2005 with my two cats, vestige of a previous relationship, which may seem particularly gay to some. Luckily, a hefty dose of metrosexuality keeps my head on straight and looking good. (Yes



TOP: Christelle Leprêtre Zitnik ('94); BOTTOM: Alexander Gomez Trochez ('94)



Top: Tarek Souki ('94); Bottom: Kristof Kunzmann ('94)

everyone, I am still that modest and charming guy you once loved and now can't get enough of.) Admittedly, the first year setting up and getting settled was hellish, and felt as though I was back in the miserable life of a first-year analyst. Now that the worst has passed, and the team has filled out, I can begin to see the light of investment banking "à la française" and must admit I am beginning to like the european lifestyle.

Have been mixing good with bad to stay healthy and sane, and if you'd like to catch up on some of my recent strolls through the continent check out some photos ([click here](#))."

- [Click here](#) for news of **Lucien Lidji**

- **Camille Hottlet** wrote: "After majoring in Spanish at SUNY Geneseo, I moved to Paris in 1998, where I went on to study translation at the ISIT. Since then, I've been working as a trilingual translator (go figure), first in the media and entertainment field (ma prédilection), then six months at Air France and now (for the past two years) and against all expectations, in an international law firm called Gide Loyrette Nouel. My siblings are doing well. The eldest still lives in NYC, while the 3 other have moved back to France. I've kept in touch with a few people from the Lycée, including **Virginie Fontaine**, **Kris Kunzmann**, **Fanny Lestelle**, **Bénédicte Perrot** and **Vanessa Der Calousdian**, not to mention a couple other people from FASNY."

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

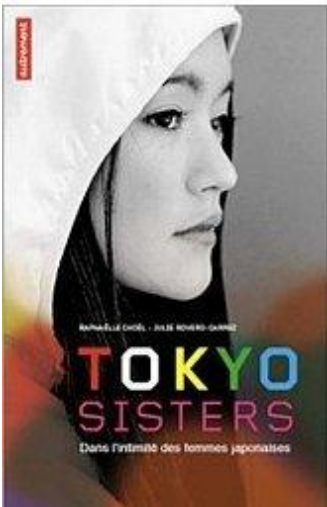
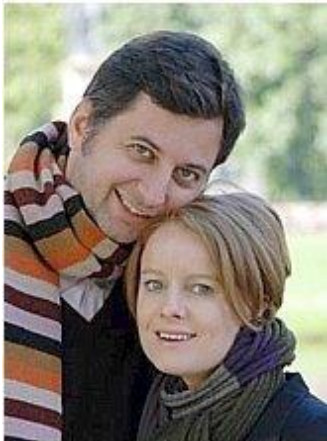
- **Pierre-Louis Rendhell** wrote: "Out of curiosity I googled myself and came across the Lycee's alumni website so I signed up. I'd like to hear from any of my former classmates and see what people are up to."

- Celine Ottria ('96) écrit: "...Au fait, petite info pour ceux qui la connaissent, ma soeur **Isabelle Ottria** ('94) vit près de Toulouse dans l'Ariège, elle travaille dans l'agriculture et attend son premier bébé pour le mois d'avril."

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

- **Isabelle Sajous** wrote: "**Druce Vertes**, **Alessandra Gaggiardi**, **Vanessa der Calousdian** and I participated in the Revlon Run/Walk for Women in New York on Saturday, April 30th. As an event participant, I am also helping raise money by collecting pledges and donations to help to fight women's cancers. To make a pledge, simply click on the link below to go to my personal page and make a donation. The site will be open for donations until June 1."

- [Christophe Helmke](#) obtained his MA in Archaeology in 2001 from University College London. Since then he has been a PhD candidate at that same institution and plans to submit his dissertation in September 2006. He current serves as co-director of the Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project, run by Belize Institute



TOP: Raphaëlle (Janoray) Choël ('94) and her husband Charles-Henry Choël ('88);
BOTTOM: Raphaëlle's new book



Top: Vanessa der Calousdian ('94) and husband Pierce Crosbie; Middle & Bottom: Alexandra (Morbelli) Laverty ('94) with husband

of Archaeology. He is also currently preparing an introductory handbook on ancient Maya hieroglyphic writing with colleague Harri Kettunen of the University of Helsinki. Since 2000 he has been tutoring workshops on Maya hieroglyphic writing in Belize, England, Germany, and Denmark.



TOP: Yves Bassole ('94);
BOTTOM: Celia Bastiani ('94)

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

- Members of the Class of 1994 celebrated their [10th year reunion](#) on July 31, 2004.



- **Enrique ter Horst** writes: "I have finished my Ph.D in statistics at Duke University and am currently working at Morgan Stanley in London in the Research Division. "
- **Nicholas McIntyre** writes: "I only attended the Lycee for one year but am back in New York City and would be interested in meeting up with some people or going to a reunion as I have some good memories of the place and the time."
- **Severine Chavel** has married Michael Greenspan, whom she met at Yale Medical School in 1999.

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

- **Christophe Helmke** writes: "I am currently (April 2003) preparing my PhD in Archaeology at the University College in London, UK."

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

- **Gilles Seburyamo**: Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, B.S. Chemistry 1998; now working for Du Pont in Delaware doing organic chemistry synthesis for their Agricultural Research division. He adds: «So you see, I did



TOP: Gabriel Taran ('94);
BOTTOM: Agathe (Apparu)
Snow ('94) [photo by
Elizabeth Fasolino, the East
Hampton Star]

not fall far from the French institutions after all!»

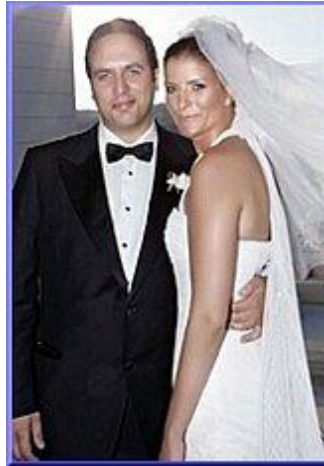
- **Benjamin Trehet** is living in Forest Hills, NY and is currently in International Private Banking at HSBC.

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

- **Christophe Helmke** est à l' Institute of Archeology /University College-London et prépare son Masters.



TOP: Valerie Darguste ('94);
BOTTOM: Clotilde Giraud Hullin ('94)



Oksan Bozkir ('94) and husband Cem
Mirap



TOP and MIDDLE: Malvina Roudey
('94) and her non-profit org. in South
Africa; BOTTOM: Raphael Jacquet
('94)