



## 1997 Class Notes Archives



TOP: Beatrice Limouzineau ('97);  
BOTTOM: Myriam Benlamlih ('97)

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- Jean-Nicolas Pestieau told us that his sister **Sarah Pestieau** "who is a doctor, has been going on extended missions with Médecins Sans Frontières to Africa in the past two years. I believe she's about to leave to Pakistan for three months."
- **Christopher Lavelanet** "is the creative drive behind CLDesigns working as an international design consultant/project manager within a variety of industries. Christopher is now working as a Footwear Designer within Sketchers' Performance Division." (<http://www.coroflot.com/clavelanet>)
- **Valerie Gallet Lukac** is a program director at Canada Health Infoway in Montreal.
- **Beatrice Limouzineau** was interviewed by LePetitJournal.com in November 2011. She is currently the Senior Innovation Manager at Diageo in the U.K. She said: "Entre Londres et moi, c'est une longue histoire marquée de départs et de retours. Durant mon cursus à l'ESCP (Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris), j'ai effectué un stage de 6 mois chez Dior, à Londres. Une fois mon diplôme en poche, j'y suis revenue de 2006 à 2008. J'ai alors travaillé chez Dunhumby puis en marketing chez Reckitt Benckiser. Ensuite, j'ai réalisé un vieux rêve, retourner à New York, où j'ai habité pendant mon adolescence. Là-bas, je me suis occupée de la marque Clearasil pour le même groupe en tant qu'Associate Brand Manager. Cependant, en septembre 2009, avec la crise j'ai perdu mon emploi et par la même occasion mon visa de travail. Depuis avril 2010, me voici donc de retour à Londres où je travaille actuellement pour Diageo. Un rôle, que pour la première fois de ma carrière, j'affectionne particulièrement....." (To read the full interview, [click here](#))
- **Myriam Benlamlih** "joined InterMedia in August 2009 and is responsible for managing quantitative and qualitative research projects in the Middle East and North Africa, with a focus on Afghanistan and Iran. Before joining InterMedia, Myriam lead consumer and marketing research at Procter & Gamble, Morocco, pioneering



TOP: Valerie (Gallet) Lukac ('97);  
BOTTOM: Bruno Guélaff ('97)

several techniques for conducting research among illiterate and rural populations..... She also conducted economic research, analysis and forecasting at an American bank. Myriam holds a double Masters degree in Global Media and Communications from the London School of Economics and the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California. She also holds a Bachelors Degree from Mount Holyoke College in Economics and Psychology. She speaks French, English and Spanish fluently, and is proficient in Arabic." (*intermedia.org*)



**TOP: Celine Gabriel Sabatier ('97); BOTTOM: Yannick Demoustier ('97)**

- **Bruno Guélaff:** "Born in New York City as a Frenchman; early educational years at Lycée Français de New York followed by a US bachelors in sociology, Bruno still searched for his passion. After four years of studies at New York School of Interior Design, his niche was revealed. First recipient of the B.F.A. Travel Prize gave Bruno the opportunity to tour the globe stopping in 15 countries and over 22 cities, an experience that has greatly influenced his design flair. A head designer for some years at a prominent New York firm, he continues to develop his craft at *studio bruno guelaff*."

([http://www.katika.ch/resources/user\\_files/media/ARTECOMAGbruno16-19.pdf](http://www.katika.ch/resources/user_files/media/ARTECOMAGbruno16-19.pdf))

- **Solenne Anthonioz Liénard** est Chargée des relations presse chez CANAL+ OVERSEAS.

- **Yannick Demoustier:** "Journaliste fort d'une dizaine d'années d'expérience dans la presse quotidienne, magazine et Internet, francophone ou anglophone, je traite de sujets de société, d'économie et de politique. Ayant vécu plus de 15 ans à New York, je suis l'actualité et les nouvelles tendances outre-Atlantique pour le JDN." (<http://www.journaldunet.com/account/yannick-demoustier-2021> )

- **Celine Gabriel Sabatier** is the Director of Guest Services at Sofitel Luxury Hotels and Resorts in San Francisco.

- **Eric Thomas Weber:** "My early education was in New York City at the Lycée Français de New York and then in Atlanta at the Lovett School. I next attended Vanderbilt University for my undergraduate education. While at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN, I met my wife, Annie Davis Weber, who in 2011 earned her doctorate in Higher Education through the executive Ed.D. program at Vanderbilt. Annie and I both earned our master's degrees at Ohio University before we moved to Illinois, where I earned my doctorate in Philosophy at Southern Illinois University. We have a beautiful little girl named Helen Davis Weber, who was born on the day I was to receive my doctoral diploma in August of 2007.

My passion for philosophy started in my time at Vanderbilt University. Quickly I became interested in the practical applications and value of philosophy to real-life problems. In my position in Public Policy Leadership at the University of Mississippi, my main focus is precisely to work with students and to write about those important lessons that philosophy has to offer for practical and moral leadership.

Beyond academics, I love music. I learned to play classical guitar at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt and started Tempest Records, my fun hobby business, while I was in college. I play guitar and bass, I sing, and I



**Eric Thomas Weber ('97)**



**TOP: Sarah Geay ('97); BOTTOM: Charles de Navacelle ('97)**



dabble on the piano too. I've written many songs and hope to return to them someday."  
(<http://www.ericthomasweber.org/bio.htm>)

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● **Sarah Geay** nous écrit qu'elle est "Avocat au Barreau de Paris depuis 2006 et exerce depuis peu au sein de sa propre structure, en droit des contrats, droit de la famille, droit pénal et droit de la responsabilité." (To access her website, [click here](#))

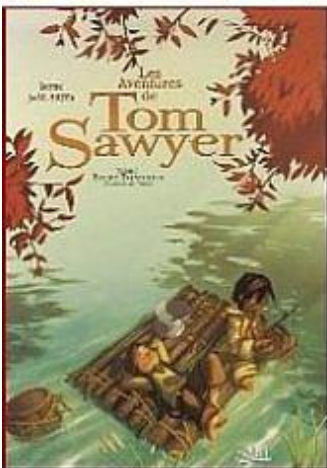
● **Charles de Navacelle** "has experience representing clients before the European Commission, the French Conseil de la Concurrence, the United States Department of Justice, and the Federal Trade Commission in response to many antitrust investigations and large document requests, including criminal grand jury investigations relating to alleged international cartel activity and price-fixing cases at a global level....Charles is a dual French and U.S. citizen and received his legal education in Europe and in the U.S. He is a member of the New York State Bar, the Paris Bar, and the American Bar Association (Section of Antitrust Law)." (<http://www.jonesday.com/cdenavacelle/#>)

● **Vladimir Colas** "joined AXA Private Equity in 2003. He previously worked in Exane BNP Paribas' sell-side equity research department and completed internships with Hertz France's corporate finance department and Divento.com, where he was Assistant to the CFO. Vladimir holds a Master of Management from Université Paris IX-Dauphine and post-graduate MS in Finance from ESSEC." ([axaprivateequity.com](http://axaprivateequity.com))

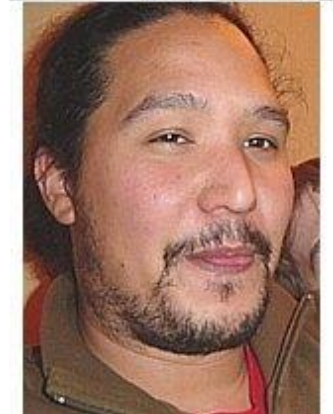
● "A WORKING GIRL IN NEW YORK: **Vérane (de Marffy Mantuano) Grange**, brunette pétillante, se sent très « internationale » depuis sa prime jeunesse : elle a vécu à New York avant d'intégrer le MBA Institute.....Elle a, au fil des 4 années de scolarité, pris confiance en elle et acquis les outils intellectuels nécessaires pour assumer les responsabilités que lui a confiées l'Oréal. Une fois diplômée, c'est en effet vers cette grande entreprise mythique qu'elle se dirige, à New York, avec à la clé un stage de 5 mois en tant que chef de produit junior. Ce stage se transforme rapidement en poste d'assistante manager.....Après avoir effectué des études de marché (aux États-Unis, en France, en Chine et au Japon), testé des consommateurs potentiels, participé à la réalisation du packaging et travaillé - avec la production - sur les couleurs, elle a le sentiment enivrant d'avoir réellement contribué au succès du nouveau produit qu'elle arbore fièrement ! Elle vit et travaille à Manhattan, une ville « incroyable » pour cette jeune femme qui s'est vraiment donné les moyens de ses ambitions." ([http://www.fis.edu.hk/documents/Orientation/FlashInfo14fev2008\\_A5\\_MBAi.pdf](http://www.fis.edu.hk/documents/Orientation/FlashInfo14fev2008_A5_MBAi.pdf))

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

● "**Julien Akita ('97)** et **Mathieu Akita ('99)** sont deux frères franco-japonais, né en 1979 et 1981 à Tokyo. Après plusieurs années passées à New-York et Mexico, ils posent leurs valises à Lyon pour suivre les cours



Julien Akita ('97) & Mathieu Akita ('99) and one of their illustrated books



TOP: Verane Grange;  
MIDDLE: Nancy Danielle Rahajason ('97);  
BOTTOM: Mathieu Akita ('97)

d'illustration de l'école Émile Cohl. Diplômés en 2004, Julien se lance dans le monde de la presse et l'édition jeunesse (Bayard, Milan, Magnard, Excelsior ...), tandis que Mathieu entame une carrière de game-designer à Etranges Libellules (Astérix XXL2, Arthur et les Minimoys...) Début 2006, leur rencontre avec Jean-Luc Istin, leur permet de signer leur première BD, Tom Sawyer."

<http://baikin.blogspot.com/search/label/about>



Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- Interview with [Nikolai Fraiture](#), bass player for the American rock band, The Strokes .

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

- "Daphné Silva de Vitton is happy to announce the birth of her daughter Colombe on September 28th 2009. Daphné currently lives in Moscow with her husband Guillaume."

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

- Julien Akita ('97) et son frere Mathieu Akita ('99) sont illustrateurs de BD français.

- Charles Mulliez nous écrit: ""J'ai la joie de vous annoncer la naissance de mon second enfant, Alexis, né le 11 décembre 2008 !"

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

- Charles Mulliez wrote: "After leaving the LFNY, I went in Prepa at Ste Geneviève and then entered Ecole Centrale de Lyon in 1999. After a one-year internship in New York and a one-year stay in Madrid as part of the Erasmus program, I entered ESSEC to get an MBA in Marketing and Strategy. I now work at Reckitt Benckiser and am currently in Milan for a year, going back to France as of May. On a personal level, I got married on October 16th 2004 to Laetitia Morel and we had a little girl named Astrid on April 10th 2006. I would be really glad to get back in contact with all of my classmates between 1995 and 1997. Hope to hear from you soon, Charles"

- Daphné (Silva) de Vitton wrote: "After spending ten years getting re-acquainted with life in Paris, I'm moving to Moscow with my husband this June. We are both starting new marketing jobs in international companies and are very excited for the new challenge. If anyone is based or has contacts in Moscow, we would be happy to be in touch."

- Caroline Pierre nous écrit: "Je ne suis restée que 3 ans au Lycée Français, mais j'en garde un souvenir très fort, bien qu'étant très jeune à l'époque. J'adorerais avoir des nouvelles de mes anciens camarades de classe,



TOP to BOTTOM: Daphné (Silva) de Vitton ('97), Jeremy Salomon ('97), David Salanic ('97)



TOP: Alexandra Brunais ('97);  
BOTTOM: Tania Seburyamo ('97)

en particulier d'**Anaïs** et de **Frantz**. J'habite à l'île de la Réunion, le "secret le mieux gardé de France"!!! Si des personnes passent par ici, contactez-moi!"

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

● **Nicolas Mazuranic** wrote: "Hi, it's been a long time since I left New York, 20 years ago to move back to Geneva in Switzerland. I did all my studies there and completed an MS in Business Administration at the HEC Geneva in 2002. I started working at L'Oréal as a Product Manager. Three years later, this job brought me to Paris to work as a Global Project Manager. Finally, I just moved back to New York after 20 years, to work as a Senior Manager of Global Marketing for Redken (another L'Oréal-owned brand). It's very exciting to be back in New York. I contacted **Thomas Hernandez ('97)** in Paris but we didn't get a chance to see each other before I left. And now, I'm trying to get back in touch with **Vérane (de Marffy Mantuano) Grange ('97)** and **Eléonore Marchand ('97)** and should be seeing them soon."

● "Damien Huze has been designing for the web since 1999. He specializes in creating stylish web interfaces, melding usability and effective content presentation. Damien has a B.S. in Management Information Systems from the F.A.U. School Of Business, and is a self-taught web designer and developer who advocates simplicity." (FROM: Wake Interactive, [wakeinteractive.com](http://wakeinteractive.com))

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

● **Vérane (de Marffy Mantuano) Grange** wrote: "It has been quite the adventure since I graduated from LFNY in 1997. I first attended the MBA Institute in Paris France where I received a bachelor's of art in International Marketing. Then I completed a DESS at Sciences Po in Paris for 2 years in Market Research and Marketing. I met my future husband and we moved to NY. For 4 years, I have been working for l'Oreal USA as a Global Product Manager on the Maybelline brand. I got married on September 4th, 2004 and I am expecting a baby for the beginning of May. It's a boy and I hope he will attend LFNY!"

● **Sareh Javaheri Saatchi** wrote: "I am currently working for Harry Winston, in NYC, as the Retail Operations Manager for the US and Europe."

● **Thomas Hernandez** shared this with us: "Hello everyone, it's been a while since I wanted to post some news after seeing so many of you post some updates! I left LFNY after my 7eme to go back to France (that was.... 17 years ago!!). A quick look back: I went through high school at Lycée Louis le Grand in Paris, completed BS and MS degrees at Arizona State University, and I'm now a software engineer at Amazon.com. This job brought me to Seattle, WA where I stayed for 2+ years. I recently moved from the US back to France, still working for Amazon. I now work in Paris and live in Compiègne, with my wife Cécile. Unfortunately I lost contact with all of my good friends (**Carlos, Vladimir, Eleonore, Federica, Verane** -- I



David Wildenstein ('97) & Alexandra Schwetsoff ('97)



Top to bottom: Isabelle Raymond ('97), Benjamin Quaillet ('97), Yaba Erwiah ('97)



shouldn't have started listing names, now I'm forgetting some) but I'd love to get back in touch. I hope you're all doing well. As for myself, I'll try not to wait another 17 years before posting another update... Take care."

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



TOP: Christopher Lavelanet ('97); BOTTOM: Stéphanie Mauvernay-Ravelomanantsoa ('97)

#### WEDDINGS/MARIAGES:

- **Daphné Silva** ('97) married Guillaume de Vitton de Peyruis on September 9th, 2006. The marriage was celebrated in Longueil-Sainte-Marie. The couple now lives in Paris.
- From **Marie (Raoul-Duval) Vaslin** ('97): "I just got married to Marc Vaslin (on July 8, 2006) a tax lawyer. We should be moving to Geneva beginning of 2007."
- From **Julien Renard**: "More than 10 years have past seen my lycée days and I felt it was time I gave some sign of life (since my two brothers already did). After the baccalauréat, I graduated from Medical school and I am currently an intern in Urology and Urological surgery in Turin, Italy, doing among other things (lots of skiing) a little research on kidney and prostate cancer therapy. If you have read the precedent class notes, you will notice that the entire Renard Family is spread around Europe with one older brother (who got married) living in Holland, the other one going back and forth between Madrid, Paris and Lyon and the parents in Switzerland. Unfortunately, I have lost contact with many of my New York friends: Alec, David, Jeremy, Laurent: guys, give me a sign of life as well. I am sending you a picture of my 'fidanzata' Silvia (she's a pediatrician in training) and me (but I don't think I changed a lot). I hope to hear from you all."
- **Hélène (De Bock) Hiernaux** wrote: "I married Yves Hiernaux at the Hotel de Ville of Brussels, on the Grand'Place on September 3, 2005. We're living in Brussels for the moment, but are looking forward to a life of travel together and will hopefully hop by New York!"
- **Vladimir Colas** wrote: "15 years, almost day to day after having left the Lycee, I just moved back to NY this summer, transferred by the company I was working for in Paris (AXA Private Equity). It's great to be back! I would be happy to meet those who are still around - maybe at the next class reunion?"

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

- **Daphne Silva** wrote: "After leaving the Lycee, I entered a Classe Prepa, and then was admitted to ESCP Business School in Paris. I graduated in June 2003. I have been working for nearly two years in the Marketing Department at Bic. I will be getting married to Guillaume de Vitton in September, whom I met in Prepa."

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

- **Emmanuelle Juran** nous ecrit: "Bonjour tout le monde, je joue actuellement une piece que j'ai coecrite



TOP: Federica Sainte Rose ('97); BOTTOM: Bruno Guélaff ('97)

"Putes ou soumises???" sur Paris. Donc si vous aimez le theatre... Et je tenais a remercier M Anger et Mme Linet sans qui j'aurai jamais fait ca. Si quelqu'un a leur adresse mail?"

- **Raphael Cohen** wrote: "I am getting married in late May to Jill Markowitz. She attended Barnard College while I attended Columbia University. Following our wedding, she will be completing her law degree and starting at Nixon Peabody, and I will be starting on an MBA at NYU Stern Business School."



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

- **Jennifer Rowe** writes: "Hi. Since leaving New York in July 1997, I have moved back to Canberra, Australia where I have been living for the past 5 years. I have been studying at the Australian National University, and in Feb 2003 I will finish my Law Degree. I have also done an Arts Degree (majoring in Italian and German) and got a Scholarship from the Italian Government to go to Bologna in March 2003 to study and write an Honours Paper there. Who knows what will happen after that? I would love to spend some time in Europe. My parents have been posted to Sweden, so I will definitely go and visit them there some time next year. All is well with us all. Hope to hear from many of you one day..."

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

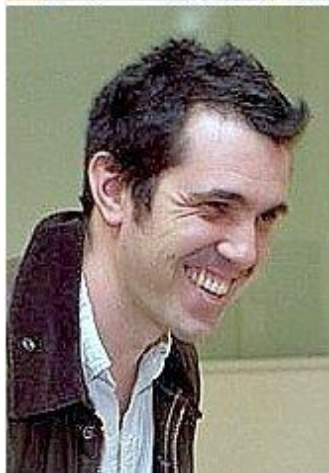
- **Charles Mulliez** nous ecrit : « Je suis en ce moment en stage à New York, c'est-à-dire depuis octobre dernier et jusqu'en juillet prochain. Enfin, j'effectuerai ma dernière année d'Ecole d'Ingénieur (Ecole Centrale de Lyon) l'année prochaine en Espagne, à Madrid plus précisément. J'ai retrouvé récemment des anciens élèves du LFNy notamment grâce au site. Je vous en remercie!»

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

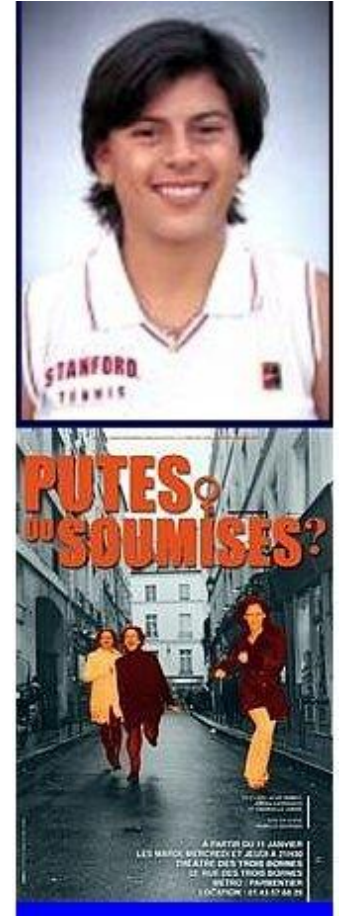
- **Sophie Raven** writes: "After graduating from Barnard College, Columbia University in 1996, I taught English for two years at the junior high and high school levels in Japan. After that, I backpacked for six months across Asia. I then worked as a paralegal in France for two years. I am currently in law school in New York."

- **Yvan Chene** writes: "After the Lycée, I decided to study in a Joint Honors program in Economics & Finance at McGill. I graduated in June 2001 with honors and now am working as an investment banker in mergers & acquisitions. The next few years following the Lycée were rich in experience: I met great people, traveled a lot with my windsurf and got to discover Montreal. But I really miss playing with captain Santiago to teach soccer to the ES !!!"

- **Santiago Rodriguez** Galer habite à Montreal depuis 4 ans et travaille dans une société de 'brokers'.
- **Valerie Fischer** is currently working as an Intellectual Property Paralegal at Kirkland & Ellis in New York City.
- **Daphne Silva** est en France et étudie à l'Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris.
- **Vladimir Colas** writes this from Paris: "Hi. How is everybody?"



TOP: Sareh Javaheri Saatchi ('97); BOTTOM: Clément Valla ('97)



Top: Sarah Pestieau ('97); Bottom: Putes ou soumises?, de et avec Emmanuelle Juran ('97)



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



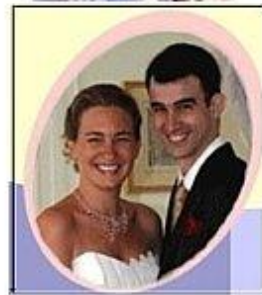
Top: Carlos Ozores ('97) & Leyla Ertegun ('97); Bottom: Julien Renard ('97) & his 'fidanzata' Silvia

- **Valerie Gallet** is currently at Yale University and anticipates receiving her Masters in Health Management in 2002.
- **Valerie Fischer** is in her senior year at the University of Rochester.
- **Sarah Pestieau** nous écrit: "Ma graduation a lieu le 17 juin à Stanford. Je suis très contente d'achever ces 4 années . J'étudie l'ingénierie biomécanique. Je cherche un travail dans le domaine biomédical. Je poserai ma candidature pour rentrer dans des écoles de médecine cet été. Je travaillerai sûrement un an avant d'aller en école de médecine. Je fais partie de l'équipe de tennis de Stanford (division 1, #1 dans le pays pour l'instant). Je joue en simples et en doubles. Les championnats nationaux auront lieu en mai.»
- From **Gilles Morris**: «Je suis à l'ESCP, en formation générale au management sans spécialisation pour le moment, l'année prochaine je serai à Oxford pendant un an puis à Berlin l'année suivante. Je suis actuellement dans la même école de commerce que Daphné Silva '97. Quelle coïncidence, le monde est réellement petit! A quand un tournoi de foot entre S et ES comme au bon vieux temps dans Central Park? Je prépare mes crampons.»
- **Charles Mulliez**: Graduated from Lycée Privé Sainte Genevieve in '99, Classes préparatoires Maths/Physique. Currently at the Ecole Centrale de Lyon and anticipates receiving his Masters in Engineering in 2002.



Anthony Nazar de Jaucourt ('97) and Marie (Raoul-Duval) Vaslin ('97)





**TOP: Nicolas Mazuranic ('97); MIDDLE: Ebru Buluc ('97);  
BOTTOM: Cecile and Thomas Hernandez ('97)**



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