



2000 Class Notes Archives

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

● **Basil Agrocoste** wrote: "It has been many, many years since I have been in touch with anyone from LFNY. Though I did not attend LFNY through premiere/ terminale, I attended it for my first 8 years of schooling -- onzieme through quatrieme. LFNY has had a Profound, with a capital P, impact on my life: I attended it through my young, formative years. I went on to an American, middle-class high school and to a private college in Westchester, and I can tell you the way I think, talk and carry myself is a reflection of my French background to this day. It is a bittersweet thing, truly. Through the years, I have thought much about LFNY and my old classmates. I have Googled LFNY before, and I have seen the school's alumni page..... Many times I wish I had maintained some -- any -- contact with the school and my old friends. To keep things short, my family and I -- my sisters **Anne (Anne Helen) ['02]** and **Gabrielle ['02]** were students there too, and my mom **Gabriella [Prof. de Sciences Naturelles, 1991-1996]** worked at the school....I would love to be in touch with people from LFNY, particularly my old classmates. Perhaps it's too late, as it's been many years and some may view those years as "only grammar school." Yet, it would bring me happiness to connect with LFNY again."

● **Christopher Dulac** "is a Managing Director of Red Stone Partners, where he is responsible for sourcing, underwriting, structuring, and closing tax-exempt bond, mezzanine and equity investments. [He] is a member of the firm's acquisition and investment management teams. Mr. Dulac received a B.A. in Economics from McGill University. He is based in Red Stone's New York office." (redstoneco.com/)

● **Guillaume Xavier-Bender** "joined the German Marshall Fund of the USA (GMF) in November 2010. Based in Brussels, he is a Program Officer coordinating programming related to trade, development, and the transatlantic economy. Mr. Xavier-Bender monitors EU policies and politics in relation to the program, and liaises with the economic policy community in Brussels. Prior to joining GMF, he worked for the French Prime Minister's Services in Paris. His range of experience includes EU economic affairs, international trade negotiations, and global and national security. He holds a master's degree in international economic policy



TOP: Guillaume Xavier-Bender ('00); BOTTOM: Maya Landau ('00)



TOP: Caroline (Vikati) Shields ('00) and husband Gavin;
BOTTOM: Frederic Soustra ('00)



TOP: Basil Agrocostea ('00);
BOTTOM: Caroline (Vikati) Shields ('00)



Maysoun (Chakir) Akhabbar ('00)

from Sciences Po in Paris, a master's degree in diplomacy and strategic negotiations from the Université Paris-Sud XI, and a bachelor's in International Law from the Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas."

(http://www.qmfus.org/expert/experts_dirc/guillaume-xavier-bender/)

- **Maya Landau** est Directrice de clientèle chez Vogue/Condénast.
- **Stéphane Gamard** is Chief Technology Officer for Searchbox. "After his M.S. in Cognitive Science at the Institut National Polytechnic of Grenoble (INPG), Stéphane was a PhD candidate at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY). He is an acknowledged and published expert in the fields of cognitive modeling, language acquisition and algorithmic development." (searchbox.com)

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Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- Pictures of [Vlad De Brancovan](#) performing in various shows
- Emilie Rosanvallon ('99) wrote: "We had a little **thanksgiving reunion** [for classes 1999 and 2000] at a bar in the East Village on Friday Nov 25th." (To view photos of the event, [click here](#))

- **Séverine Martin** (PhD, Columbia, 2011) "specializes in 19th century poetry and visual arts culture, the history and theory of poetry, genre studies, avant-garde art and modernism. She has taught French language and literature courses at Columbia University." (http://columbiaprograms.reidhall.com/undergraduate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=132&Itemid=248)

- "Global private equity firm The Riverside Company is expanding its targeted efforts to invest in clean technology and energy efficiency companies ("cleantech")....with the addition of Associate **Evelyne White**, whose role is to explore opportunities within cleantech and develop Riverside's specialisation in the sector.....White has a MBA from Harvard Business School, where she focused on wind development finance through independent projects with cleantech-focused professors and entrepreneurs. She also completed her BA in politics with a minor in environmental studies from Oberlin College." (riversideeurope.com)

- "The head chef at 66 Bistro, **Thomas Troisgros**, recently picked up the title of best newcomer on the city's dining scene. Given his culinary heritage, the 25-year-old's success is hardly surprising. Thomas is the son of Claude Troisgros, Rio's most celebrated chef and the man behind the helm of uber-chic French restaurant Olympe.....66 Bistro offers classic, sophisticated French dishes at prices that won't have you weeping into your bank statement. Classic Duck A l'Orange is prepared to perfection here, and roast chicken with Dijon mustard is another popular choice. The bistro-style restaurant sits in the leafy, upper-class Jardim Botânico



TOP: Alexandre Frattini ('00);
BOTTOM: Bijoux Altamirano ('00)

neighborhood, and 66 Bistro is a great spot for lunch or dinner after a visit to the famous botanical gardens."
(<http://www.nileguide.com/destination/rio-de-janeiro/restaurants/66-bistro/401883>)

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



● **Albert Sara** told us that he "completed his M.B.A. at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in May 2010. Following graduation, he joined a global management rotational program at Nissan, and moved to Nashville, Tennessee to work in Nissan's Americas Headquarters. Currently, Albert holds the position of Program Manager in the Corporate Planning division. Please contact him if you happen to be in the Nashville area!"

● "**Tamara Kummer** is currently the spokesperson for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in France. She holds a B.A. from Boston University and a Master of Science from the London School of Economics, both in International Political Economy. Early in her career, Tamara focused on information and communication technologies and their application to international development efforts - particularly for women's empowerment and education in Sub-Sahara Africa. At the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Tamara headed the philanthropic foundation's "Virtual Library Initiative" supporting African university libraries in eight countries. After completing her MSc, she went on to work as the Africa-Middle East analyst for a telecoms consulting firm in London. Later, in Dakar, Tamara joined Courants de Femmes, a French NGO supporting the computer literacy and web visibility of women's associations in West Africa. Previous to joining WFP, Tamara worked as a programme officer in a British NGO, EAP, promoting the corporate social responsibility of gas and mining companies in the developing world." (*pimun.eu*)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- Videos directed by **Bijoux Altamirano**: [Click here](#) and [here](#)
- [Albert Sara](#) (wearing a red shirt) performs a Michael Jackson tribute

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

● **Caroline (Vikati) Shields** married Gavin Shields in Dublin on August 24th 2008. The couple is currently living in London.

● "The video artists **Bijoux Altamirano** and Camille Vivier are among a new breed of multihyphenate women blazing a path in the art world. Altamirano, based in New York, also performs with the band the Voluptuous Horror of Karen Black. She is currently part of the "Inferno" show at the Yauteppec gallery in Mexico City, and in December her music video for the band Jessica 6 will premiere at New York's Deitch Projects....."
(<http://themoment.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/11/18/ones-to-watch-bijoux-altamirano-and-camille-vivier/>)



TOP: Albert Sara ('00);
BOTTOM: Francesca Schavran
Haniquet ('00)



TOP: Thu-Nhi Nguyen-Petit
('00); BOTTOM: Marc Attiyeh
('00)

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

● **WEDDINGS/MARIAGES**

"**Frédéric Petit** et **Thu-Nhi Nguyen** (promo de 2000), mariés le 26 juillet 2008 à Paris. Camarades de classe au LFNY, nous nous sommes retrouvés à Montreal où nous avons tous les deux poursuivi nos études de premier cycle (Fred à McGill et Thu-Nhi à Concordia). Tout commence lors de notre dernière année... Après Montréal, Fred s'installe à Lyon afin d'obtenir son Master en business, tandis que Thu-Nhi revient sur New York où elle se joint à IBM. Nous sommes de retour à Manhattan depuis 2006 et habitons dans le Upper West Side. Fred travaille actuellement chez Calyon en gestion du risque. Après s'être essayée au secteur des ONGs chez Doctors of the World-USA, Thu-Nhi a récemment été embauchée chez ICAP (International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs) à l'université Columbia en contrôle de gestion. Nous vous souhaitons à tous et à toutes une très bonne année 2009!"



TOP: Tamara Kummer ('00);
BOTTOM: Pierre Parisot ('00)

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

● **Albert Sara** wrote: "I thought I'd give you a quick update on myself: I will be starting a full-time MBA at the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania) this fall. The program is two years, which means I'm part of the MBA Class of 2010. In the past few years, alongside my regular full-time jobs, I have developed an event planning business, Mobius Events, which focuses on nightlife entertainment and charitable fundraising. Voila!"

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

● "Despite the fact that Oberlin alumni have fared splendidly in the corporate world, some liberal arts students and recent grads are convinced that the business world is off limits; they assume recruiters will bypass a job applicant without some type of business major.....Among them was graduating senior **Evelyne White-D'Amico**, who planned initially to major in environmental studies and harp performance, but then developed an interest in public policy that led her to David Cleeton's class in financial management. (She'd heard it was a practical class that taught about calculating a mortgage and handling student loans.) After connecting with an alum at one of the New York networking events, she successfully pursued a job as an analyst at Bear Stearns. Although some of her friends don't quite understand her attraction to investment banking—or know what it is—most applaud both her ambition and the fact that a program was developed to help her succeed." (*Oberlin Alumni Magazine*, http://www.oberlin.edu/alummag/summer2004/feat_wallstreet_05.html)

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

● **BIRTHS/NAISSANCES:** **Martine (Gren) Ureña** wrote: "My husband, Alex Ureña, and I are the proud parents of a baby girl, named Giselle, born November 3rd, 2006."



TOP: Vlad de Brancovan ('00);
BOTTOM: Thomas Troisgros ('00)

● **Martine (Gren) Ureña** also wrote that she and her husband, Alex Ureña, are "very proud to announce the opening of our restaurant *Ureña* at 37 east 28th street."

● [Click here](#) for news of **Albert Sara**



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

● **Laura Gerchik** writes: "After spending a year studying abroad at the Universite de Paris IX- Dauphine in 2002, I graduated in December 2003 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, with a B.A in Integrated Marketing Communications. I'm currently working as an Investment Advisor for the Invest in France Agency - the French government agency for international investments. I'm happy to say that I am still in touch with several LFNY alum, and retain a wonderful memory of my time at the lycee."

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

● **Eric Jabart** writes: "I am a senior at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md, majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Spanish."

● **Edouard Langlois** étudie le droit à la faculté de Rouen.

● **Stephanie LeBlanc** wrote, in response to our Networking-reunion invitation of October, 2003: "Je suis toujours très touchée de recevoir des nouvelles du lycée par les newsletters et les emails, et je voulais remercier les organisateurs de l'association. Je ne peux malheureusement pas assister aux cocktails, puisque j'habite désormais en France. Mais je trouve l'idée d'une coopération entre anciens très bien et qui s'avèrera certainement être très profitable pour chacun d'entre nous. Je suis encore étudiante (Sciences Po) et je ne travaille donc pas...."

-----From March/April 2002 AALFNY Newsletter-----

● **Edouard Langlois** étudie le droit à la faculté de Rouen.

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

● **Stephanie Gout-Arjona** is currently at the University of Pennsylvania studying International Relations.

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

● **Alexandre Boutebel**, like his brother Sébastien '99, is at Concordia University, Canada. He is majoring in English Literature with a Minor in French Literature



TOP: Asma Rezgui ('00);

BOTTOM: Fred Petit ('00)



TOP: Maysoun Chakir ('00);
BOTTOM: Evelyne White ('00)



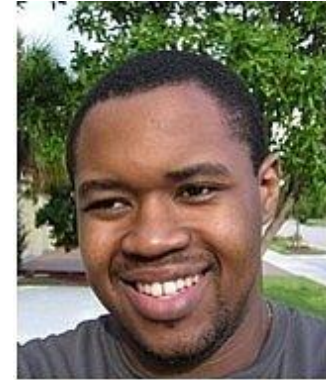
TOP: Camille Mauger ('00);
MIDDLE: Edouard Langlois ('00) :
BOTTOM: Frédéric Petit ('00) & Thu-Nhi Nguyen ('00)



TOP: Kloe Korby ('00) ; MIDDLE:
Gerard Ouedraogo ('00); BOTTOM:
Bastien Chenaux-Repond ('00)



TOP: Laura Gerchik ('00); MIDDLE:
Amelie Cesar ('00); BOTTOM:
Amandine Goy ('00)



TOP: Alain Lemithe ('00); BOTTOM:
Guillaume Fillebeen ('00)



TOP: Alexandra Breitenstein ('00);
MIDDLE: Sandra Hamai ('00);
BOTTOM: Guillaume Fournier ('00)