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# **2004** Class Notes Archives





**TOP: Alexandra Zelman-**Doring ('04); BOTTOM: Julian Harper ('04)

### • Alexandra Zelman-Doring "is a co-founder of Throes Theater. She is the 2008 first-prize winner of the Glascock Poetry Prize which boasts Sylvia Plath and James Merrill among its past winners. Her recent poetry and translation has appeared or is upcoming in The Oxford Magazine, LIT Magazine, The Indy, The Brown Literary Review, The Saint Edmund Hall Magazine, The Strip, Potsherd, The Saint Ann's Review, Porchlight, The Round, La Prensa, among other places. The writer studied at Brown University, Wadham College, Oxford, and holds a Masters of Fine Arts from Columbia University's Program in Poetry. Her poems have been translated into Georgian, Turkish, and Spanish. They have been set to music by composers such as Andile Khumalo, and Jiří Kadeřábek, and she recently collaborated with composer David Adamcyk to produce 'Cheval mémoire,' 2011, for solo piano, electronics, and sound installation.

She is the author of numerous plays including "Light in the Dust" and "To Hold an Apple," selected by academy award winning playwright and screenwriter Christopher Hampton (Dangerous Liaisons, Atonement) to be performed in Oxford's New Writing Festival 2011, and recently performed to critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. She studied acting at HB studios before beginning to work with Polina Klimovitskaya at Michel Howard Studios; Klimovitskaya, innovator and international master teacher, has been her teacher and mentor since since 2004. She appeared in "Act Before You Speak" (as Hamlet )—Burton Taylor Studio 2011, "To Hold an Apple" (as Sonia) directed by Jamie MacDonagh—Burton Taylor Studio, 2011, and Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2011, Krapp's Last Tape (as Tape) directed by Arabella Currie — BeckettOnaBoat, "It is So, If you Think So" (as Amalia) directed by Chisato Wada, written by Luigi Pirandello – Producers Club, NY, 2010....." (<u>http://www.throestheater.com/?page\_id=2</u>) (<u>Click here</u> to read four poems by Alexandra)





**TOP: Nicolas François-**Dainville ('04); BOTTOM: Nadia Sommereyns ('04)

• "Diplômé d'HEC et de Science Po Paris, Nicolas François-Dainville a travaillé dans des PME, en France et en Chine, avant de rejoindre la Présidence de la République en 2009 pour travailler auprès du Conseiller en charge des nouvelles technologies. Il est aujourd'hui collaborateur parlementaire et Secrétaire général d'un think tank sur l'entreprise." (economiematin.fr)

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







TOP: Esther Delbourg ('04); BOTTOM: Valerie Meausoone ('04)

• Nadia Sommereyns "graduated from the University of Southern California where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations with a minor in Business Administration. She also received her French Baccalaureate and is fluent in French. Nadia interned at the United Nations in New York, working as French translator for the UN website and was able to partake in several public diplomacy debates, which have enabled her to enhance her negotiation skills. She then worked at Blaze Public Relations, where she managed accounts for clients, such as 7-Eleven and the Sheraton Universal, and maintained strong client relations. In her free time, Nadia enjoys traveling, photography, and writing her food blog." (http://www.voklaw.com/site/Nadia\_Sommereyns.php)

• Esther Delbourg is a Ph.D. candidate at Ecole Polytechnique (France) working on climate change and water conflicts. She is also a lecturer in microeconomics at Sciences-Po (Paris). And, "as a member of the China Institute, an independent think-tank on french-chinese relations, [she is] in charge of the Sino-French Media Forum, an annual event gathering the CEOs of top french and chinese media." *(sites.google.com)* 

• Valerie Meausoone is a data manager at Stanford University's School of Medicine in San Francisco.

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

In Memoriam:

• Eloise Gale (+February 12, 2010)



TOP: Patrick Taqui ('04); BOTTOM: Sophie McNally ('04 --left) & Isabelle McNally ('07)

• **Patrick Taqui** "is emblematic of a rare breed of real estate agents whose consummate professionalism, insight and work ethic reveal a profound dedication to his clients. A graduate of Stony Brook University where he majored in Philosophy, Patrick's experience in financial services, environmental campaign fundraising and art gallery event coordinating provides him with a diversified skill set uniquely adapted to his work in real estate. More specifically, it is his rigorous understanding of the real estate market in New York City, paired with a charming facility of expression, that have helped him place over 120 clients from the Bronx to Brooklyn and Manhattan to Westchester." (*luxuryliving-nyc.com*)

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

• Nicolas Francois-Dainville nous écrit: "A Shanghai pour une durée de six mois! Retour prévu en France pour un Master à Sciences PO. Ensuite...la vie professionnelle...Envie de voyage...New-York me guette!"

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

• Jean-Edouard Silva is "a 21-year-old film student hoping to be a successful writer/director." Visit his website by clicking on link below.

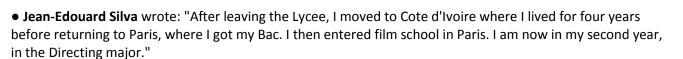
• Lucas Lo lacono wrote: "I am currently residing in New York after having graduated from McGill with BA. I majored in International Development studies and minored in Economics. It has been a month now that I started working for a Venture Capital Advisory firm (Strategic Ventures and Research, www.svrglobal.com) located in Long Island city. At the same time I am working for a wine store (Court Square Wine and Spirits, www.courtsquarewine.com), located on the ground floor of the firm. The wine store has been open for eight months and deals with individual customer sales as well as corporate sales. I work between the two as they are both run by the same owner and because it gives me the opportunity to work in a diverse environment."

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

• <u>Daphné Paret</u> nous écrit: « Je suis en France depuis 7 ans actuellement étudiante à l'école EFET à Paris. Je suis photographe en freelance. Je souhaiterai pouvoir participer à des reunions des anciens éleves du lycée français qui ont demenagé en France. »

• "Timothee Neron-Bancel was born in Lyon, France. At the age of 6, he moved to England and three years later to the United States. He lives in Westchester, north of New York City. He passed the french baccalaureat at the Lycee Francais de NY and is a Junior studying Environmental and Resource Economics. He loves to fly-fish and spend time outdoors hiking and swimming in the gorges. He listens to a lot of music, especially trance, house but also french rap, rock... pretty much everything except country! He goes back to France every summer to be with my family and friends and always has a great time, going out to clubs, eating great food and traveling across Europe. He has many favorite movies like City of God, La Haine and Edukators. He looks forward to living with everyone in the Language House this year and sharing his love for everything international." (From Cornell University - Language House Native Speakers; alicecookhouse.cornell.edu)

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





TOP: Gabriella Oser ('04-left) and Eliane Oser ('08); BOTTOM: Edouard Hannezo ('04)







Top to bottom: Timothee Neron-Bancel ('04), Michelle Ceran ('04), Marie Laure Dubois ('04)





Emilie Lacroix ('04) & Sebastien Banzet ('04)





TOP: Jean-Edouard Silva ('04); BOTTOM: Augustin Sayer ('04)







TOP: Alexandra Youdeem ('04); MIDDLE: Nicolas de Rosamel ('04); BOTTOM: Vanessa Terrier