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TOP: Chantal (Palacci) Sagnes ('06); BOTTOM: Olivier Bucyana ('06)

## **2006**: Class Notes Archives

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

- Katherine-Anne Schwartz (LSY: Terminale in 2006) told us that she "married Piergiorgio Maselli on May 6th, 2017 at the Hotel Esencia in Tulum, Mexico."
- Peyam Tabrizian (LSY: Terminale in 2006) wrote: "I just wanted to let you (and everyone else) know that I've received a PhD in Mathematics from the University of California Berkeley in May 2016. I'm currently a Visiting Assistant Professor in Mathematics at Williams College, and I will be a 3-year Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of California Irvine starting in July 2017." (Click HERE to access Peyam's website)
- Claire de la Mothe Karoubi (LSY: Terminale in 2006) sent us this update: "After spending two years working in social enterprises in a variety of sectors including sanitation, agroforestry and education in Nairobi, I am excited to move back to New York for a short while before starting my MBA at INSEAD in January 2018, as an INSEAD Womens' Scholar."
- Julia Pagnamenta (LSY: Terminale in 2006) shared this with us: "My primary occupation is working at the New York Public Library at the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers as an administrator. I am also a freelance fact checker for Vice Magazine and Global Press Journal. I am going to leave my library job later this summer as I'll be returning to graduate school to get a master's in Criminal Justice at John Jay College in late August."
- Chantal (Palacci) Sagnes (LSY: 3eme in 2003) is living in Los Angeles and heading up the LA





TOP: Julia Pagnamenta ('06); BOTTOM: Mathieu Dunoyer ('06)





TOP: Clara Loedel ('06); BOTTOM: Sochie Nnaemeka ('06

office of advertising agency Bailey Lauerman. She was featured in a recent ADWEEK article which said, in part: "Bailey Lauerman, an independent agency based in Omaha, Nebraska, has opened its first expansion office in Los Angeles. Chantal Sagnes, who most recently served as director of business development at New York's co:collective, will lead the office as managing partner and group account director......Sagnes' background working for entertainment-focused firms like 42West and 3 Arts Entertainment made her an ideal choice to facilitate strategic L.A.-based partnerships with groups like United Talent Agency. "I'm really looking forward to providing new perspectives to the agency's already impressive client roster, and bringing our collective expertise together to nurture new business opportunities," she said." (http://www.adweek.com/agencies/nebraska-based-indie-agency-bailey-lauerman-expands-to-los-angeles/)

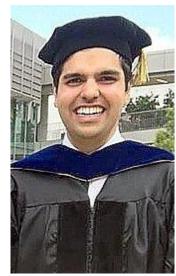
• Olivier Bucyana (LSY: Terminale in 2006) is currently a Political Affairs Officer & Information Analyst at the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan. He has a blog called Africa in Perspective where he says:

"I currently work as a political analyst in East Africa and have a deep interest in African politics. In addition to my work in political governance, I'm also a regular contributor to online media platforms like Africa at LSE – the London School of Economics' blog on Africa – and AllAfrica. In this increasingly globalized world, I believe that accurate information and in depth understanding of Africa's current realities is key for both Africans and non Africans to brainstorm on long term solutions and contribute to a better way forward. Africa in Perspective is a blog dedicated to providing critical analysis on current events affecting various African countries...."

(https://africainperspective.com/about/)

• Sochie Nnaemeka (LSY: 1ere in 2005) is a J.D. Candidate/Public Interest Law Scholar at Georgetown University. She "is a New Yorker born to Nigerian parents. As an undergraduate at Yale University, Sochie double majored in History and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. In 2008, she took time off from school to serve as a field organizer for the Obama campaign in Toledo, Ohio. Upon graduation, Sochie moved to Miami, Florida where she spent two years as a rank and file leader in the casino industry fighting alongside her coworkers to build their own union in the shop. She spent the past five years talking to and organizing hundreds of students, clergy, workers, elected officials and the unemployed around issues of racial, social and economic justice.

As a political and community organizer with UNITE HERE, a progressive service sector union, and



Peyam Tabrizian ('06)



Alison Chemla ('06)





TOP: Marthe Prisca Combari ('06); BOTTOM: Tessa Schoor ('06)

a founding organizer of New Haven Rising, a community-based membership organization, she trained organizers, ran political campaigns for champions of social change, and built teams of residents committed to collective struggle. She successfully led a campaign securing a community benefits agreement between an underserved neighborhood in New Haven and a new developer that included living wage jobs for local residents and financial contributions to youth programming.

Sochie plans to the study the law to explore the ways in which it can better protect, serve, and embolden working people. She loves city parks, cooking, contemporary African fiction, and 60's soul and rock."

(http://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions-financial-aid/pils/current-pils/pils-2017.cfm))

- Clara Loedel (LSY: 1ere in 2005) "is a Uruguayan-Spanish screen-writer and director. Her current body of work, both as a film student at UCLA and as a professional, reflects the richness of her multicultural upbringing: three continents, three languages, and one great sense of humor. She founded Clarisima Films, an independent production company that is currently working in national and international productions. She is currently working in Uruguay, but remains on a constant mission to keep adding more stamps to her passport." (http://www.claraloedel.com/contact/))
- Mathieu Dunoyer (LSY: 4eme in 2002): "Born in Paris, France, [he] moved to New York City at the age of four. He started playing piano at the age of 10. At the age of 16, he began to take lessons and developing his style under Zenon Fishbein, a student of Marguerite Long. His very unique style led him to perform eclectic concerts throughout New York, and being invited to perform in the West Indies, France and the Czech Republic. Mathieu has regularly performed at the Summit Music Festival, Amati Music Festival and Prague Music Performance International Festival.

He received his Bachelor degree at the Manhattan School of Music under the tutelage of Zenon Fishbein. After Manhattan School of Music, he pursued his education at New York University under the tutelage of Daniel Gortler....."

(http://rubatomusicschool.org/teachers/mathieu-dunoyer/))

• Alison Chemla (LSY: 8eme/CM1 in 1998) is the Founder & CEO of ALISON LOU "an emojiinspired fine jewelry company that has been spotted on Beyoncé, Karlie Kloss, Blake Lively and Rhianna. The 28-year-old founder always knew she would have a creative career, but inspiration





TOP: Claire de la Mothe Karoubi ('06); BOTTOM: Gilles Ouedraogo ('06)

struck when set out to turn our digital lexicon into heirloom-quality fine jewelry....." (Click <u>HERE</u> to read the remainder of the October, 2016, Forbes.com article)

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

- **Dr. Marthe Prisca Combari** (LSY: Terminale in 2006) est interne en chirurgie digestive à l'Université Paris Sud.
- **Tessa Schoor** (*LSY* : 1ere in 2005) is the founder of Berlioz, in Mexico City, a company that provides gourmet "lunch boxes" for professional and corporate events. (http://berlioz.mx/) & (https://www.facebook.com/BerliozMx/timeline)
- Claire de la Mothe Karoubi (LSY: Terminale in 2006) told us that she "moved full-time to Nairobi, Kenya this year, to work for Sanergy, a well known social enterprise. Sanergy builds and sells toilets to entrepreneurs in Nairobi's informal settlements. The franchisees charge a small fee for use of the toilet. Then Sanergy collects the waste daily and converts it to useful byproducts, such as organic fertilizer. Claire is responsible for the marketing of the by-products. Learn more about Sanergy's work here: http://saner.gy./"
- Gilles Amadou Ouédraogo (LSY: 10eme in 1996) " is an International Development professional with over three years of experience in program management, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. Gilles holds a Master's degree in International Development, with foci on Education and Public Health ..... Gilles is driven by his desire to work in and around subsaharan Africa on viable sustainable development projects that will ensure the improvement of livelihoods for future generations. Gilles hopes one day to return to his native Burkina Faso, to contribute to its development of via sustainable use of resources and promotion of good and viable governance methods." (https://www.linkedin.com/pub/gilles-amadou-ouédraogo/19/849/316)
- Alexandre Bibi (LSY: 11eme/CP in 1995) "is pursuing his MBA with a concentration in Finance Investment Management at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. Prior to business school, Alexandre worked at Thomson Reuters Financial & Risk in New York City. He began his career supporting sovereign bond and interest rate derivative analytics for clients of Thomson Reuters' fixed income trading platform ..... At UCLA Anderson, Alexandre is a first-year director of the Anderson Investment Association. He has passed all three levels of the CFA program and





TOP: Chantal (Palacci) Sagnes ('06) & spouse Nicolas; BOTTOM: Jean-Christophe Thiebaud ('06)





TOP: Alexandre Bibi ('06); BOTTOM: Alison Chemla ('06)







TOP: Sochie Nnaemeka ('06) and spouse Ted; MIDDLE: Sarah El-Tamer ('06); BOTTOM: Manon Roux ('06)

hopes to pursue a role in credit research/fixed income portfolio management after business school. Alexandre graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT in 2010 with a B.A. in Economics. Alex will be serving as a Summer Portfolio Analyst at Western Asset Management in the Investment Management Group. He will be assisting with selecting and maintaining yield curve exposure, generating trading strategies and creating client reports of portfolio performance."

(http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/centers/fink-center-for-finance-and-investments/fellows)

- Alison Chemla (LSY: 8eme/CM in 1998) "is the creative director and designer of Alison Lou, a fine jewelry brand inspired by the deceptive simplicity of modern communication. Her signature first collection is a thoughtful and cheeky commentary on the expression of feelings—from the banal to the intimate—through the language of emoticons." "[Her] jewelry is inspired by her hometown of NYC and its rich culture. With a background in art history and cybergraphics, she honed her craft at the House of Waris and Finn Jewelry. Soon after, Alison debuted her collection of witty and intellectual fine jewelry, perfect for the streets of the big city." (<a href="http://www.alisonlou.com/pages/about-us">http://www.alisonlou.com/pages/about-us</a>) and (<a href="http://www.stoneandstrand.com/designer/alison-lou">http://www.stoneandstrand.com/designer/alison-lou</a>)
- Chantal Palacci (LSY: 3eme in 2003) married Nicolas Sagnes in May, 2015. Chantal is a 2014 graduate of Grenoble Graduate School of Business (MBA) and is currently the Director of Growth at co:collective. (Click HERE to read their story on their wedding website)
- Jean-Christophe Thiebaud (LSY: 8eme/CM1 in 1998) is a "PhD student in Economics at the Sorbonne Business School. He carries out his research both at the university and at the French Railway Regulatory Body where is is an economist. He received his Master's degree from the Toulouse School of Economics in 2011." (http://chaire-eppp.org/thiebaud)
- Sochie Ursula Nnaemeka (LSY: 1ere in 2005) was "married Sunday [May 31, 2015] to Edward Stolper Fertik..... Ms. Nnaemeka, 27, is keeping her name. This month she completed her first year of law studies at Georgetown University. She graduated from Yale [with a BA in History in 2009]. Her father is a general and gastrointestinal surgeon in New Rochelle. Her mother teaches third grade at the lower school campus of the French-American School of New York, in Larchmont, N.Y. Mr. Fertik, 30, is a candidate for a doctoral degree in history at Yale, from which





TOP: Adam Zivkovic ('06); BOTTOM: Alexander Jares ('06)

he also received a bachelor's degree....." (http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/31/fashion/weddings/sochie-nnaemeka-edward-fertik.html)

• Sarah El-Tamer (LSY: 4eme in 2002) graduated from the Dalton School in 2006 and obtained a BA in Art History from Columbia in 2010. She "is a Junior Specialist in Impressionist and Modern Art [at Christie's], responsible for assisting with the department's business-getting efforts for the bi-annual Day and Works on Paper Sales. Sarah also serves as Head of Sale for the department's E-Commerce channel in New York. She worked on the department's inaugural Picasso Ceramics online sale in fall 2014....."

(http://www.christiespartners.com/departments/)

• Manon Roux (LSY: 10eme/CE1 in 1996) "graduated from SUNY-Purchase College in December 2009 with a BFA in photography. She has been studying as an artist almost all her life, at Rhode Island School of Design as well as at the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris. She has studied and worked in all fields of photography including landscape, architecture, still life, fashion, non-silver, digital, and is currently focusing on portraiture and fashion. Manon is part French, part American." (https://www.behance.net/manonroux)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

• Anna Hascoët's demo reel

#### ---- From December 2014 AALFNY Newsletter ----

• Lys-Aelia Hart wrote: "A short message from the Hart sisters! *Joy ('05)* and I have been living in Paris for about four years now. We both work as producers, organizing photo and video shoots for ad campaigns, editorials, digital marketing content etc. We certainly miss New York but European life is proving to be quite lovely as well, especially since our parents moved here two years ago. As always, we will continue to have only the fondest of memories of [LFNY and] FASNY and hope you and all students, faculty and alumni are doing well!Attached is a photo of the both of us this summer."

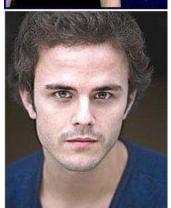
• From Yasemin Gunday: "I am currently living in New Orleans and working as an attorney at a national law firm down here. I practice commercial litigation and employment law, including employment based immigration law. I love New Orléans, especially for its international feel,





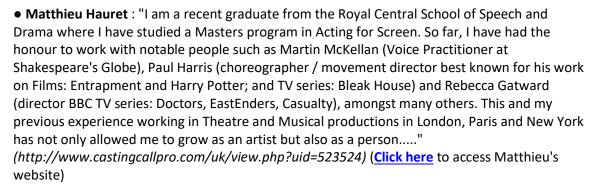
TOP: Marie Lancino ('06); BOTTOM: Yasemin Gunday ('06)

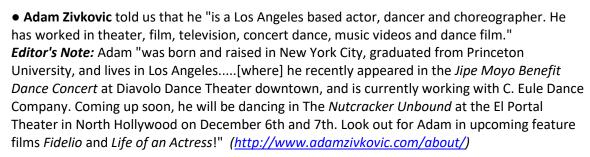


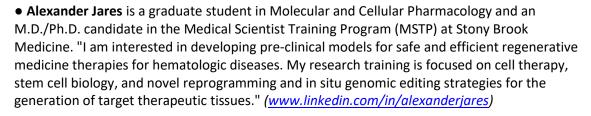


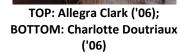
TOP: Lys Aelia Hart ('06-right) and Joy Hart ('05); BOTTOM: Matthieu Hauret ('06)

unique culture and joie de vivre attitude. I try to keep my ties to French by serving as a board member of the alliance française in New Orleans and speaking French whenever I have the chance."









• **Denise Buna** is an enterprise consultant (Account Development Team) at Dow Jones.

• Thomas Jaspers est Stratège Junior chez FCB Global.





TOP: Thomas Jaspers ('06); BOTTOM: Ferroudja Smaili ('06)





- Ferroudja Smaili is an account executive at Insight Enterprises, Inc.
- Yasemin Gunday "joined Phelps Dunbar as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation practice group. Ms. Gunday attended Tulane University Law School, where she received her J.D. magna cum laude in 2012. She completed her undergraduate studies at New York University in 2009, where she received a B.A. in Politics and Romance Languages. Fluent in French, Spanish, and Turkish, Ms. Gunday is licensed to practice law in Louisiana. She is a member of the American Bar Association.....Prior to joining Phelps Dunbar, Ms. Gunday was a judicial intern for the Hon. Eldon E. Fallon of U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and the Hon. Mary Ann Vial Lemmon of U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana." (http://phelpsdunbar.com/news-events/news/?action=detail&id=125)
- Marie Lancino: "Having completed a Master's degree in Business Administration at ESSEC in Paris, I now work for a social business, Station Energy, as Country Manager in Burkina Faso since April 2014. As a French and American citizen, I first acquired a Bachelor's degree at McGill University in Montreal in Political Science and International Relations. I then entered ESSEC Business School where I majored in social entrepreneurship. I worked for six months in Haiti as an administrative and logistics coordinator for Emergency Architects towards a housing rehabilitation project before signing a two-year contract at Société Générale.....Finally, as a first-aid volunteer at the French Red Cross since 2009, I regularly support the Parisian emergency team units (Pompiers, SAMU)." (www.linkedin.com/pub/marie-lancino/32/b53/848)



**Geoffrey Jean-Baptiste**, writer and director "acted in plays and commercials starting at the age of 7. In those early years Geoffrey gained camera experience being in commercials for Nickelodeon and ESPN. At age 10 he was a part of a VH1 half hour special: rock of ages. He attended and graduated from the Lycée Français de New York. During that time, he was in school productions of classic French and Greek plays. He also began developing clever literary prowess that led him to being published in several poetry anthologies. He would later apply his literary skills to develop an effective scriptwriting method. Many years later after his tenure as a production assistant for Sam Bassett, a renowned photographer and intriguing filmmaker, he decided he had acquired the filmmaking skills and began pursuing endeavors of his own." (mariolarrea.com)



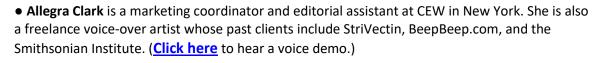


TOP: Eleonore Hannezo ('06); BOTTOM: Edouard Lorenceau ('06)





TOP: Geoffrey Jean-Baptiste; BOTTOM: Violette Masco ('06)



- Charlotte Doutriaux wrote: "I just finished my apprenticeship contract at Kraft Foods and will be working as a "VIE" for a year or two in San Francisco starting in January. My new title will be Trade Advisor at the French Consulate of San Francisco."
- Jeff Aziakou is an analyst at Olam International in New York.
- Elektra Yao is a 2011 graduate of Lewis & Clark Law School and is presently an attorney in Madrid.
- Until August 2012, **Denise Buna** worked "in the Consulting division of Analysys Mason. Prior to joining the firm, she worked in consulting and market research. Denise has a Commerce degree and a Master's in International Business from the Queen's School of Business in Canada, and an MSc in Marketing Management from the ESADE Business School in Spain." (http://www.analysysmason.com/People/Denise-Buna/)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

• Violette Masco in "Les Chacaux réveillent le New Morning" (Click here)

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

• Shaan Couture wrote: "After finishing my B.A. in Sociology in Montreal, I decided to enroll in a Communication Masters program. At the same time, as it might be in my genes, I have always wanted to evolve in the audio-visual sphere. I remember when I started the photo club at the LFNY: Any opportunity to take my camera out was a good one --parties with friends, spring fairs at the LFNY, teacher-parent meetings, the prom, the gates in Central Park, anything. Nowadays, people seem to always be in a hurry and for many of my generation, reading has become mainly a means to an end. Using visual content seems to be more appropriate as a way to mix entertaining and information. With Daniel Duchene, an alumnus of the French International School of Washington D.C., I decided to create WEDIAWIX, a mixed media collaborative company. Relocated in San Diego, CA, WEDIAWIX uses a diversity of methods of expression to





TOP: Stephen Youdeem ('06); BOTTOM: Nadia Franzoni ('06)





TOP: Jeff Aziakiou ('06); MIDDLE: Elektra Yao ('06); BOTTOM: Denise Buna ('06)







From top to bottom: Violette Masco, Jared Grossman, Pauline Bonavita (all '06)

share information through media in the purpose of creating social awareness, entertainment, and a platform for contributive exchanges. Built on our strengths and experiences, WEDIAWIX enables us to share a passion and a vision of the world....." (<u>Click here</u> to read more about Shaan's vision and her WEDIAWIX project)

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

• **Peyam Tabrizian** wrote: "I just wanted to let everyone know that I am currently pursuing a PhD in Mathematics at the University of California - Berkeley!"

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

• Peyam Tabrizian does Dragostea Din Tei on YouTube (click here)

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

• Fanny Quéhé wrote: "I graduated from the Lycee in 2006 after which I attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. I got my Associates Degree in Fashion Merchandising and Management and am currently finishing up my Bachelors Degree in International Trade and Marketing. A little over a year ago an opportunity presented itself which led me to open a business. On July 9th, 2008 I opened the doors of my first jewelry boutique in New York's trendy Nolita." (Click here to read an article in NYmag.com about Fanny's boutique, Fanny K Bijoux.)

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

- Mathieu Dunoyer told us that he "will attend the Manhattan School of Music in the fall of 2007 [to obtain a] Bachelor of music in classical piano."
- Chase-Lyn Sage wrote: "I will be graduating top of my class from the Swedish Institute on January 28th. I will also be passing the NY state boards on January 24th. That's it for now!:)"

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

• Benjamin Croze sent us this update on one of his classmates: "Chloé Begtime vient résider au Québec à Montreal dans moins d'un mois afin de poursuivre ses études à l'université de Concordia."







TOP: Illona Viornery ('06); MIDDLE: Gilliam Hamilton ('06); BOTTOM: Marthe Combari ('06)







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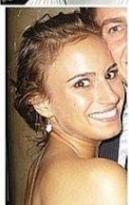


Shaan Couture ('06)

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TOP: Alexia de Cockborne ('06); MIDDLE: Arnaud Debeaumont ('06); BOTTOM: Claire de la Mothe Karoubi ('06)





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TOP: Peyam Tabrizian ('06); BOTTOM: Caroline Holman ('06)





Fanny Quéhé ('06) and one of her jewelry pieces