



## 1998 Class Notes Archives

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

● **Jean-Nicolas Pestieau** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) shared this news with us: "My wife Christina and I had a daughter late last year (December 14th, 2016). Her name is Faye Pestieau and she was born in Stony Brook, New York. She is our second child. Our oldest, Gabriel Pestieau, is going to be 4 later this spring."

● **Jonathan Alpeyrie**, (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*): "On 29 April, 2013, Jonathan Alpeyrie, a French-American photographer, was abducted in Syria. Eighty-one days later, he was sold for \$450,000 and returned to Paris." (Click [HERE](#) to read his interview with Le Journal de la Photographie and Paris Match, as republished in MEDIAPART)

● **Yuki Baumgarten** (*LSY: 8eme in 1990*) is a Fine Art Advisor & Consultant. "After studying at the Sotheby's Institute of Art, Yuki worked as a specialist in the Contemporary department at Christie's and for a prestigious London gallery. In 2015, she moves to Paris and joins fotofever to manage all exhibitors relations. In 2017, she takes over the artistic direction of the fair with the will to showcase the most promising emerging and contemporary photography. Yuki speak 4 languages fluently and and has a particular interest in Asian photography." (<http://www.fotofever.com/en-46-team.html>)

● **Arno Kourula** (*LSY: 2nde in 1996*) "is an Assistant Professor of strategy at the University of Amsterdam Business School in the Netherlands and an Adjunct Professor at Aalto University School of Business in Finland. His primary research interests are cross-sector interaction and corporate responsibility. His articles have appeared in such journals as Business Ethics Quarterly, Business & Society, Corporate Governance, Energy Policy, Journal of Business Ethics, and Journal of World Business."

(<https://www.cappelendamm.no/forfattere/Arno%20Kourula-scid:38877>)



TOP: Yuki Baumgarten ('98);  
BOTTOM: Arno Kourula ('98)



TOP: Anouk Lloren ('98);  
BOTTOM: Laurent Willm ('98)



TOP: Vanessa Wildenstein-Marinopoulos ('98);  
BOTTOM: Abrima Erwiah ('98)

● **Anouk Lloren** (*LSY: 3eme in 1995*) "est Docteure en science politique de l'Université de Genève. Elle est actuellement boursière du Fonds National Suisse de la Recherche Scientifique. Dans ce cadre, elle effectue un séjour de recherche à Washington University à St. Louis. Ses recherches portent sur les rapports entre le genre et la politique, les inégalités socio-économiques et leurs effets sur la représentation politique, les campagnes électorales et l'analyse du vote" (<https://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/speri/membres/template-pp-2-ass-21/>)

● **Laurent Willm** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) is the owner of PrimaCost.com, an online retailer of consumer electronics in Hong Kong. "Throughout my childhood until high school graduation, I've lived in Hungary, Sri Lanka, France and the USA. During my college years in Montreal, I worked in the service industry as a waiter to finance my expenses, and was offered the opportunity to work as an intern in Venice (Italy) for an online booking platform in the hospitality industry. After completion of my graduation, I worked for a start-up in advertising, where I acquired a taste in developing market research reports. A year later I went freelance and signed my first contract as a market research analyst for a company in the telecommunication industry. A trip to South Korea changed unexpectedly the course of my career. I partnered with a college friend to develop an online retail business in consumer electronics. I'm now in Hong Kong to develop my own business. " (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/laurent-willm-72054210/?ppe=1>)

● **Vanessa Wildenstein-Marinopoulos** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*): "I'm a freelance proofreader/copy editor/writer. I grew up in New York, in a 100% bilingual family (French and English). I studied at the Lycée Français of New York, then went on to receive a BA in Italian Studies and Art History at Brown University. I'm a big fan of foreign languages. After studying Spanish in school and Italian at college, I also decided to learn Modern Greek. And thank goodness too, since I've been a resident of Athens, Greece since 2004! In 2013, my sister, **Olivia Wildenstein ('01)**, sent me the fourth (or fifth – who's counting?) draft of one of her novels, begging me to read it once again. She's always been a prolific and talented storyteller but never seriously considered publishing until then. I was happy to oblige. Proofreading was something I actually enjoyed doing. However, I wanted to become better at it. So, spurred on by my encouraging sister, I completed a course in Proofreading and Copy Editing with the UK-based Writer's Bureau. With my newly-honed skills, I felt confident that I would truly be able to help her. Two years on, and with plenty of experience under my belt, I still feel thankful to my sister for setting me on this path. After the Proofreading course, I decided to take a Creative Writing one with the same company. I figured that, in order to truly help a writer, I should understand the actual writing process better. Halfway through the program, I'm proud (and still surprised) to say that so far I've published four articles (web-based and magazine). I'm also really enjoying writing short stories. Who knew I had it in me? My first published short story has been included in an e-anthology (see Fiction)! And since then, I've been published online by Field of



TOP: Gregory Lingaya ('98);  
BOTTOM: Suzanna Klaf ('98)

Words and received an Honorable Mention from Writer's Digest. In my free time, I love to read, travel, try new recipes, and visit museums and art fairs." (<https://vanessaedits.com/about/>)

● **Abrima Erwiah** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*): "With 15 years of vast experience in the fashion industry, designer Abrima Erwiah has set up her global fashion knowledge to contribute and give meaning to Africa's sustainable fashion industry. Having worked as a worldwide marketing and communication director for Bottega Veneta, Abrima's career took a new path in 2011 when she launched the Fashion Rising collection to create awareness on violence against women. A journey that gave birth to a new mission led to the establishment of Studio One Eighty Nine in 213. She collaborated with actress Rosario Dawson, creating economic opportunities for artisans with the human hand playing a central role, offering empowerment and educational opportunities in Ghana. Abrima has partnered with prominent global fashion players to activate her social brand, varying from retail partners such as Opening ceremony to collaborations with Ethical fashion initiative. The social designer is working to push new opportunities for young talent and create jobs in order to have an impact on people's lives. In 2015, she was amongst the many amazing talents that took part in the Vogue experience in Dubai." (<http://storiesofnear.com/profile/abrima-erwiah/>)



● **Anne-Laure Py** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) "is French-American and spent much of her early career working in Asia. Based on her experience in Central Asia she started Craftspring, which partners with exceptional artisans in Kyrgyzstan to design and sell their handmade felt products around the world. Anne is now based in Park Slope Brooklyn, where she continues to build Craftspring, and lives with her partner Tim and their daughter Juliette. She loves to walk in the woods, dance and travel to unexpected places. Craftspring supports exceptional women entrepreneurs in Kyrgyzstan by helping them tap into the power of global markets to preserve their traditions. They make beautiful products whose production process is anchored in community, local production inputs and empowering wages. The mission is to make products that are deeply beautiful." (<http://goodworkinstitute.org/people/anne-laure-py/>)



TOP: Anne-Laure Py ('98);  
BOTTOM: Mikael Holter ('98)

● **Gregory Lingaya** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) is the Executive Chef of the Diamond Horseshoe (a restaurant and night club in midtown, NYC, located inside of the Paramount Hotel). "Before settling down in New York City, Greg has lived in many countries such as Germany, Canada and France all which have influenced and enhanced his passion for cooking. During his time at Le Cirque, he was honored to be part of the team that received 3 stars from the NY Times. Having worked in the fine dining establishments such as La Cote Basque, Le Cirque and Michelin-starred Aureole, Greg has learned the precision and attention to detail needed to make food extraordinary. After joining the team during the relaunch of the Diamond Horseshoe, Gregory was very excited to be part of Queen of the Night show and is looking forward to make the Diamond Horseshoe space, the go-to place for elite level catering for all events." (<http://goodworkinstitute.org/people/anne-laure-py/>)



TOP: Morgane Bitan ('98);  
BOTTOM: Juan Carlos Losada  
Vargas ('98)



TOP: Victor Chevallier ('98);  
BOTTOM: Claire Vinchon ('98)



● **Suzanna Klaf** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) "is the Interim Director of Faculty Programs and Services at the Center for Teaching and Learning of Columbia University. Suzanna facilitates professional development services and guides the reflective practice of faculty, postdoctoral, adjunct, and other instructors at Columbia, through the design and implementation of pedagogical programs, consultations, and resources.

Prior to joining the CTL, Suzanna served as Director of the Center for Academic Excellence at Fairfield University, where she supported faculty professional development needs across disciplines in the Arts & Sciences and professional schools. She was also an affiliate faculty in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, and taught interdisciplinary courses for the International Studies program at Fairfield University and for the Department of Geography at the Ohio State University.

Suzanna holds a Ph.D. in Geography – Urban & Regional Global Studies from The Ohio State University, an M.A. in Geography – Urban & Retail Planning from Binghamton University (SUNY), and a B.A. in Sociology and Geography – Urban & Regional Planning from Binghamton University (SUNY)."

(<http://ctl.columbia.edu/about/team/suzanna-klaf/>)

● **Mikael Holter** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) is a French-Norwegian journalist working for Bloomberg News in Oslo, Norway. (Click [HERE](#) to read his recent articles)

● **Cecilia Blaustein** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) "is a member of AgDevCo's impact team and leads the monitoring and evaluation work for the Smallholder Development Unit." (AgDevCo is a social impact investor and project developer operating in the agriculture sector in Africa, to reduce poverty and improve food security) "She is French-American with an academic background in the social sciences. She has a BA in Political Science from Binghamton University NY and an MA in international development with a focus on women from the University of Amsterdam NL. She has ten years of field experience working as an M&E specialist and programme advisor in the sector of food security, livelihoods and agriculture. She's worked independently and for a leading international NGO in nutrition, in humanitarian and development contexts. Cecilia also supports the implementation of the AgDevCo gender policy and agenda."

(<http://www.agdevco.com/about-us/our-people/by-name/all#ag-people-list>)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

● Mathematics professor [Jean-Nicolas Pestieau](#) participates in a series about the faculty of Suffolk County Community College

● "[Jonathan Alpeyrie](#) a 34-year-old French-American photojournalist, has spent a decade covering wars and conflicts in battle zones from Afghanistan to Chechnya to Libya. But the hazards of frontline reporting caught up with him [in April 2013], when he was abducted by militants in Syria. Alpeyrie speaks to France 24 about life as a hostage."



TOP: Sushanti Campana ('98);  
BOTTOM: Soraya Broukhim ('98)

**In Memoriam:**

- **Nicolas (Nick) Louvel** († September 24, 2015)

(See In memoriam section of this newsletter for further details, or click [HERE](#))



TOP: Noelle Detko ('98) and husband Dustin; MIDDLE: Dara Darguste ('98); BOTTOM: Bérénice (de Beaucé) de Roquemaure ('98)

- **Julia (Lutzke) Evans** (*LSY: 2nde in 1996*) wrote: "Our family welcomed our second son, Ian Evans, on May 22nd 2015! We are now in the Baltimore area and both our boys are doing great."

- **Bérénice (de Beaucé) de Roquemaure** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) told us that she is married, has two children, and works for Boucheron in Paris as their Press & Public Relations manager. She remains in touch with with her classmates **Daphné Haddock** ('98) and **Laura El Sidaoui** ('98).

- **Victor Chevallier** (*LSY: 7eme in 1991*) is a Principal at The Boston Consulting Group. He has a Masters degree (Economy & Applied Mathematics) from Ecole polytechnique and a Masters (Strategic Management) from HEC (2005).

- **Claire Vinchon** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) : « Issue de Sup de Co Reims en 2004, [elle] a commencé sa carrière chez Danone en tant que chef de secteur. C'est chez Michael Page en tant que consultante en recrutement, qu'elle découvre la richesse des carrières proposées par les PME en même tant que leur difficulté à émerger sur le marché du travail. Créée en 2010, après une incubation puis un accompagnement en pépinière chez Paris Pionnières, *small IZ beautiful* compte aujourd'hui huit personnes et 70 PME clientes qui peuvent ainsi bien s'entourer afin de maximiser leur croissance. Expert du recrutement des PME en croissance, *small IZ beautiful* s'appuie pour cela sur un site internet d'emploi innovant [www.smallizbeautiful.fr](http://www.smallizbeautiful.fr), un service de sourcing de CV et un conseil en optimisation des process de recrutement....» (<http://lespionnieres.org/startups/small-iz-beautiful/>)

- **Soraya Broukhim** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) "is an actress born in New York City with both an Iranian and European background. [She] is a graduate of Fordham University, British American Academy of Dramatic Arts, National Theatre Institute, and St. Petersburg State Arts Theatre Academy. Among her recent New York City theatre credits are Gut Girls, Woyzeck, Innocent Erendira, Logic of the Birds, The American Revolution, and Afghan Women by William Mastrosimone. She performed Antigone as part of an UNESCO/ITI International Theatre Conference. Broukhim has also starred in two independent films Love in Three Minutes and The Push. She is currently working with Ripe Time Co., on Betrothed, an adaptation of two short stories, Dybbuk by Anton Chekhov and The Treatment of Bibi Haldar by Pulitzer Prize writer Jhumpa Lahiri. Broukhim is slated to play Simone Weil in a documentary about her life."

([http://library.fora.tv/speaker/291/Soraya\\_Broukhim](http://library.fora.tv/speaker/291/Soraya_Broukhim))



TOP: Guillaume Chatain ('98); BOTTOM: Marina Kawagishi ('98)



Stéphane Béchio ('98)

- **Morgane Bitan** (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) is a Veterinary Professional. She "graduated from Glasgow University in 2008, where she developed a keen interest in orthopaedic surgery. During her degree she completed an externship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City in the department of surgery ..... After graduating, she worked in a fast-paced first opinion RCVS accredited small animal hospital for 5 years, where she gained great exposure to diagnosis and management of complex cases. Morgane also worked as a locum in Maui, Hawaii in a small general practice and in New York City as a night emergency vet. She is currently working towards completing a certificate in advanced veterinary practice in small animal surgery. Following the completion of her internship, Morgane intends to continue working towards becoming a specialist surgeon." (<http://www.scvetspecialists.co.uk/our-team-interns.html>)



- **Noelle Detko** (*LSY: 5eme in 1993*) married Dustin Wiatrak on June 21, 2014.

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- [Claire Vinchon](#) talks about her company *Small IZ beautiful*
- [Dara Darguste](#) (*LSY: Terminale in 1998*) discusses chronic kidney disease with Professor Miguel Perez

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

- **Julia (Lutzke) Evans** wrote: "I am now living in the Baltimore area with my husband and my 20 month old son. My husband found a better paying job and I have the full time job of being a mother. We are expecting our second child in May, 2015!"



- **Grégoire De Monicault** wrote: "Dear all, it is with great pleasure that I present to you Thomas my son. Born on May 29th in Paris. He is the pride of our eyes, even if he isn't letting us sleep a lot yet."

- **Anouk Lloren** "holds a postdoctoral research fellowship from the Swiss National Science Foundation (February 2014-August 2015). Her research proposes a general assessment of how socially disadvantaged groups influence (or not) policy outcomes in democracies. Within the field of political behavior, her work relates to political participation, representation, gender and socio-economic inequalities.....She was formerly deputy lecturer at the Department of Political Science (University of Geneva) where she taught political behavior. She received her PhD in June 2012 from the University of Geneva. Her thesis analyzed the link between descriptive and substantive representation of women in the Swiss Parliament." (<http://allore.net/>)

TOP: Vanessa Wildenstein ('98); BOTTOM: Nicolas Tritsch ('98)

- **Vanessa Wildenstein** is a self-employed art critic and copy editor. ([Click here](#) to access one of Vanessa's articles)

- **Nicolas Tritsch** obtained a PhD in neuroscience in 2010 at The Johns Hopkins University School of Médecine. He is currently a postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard Medical School.



TOP: Laura El Sidaoui ('98); BOTTOM: Diana Sow ('98)

● **Sushanti Campana** is an international contracting manager at ByHours.com (an online international booking platform that offers hotel rooms by the hour and the flexibility to choose the time of check-in and check-out)

● **Stéphane Béchio** is the supervisor of operations at the Canadian Stock Transfer Trust Company.

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet (Click on link below):

● [Soraya Broukhim's](#) reel

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

● **Benjamin Kummer** wrote: "I'm now in my second year of Neurology residency at Columbia Medical Center in Washington Heights. Email me to get in touch."

● **Jean-Nicolas Pestieau** wrote: "I'd like to inform the group that my wife, Christina Pestieau, is pregnant. We are expecting our baby in early June."

● **Julia (Lutzke) Evans** shared this with us: "I am now living in Boston with my husband who got a new job. So far it has been wonderful. We are also expecting our first child in March!"

● **Gabriella Kessler** "is a French-American documentary filmmaker based between New York and Paris. Her films vary from a short documentary on a baked bean factory in Maine to the importance of video for an NGO in India. Gabriella has made films for Etsy, Dowser, and Video Volunteers, among others; and assisted on documentaries for Pennebaker-Hegedus Films, Link TV, Les Films d'Ici, Arte, France 5 and the Sundance Channel, as well as major feature films. She has taught editing at the Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in New York and has worked on film and video workshops at the Maine International Film and Television Workshops, Video Volunteers, and Barefoot Workshops. Since 2008, Gabriella has been a member of TN2020, the British Council's network for emerging leaders. Gabriella obtained a BA in Comparative Literature from NYU and an MA in Screen Documentary from Goldsmiths College in London. Her thesis film debuted at the Sheffield DocFest and was nominated for an RTS Student Award."  
<http://www.gabriellakessler.com/about.html>

● **Marina Kawagishi** is an event specialist in San Francisco. Earlier in her career, she was bartender in S.F., and you can read an interview with her in 2007 by [clicking here](#).

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

● **Constance (Gounod) Hartig** wrote: "After six years of living in London, studying for my MA and working at



TOP: Julia (Lutzke) Evans ('98);  
BOTTOM: Grégoire De Monicault ('98)



TOP: Mukesh Gurnani ('98);  
BOTTOM: Constance Perrot ('98)

publishers and art institutions (Phaidon, Hayward Gallery and Saatchi Gallery), I moved back to Paris in September 2010 after 24 years abroad. I now work as an international press officer at Claudine Colin Communication, the leading PR agency in France specialized in the cultural sector, for clients such as the François Pinault Fondation and the Rencontres d'Arles photography festival. My husband and I are also the proud parents of a little girl called Sixtine, born on 11/11/2011. I would be delighted to keep in touch with any Lycée alumni and look forward to seeing them in Paris."



TOP: Gabriella Kessler ('98);  
BOTTOM: Abrima Erwiah ('98)

- **Julie Milliet Crochet** wrote that she "and her husband Thibaut Crochet were thrilled to welcome a little girl, Cerise, on september 7, 2011. Their son, Basile, 3, is a happy big brother!"

- **Patrick McGrath** is the Principal of Saint Stanislaus College, "a Catholic day and residency school for boys seven through twelve and post graduate" located in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

- **Melinda Faylor** "a native of Queens, New York, began piano at the age of four at the School for Strings in NY. She received her undergraduate diploma from the Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio where she was the recipient of the Dean's Talent Award, and her Masters degree in piano performance at the Manhattan School of Music..... [She] has experience as an accompanist, chamber musician, orchestral pianist and solo pianist.....and has participated in the Mannes College of Music IFCP Festival, as well as the Orford, Las Vegas, Tibor Vargas, and Ecole Normale de Musique Paris summer festivals.....She is currently freelancing, teaching privately, is staff accompanist for the Children's Aid Society Choral programs, and for the Rose Academy of Ballet.....Melinda is currently collaborating with fire dancer Rachel Ersof as a founding member of Dames en Feu, a multimedia electronic feminist cabaret/fire dancing ensemble for whom she also composes electronic and instrumental music." (*culturesinharmony.org*)

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

- **Vanessa Wildenstein-Marinopoulos** nous écrit: "J'habite en Grèce depuis 2004, me suis mariée en 2005 et suis la maman de deux enfants adorables, un petit garçon de trois ans et une fille d'un an. Depuis que mon fils a commencé l'école, je pense souvent à mes années au Lycée, à mes vieux camarades de classe et à mes profs, avec nostalgie. J'espère que tout le monde va bien et que nos chemins se croiseront à nouveau un jour."

- **Ghislaine Ouedraogo** wrote that she "is currently a Program Consultant for a network of international and local organizations working to create adolescent girl programs in Haiti and Francophone West Africa. In her role, she leads training sessions and provides technical advise and coordination to facilitate program implementation. Ghislaine currently resides in New York City. In her free time, she works for the AfroCarib Marketing Group, which promotes African and Caribbean social and business endeavors in and outside Africa. She is co-editor of the guide **A Taste of Africa and the Caribbean**, which is a New York City guide. Ghislaine loves to write, dance and design."



TOP: Morgane Bitan ('98);  
BOTTOM: Greg Habay ('98)



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

● **Benjamin Kummer** wrote: "I am currently a medical student in Philadelphia, after working in financial software for three years, after college. Feel free to drop me a line."

● **Julia Lutzke** shared this with us: "I wanted to let you all know that I just got married three months ago in NYC! My husband and I live on the upper east side, not too far from the Lycée."

● **Laura El Sidaoui** nous écrit: "J'habite toujours à Paris et suis en train de chercher un nouveau travail. Je me marie en avril 2010 à Paris avec Erik. J'espère que tout le monde se porte bien. "

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

● **Pierre-Alain Parfond** wrote: "Former classmates! Here's a little update on my whereabouts. After spending exactly ten years in the lovely city of Montreal I've decided to move to a warmer country. I am now based in Rabat, Morocco where I work as a translator in the exciting fields of cooperation and development with an array of organizations and agencies including USAID and The World Bank. Si vous passez faire un tour au Maroc, je vous montrerai de chouettes endroits!"

● **Laura El Sidaoui** wrote: "After living in Canada and Spain, I came back to Paris in 2003 and had many different jobs. I did a Master in Management and Sustainable Development and am now in charge of fundraising in a French NGO dedicated to promoting volunteer work for young people. I am still in touch with **Jonathan Alpeyrie**, **Bérénice de Beaucé**, **Jonathan Gomez Trochez** and **Caroline Peudupin**. I hope everyone is doing great!"

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

● **Paul de Montmorin** told us that he "is now living in Dubai, UAE with his wife and daughter" and that his classmates can reach him at [email address available upon request].

● **Julie Milliet** wrote that she "is a freelance writer who just got married to Thibaut Crochet. They live in Paris and will soon welcome a little boy. Feel free to contact her if you too are in Paris!"

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

● **Paul de Montmorin** wrote: "Since April, Paul de Montmorin lives in Dubai (UAE) with his wife, Paula, and his daughter, Sofia (nine months old), where he works in Capital Markets for NBD Investment Bank. Get in touch



TOP: Patrick McGrath ('98);  
BOTTOM: Melinda Faylor ('98)



TOP: Constance (Gounod) Hartig ('98);  
BOTTOM: Julie Milliet-Crochet ('98) and family

with me if you come through the Middle East!"

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

● **Julia Lutzke** wrote: "Hey! 2006 was an amazing year for me as far as my career is concerned. I just got on the sub list for the Broadway show "Hairspray" and I am also a new member of a small orchestra that plays only on period instruments (Baroque) called the American Classical Orchestra. They play in New York and in Connecticut. The Orchestra of St Lukes got to play a concert at Carnegie Hall which was organized by Paul McCartney. I was lucky to be part of that because we played his new classical orchestral pieces and we got to work with him extensively. This concert was to promote his new Classical album which came out recently. I have been in contact with **Nermine El Sissi** this year. She just got the job as a math professor at a college in Washington D.C. Hope all is well with everyone and keep me posted."

● News of [Jonathan Alpeyrie](#).

● **Jean Nicolas Pestieau** wrote that he recently obtained his PhD in mathematics, having graduated this past May from Stony Brook University, in Long Island.

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

● Le 25 février 2006, une quinzaine d'anciens élèves de la promo 1998 se sont retrouvés autour d'un petit diner suivi d'une sortie dans une bar à Paris. ([Click here](#))

● **BIRTHS/NAISSANCES**: Christelle Ferris ('98) informed us that her classmate and good friend **Marie Piganeau** ('98) gave birth to a lovely little girl, named Margaux, four months ago.

● **Massa Anoh** nous écrit: "J'ai enfin retrouve les noms d'amis que j'ai perdus de vue. Je suis actuellement ingénieur en commerce international. Mes felicitations a **Daphne Haddock** pour son mariage."

● **Grégoire de Monicault** wrote: "After long years of studying (too many), I have now graduated as an architect in Paris. I find myself in the no man's land of no longer being a student and having to identify myself as part of the working class now. It's a hard world out there. Looking to renew contacts with lost friends -- contact me."

● "**Jonathan Alpeyrie** is a renowned free-lance photojournalist who has covered social movements throughout Central America, Africa, the Caucasus, and the Middle East. Mr. Alpeyrie is presently concentrating on the South Caucasus, where he has developed an expertise in understanding the various separatist movements in its various regions." ([http://www.anca.org/press\\_releases/press\\_releases.php?prid=641](http://www.anca.org/press_releases/press_releases.php?prid=641))



TOP: Claire Vinchon ('98);  
BOTTOM: Arno Kourula ('98)



TOP: Marie Piganeau ('98);  
MIDDLE: Driss Chaouni ('98);  
BOTTOM: Alix Donhossou ('98)

-----From February 2006 AALFY Newsletter-----

● WEDDINGS/MARIAGES: **Daphné Haddock** wrote: "I very recently got married, on September 10, 2005 to Vincent Ronsil from France. We are still happily living in New York City!"



● **Laura El Sidaoui** nous écrit: "I'm currently in Paris studying for a Master in Sustainable Development. After 10 years, I am still in contact with Bérénice de Beaucé, Jonathan Gomez, Alex Xavier-Bender, Cécilia Blaustein and quite a few other people from my promotion."

● **Diane Pinarel-Rajaona** wrote: "I am now studying at the IAE of Nice Sophia Antipolis. I'm preparing a Master entitled 'Audit informationnel et stratégique' (fifth year)."

● **Paul de Montmorin** wrote: "I now work in London for Merrill Lynch. I meet up regularly with Constance Gounod ('98) and Gaby Kessler ('98) and can be reached by email at [email address available upon request from AALFNY]"

-----From June 2005 AALFY Newsletter-----

● DECÉS: **Bertrand Fournier('98)** (Click on [In Memoriam link](#) for further details.)

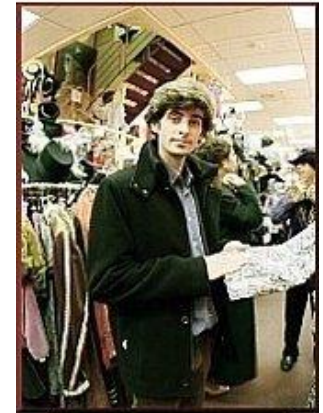
● **Julia Lutzke** wrote: "I just recently graduated from NYU graduate school in music performance in May, 2004. I am still teaching at the Lycée and three other schools (one of which is a music school in the suburbs of NYC). Furthermore, I am now a member of the Orchestra of St Lukes. I just found out I was on the list of players a month ago." Later, she wrote: "I just wanted to add a little more to what has been going on in my life. This year I became a member (a sub) of the Orchestra of St. Lukes in NYC. I also just started teaching violin at the Hoff-Barthelson Music School in Scarsdale."

● From **Paul de Montmorin**: "As of September [2004], I have started working for Merrill Lynch in London."

● **Bertrand Mulliez** nous écrit: "Je travaille actuellement pour Total en Angola et serai de retour à Paris en octobre prochain (2005)."

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

● **Alex Potier** writes: "Graduated from UC-Berkeley with a MS in mechanical engineering. Currently living in Oakland and working for an aviation company in Sunnyvale as an aviation systems analyst. Loving the West Coast, this place rawks!! =)"



**Pierre-Alain Parfond ('98)  
& Natalie Agueros ('98)**



**TOP: Guilhem Avenas ('98);  
BOTTOM: Caroline Perez  
Muller ('98)**

- **Julia Lutzke** wrote: "I graduated from NYU grad school as a music performance major in May, 2004. I have also been teaching violin at the Lycée Français in the afterschool program since the beginning of the year of 2004. Aside from this, I play concerts, teach privately, and teach in 3 other music programs located in different parts of NYC."

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



TOP: Mathieu Austry ('98);  
BOTTOM: Ghislaine Ouedraogo ('98)

- **Alexandre Potier** writes: "Hi guys. I thought I might send out a little hello to all of you. I just graduated from MIT in June '02 with a BS in mechanical engineering and just started grad school at UC-Berkeley right now. Currently doing automated vehicle control, pretty spacey stuff. California is really something else, especially after having spent the last 22 years in the Northeast (NYC-Boston), this place will blow your mind away, I'm having a blast... A great big hi to Gaby (hard to get in touch with you these days though), Jonathan Gomez (get in touch with me buddy, been a long time), Celine, Abrima, and JNP. Anybody else who wants to say hi, feel free: [email address available upon request from AALFNY]"

- **Laura El Sidaoui** writes: "Hi. After graduating from McGill University in 2002 and obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in International Development Studies, I spent a year in Spain, in Cadiz (Andalusia) working in hotel management. After a summer working in Club Med as a G.O in a Village next to Barcelona, I am back in Paris where I am doing an internship in Public Relations at Clinique Cosmetics. I would love to get in touch with alumni from my year who are in Paris, in France or anywhere else in the world! Hope everyone is doing well."

- **Mathieu Dubus** is finishing his studies in Product and Industrial Design this year, in France.

- **Julia Lutzke** is currently teaching while attending NYU Graduate School, studying for her Masters in Music Performance. She wrote: "I will be getting my Masters degree in music performance in May, 2004 at NYU. Also, this year I started teaching violin lessons at the Lycée as well as in two other after school music programs in New York City. A couple of months ago, I saw Nermine El Sisi and Ghislaine Damdami for the first time in seven years. Nermine is in Texas getting her Masters in Mathematics and Ghislaine is in New York."

- **Christelle Ferris** nous écrit: "Bonjour à tous!! J'espère que tout le monde va bien. Je suis actuellement en école de commerce à Paris en marketing et je finis mes études dans 1 an. J'ai gardé contact avec Laura El Sidaoui, Marie Piganeau et Mukesh Gurnani. Mais beaucoup d'entre vous me manquent!! surtout Gaby, Marie Touré, Sophie Hottlet, Dara Darguste, Naimeh, Jonathan Alpeyrie, Vanessa Wildenstein, Ghizlane Damdami, Teresa Schmidt, et encore beaucoup d'autres!! J'aimerais vraiment avoir de vos nouvelles à tous!!! Gros bisous"



TOP: Christelle Ferris ('98);  
MIDDLE: Juan Carlos Losada ('98);  
BOTTOM: Sushanti Campana ('98)

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● **Julia Lutzke** writes: "I graduated from the Mannes College of Music with a Bachelor of Music in May of 2002. I am now a first year graduate student at NYU (Steinhardt School of Education) as a music performance major. It's a year and a half Masters degree program that just got started. I also just started to teach violin in two music schools this year."



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● **Laura El Sidaoui** writes: «I am currently in my last year at McGill University, in Montreal, Canada. I have majored in International Development Studies and minored in Political Science and Spanish. I am still in contact with Abrima Erwiah '98, Jonathan Gomez Trochez '98 and Bérénice de Beauce '98. I can't believe it's been almost 4 years since we passed the Bac and we're still great friends! I am hoping to go on an internship after I graduate in a developing country in South America to do some development work.»

● **Abrima Erwiah** writes: «The Lycee was my entire life for most of my life (12 out of 21 years), so it holds a very deep and profound place in my heart. I am in my last year at Stern Business School/NYU, majoring in Finance and International Business, and did a study abroad in Florence for my sophomore year. Currently, I work in Public Relations for an Italian fashion company called Cesare Paciotti, on 70th and Madison.»

● **Charles Langlois** nous écrit : « En ce qui concèrne mes études je termine un business school à Paris.»

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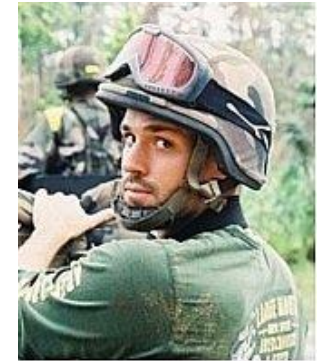
● **Jean Nicolas Pestieau** est un junior à Cooper Union- université qui se spécialise en ingénierie, architecture et art, et qui accepte tous ses élèves en leur offrant des bourses, c'est à dire qu'aucun élève ne doit payer de "tuition". Jean Nicolas étudie l'ingénierie mécanique. Il habite a Geenwich Village dans un studio. Il ira en Irlande cet été passer deux mois en faisant de la recherche plutôt tournée vers les mathématiques appliquées. Jean Nicolas joue dans les équipes de tennis et de foot de Cooper Union.

● **Paul de Montmorin** recently graduated from Brown and will be moving to Paris this September to attend an école de commerce, equivalent to a business school

● **Laura El Sidaoui** is at McGill University majoring in International Development Studies.



TOP: Alix Donhossou ('98);  
BOTTOM: Laurent Willm ('98)



TOP: Jonathan Alpeyrie ('98) a  
war photographer;  
BOTTOM: Laura El Sidaoui ('98)  
(left) and Caroline Peudupin ('98)



**Top to bottom: Julia Lutzke ('98); Gregoire De Monicault ('98); Dara Darguste ('98)**