

**Dear FOOT Leader Alums,**

We had a banner year with FOOT in the summer of 2015! We ended up one short of 400 freshmen; truly one-third of the Class of 2019 were Footies! This is a far cry from our first year of 48 participants. You can now find us on the Appalachian Trail, all the way from Rutland, Vermont, through Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, practically to the Hudson River. If you hike in the White Mountains in late August, don't be surprised if you run into a FOOT group! The current leaders are still amazing folks, that is a constant that never changes. Please let me know of any folks coming back for reunions in May! But now on to the exciting news of what YOU are all up to...

**Class of 1987**

**Jamie Williams:** Hiking the West Highland Way in the Scottish Highlands this summer with some Montana friends. We hiked about 50 miles over 4 days and then climbed Ben Nevis, one of Scotland's most beautiful mountains. Seeing our kids take to hiking so much has been one of the great highlights of 2015. That's what it took, anyway, for the kids to talk us into taking them to Europe. We agreed on the condition they would not complain once during what could be very wet, cold, long days. To our great surprise, they not only lived up to the bargain but took great pride in leading the whole hike, rain and shine. The great, local pubs didn't hurt either! I am still working at The Wilderness Society and really loving it. Florence's work and mine have really come together this year as she is writing a new book about your brain on nature, where she also just had some great articles in National Geographic and Outside on how we become healthier, smarter, and less stressed in the outdoors. Anyone who has done FOOT knows this of course, but a lot of new science is now confirming how important nature is to human health. So, life is great, and we continue to survive our DC journey all in the name of conservation. (From Cilla: Jamie and I have had several great dinners together this year—both in New Haven and DC.)



**Liz Ablow:** This has been the year of many changes for us. Both our son Jacob and our daughter Sara are now in college. When Sara left, everyone asked us how it was to be empty nesters and we would respond, wellll we really aren't. We still had a 14 year-old-dog at home. For us there was still much responsibility with an aging dog with special old dog needs. Dixie helped us with the empty nest transition in the fall and we thank her for that. But, sadly, at the end of the year she died, during our kids winter breaks. When our kids went back to their respective colleges we truly felt the impact of being empty nesters...and it truly feels empty! But, to be honest there are both pros and cons to this feeling. No more kid and dog detritus around the house and more spontaneity including traveling outside of the standard school breaks (much cheaper flights). Dick and I are adjusting well!. We did take a two-week trip to Ethiopia in January, which helped with the transition and



was amazing. Our son, since the day he started school at Colby College started a job working with a professor on Church Forests that surround churches that are over 1000 years old. He spent one Jan plan and one summer in Ethiopia working on research projects. This winter was his last trip and he asked us if we wanted to join him for part of it to see these forests. Of course we said yes. Well, I do have to say watching our kids grow up and seeing them as young adults doing cool things is pretty fantastic. I am at times nostalgic about different points in our kids' lives but honestly I would never want to go back! It is all an adventure and I love being a part of it both close up and far away. Just know that with two kids out of the house we have a great amount of space so feel free to ask for a room or two on your next visit to Seattle. I am still the only Ablow in the white pages in Seattle...yes we still do have a landline.

**Eve Vogel:** I am in Cambridge, MA this year for a sabbatical - my home town, where I still have family and old friends. Great to get a break from the overwhelming life of prof-ing as a single parent! (though I am still a single parent) Ari is now 11 and in 5th grade. Anja is now 14 and for a dog who is arthritic, and partially deaf and can't see too well, she's doing very well, happy and healthy - and we're so appreciative we still have her. I haven't seen any FOOTies but have connected with former Yale Slavs here in the Boston area and have been having a wonderful time singing about once/month. Hope all is well with you!

### **Class of 1988**

**Joanna Rosen:** I am pleased to report we finally contacted Joanna Rosen, my co-leader in the fall of 1986. She works as a primary care doctor for the VA and lives in DC with her husband and three sons. She stays in touch with, and visits, two of our "freshman" from that trip who live nearby: Kashka Kubzdela and Eric Greenwald.

**Patrick Whelan** checked back in from Florida with a positive update: "I have just finished a year of great recovery from a series of operations that occurred last November. I am presently in good health and just started to get back into outdoor pursuits like canoeing and hiking now that the temperatures in southwest Florida have cooled. I will have a son graduating this spring from Vassar College who is planning on joining his father in the profession of teaching high school. My other son will be my student next year in my sophomore world history class."

### **Class of 1989**

**Karen Shipley Taylor:** I live in New Orleans with my husband, Gary (Stiles '87) and our 13-year-old Theo. Our daughter Wendy is a junior at Saint Andrews boarding school in Delaware and Charlie is a sophomore in Calhoun and a FOOT leader. I do not have a paying job but instead I am involved in 12-step work, an underprivileged elementary school, and I have a serious paper crafting addiction(I may need another 12 step program for that). This is our second year in New Orleans and we love the friendly people, the mild winter weather, Mardi Gras, sailing almost year round, and the many amazing restaurants.

**Trex Proffitt:** I work at Emory now, teaching business to undergrads mostly. I try hard to teach cases about sustainable business practices but I'm never sure the students care about it much. I fly home to Lancaster PA every week. It is not that fun and the carbon footprint is embarrassing given what I just said. In partial compensation, and largely in support of our children's refined political sensibilities, our household will work for Bernie Sanders this elections season, which may produce slightly more planetary benefits down the road. At least it produced many more bumper stickers than before. Beth helps students keep to the straight and narrow, or get back on it, at Franklin & Marshall College as a residential dean, but she is reluctant to embrace Bernie, enlightened pescetarianism, or the obvious need to move to Atlanta. This coming year will resolve all of this, I'm certain.



Proffitt family by the shore in Fall 2015. Trex, Edward (now 12), George (16), Beth, and Lauren (14).

Ben and Betsy Saylor demonstrating hiking endurance and fitness to Trex Proffitt, daughter Lauren (14), and son Edward (11) in South Dakota back in July 2015. Proffitt dogs are Mallory (6 months old) and Samantha (10 yrs old.)



**Paul Jahnige:** Dear All, What a lovely tradition to hear from Trex (and the bulk of you) at this time of year. Trek, your updates are always inspiring. An item of administrivia, please change my email to [pjahnige@aya.yale.edu](mailto:pjahnige@aya.yale.edu). Now, no worries, I still have my awesome job as Trail Planner for the State of MA, and actually finally have some trail repair money to spend, but I am learning (from Hillary perhaps) that it is better to use personal email for personal communications. I am also still playing Ultimate frisbee, still coaching soccer (now Skye's (9) team), still helping build the Northampton High School Ultimate program, xc-skiing (just got skate skis), trail running, mountain biking, and drinking plenty of alcohol. But I have been working (since last Lent) of reducing my sarcasm (mocking sense of humor at others' expense) and trying to focus on that illusive form of humor that is funny without bringing anyone down (expect perhaps for the front runner on the republican side). The family is doing exceptionally well. Sally is still running a local land trust and trying to avoid sugar. Sage (19) is enjoying Wesleyan, has become vegan, and plans to be in Ecuador next semester. Sierra (17) has turned out (much to our astonishment) to be an amazing track athlete, and will be running at Williams College next year. And Skye is just loads of fun - skiing, playing basketball, into Magic the Gathering (tm), and generally being positive about what life has to offer. We miss you all, and enjoy your periodic updates. Perhaps we will bump into the Kovacs family on the slopes at Berkshire East this year, or run into the Taft/Todds on a trail along the Charles, or hopefully connect with many of you some place, some where... Love Paul (Sally, Sage, Sierra, and Skye)

**Toby Kovacs:** Rachel returned to work with the New York city government after nine years keeping a close eye on our boys and keeping their school organized. She now manages the city's IT contracts and loves bringing order to the city's bureaucratic chaos. Daniel (13) is navigating the city's high school application process, enjoying his last year in middle school and playing as much basketball as he can. His brother, Josh

(10), plays violin and has turned into a real inventor. This week's project was a solar oven for cooking shish kebob (thus neutralizing Trex's large carbon footprint). I continue to work in marketing for a small financial technology company, but after nine years am on the prowl for another gig. Attached pic shows one potential career path. We've moved apartments (from 75th to 94th street!) and now have enough room for guests. So please come visit when you're in NYC! See y'all on the trails. Paul, once we get some real snow see you at Berkshire East! Toby



**Greg Felt:** Hello Friends – It is good to hear what’s going on in the wide world of FOOT. Here are some updates from the Felt Compound:

Rowen (18) is a Freshman at Middlebury. He is studying Arabic and Middle Eastern issues as well as a strong dose of English. He has a job that he loves, working at a pre-school, and has been enjoying the college life (FREEDOM) after four years of boarding school in Colorado Springs. Kestrel (21) is graduating from Oberlin College in May with a double major in English and Theater Studies. She seems hell-bent on getting back to the West and we have heartfelt hopes that she will land in the Denver-Boulder area with theater work. My wife, Susan, and her sister have developed a quite successful business in Salida selling interior building products and doing some design, consultation and “paper contracting”. It’s become a pretty intense workload, as they continue to avoid hiring employees, but at least they have Greg “Strong Back Weak Mind” Felt to lean on for the heavy lifting.

I am headed into my 32<sup>nd</sup> season working on the river. ArkAnglers has had some strong years lately and this has allowed my partner and me to introduce a managerial layer between the ownership and the employees. It sounds great in theory but is quite a task to implement. We are making headway, though, and this should take a lot of the minute-by-minute pressure off of me during the season. Not content to simply enjoy that accomplishment, I am now running as an Independent for County Commissioner. I know I can do a good job of it if I win but I think I underestimated the demands of campaigning in this day and age! Nevertheless, I am enjoying talking with our citizenry and learning more about the issues. Susan has been a tremendous help thus far. I look forward to a new (additional) job after November! In fairness to life, I have to say that there are challenges and heartache that weave throughout our life story, the sorts of things that we all have to deal with as we move through the years. We lost Susan’s dad a while back, my brother had to be hospitalized for 2 months with depression (he is doing much better), the kids have lost dear friends to car wrecks and others have wandered off down dark trails of modern drugs and self-annihilation. It may be small town life but it seems like there is an awful lot of drama these days and I wonder at times about the health of the American psyche. I won’t even comment how that thought may be reflected in our national political debate. There is good and bad, a swirling mix that is well-depicted by the Yin-Yang. We try to take heart from the good things to strengthen ourselves for the bad, knowing even as we do that there is almost always some new light gathering in the darkness. We wish you all fortune and learning and the foresight and presence of mind to love those you do in the moment you are both here. Greg

**Kristin Mitchell:** Greetings to all my favorite FOOTies from the windswept steppes of Alaska.

We definitely feel like the climate change test laboratory up here, what with several years of almost no snow and now with thousands of dead murrens on the beaches. We still can't see Russia from my house, despite the fact that Sarah P is back in the race. We had a great family hiking year: We started off in New Zealand, and hiked the Abel Tasman Track along the coast, and the Milford Track through the mountains with friends who

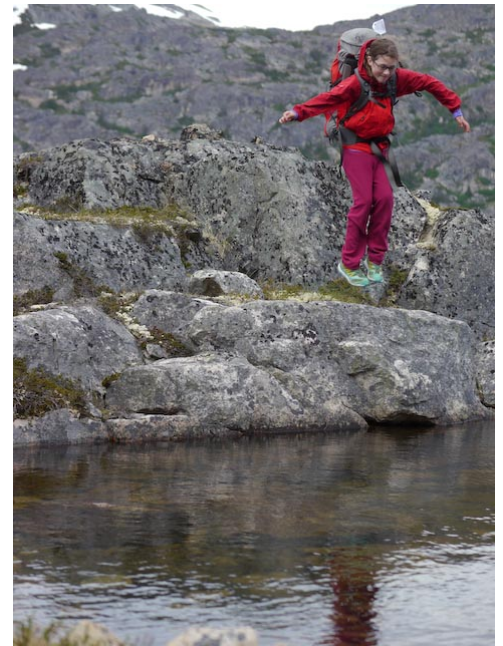


are on an extended walkabout.

We finished the school year with a 4 day hike over the historic Yukon gold rush route, the Chilkoot Trail which links Alaska and Canada. I definitely recommend bringing hiking buddies along for kids - no whining and sudden independence in setting up tents and packing bags!

We had a little earthquake excitement a few weeks ago to start off the year.

A 7.1 shaker felt like the real deal to this former Southern California girl. We didn't have any serious damage to our place, but a gas line ruptured behind our back fence, and four houses exploded, so we evacuated amidst fire trucks. We didn't get much warning, so didn't have time to plan what to bring. I grabbed Wesley's quilt and photo, David got the



passports, Drake brought his laptop, and Phoebe grabbed dog treats. I guess that says a lot about what really matters to each of us. Fortunately, there were no injuries despite the destruction of the neighborhood. I'm still practicing internal medicine and am directing the hospital's sleep laboratory. So far, we haven't felt the need to relocate, but with all the changes in medicine these days, perhaps it's good to practice moving on. The kids are growing up, Drake at almost 16 is looking towards college, skiing and playing music, doing lots of math. Phoebe, 11, is working on her black belt in karate, doing lots of music and math, and acting in the community musical. More pics of the kids than of their mom the photographer: Let me know if your wanderlust brings you to Alaska; our au pair cabin is now set up for AirBnB guests. Kudos to Trex and Cilla for keeping us all connected! Kristin



**Ben Saylor:** with Betsy and kids at Machu Picchu!



**Carrie Hatcher-Kay:** We are all well and truly hope you are! Our biggest family news is that we are homeschooling the kids this year and having a blast! Amelia, 13, and Elijah, 11, are learning new things by leaps and bounds, as are we parents. It's been a joy and team effort to build a curriculum, find a rhythm, and creativity flex our still full-time work schedules. Both kids are now in their second year with the Spinning Dot Theatre Youth Company, where they've enjoyed getting to write, direct, produce and act in plays. Amelia continues to adore figure skating. She especially loves being on the Coliseum Comets Synchronized Skating Team. Amelia also loves painting. She started a stationery business, Hatchery Arts, as a homeschooling project. It started after she painted a sunrise inspired by a family trip that included several glorious days hiking in the White Mountains this past August. Elijah continues to play classical guitar, do judo at the Y, where he's now an orange belt, and also loves to write. Carrie continues to love her work as a psychotherapist in private practice in downtown Ann Arbor and her collaborations with two other local therapists as Partners in Healing Training Affiliates. Her private practice is split between seeing clients and supervising other therapists. Josh is still teaching at the U of Michigan Law School, where he's mostly worked in the Child Advocacy Law Clinic. We wish you love and joy in 2016.



### Class of 1990



**Michael Kahan:** I'm still at Stanford, as the Associate Director of the Program on Urban Studies; my other job title here got upgraded this fall from "Lecturer" to "Senior Lecturer," and, as my daughter pointed out, I will soon similarly upgrade from "Citizen" to "Senior Citizen" (I can't wait for the movie discounts!). My wife, Gabriella, is still teaching here in the department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. Our daughters are the ones making big changes: our older daughter, Eva, started college this year: she is a freshman at Tufts, and loves it. She started by

doing their equivalent of FOOT, which got her off to a great start!. Our younger daughter, Frieda, is a freshman in high school. She played water polo for her school this fall - her first team sport, ball sport, and water sport! She ended up as the JV team's only goalie, playing every minute of every game, and making second-team all-league! Here's a photo of us from upstate New York last August.

**Theresa Thompson** (Teri Johnson): I am taking a breather from teaching in order to homeschool my own son, Matthew (age 9). Very challenging! This gives us more flexibility to travel between our home in rural North Carolina and NW Arkansas, to help out on my parents' farm as they grow into their 80s. My older son Makai (age 24) has finished college and is seeking work in computer programming (C#) in New York City. It is truly mind-boggling for me to fathom that he is already OLDER than we were (aside from Cilla!) back when I was doing FOOT & TOE! I hope in 2016 to dedicate more time to my own writing, poetry and sanity.

**Eve Porter:** The biggest news of my last year was Ursula, our now nearly 6 month old baby, who joins her 2.5 year old brother, Thomas, in dazzling us with the remarkable wonder of early life. We've lived in rural New Hampshire for nearly 10 years, and enjoy getting out into the woods with our dogs and taking brisk hikes (with children in packs) or slow meanders (when Thomas walks...). I continue as chief knowledge officer for Isaacson, Miller, an executive recruiting firm in Boston that finds leaders for universities and non-profits, and now I'm in the midst of a big software development project, so I get to ponder how people get their work done, share information, and use technology along the way. I also head up the board of the Squam Lakes Association, a watershed conservation organization in New Hampshire (photo is from our recent "Winterfest" on a very cold day). My husband, Duncan, is full time with the children, but has found ways to maintain his baking skills, teaching Thomas about grains, milling flour, and baking wonderful bread I thoroughly enjoy! We all went to my 25th reunion at Yale this past summer and had a wonderful time.



Pictured are **Ira Slomski-Pritz** (FOOT '14) and **Eric Greenwald** (FOOT '90). He was a Footie during FOOT's second year of existence, and went on to be FOOT Leader as well. They were randomly assigned to the same bedroom here at the NOLS faculty summit. In case any of you are anxious graduating seniors, Eric told Ira he held probably more than 10 different jobs in the years after graduating, none of which he could have predicted. Some 15 years later he joined NOLS, and FOOT is where all of that started for him. (From Cilla: I was just wondering whatever happened to Eric, who used to be such a presence every August for a while, when I received this email!! Then Eric and I got together at his 25<sup>th</sup> reunion! Great fun!)



## Class of 1991

**Baker Mallory:** “You know with my 3 kids all born within a 2 year span I knew life was going to be busy; it’s dawning on me that it will only get busier. But, the coolest thing about being a parent with all my children about the same age is that I don’t know what tomorrow will bring. I have no idea what I’m doing ... which is pretty exciting. We tried a new adventure this summer in New Hampshire; staying at a family camp on Squam Lake...Gorgeous! Next summer we are going to come to the same area and drop the kids at a nearby sleep away camp so Mom and Dad can really enjoy Squam Lake ... Freedom!! Gus (9), Brad (7) and Rose (7) play too many sports, go to too many birthday parties, glare at too many i-devices and eat too much processed food and chocolate milk. On the other hand, reading ... not so much.



Our company, Cloverdale Designs, seems to run itself these days. I juggle residential architecture and landscape design projects, garden maintenance, vegetable farming, and sustainable architecture and landscape consulting. Jody dreams of a day when she can return full time to our effort, but we all know that day is still far away. I hope to see many of you at the 25<sup>th</sup>! Baker

**Chris Roberts:** “The Roberts are holding steady in Philadelphia. Besides hosting Pope Francis, we spent 2015 embracing life as a family of six. I am also browsing white water rafting catalogs, looking for big trips out west

suitable for a four year old that we can take in 2019, imagining an epic 50th birthday trip with the whole family when our youngest will be old enough. Advice from the FOOT community on suitable trips eagerly welcome!”



**Ben Doolittle:** “Brother Ben is much the same. Were it not for the wrinkles from too much laughing, you might think he was still an undergrad. I am still at Yale, teaching residents at the medical school all of my favorite FOOT games (like, really). The Doolittle tribe is happy. Our bunny got second prize at our town fair. My tomatoes didn't place. I can still beat my oldest (13) in tennis, but not for long. Our youngest (10) has usurped my big green chair in my man cave for her homework. How did they grow up so fast? Wishing you all the very best.....”



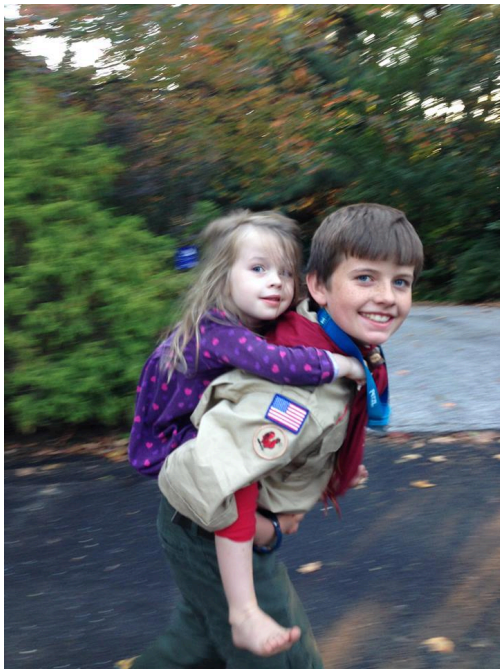
**Eric Steadman:** The family and I should be in New Haven for our 25th reunion this May. The kids are great--we just spent two days skiing up at Sugarloaf.

**Emil Gokyigit Wadhvani:**



## Class of 1992

**Louisa Castrodale:** Hope you are well! Here's a pic taken in May 2015 during the Yale day of service as a creek clean-up (Chester creek in Anchorage). This is my 9-yo son Sam and Laura Grant's daughter Kiana, who are classmates and buddies....look at that junky haul! Best wishes to all!!!



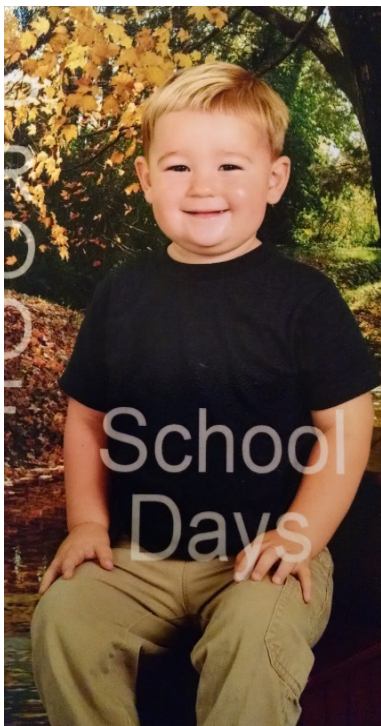
**Cynthia Boyd:** Nothing makes me feel like time flies like hearing about this yearly newsletter! Graham, my 11 year old, now goes camping without either of us – he has transitioned to boy scouts with a great group that camps every month and does lots of service projects at local parks. His Christmas wish list still has a lego on it, but his only other wish was for a below 15 degree sleeping bag and a comfortable pad - this made me realize that he really is growing up. He is so thrilled that he came in 7<sup>th</sup> place with a pal in an orienteering competition hosted by girl and boy scouts in Maryland. I'm not sure why he can't reliably find the dirty clothes on the floor of his room, but we're working on it.



Liam (9) went on a big adventure with me for a work trip to the Netherlands this fall – so fun to see things that are so old with him. The medieval castle Muiderslot was a big hit as was learning about the remarkable engineering behind the fact that the plane was 7 meters below sea level when we landed. He liked having apple pie and gelato every day, and some undivided attention. In Delft, we took a long paddle boat ride, where we picked up every bottle/can we could find floating the canals - not too many, but it was a long enough trip that by the end we had 20 or so. (This was not my idea—however, seeing him beam with pride when the man working at the rental station was so delighted with his messy collection was one of the best parts of the trip – and worth an extra gelato).

Jane (4) is doing everything she can to keep up with her big brothers. She seems both fearless and tireless, and loves to tell jokes. I continue working as a geriatrician at Johns Hopkins. I never tire of trying to be present for people, but sometimes it weighs on me. I love hearing my patients' stories though, and keep those in mind as much as possible. Hope all is well for everyone else – hoping to make the next 92 reunion!

**Jake Bowers:** We have been traveling a lot recently: From January to July 2015 we all lived in Santiago, Chile (Jake and Cara at the Instituto de Ciencia Politica at the Universidad Catolica de Chile, Cosmo and Mari at Colegio Ruben Dario). When we returned the University of Illinois allowed us to extend our leave and to live in New York City so that Cara could take a fellowship the Russell Sage Foundation, Jake could commute to DC every other week as a member of the White House Social and Behavioral Sciences Team, and the kids could walk 2 blocks to PS 267 (or 4 blocks to Central Park). From our time in South America, we can highly recommend Uruguay as a place for beach vacations during the northern hemisphere winter. We will have a recommendation about New York City once we get to know it better. We will look forward to seeing New York based folks over the coming months.



**Sumner McCallie:**

Katie and I welcomed our second son, Rivers, into the world in late June. What people say about two is more than double is true. Older brother Asher fortunately has enjoyed the new addition, and is now telling us when Rivers is hungry (he has figured out how to recognize certain cries as well..) Asher started Montessori and is thriving, as you might see from his first school picture. (He really is that wide; the picture has not been cropped.) I had to laugh when we were called mid-morning on his very first day by frantic teachers to let us know that for the first time in the school's 40 year history, a student, our son, had been playing well for an hour and then decided he was done and went to the classroom door, pushed it open and walked to the parking lot to find our car, since logically that was the last place he had seen me. He is a strong, determined, rationally processing young man! Rivers is crawling with gusto so I foresee a second strong kid as well. All of this coordination comes from Katie's side. Katie continues to be the grant writer for the Chattanooga Aquarium (come see it if in town) and my role as Academic Dean at The McCallie School fills life with interesting thoughts and great kids. Life is good.

**Ben Harley:** *(a very creative film maker)* This was mostly a development year for us, experimenting with new techniques, and improving our skills underwater. One of these days, I hope we'll be bringing our films to a theater near you.



Still from Experimental Drone Footage

New Year, 2016

As we head into another new year, we are grateful for your continued interest in and support of the Dolphin Dance Project.

2015 was a year of discovery and of deepening our work underwater. Viewing the dance between wild dolphins and humans from high above revealed a new perspective that conveys how we are but a small part of a much bigger system on which we all depend. Our rehearsals culminated with breakthroughs in sensitivity and expression. The progress amazes us; we have only a few weeks a year to gather our company together.

Meanwhile, we advanced to the second round of a prestigious grant to underwrite some of an immersive, multi-screen 3D installation. Our 3D films screened in multiple festivals, and we gave more educational talks. "Dolphin Dreams" waits for its festival premiere, and our ambitions for a feature length film continue to evolve.

The Dolphin Dance Project thrives thanks to your encouragement!

**To Increasing Harmony Between Humans and Cetaceans Everywhere!**

-With our best wishes to you and yours-



## Class of 1993

**Burch and Rachelle (Lyons) LaPrade:** Life marches on in Des Moines for the LaPrade household. We all are recovering from the excitement of caucus season in Iowa. Des Moines is a wonderful and fairly quiet place to raise a family, but every eight years it transforms into an exhilarating place to be. This time around, our family embraced the process wholeheartedly: at least one of the six of us met and took a picture with every presidential candidate - even the ones that dropped out. Many of the candidates we met multiple times. The process is fascinating and sparked wonderful family discussions about politics, values, ethics, and effective stalking of people to accomplish your goal! Now that the media and political circus are over for our family, the craziness that is life with four kids continues. We stay busy with soccer, hockey, swimming, tennis, horseback riding, piano, guitar, etc. Burch soon begins year four at Workiva, a cloud-based software solutions start-up. Rachelle runs her equine veterinary practice. Both of us frequently are breathless from the pace of life and the knowledge that we wouldn't have it any other way. As mind boggling as it can be to us, our oldest is now a high school junior. This spring semester he attends The Mountain School in Vermont. One of his classmates there is the niece of classmate and fellow FOOT leader Mark Burnett! Small FOOT world.



**Ashley West:** Alas, my years have taken me further away from the wilderness and my love of backpacking and skiing to my desk and computer and classroom! But last year was a watershed for me, as I completed my book on Hans Burgkmair and the Visual Translation of Knowledge in the German Renaissance (forthcoming, Brepols) and also was awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Prof. at Temple University. So I'm hoping 2016 and the ensuing years will give me a little more space and flexibility to get back to nature and the great outdoors!

**Jessica Plumb:** It's been a memorable year in the Pacific Northwest – this summer we watched the rainforest burn for months, as our town on the Olympic Peninsula issued its first water restrictions. For now, the drought is over in this green corner of the country, but our world is changing, as it is everywhere. I spent much of the

year on the film festival trail with *Return of the River*, though I chose to skype rather than fly to international events. I continue to marvel at how far the film has traveled, with or without me. There will be dozens more screenings this spring around the globe, tied to world fish migration day. That said, the heart of our festival tour reads like a Wallace Stegner novel. The film played particularly well in Western towns, places reinventing themselves after a century of resource extraction; think Bend, Missoula, Nevada City, Jackson Hole. After this road trip of the West, I'm finally diving into new film projects, currently directing a short piece on the Salish Sea. Our family continues to take great joy in hiking the Pacific Northwest. My nine-year daughter is a creature of this landscape, now dusting me on every trail & scramble. Let us know if you're in the neighborhood - we'll take you on an adventure! Happy 2016 to all, Jessica, Frank & Zia



First snow in the Olympics this winter, a welcome sight  
Mt. Baker adventures in August



Iceberg Lake. Or perhaps formally Iceberg Lake.

**Class of 1994  
Meg Wickwire:**



**Anne Weil:** What a big year! Sandy was hired to head analytics for the Denver Nuggets, the CO Avalanche, the St. Louis Rams, and Arsenal. This prompted a move to Denver from Baltimore. Back



West! Anne published a book this year, *Knitting Without Needles*. Check it out at Amazon or at B&N. The kids are busy adjusting to new schools. We're all excited for skiing and hiking and loving the dry weather!



## Class of 1995

**Anne Egger** did a lousy job of getting input from her '95 cohort, but she tried. She writes, "After two sparse snow years, we had a real winter in Washington this year, and the Nordic skiing has been great (well, I suppose the downhill skiing has been, too, but I'm out of my league there). I'm up for tenure this year, so I've been working on submitting papers in between skiing adventures - not a bad combination. I spent a very rainy few days in December with **Kristen McDonald** and her partner, Colin Carpenter, and their 15-month-old, Ellis Orion—they live near in Point Reyes, CA. It was great to see them, but our hiking plans were scrapped for indoor activities like yoga, cooking, and playing music."

**Sam Dyson** had the quickest response to my email, which was a very informative vacation auto-responder. He says, "I am out of the office and offline in Dehli, India as a fellow in U Chicago's [Civic Leadership Academy](#)." Sam is the Director of the Hive Chicago Learning Network, whose mission is to transform the learning landscape by empowering youth and educators to enact Connected Learning through a diverse network of civic and cultural institutions.

**Brendan (BC) Connolly** writes: "The Pacific Northwest continues to inspire, and my restless family has been exploring biking and hiking trails and many of the same Nordic ski trails as Anne Egger, although not as quickly. I am helping lead an architectural practice in Seattle with a strong focus on sustainable educational facilities, and it gives me great joy to build on the foundation of nature-based learning that FOOT infected me with once upon a time. Managed a recent visit to Australia to check on Phil Mundy, who is thriving down under as a teacher at Sydney Grammar School – always a treat to cross paths with old leader pals, even if they now use the metric system."

That was followed by **Phil Mundy's** response, who writes: "As the kids have gotten older, we have started exploring the bushwalking and beaches of the Central Coast about an hour north of Sydney. Otherwise life in Sydney is busy as ever and we are just finishing off a summer filled with cricket."

And from **Sara Bamberger**: I'm living in Israel this year with my husband and five (yes, sometimes it sounds like a lot to me too) children. My husband is on sabbatical from his job as a law professor at UC Berkeley, and I spent the fall semester on sabbatical from my job as the Executive Director of Kevah, a nonprofit that supports a network of DIY Jewish study groups. Now I'm back at the helm but still living in Israel, with a fair amount of international commuting. Our kids are ages 3, 7, 9, 11 and 12, and we are all enjoying the challenges and joys of living in a different country and outside of our comfort zone. I am also savoring my last moments before I become the mother of teenagers.

While in Berkeley we see **Rebecca Whitney** and **Perry DeValpine**, and I recently had the joy of catching up with **Rebecca Weintraub** and having dinner with **Mark Barnett** and **Katherine Gergen** and their adorable three children in Boston. Long live FOOT friendships! If anyone is in Israel this year, do email me at [sara.bamberger@gmail.com](mailto:sara.bamberger@gmail.com) and we can offer you food and lodging."

**Dave and Emily Lambert:** Sending you peace and love in the New Year! From Brighton, NY!



### **Class of 1996**

**Peter Ehrenkranz:** I moved to Seattle last March and started a job with the Gates Foundation working on the HIV team, largely continuing the work that I'd been doing for the last 7 years in Liberia and Swaziland trying to get more people in sub-Saharan Africa to start HIV and TB treatment and stay on it. My wife and I have two kids, 5 and 2.5, who have rapidly adjusted to their new lives as proud northwesterners. Their parents, meanwhile, are still a little shellshocked to have returned to America.

**Ben Robbins:** The miniseries I wrote about Bernie Madoff -- starring Richard Dreyfuss and Blythe Danner -- premiered in February on ABC. I'm told it underperformed with the coveted 18-35 year-old demographic but did exceedingly well with old rich people. I'm not sure how to feel about that. Otherwise, despite the looming shadow of soul-crushing, hypercharged gentrification, family life in Brooklyn is good.

### **Class of 1997**

**Christina Leano:** We only have one little rascal but even she is quite a handful. Here is my update: My family and I just moved to Boston after living in balmy South Florida for several years. I serve as the Global Campaigns Coordinator for the Global Catholic Climate Movement, a dynamic new movement attempting to mobilize the 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide on climate change. I also teach meditation and facilitate spiritual and faith retreats. We have a 2 1/2 year old daughter who loves all things princesses, green, and chocolate. Many blessings!

**Sam Porat:** I think it's been over a decade since I've shared, so here's an update. I live in Westchester NY with my wife, Lauren, and two boys ages 9 (Jonah) and 7 (Leo). I work in Manhattan and manage some investment funds focused on healthcare and consumer products. My wife Lauren and I also own a hot yoga studio called YogaSpark, which she manages. It's four years old and is doing well. It's located in Mamaroneck, NY and we

are excited about expanding into New York City later this year. Most of the time we spend just chasing after Jonah and Leo and driving them around to soccer, swimming, taekwondo and numerous other activities. We also just finished a big family project building a house which was all consuming for about a year and a half but ultimately a really gratifying experience. Would love to host any Footies passing through Mamaroneck, NY. Please reach out and say hi! I hope everyone is doing well. Best regards, Sam

PS - I am attaching a recent pic of me and my boys walking across the Brooklyn Bridge



**Cat Balco:** It's been an extremely domestic period for me over here in Hamden. We welcomed our second son, Will, in late August and it's been a joyful/challenging/sleep-deprived six months over here. I've attached a picture of the two brothers in matching plaids because, well, I can't resist. Although, of course, I am madly in love with my children \*most\* of the time, I actually had no idea how difficult it would be to have two, especially including a preemie (Will

was and is completely healthy but he did arrive 5 weeks early) and a two and a half year old. God bless all of you who have gone down this parenting road before me. I'm just back at work as an Associate Professor and Department Chair at the University of Hartford and boy does work feel like vacation!

**David Lewicki:** We're expecting a third child this June. It's a bit scary, given the adventures our daughter Margaret (now 6) took us on after her birth--11 months in the hospital, tracheotomy, multiple surgeries, and ongoing therapy. We have every reason to expect and hope for a "normal" birth this time around (whatever the heck that means), but we'd still appreciate prayers and/or positive thoughts sent our way. Speaking of prayers, I'm still hard at work as a parish pastor in Decatur, GA, just outside of Atlanta. Our church is healthy and flourishing ([ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org)), and encourages me to be out in the community stirring up trouble. I've been doing a lot of community organizing work, gathering faith leaders to develop long-term agendas to dismantle structural racism in housing, policing and criminal justice, and education. I'm often at the state capitol speaking against my more conservative Christian friends who still think theocracy is a good idea. I'm also on the board of an organization increasingly strategic about ending all homelessness in our county. I have so much in life for which to be grateful--a life partner, children, extended family, friends, a house, a job--it feels good to be involved in projects that promise to extend basic aspects of "the good life" to include all of my neighbors. We welcome anyone to dinner while you're visiting Atlanta. If you do, bring your golf clubs. [646.644.6449](tel:646.644.6449) (cell)

**Melissa Lee:** We were in New Haven for the 20K and kids race, our annual pilgrimage; it was lots of fun. The kids are having fun scouting, our chance to teach them the joys of life outdoors!



Here's a picture of Will, Lucas, Reuben, Vivian and Calla from our visit with **Leah (Angell) Sievers** this summer. We enjoyed an afternoon of sweet tea, laughter, and wonder at watching our kiddos have a great time in Leah's backyard in Virginia! It's been a busy and wonderful year.

### **Class of 1998**

**Sarah Fayen Scarlett:** 2015 was a busy year for me! I got a faculty position at Michigan Technological University teaching American architectural history, material culture, preservation, and public history. But then, at the end of my first semester, I had our second little boy. Baby Isaac joined big brother Warren (4). My husband Tim also teaches at Michigan Tech so it looks like we will be staying put for a while — come visit! We live in the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula on the banks of Lake Superior where the camping, kayaking, and wild blueberries balance out the 5 months of snow-blowing (there's also world-class cross-country skiing). So life is good!



**Charlie Koven:** I'm still living in Berkeley, CA, working as a scientist at Lawrence Berkeley Lab, where I build and test ecosystem models within global climate models, so that we can better understand how feedbacks between climate change and terrestrial carbon cycling affect how much warming we can all expect. Mostly pretty theoretical stuff, but I have been trying to put on my hiking boots and get out into the field a bit lately. I have two daughters, aged 9 and 5, who are pure fun, and life is good out here!

**Steph Park Zwicker:** I am still in STL—and despite all of the bad press the Lou has gotten lately--enjoying Midwestern life, wiping noses both at work and home (I'm an allergist), relishing in the perks of a wine-selling hubby, and trying to keep up with my 6 and 9 year old. Short-term goal to get the most out of our minivan, aka the swagger wagon, in these next few years--heading north to WI/MN over spring break, southeast to FL in the beginning of the summer, and possibly west (CA, WA) or east (back to New England!) in a summer or two. Please look me up if you are in the STL! Would love to see some familiar FOOT faces! Oh, and I was cleaning out my basement and discovered my FOOT fleece vest. Brought back some memories for sure!

**Liz Averill:** I just moved to Alexandria, VA this past summer after spending a few years in Charlottesville (and Tacoma, WA before that). Started a new job at the Federal Trade Commission working for the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the fall. Two kids who are my heart and keep things real. I think that we are going to stay put for an extended period this time, so please let me know if you are visiting or living in the DC metro area! [ejaverill@yahoo.com](mailto:ejaverill@yahoo.com)

**Leah Kelley:** is living in Oakland, CA and has a beautiful little boy named AJ. She's also a physician specializing in breast surgery and gynecologic surgery.

**Max Laurans:** is living in New Haven and just welcomed a third little boy into the world. He's a neurosurgeon working at Yale.



**Gretchen Boger-Lank:** Gretchen continues in her fourth year at the Baldwin School, feeling ever more relevant as students search the past for an understanding of who we are collectively and what we might be in the future. Tom headed to the New Jersey Methodists' annual conference last spring...and came home as Chair of the Greater New Jersey delegation. In a bid for Best parents of 2015, we succumbed to the girls' lifetime plea to visit Disney World and to Edith's two-year campaign for a cat. In May, we completed Philadelphia's annual Broad Street Run, a 10-mile classic. Our knees stood the test, and we were grateful to have proved ourselves in good health. Edith, at 10, continues to enjoy a cadre of bookish friends at school and time with her rabbits and cat at home, still determined to be a farmer who will raise livestock without compromising her vegetarianism. Alice turned 7, and remains small but mighty. She remains our social butterfly, not yet having met a

classmate she wasn't eager to bring into her orbit. We know how lucky we are and count ourselves blessed beyond measure in health, friends, and family.

## Class of 1999

**Andrew Bonney:** In 2015 I was promoted to Captain in the Air National Guard, serving at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod. On the civilian side, the airline (Cape Air) for which I am SVP Planning, just launched scheduled seaplane service between Florida and Bimini in the Bahamas. This is our first foray into seaplane service, a promising new niche for us. Christina (also ES '99) and I love our small-town life in Marion, Mass. We have two kids in the local elementary school, enjoy sailing and are active in our local Episcopal Church, where I sing in the choir. We feel very blessed.

**Lincoln Else:** Not sure when I last updated FOOT, so... Left a position as Yosemite's climbing ranger and moved to San Francisco to work in documentary film and photography full time. Cracked my head in Nepal, got a plastic skull compliments of National Geographic, climbed Cerro Torre in Patagonia shooting for Red Bull, married Galena Seeger and moved into the house my grandfather built in the coastal mountains south of SF, had a son name Ripley, kept working in documentary film and commercial photography, got on a flight to Denver, wrote this update.

**Jeffrey Grigg:** Lael (BK '01) and I are putting down roots in Baltimore, where I am on the faculty at the Johns Hopkins School of Education, studying educational matters in Baltimore. Lael continues to work as a health policy analyst. By the time this is published our girls will be two and four years old. Like all parents, we are amazed by how quickly they grow!



**Jonathan Griswold:** My wife, Preeti, and I have moved to Sydney with my job at Visa. I've only scratched the surface on the overwhelming outdoors opportunities Australia offers, but I'm hoping to join a "bushwalkers club" this year and make up for it. We're in a pretty central spot and happy to host fellow FOOT alums passing through in need of a place to crash.

## Class of 2000

**Jacob Heitler:** Rachel and I just had our second baby girl Feb. 14, 2016. We're naming her Maya Sephirah Heitler. I'm attaching a picture. Although everyone is a bit exhausted, we're also thrilled. We still live in the Bay Area and I continue to work as a product manager in tech.



## Argo Caminis

Had a flood of FOOT memories when, on a recent trip with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), I was playing mafia. If anyone in the northeast is looking for ways to continue all of the wonderful fun of FOOT (backpacking, hiking, in groups, games, etc.) post-college, check out the AMC (many free/low-cost trips, great people, huge membership).

## Emilie Hitch

I'm super proud to share that my band, Wailing Loons, has recorded an album and it will be released by the independent label Sky Water Studios in Minneapolis. If you're at Bonnaroo, stop by the Solar Stage and say hello- we'll be there with Oxfam America and Eat for Equity. If you're in Minnesota, come to a show! :) Anywhere else in the world... stream and/or download the album from our website, [wailingloons.com](http://wailingloons.com) !

## Class of 2001



**Gwyn Welles:** My husband Ben Gray (TD '02) and I had an exciting 2015! We moved to the burbs (South Orange, NJ), bought a house, and welcomed our son, Gideon Welles Gray! We are loving our new community and getting to spend time with our little rascal. And I continue to love my work at YouTube, running a global content experimentation group. Sending lots of love to all the FOOTies!

Photo of Gideon Welles Gray

**Lindsey Tucker:** My only news of note is that I'm back full-time in the Boston area after a few years in Vermont. Working for the state's public health department. Would love to see FOOT folks, both those in the area and those passing through. Hugs and happy hiking to all.

**Josh Berezin:** I'm still in New York, living in Brooklyn Heights a block or two from Brooklyn Bridge Park. Finishing up my last year of psychiatry residency at NYU in June. Next year I'm doing a fellowship up at Columbia focusing on policy and administrative work in the public mental health system. Also considering opening up a small private practice on the side. Otherwise, life is good. Would love to see other New York FOOTies. Hope all is well with all of you!

**Matt Kerner:** I live in Seattle with my wife Laura and my daughter Elana, who will be two in February. We



are expecting another baby in the spring and Elana is excited to be a big sister. We spent some time at the end of December in the Sierras, where Elana got to pet a horse, play in the snow, and go for her longest walk ever. I've attached a recent photo of us (ignore the dog – she's a friend but not part of the family!).

Matt and family

**Sarah Ichioka:** I'm still living in Singapore, currently on a research fellowship with the National Parks Board, looking at community agriculture programs. I enjoyed meeting Cilla's other half, Stephen, at an event about the Biophilic City that the Parks Board hosted here last year. On the family front, our two year old daughter will be joined by a younger sibling in April. Any FOOTies in the Lion City should get in touch!

**Laura Kolar:** My husband, John, daughter Ava and I moved to Sarajevo in August for a two year tour with the State Department. I continue to work in the State Department's Historian's Office, which has been great. We are enjoying the Balkans, which have amazing natural wonders and great hiking (on established, researched trails only!), as well as a beautiful coast. We'd love to see any FOOTies who find themselves here!

### **Class of 2002**

**Maggie Whelan:** "We've been living in New Orleans since June 2014 while I complete residency at Tulane. Caroline just turned 3 in January and we're expecting our second in early April ! Would love to be in touch with other FOOTie folk in the big easy. Or, if you just happen to be here visiting, do get in touch!"

**Lise Clavel:** "I have a beautiful 15-month old boy named Luke, and I'm working on education reform advocacy for the Gates Foundation in Washington DC, where I live with my husband Bill. Here's a recent picture of my little boy!"



### **Class of 2003**

**Sasha Waring:** Kid (and boy) #3 arrived 11/30/15. Zubin joins Ishaan (5.5) and Tejas (2.5) in our future FOOT leader entourage. I'm now a psychiatrist in the Stanford Health Care system, building an integrated mental health program across the East Bay. Weekends are muddy trail runs and adventures with the kids. Life in Oakland is good. Come visit!

**Louise Langheier:** We are thrilled to share that Logan Rogers Langheier joined us this weekend, arriving with lightning speed and a calm spirit at 2:55pm on Saturday, January 23rd. He is a solid 8 lbs, 10 oz, and 21 inches. We are all so happy to be healthy and together, now as a family of four (!)

**Ben Schrader:** My wife Kristina and I (and our two dachshunds, Sammy and Vera) recently moved from Washington, D.C. back to Nashville, where Kristina and I met (and went to law school). Kristina is working at a law firm downtown, doing copyright and trademark work. I'm at the U.S. Attorney's Office, prosecuting gangs, guns, and drugs cases. We finally bought a house--it only took me 34 years--in the hipster haven of East Nashville. Life has been excellent since we moved back: We've got family here, and we've also found it easier to pursue some interests outside of work, including climbing (Nashville has a couple of really rad climbing facilities, one of which is only a few minutes from our house). If anyone is ever in Music City, please look us up--we've got a guest room at the ready and would love to see old friends!

#### **Class of 2004**

**Matt Pasternack, Sage Pasternack , and Becca Falik:**



#### **Class of 2005**

Hello, all. We had our 10<sup>th</sup> reunion this summer. It was great to see many of you (including Cilla!), especially at our gathering on Old Campus. Our oomgala took me right back to arriving on Old Campus at the end of my pre-orientation trip, excited for what college would bring.

If anyone is coming through St. Louis, look me up! Carrie Coughlin



Aaron Mitchell, Cilla Kellert, Carrie Coughlin, Jeohn Favors, Liba Rubenstein, Bill Strom, Will Garneau, Duncan Hinkle, Lee Stabert, Alistair Reader, Isaac Klausner, Erin Pettigrew  
Not pictured but at the reunion: Drew Alt, Wills Glasspiegel, Matt Wilson, Annika Berman

**Katie Baker:** I am a writer living in Truckee, CA. On Thanksgiving I had a baby named Graham and we have been enjoying the snowy (although currently rainy) El Nino weather here in Tahoe!  
All my best- Katie

**Annika (Swanson) Berman:** On August 25 2015, my husband Jake and I happily welcomed our first child to the world. Sahale (Sa-hah-lay) Mariana Berman, named for a breathtaking spot in the North Cascade mountains, did her first yurt-camping at six weeks and is a sweet, adventurous little spirit. We're still living in Seattle, where I work at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Kirk Henderson:** Hey everyone! My four long, laborious, luxurious years of dual Architecture and MBA degrees back at momma Yale are over. Happy graduation 2016. I can definitively confirm that MBAs think architects are slightly mystical beings, and that architects can indeed stop worrying and learn to love Excel. Next stop, at time of writing, is either East or West, but certainly on my way to a formal Architect's license. And hopefully some very cool, socially positive urban projects. Be well, be merry in 2016!

**Aaron Mitchell:** No huge updates here. Finished residency at Duke, started fellowship in oncology at UNC Chapel Hill.

### Class of 2006

**Jason Fischer** reports that he and **Laura Warren** "continued the FOOT tradition and canoed the Green River last March as a last hurrah before both of us had kids and it was glorious (canoe'd is generous, we floated down the river and lounged in the sun while occasionally paddling). My big news is that Lindy and I had our first child, Lyle on 11/22. He's doing great, and I'm already teaching him the umgala.

Otherwise, I'll be finishing up residency this June and sticking around Ann Arbor for one more year to do a chief resident year, then I'll be applying for fellowship."

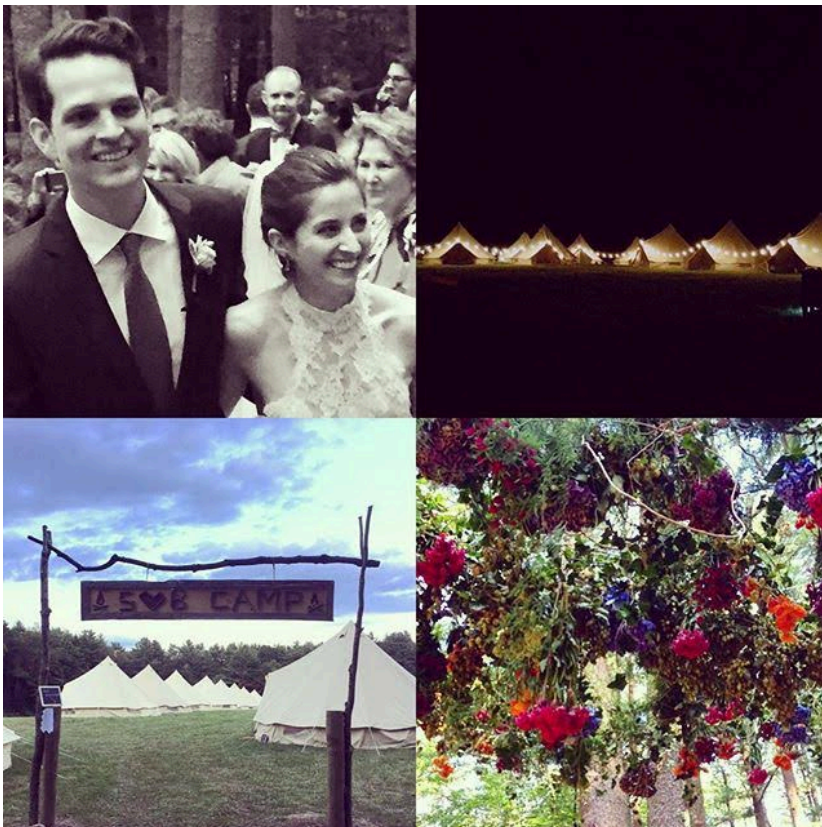
**David Busis** "lives in Chicago with my wife, making a living as a freelance editor while I finish a YA novel about (sort of) Donald Trump and Astrology."

**Danni Lovell** reports that she is "Settling into life in Vancouver (nearly 7 years this June!) I like to think I've hit my stride. Not in terms of hiking, because though the mountains are near, I spend an embarrassingly low amount of time in them. I do go swimming in the ocean and paddle boarding in the summer months, but not as much as one could. However, I've found myself a great partner in crime (who makes video games!) and we're getting married this summer. He's nervous and excited to meet you all 06 FOOT Leaders who will have him at our 10 year reunion (hint hint) this summer. He's making games out of our apartment, and I've fallen into founding and building a growing HR agency that focuses on startups in the Vancouver tech scene and beyond.

**Becky Levy** writes: "Howdy from the West Coast. I graduated my MD/PhD program in May and our family of 3 moved to Menlo Park. I have started a pediatric neurology residency and my husband is in neuroradiology fellowship. Our son Marcus, 2yr 9mo, is loving all the good weather for nearby hikes and bikes. Would enjoy meeting up with other FOOTies in the area for outdoor exploration!"

**Aaron Zelinsky** is "living in Baltimore, where Monica has finished up residency at Johns Hopkins and is now on faculty doing primary care out of their underserved population clinic. I'm an Assistant United States Attorney in Baltimore's Major Crimes section. We welcome any and all FOOT visitors. And I'm happy to report that **Will Niebling** and I kept our streak of tailgating the Game (at least when it's home) alive and well this year. You can always find us in Lot D!

### Class of 2007



**Ben Beinecke:** Sharon (Madanes '08) and I got married! And of course, as FOOTies, everyone camped out for the wedding.

**Mila Dunbar-Irwin:** This past year has been eventful, and 2016 is shaping up to be similar. In 2015, I spent two months in rural Afghanistan consulting for an international non-profit on natural resource management, passed the summer in Alaska guiding trips into Denali National Park and on the Kenai Peninsula, and then moved from California to the Idaho side of the Tetons (just over the pass from Jackson, WY), where I'm about to start a job with a riparian restoration firm. Though before that starts, I go to El Salvador/Nicaragua/Honduras for the month of March doing hydrology field work on coffee farms. It's been wild! I'm looking forward to being a little more settled in 2016 and really getting to know the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The backcountry here is endless. Fun trips in 2015 included backpacking in Corcovado National Park in Costa Rica, backpacking in Denali (with bears!), the Sierras, a quick jaunt to FL where I learned "shelling" is a verb, skiing all over the backcountry here in the Tetons, and a few ski-in cabin trips. Oh, and I drove to Alaska from California! Turns out our northern neighbor is extremely large. Next up on the fun calendar is a 12-day off-trail hike in Grand Canyon in April. I'm stoked about the outdoor options for this summer and would love company. Come visit!

**Tasha Eccles:** I'm still living in Palo Alto, now (unbelievably!) almost 5 years deep into my PhD in English. I got to take some memorable trips this year, both near (a roadtrip into the redwood forests of way-north California) and far (for a conference in Sydney, Australia, with a sojourn south to Booderee National Park where I saw kangaroos and whales and parrots all colors of the rainbow). Daily life is much more ordinary, given over to reading and writing and stumbling my way through my various middle-aged handicrafts, like sewing and pickling things. Despite the skyrocketing housing prices in the Bay area, my partner and I are holding fiercely onto our apartment with a spare room; visitors are welcome anytime!

**Anny Gaul:** I'm still happily plodding through my PhD in food culture & history in the Middle East, still based at Georgetown in DC but with frequent trips to Cairo and other points east. I'm very happy to announce the launch of Ferdos (<http://www.ferdos.co.uk/>), a London-based startup selling gourmet Middle Eastern sweets - I started the company with two friends who wanted to incorporate a literary/historical/educational component to their pastry business. It's been really fun to put my research skills & PhD knowledge to use in a slightly more accessible format than the 25 page paywalled arcane academic article...so far we are only delivering to the London area but we hope to expand soon!

**Paige Henchen:** My husband Mike and I are moving from San Francisco to the Denver area in February. We are looking forward to seeing the mountains every single day! We would LOVE to meet up with any FOOTies in Colorado, so please drop me a line at [paigehenchen@gmail.com](mailto:paigehenchen@gmail.com) if you want to meet up!

**Caroline Howe:** It may have been 2.5 years ago already, but I'm still overjoyed by the amazing FOOT reunion that happened so coincidentally, when Anny Gaul, Tasha Eccles, Annie Galvin and I somehow met for tea in Paris. The pictures can't capture the moment, but I will say, it was one of facebook's great victories to alert us that we were in the same continent/country/city totally coincidentally. That may have been what was responsible for me to be so hungry to relocate to Europe entirely. So, after finishing my masters at MIT, I spent an incredible year in Spain working with environmental entrepreneurs to set up more waste businesses and working with Spanish cities to better support these start-ups. More recently, I've relocated to Fredericksburg, VA often referred to as "The Madrid on the Rappahannock," which makes it a very logical next step. It's been a big adjustment, but having a beautiful river running through downtown a block from my house, where I can swim and canoe, has been amazing. My time here has been graced with FOOT visitors -- Anny Gaul, from nearby DC, and Angel Hertslet on a cross-country road trip. Our guest room awaits more FOOT visitors traveling the Eastern seaboard!

**Ned Mitchell:** Ned has, Been wandering for most of his twenties. He worked as a math teacher out of college. He moved to Seattle in 09, then thought he wanted to become a doctor and went to NYC. He did all his premeds, took the MCAT, then decided he didn't want to be a doctor. He then worked with a Health IT startup there that was focused on getting people to take their pills better using big data on health systems and PBM

systems. Recently, he moved to Jackson Hole to disavow the previous avenue and figure out what he wants to do long term.

### **Class of 2008**

**Beau Babst:** I'm still in crazy new orleans startup land, having fun, working hard, raising money and building software. Still have the app biz on the side (BeauxApps), which is now just a fun hobby that I hardly ever have time for. Come visit me. Guest bedroom is no longer inhabited by Spencer Sherman (sadface) who double betrayed me by going to the Harvard Kennedy School and not being my roommate anymore. My girlfriend and I just got back from a week on a tiny island off the coast of Nicaragua, Little Corn Island. It has no roads and is only accessible by boat. Paradise, and right up any FOOT leader's alley. Check it out, but don't tell anyone!

**Haley Billipp:** Haley and her husband Andy live on the family farm in central Connecticut. The last year has seen the growth of their various endeavors; a thriving vegetable operation, flower farm and floral design business, and making hand forged chef knives, as well as the growth of their family--Karl Billipp was born October 30th! He and sister Marian manage to be charming extroverts despite their parents' cagey outlook, forcing occasional off-farm adventures, though generally they try to tempt friends to them. FOOTie visits from the last months include Angel Hertslet, Caroline Howe, and Daniel Weisfield. You are also invited.

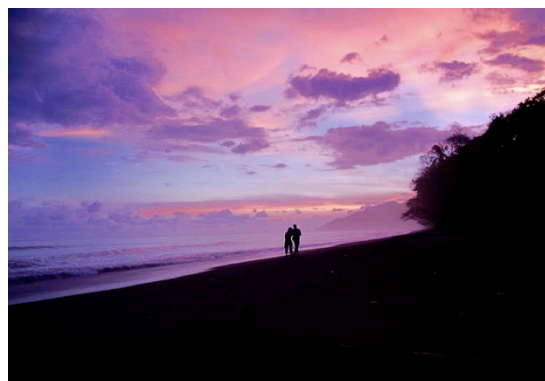


**Peter Bull:** Hello there FOOTFOLK! This shoutout coming to you

from Boston, MA where I've been hanging for the last few years. In that time I've dabbled in a bit of grad school, got hitched, and hit the trail too few times. Currently Greg "Lipstick" Lipstein ('08) and I are working on a business that brings the POWER OF BIG DATA to nonprofits, governments and NGOs (check it out at [drivendata.org](http://drivendata.org)). Attached is a picture from our endless, one-on-one game of Botticelli. Speaking of games, can someone remind me how to play battle blanket? Seriously, I don't remember. Which just goes to show what a sad state my life is in. Demonstrations welcome.



**Gideon Bradburd:** I haven't sent in updates for the past 6 years but I'm making up for lost time with this update because this year is when all the stuff happened to me! I finished my PhD in evolutionary biology, got married to my best friend Marge (with some truly wonderful FOOT friends in attendance), went on an awesome honeymoon/fieldwork trip to Costa Rica, and then Marge and I both got faculty jobs at Michigan State.



HOLY COW. If you'll be in California between now and July 2016, or if you'll be in the Mitten anytime after Aug. 2016, look us up!

**Jake Branzburg:** I hope everyone's doing well. I'm now the Senior Marketing Manager for Uber in Philadelphia. I focus on everything from major partnerships and brand-building to regulatory issues in the region. I'm now 1.5 years into the job, and every day I've faced a different, interesting, challenging problem. It's been a lot of fun. Also, I get to work in growing tech company while living in Philly near the family. It's a rare luxury for which I'm very grateful. Great affordable food, cobblestone streets, BYOBs ... four of the worst sports franchises in the country. What more could you want? I was lucky enough to catch up with Dante, Brent, and Dr. Grimm recently. I want more. Please come visit.

**Willy Cass:** It's been a busy year. I got married to Madelaine D'Angelo in Italy in May a couple of weeks after I graduated from medical school. I started residency in general surgery at Cornell medical center in NYC.

**Bevan Dowd:** Hi, All! I'm writing from Birmingham, where I am here clerking for the year before heading back to California in August to clerk in San Diego. I'm always looking for an excuse to leave the office and play outside, so let me know if you're in the area.

**Brent Godfrey:** Hello FOOT fam! It's been a wild roller coaster of the year. I'm still a Naval Intelligence Officer, and, at the moment, I'm stationed in Washington, DC. After returning from a deployment to the Western Pacific in 2014, I turned around and spent most of 2015 preparing for and going on a deployment to South America. All things considered...not such a bad deal. I enjoyed great port calls in Lima, Peru, Valparaiso Chile, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I never thought speaking Spanish and Portuguese would ever be useful in the Navy...but goes to show what I know (#militaryintelligence)! I've been blessed to have had some magical encounters with fellow FOOT leaders this year. New Years Eve with Beau Babst at his gorgeous home in New Orleans, a couple of DC reunions with my former roommate/hetero life partner Spencer Sherman, a great hike in Shenandoah with DanTe Evans, a legendary bro dinner with Pat Grimm, and a regular Tuesday night pizza and lindy hop lesson date with Anny Gaul. Despite a few rugged years of wandering in the (metaphorical) wilderness of the Navy, I feel like the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter and brighter and I'm incredibly grateful to have bumped into a healthy handful of you beloved FOOT folk recently. If you find yourself in the DC area at any point in the near future, please drop me a line! Much love, Brent

**Pat Grimm:** I live in Washington DC. Working my through orthopaedic residency. More importantly, I get to see Brent Godfrey and Dan T-E on a semi-regular basis. Join the party if you find yourself in the area.

**Anna Grothberg:** No major changes in my life this year. Still in London. Still at Parthenon. Still hip-hopping around Europe and beyond. I completed my first triathlon in September which had a pretty killer FOOT-esque trail run which is the closest I've been to a hike in a while. Plans to hike in the Highlands next year - come join!

**Angel Hertslet:** I (finally) graduated from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies graduate program this year. After a lovely summer of urban forestry, I bid adieu to New Haven and embarked on a cross-country road trip, ending in sunny San Diego. Now I'm consulting for a hospital in rural Tanzania (called FAME; donations encouraged) for the first few months of 2016. My modest hope? To instate a composting system. Then, my plans have me headed back to New Haven yet again (I can't seem to stay away) in March, this time not for love of knowledge but for love of another human. Here's to new romance, to old haunts, and to adventure forever! If you're coming to the Elm City, be sure to get in touch!

**Andrew Karlin:** All is going swimmingly. I am still living in Chelsea with my wife, working hard but playing hard and generally enjoying the city. I am traveling a lot both for my job in investment banking and for weddings, which has been a ton of fun and keeping me out of trouble. We recently just travelled to California and Texas. We loved Austin, where we had the world's best BBQ at Lambert's and where we enjoyed a great hike overlooking the beautiful Texan Hill Country.

**Ross Kennedy-Shaffer:** I'm still living in East getting engaged to Chloe Pinkerton, a fellow teacher, hiker, and lover of the outdoors. Our Maggie loved meeting lots of FOOT leaders at the The Game. And I lost the game



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**Mimi Levine:** Greetings, FOOT! I'm writing to you the lovely resident call rooms at NYP/Columbia NYC. Life is going well, mostly because I now have under my belt, and I'm now enjoying the more hours of a second-year psychiatry resident schedule. I of my time indoors these days, but the outdoors are not too far away -- I'm planning a trip to Ecuador in March, where I hope to improve on my very amateurish bird-watching skills. In addition, my boyfriend, Akiva, is a Yale FES grad (class of '15), and he's never short of enthusiasm for trees, hiking, and the like. So if you're passing through NYC, Ecuador, or the Yale Forest, don't hesitate to give me a shout ([mimi.p.levine@gmail.com](mailto:mimi.p.levine@gmail.com)).

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**Spencer Sherman:** I'm now getting a masters at Harvard Kennedy School, focusing on education policy (along with Jasper Frank, FOOT '10). More importantly, I live pretty much on the same street as Greg Lipstein, Laura Chandhok, and Annie Hirschhorn. We've started what you could call a neighborhood association that involves frequent happy hours and dinners. Talks are currently underway over what our t-shirt design should be.

#### **Greg Lipstein and Laura Chandhok:**

A few quick things we'd like to state  
In this our eighth foot update  
We're in Cambridge, Mass where others leaders abound  
With Annie, Peter, and Spencer we can often be found  
Peter and Greg are also working on their own  
For almost two years DrivenData has grown  
While Laura is at Boston Children's integrated care  
Helping a provider also become a payer  
On our rec soccer team sometimes we're strikers  
Bet you didn't know we were poets in addition to hikers!



**Dave Lyons:** Hello FOOT! Life is good in SF. 2015 flew by, and my big news is that I'm now practicing energy and environmental law. Lynn and I haven't scratched the surface of the hiking riches in the Bay Area, so let us know if you'll be here and want to get outside!

**Lynn McGregor:** Hello FOOT! 2015 was good to me in no small part due to FOOT friends and other Yalies in the Bay Area. If you're heading this way to visit or for longer, please get in touch! While 2014 was a year of milestones, 2015 was happily more subdued. As evidence of that, here is a list of my favorite SF wifi network names, found while attempting to log in to the wifi network of the UCSF grey shuttle: 1) StopHonking! 2) 🎉  
👉 3) 2Girls1Router 4) #yolo 5) 🍌

**Dan Turner-Evans:** I had the pleasure of getting to see Bevan, Pat, and Angel in DC in November and look forward to drinking many a beer with Brent on his return to land later this month (December). Otherwise, I took full advantage of our unseasonably warm Fall and headed out to Shenandoah at every opportunity. I got a full dose of the brilliant, changing leafs after years of withdrawal out in SoCal. I'm also looking forward to snow

shoeing out in West Virginnny if (when?) the temperature drops. Let me know if you're ever in the DC area and looking for some shenanigans.

**Mackenzie Wehner:** Life is good - I'm in my first year as a dermatology resident at Penn and really enjoying it. I managed to spend a week in the Grand Canyon and a week hiking and backpacking in Iceland this past year, as well as do a little peak-bagging at home in New Mexico. I continue to run into FOOT leaders here in Philly, Claire Hirschmann '05 being the most recent!

### **Class of 2009**

**Laura Zatz:** After several years in the working world, I decided to return to life as a student. In September, I started a doctorate in public health nutrition at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Ben and I are living in the South End with our cat Oliver. While Massachusetts' hiking season may be shorter than the DMV's, I'm excited about revisiting familiar trails in the Berkshires and exploring new trails in the area. Let me know if you're around!

**Adedana Ashebir:** Hey folks, hope you're all doing well. Still in Nairobi and you're all welcome! Will host for Old Bay.

**Rachel Kanter:** Happy New Year everyone! 2014-2015 was kind of nuts. After getting married in August 2014, I moved to Miami for the year for my husband's job (clerking for a judge on the 11th circuit). I worked for a bit as a development consultant at Breakthrough Collaborative's Miami branch, and then spent the rest of the year funemployed. Main activities included getting Bruce, our mini labradoodle and devising various ways to tire him out. Over the summer, we moved to DC where I'm working in fundraising at First Book ([firstbook.org](http://firstbook.org)) - a non-profit that donates free books to low income schools/programs. I don't miss teaching, but I do miss working with kids, so trying to figure out a way to fit some volunteering in. I'm much happier in DC and this is the first place I can actually imagine settling down for a while. Come visit!

**Aliz Seitz:** I'm in San Francisco completing my second year of medical school. My futon is open for visitors!

**Severin Knudsen:** I now live in Boise, ID and work as a mixed practice vet. Cats, dogs, cows, sheep, goats, horses, rabbits. I literally see them all. Don't try to find a professional profile of me because my clinic is too old school to even have a website. When I am not working I try to take care of my wife, Emily Moore Knudsen ('09) as she has the even harder job being a first year family med resident. Don't forget the 6 cats and puppy who currently live with us. (Picture attached was taken as I write this.)



**Mara Harwel:** Jasper Frank (FOOT '10) and I got married as planned in May in New Orleans. We then moved to Cambridge where he started school at HKS...but due to an unfortunate apartment flooding incident we've now spent more married months living with our parents than on our own. If you ever face such circumstances, I highly recommend Jasper as a co-leader.

**Max Kramer:** Hey FOOT! I spent 2015 getting settled into life in San Francisco, and am loving it here so far. I was bitten viciously by the surfing bug over the summer; if anyone's around and wants to learn (or just float), hit me up!

**Adam Horowitz:** Since last we met, I started the [U.S. Department of Arts and Culture](#)—a grassroots action network of artists and others mobilizing creativity in the service of social justice. We launched in late 2013, were quickly [denounced by Glenn Beck](#), have since hosted hundreds of participatory, arts-infused community dialogues in more than 40 states, and are learning a lot about how to organize large-scale creative hootenanny. If this update comes out before Feb. 20, folks can tune into the [Poetic Address to the Nation!](#)—the culmination of a new civic ritual called the [People's State of the Union](#). I'm perched in Santa Fe, New Mexico this year, so drop a line if you're headed to the Land of Enchantment!

**Matt Bressler and Becca Levenson:** After moving 5 times in the past 5 years, we decided we couldn't get enough of packing and unpacking and now have found ourselves living in Washington DC. Having finished my MBA at Wharton last summer, I've started working for an early-stage, technology focused venture capital fund called TDF Ventures. Rebecca has been working as a lawyer at Sidley Austin for the past year, having finished clerking for a judge in Philly. One of this year's highlight's was running a half marathon together - lots of FOOT wraps filled with cheddar cheese and salsa powered us through training. Looking forward to seeing other FOOT leaders around DC (or NYC, where we can also often be found)!

**Daniel Fromson:** Hope everyone is doing well — send a note if you're in NYC or visiting and want a Free Indoor Orientation Tour of the NYT.

**Jon Wu:** Got back from Shanghai and immediately started at Harvard Business School, where I'm in the middle of my first year. Life is great! My main goal in life is to undo my willful and self-imposed unemployment, but I've managed to do some fun trips to Iceland and Sri Lanka to do vaguely FOOT-related outdoor activities. Adjusting from a New Orleans-type latitude to a Boston one has been less than ideal, but there's barely any time here to think about how cold it is with all the academic rigor of networking with future business leaders. For those of y'all in the Boston area, give me a shout.

**Aidan McKinlay:** I'm doing well. Getting used to living in the south ("Sir" and "Ma'am" being common courtesy even when not at work). I'm almost 7 months into my 4 year US Navy Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program in Portsmouth, Virginia, so far so good. Being in the Military is an interesting experience, I often daydream about the book I could write filled with humorous short stories from my day to day experiences. For fun I go to Virginia beach and local state parks to get sunlight and exercise out of the hospital walls. Hoping to commit soon to buying camping equipment so I can camp whenever I have 2 day weekends. If anyone is ever in the area and needs a place to stay or wants to hang out, you are always welcome.

## **Class of 2010**

**Zack Abrahamson** lives in Billings, Montana, where he works for a judge. Come visit the Big Sky state and drop a line!

**Austin Anderson:** Austin is in the home stretch at law school up in Cambridge, and about to wrap up a long career as a student. Time to try real life on for size. He'll miss the late mornings and running the beer tasting club, but is otherwise excited for some new adventures. He'll be heading home to Portland, Maine for a year to work for a judge/go fishing, then back to Boston to figure out what to do next. Anyone in either of those places should get in touch for a beer or a hike or some fly fishing.

**Eli Bildner:** Hey FOOT friends! Still in the Bay (holler if you're in the area!), though I left Coursera in June to head back to business school at Stanford. It's been funny to be back on a campus (exams, really?) but invigorating on the whole. Hope everyone's thriving, and be in touch!

**Virginia Calkins** is in San Francisco. Most of the time, she is working in real estate tech, but she's also developing a hut system in the Northern Sierra. Always looking for site visit buddies, ideas, early adopters, etc.

**Libbey Davis:** The biggest happening for me in 2015 was getting married!!! Nathan and I got married outside of Boston on a beautiful New England fall day in October--we were lucky enough to have fellow '10 FOOT leaders Erin Walsh and Jason Gilliland in attendance :) I spent most of the year in Berkeley, CA workin on my MBA, but got to spend the summer working in Denver where we'll be moving starting this summer. Top of my Bay Area Bucket List is to hang out with as many Bay Area FOOT leaders as possible before bringing the party to Colorado!

**Wiles Kase:** By far the biggest news of anyone's life is when you first grow a mustache and try to convince people you're not being ironic about it. That's what I'm going through right now (see photo). Also, I got married in 2014! (see photo.) I left Boston (Somerville) behind in June and road tripped across the beautiful midsection of our county with my beautiful wife Lauren Hunter (CC '10) Boston-->Albany-->Detroit-->Omaha-->Kansas City-->Rocky Mountain National Park-->Kansas City-->Chicago-->Ann Arbor. Now, I'm in Ann Arbor, MI getting a dual MBA/MS in environmental science from University of Michigan.

Haven't had too much FOOT leader contact since arriving in Michigan, although my dual-degree cohort is basically the grad-school incarnation of FOOT leaders. Tom "T-Schnitz" Schnitzer visited in Ann Arbor November, and much fun was had (sorry no fotos). I do see Jeremy Lent (FOOT '11, also at UMich) from time to time; he and Lauren and I went to a Tango lesson together. Much fun was had by all (sorry no fotos). Eight years after FOOT leaders Michael Boyle, Olivia Wheeler, and Dan Frank piloted Huaorani Community Tours, I'm still leading trips to Ecuador. Hit me up if you're looking for an adventure!! Also, FOOT leader Jon Wu and I are involved in Chris Kaimmer's (PC '09) startup that leads international service learning trips based around soccer. Hit us up if your teenage child wants to earn service learning credit while traveling and playing soccer.

I often find myself wanting to Oomgala these days. If you're passing through Ann Arbor, please let me know and we can belt out an Oomgala at the Big House.



**Christine Levy:** Hi FOOT community! As we move further and further from the glory days of oom-galas and campfires, I relish these updates more and more. I'm still living in Denver and work at the Charter School Growth Fund to help great schools grow. My work takes me to Memphis nearly every week, where--if I'm lucky--I sometimes run into Nandi Chihombori-Quao. I'm also living in FOOT house 2.0; I share a Denver bungalow with fellow 2011 FOOT leader Becca Hinkle. I continue to enjoy the beautiful Rocky Mountains and will open my doors to any visitors for a camping, skiing, or biking weekend. Come play!



**Craig Minoff:** Since last January, I've settled into my role at Airbnb, still out in SF. It has been awesome taking advantage of the wonderful outdoors surrounding the Bay Area. Hiking, biking, camping, skiing galore, including trips with Peter Wilczynski ('12), Eli Bildner ('10), and continuing the annual Settlers retreat tradition with a trip to New Orleans and North Carolina for Jasper's wedding and bachelor party and a great reunion just this past weekend in Billings, MT.



**Molly Rubenstein:** Still living in Cambridge, but taking a break from startup life to teach entrepreneurship to firstyear engineers at Olin College and fund and mentor innovation centers in developing countries (some of which I even get to visit!). Bizarre to have so many people thinking I know something about anything, but rolling with it. Missing the epic proportions of last year's winter but managing my disappointment. Enjoyed seeing everyone at our reunion in May, with other FOOT highlights of the year including hiking and hanging with Elizabeth Breit around Boston with an occasional sighting of Brian Boyle thrown in for good measure!

**Tom Schnitzer:** --I continue to love life in Boston, specifically where I'm living in Jamaica Plain. I have a couch for anyone who wants to come visit

--I'm working at BCG where I continue to be energized by my clients and colleagues and not yet too tired of the travelling life style

--I still see a lot of FOOT leaders in and around Boston and continue to enjoy twice-annual escapades with Brian Boyle, Jasper Frank, Dan Schechner, Craig Minoff, and Zack Abrahamson. In 2015 we all joined the festivities at Jasper's wedding to Mara in New Orleans and then visited Zack in Billings Montana where we skied, shot guns, and danced to country music.

--Best wishes to everyone for a great 2016

**Becca Summer:** I'm still living in Wisconsin, getting my PhD in Geography at UW-Madison and working on a dissertation about the history of alleys in American cities. Teaching undergrads is my favorite part of the whole thing. I started learning how to play the mandolin and am looking forward to a trip to Tajikistan where my boyfriend is spending a year doing his own dissertation research. It was so great to see so many FOOT friends at the 5-year reunion in May. Can't wait till the next one!

## **Class of 2011**

**Jeremy Lent:** I'm now a fifth-year PhD student in philosophy at University of Michigan, and I'm writing the final draft (I swear!) of my dissertation. I worked as a bioethics consultant at the Federal Trade Commission last summer, and I seem to have caught the "public service" bug. So now I'm looking for ways to put my philosophy to work in a federal or state government agency. (If anyone sees a government job announcement for a philosopher, please let me know!) In the meantime, I've agreed to be a guinea pig for the new graduate student dorm at Michigan: I'm living in an palatial suite with six other grad students (from a bunch of different departments and programs) in a building of about 650 grad students, and we're having a great time. Next project: Convince all my suitemates to do "rose-bud-thorn" at the end of each day...

**Tully McLoughlin:** Hiya FOOT! I have been living in Chicago for the last two years, plowing ahead with dreams in improv comedy. Recently, I joined Via, a transportation startup that's doing for the bus what Uber's done for the taxi. H/t to the wonderful Monica Ceragioli, also FOOT '11, part of the NYC Via team, for her recommendation and help through the process of my coming aboard. It also warms my heart to report that Lili Rudis has recently joined Via in Chicago. So it's pretty much a FOOT takeover at this point. Good things abound: Floating Dance Party is still going, as is podcasting, and cooking. Mom and Dad recently moved out to

Boulder, CO, so there are more mountains than ever in my future. <3



**Chris Lash:** Hey gang - I'm three months in to a new adventure living and working in Amman, Jordan. This country has some beautiful opportunities for hiking, and I've been trying to take advantage of that as much as possible. When Cilla finally agrees to buy us all round-trip tickets anywhere in the world for a FOOTstravaganza Reunion-a-palooza ("FSRP"), I'd submit Wadi Rum (see photo) as a destination. My Arabic is slowly improving, and I'm hoping that by the time you read this update I'll know more about my medium-term career plans. If you happen to be in the region, please let me know - otherwise, I'll see you all at the FSRP. Be well!



**Dounia Bredes:** I'm currently home in snowy Vermont, having come back from Dakar in July. Between teaching gigs I've managed to squeeze in a hike on Katahdin (the end of the AT!), including the Knife's Edge trail. That trail was incredible, but I will happily never do it again.



^ Me, mid-hike on Katahdin...and mid-bite.

By the time you read this, I will have traded the East Coast for the West Coast and started my masters degree in Monterey, California. I've never been to Monterey, but I hear it's nice, so if you like blue skies and sunbathing seals, please come visit. I'll be there for about a year and a half before hopefully traveling to teach English somewhere outside the U.S. of A.

See you at our 2011 reunion in June!

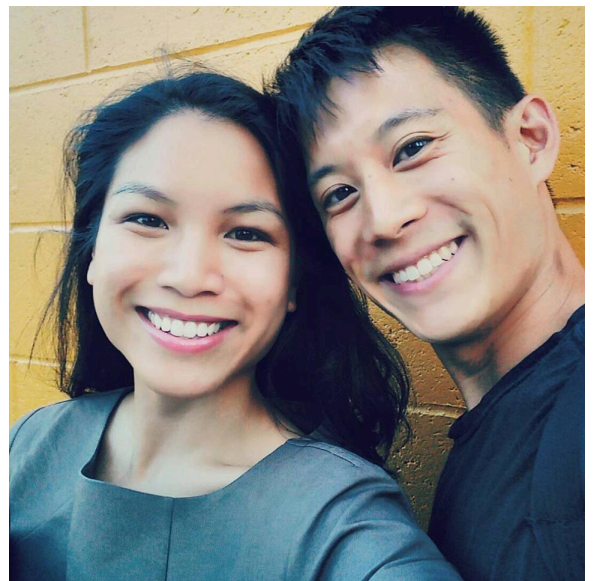
**Katelynn Clement:** I set off on a north-bound thru-hike of the AT in April, a dream sparked by FOOT long ago. I made it 4 months, 1,300 miles from GA to NJ and it was simply incredible. I was sad to go, but I couldn't pass up a teaching gig in Jackson, WY that started before my Oct. finish on Katahdin. Now I'm teaching with Olivia Wheeler, FOOT '10, and hanging in some crazy landscapes. I'm planning to return to the AT and start fresh in a few years, so if you're down, throw it on your calendar. Also, I have a puppy named Mars and he is very adorable.

**Hilary Faxon:** This year I started a PhD at Cornell, where I'm writing about and continuing to work with social movements for environmental and gender justice in Myanmar/Burma. I'm having a blast exploring the trails and breweries of the finger lakes thus far, and always welcome FOOT visitors to Ithaca or Yangon.

**Kelvin Vu:** This is my third year in Tel Aviv working with the Batsheva Dance Company's junior Ensemble. The season started with exciting tours to Cyprus and New York, and we're traveling more around Europe in the spring. I'm researching other companies and places to call home for next year and figuring out how to start the next chapter, which I hope will include creating some of my own performance work. In the meantime, I still have eight months and seventy shows left to enjoy to the fullest in Israel, so come visit if you're in the area!



**Michelle Ho:** I'm still living in the beloved Bay Area and finishing off my stint in museum education at Stanford's Cantor Arts Center this January! Next up: Cancun. Then super excited to start something new, TBD, hopefully providing enough \$\$\$ to let me stay here. Things that gave me life this year: ballet ballet ballet, bonding over dance with Kelvin Vu, lunching with Akina Younge in NYC, going to too many music/art/dance shows, and facilitating some (pretty intense) interfaith, intergenerational community discussions on racism. I also learned the beauty of REST and NAPS and MARGIN. Finally, I am issuing an open call for Bay Area FOOTies to organize a camping trip ASAP because some suburban friends don't believe I once allowed my shoes to get dirty...



**Rebecca Hinkle:** Denver continues to be home for the 4th year. I'm still teaching at KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy, heading up the ELA department, doing some instructional coaching, and enjoying the trials and tribulations of being in 6th grade for the 5th year of my life. Meanwhile, I am sharing the loveliest of homes with Ms. Christine Levy '10-- come visit us!-- and frolicking in the mountains frequently. Below is a photo of me with my good pal Chelsea Willett at the meeting of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, taken during a visit to the Twin Cities to ring in the New Year!



**Chelsea Willett:** I am in my second year of grad school at Berkeley, getting to know California better and learning lots and lots about the rocks. I subjected my pal Rebecca Hinkle to the magical Minnesotan tundra post-holidays (see above). Looking forward to some FOOT weddings, 5-year reunion, and maybe some international travel for conferences in 2016. Hit me up if you're ever in SF!

**Abby West:** I'm still enjoying the West Coast, where I'm living/working/driving between San Francisco & Santa Cruz. Surfing skills have not improved since last FOOT update, and it's starting to look like a lost cause. Finally, as I suppose happens here, a friend just showed me a tweet which is now my motto: "learn just enough tap dancing just to tap dance out of the room when you win an argument."

**Frances Douglas:** I moved up to Boston this past summer and have been loving it! Jon Amatruda (not FOOT but still a Yalie) and I are getting married in June down in Austin, TX.

**Elliott Brennan:** Hey, yall--I'm still living and working in the Hudson Valley, raising animals and growing crops. This past season, I was at Blue Hill Farm -- a diversified organic farm that raises beautiful Normande cows (<https://goo.gl/photos/9gea9r4RmBFWT1nFA>) and sends milk, eggs, beef, pork, and some veggies down to the Blue Hill restaurants in New York City. The highlights of my year include having breakfast with Ms. Monica Ceragioli, the ridesharing tycoon, and Mr. Dennis Howe esquire, the Harvard Law School boy genius, in August and having a beer with Mr. Max Hendrickson, the oil baron, in October. My current favorite country song to emulate is <https://youtu.be/mQPjKSVe1tQ>. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion. If anyone wants to visit me in the idyllic Hudson Valley, you should. <https://goo.gl/photos/fsEMhVDMvnGLYZ2Z9>

**Lauren Smith:** I moved back to New York about a year ago and am currently living with my boyfriend (a non-Yalie but he would've made an excellent FOOT-ie). When we're not traveling, adventuring, hiking or otherwise having an active life, I work at Foursquare on cool big data problems, focusing on analytics and strategy. I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone at the five-year reunion this summer!!

**Dennis Howe:** Hello FOOT! I've moved up to Cambridge, MA, where I'm in law school at Harvard. Rest assured, I have not purchased any gear and I wouldn't dream of rooting for any Harvard athletic teams. Things

are good here, overall. I have a very old-fashioned apartment with heating pipes that hiss and bang like a steam locomotive, but otherwise it's a comfy little spot in a beautiful neighborhood. Apparently Elizabeth Warren lives on my block. I get my FOOT fill from fellow law student Adi Kamdar, but always looking for more FOOT action. I'll be in New York this summer. Give me a shout if you want to meet up in either place.

**Thomas Meyer:** I'm in DC working for a group that advises foundations and philanthropists on their charitable giving--currently I focus on veterans' issues. I'm living under the same roof as the one and only Yuri Shadunsky. We do oomgalas every day, eat only tortillas with cheese and peanut butter, and take turns being FOOTie and FOOT Leader when we walk to the Metro in the morning. I also recently learned to ride a bicycle--2015 was a big year. Hope everyone is doing well and see all of you 2011 folks at 5-year reunion!

**Max Hendrickson:** Hi everyone! I'm still hanging out in Brooklyn and working for Maersk in midtown. Really enjoying living in NYC - it's been a full year since I moved back from Dubai. Not much to say other than if you're around the city and want to hang, get in touch :)

**Reuben Fischer-Baum:** I'm a visual journalist at FiveThirtyEight, which means that I'm on the graphics teams building interactives and making charts and maps. Lots of politics and sports. I live in Brooklyn with my gf although we're starting to hunt for our next city. I teach at data viz class at The New School and I'm learning how to draw!

**Eleanor Hayes-Larson:** Life is good! I'm in year 2 of a PhD program in Epidemiology at Columbia, studying TB/HIV co-infection. I got to spend some time over the summer collecting data in the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho, which was a nice break from the concrete jungle of New York City. Ben Muller (CC '10) and I are also trying to find some time here and there to plan our 2017 wedding. If you're visiting NYC, be sure to say hello!

**Yuri Shadunsky:** I am living in DC in the same house as Thomas Meyer and working for a company called Opower as a programmer. I just finished up a trip to Israel and Jordan where got to hang out with Reuben Fischerbaum, Kelvin Vu, and Chris Lash. Here is a picture of me and Chris at some cool Roman ruins.



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**Lepi Jha:** One of the coolest FOOT-relevant parts of 2015 was hiking through Plitvice Lakes National Park in central Croatia with my boyfriend Eddie Fishman! Plitvice has 16 waterfalls -- pictured here are Eddie and I with our recent friend Galovacki Buk. Nick Finger and I are leading a support crew through the area for May 2016 -- let us know if you want to join!



**Kevin Hoffman:** After finishing the 2015 school year teaching in LA, I moved up to Oakland to take a job helping manage technology implementation for a charter school network. It's been a great experience so far, and I'm excited to continue to settle in and explore the more-accessible natural settings around the Bay. Hit me up if you're in town!

**Allison James:** After a couple years in NYC I'm finally starting to put some music out into the world. If you're in NYC, I'd love to see you at one of my shows! I've also released some singles on iTunes and 2 music videos on YouTube. I'm also coaching CrossFit full time, and having lots of fun with both. Hit me up on FB...and here's the website with all the info/show dates: [www.alisonjamesmusic.com](http://www.alisonjamesmusic.com) or [www.facebook.com/alisonjamesmusic](http://www.facebook.com/alisonjamesmusic)

**Peter Wilczynski:** Adi left San Francisco in July, and in order to memorialize our time together, I decided to embark on a haphazard journey around the world building a bespoke map application for the international intel/defense community. I'm currently living in New York, but my team is split between NYC, London, DC, and Palo Alto, so you'll likely find me in one of those cities, crazily trying to keep my head above water. I've been able to run into dozens of FOOT friends over the year across the world, and continue to be so happy to interact with this wonderful and lovely community! I also finally achieved my 2016 goal of trying out cross-country skiing, so if anyone is interested in taking a trip up the Hudson, let me know!

**Brendan Ternus:** As my third year working on education projects in Beijing draws to a close, I'm about to embark on a new adventure: in March, I'll be leaving China and traveling through India and Central Asia for at least a few months. After that, I'm aiming to start doing a new thing in a new place (place and thing excitingly TBD!) Cool ideas or leads welcome - my current imaginings include starting a school, writing interactive children's books, and trying to become the first teacher on Mars. Would love to hang out with any and all of you as I follow the blazes into whatever's next!

**Kaylee Weil:** Hi FOOT friends! After six years of living in New Haven, I finally cut the cord and moved back west to California for my next life adventure. I got engaged (yay!), and am now planning an exciting outdoorsy wedding in Colorado. Yes, there will be a spotting scope for birding turns to telescope for stargazing... I'm currently living in the East Bay and working in downtown San Francisco for NatureBridge. I run the organization's summer programs in Yosemite, Olympic, and Shenandoah, so there's never a dull moment. I'd love to see any other FOOT folks in the Bay Area or anyone that's just passing through!

**Jack Bisceglia:** I'm finishing up my last year of law school at UVA and making the most of my last few months in wonderful Charlottesville, Va. I just got back from a brief adventure in South Africa with my older sister and picked up a few more survival techniques in the bush to add to my FOOT repertoire. I will be moving

to New York City in August where I'll be working for a law firm. Hoping to reconnect with many of you in the city! See y'all soon!

### **Class of 2013**

**Will Ferraro:** Hi FOOT! I am in my second year at Harvard Law School. I split my time between classes, moot court, and work for an academic journal. I'm learning a ton and enjoying it very much. Zoe Egelman '13 and Adi Kamdar '12 are both first-year students here, and it's been great to reconnect with them. Last summer, I was a legal intern in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. I worked on appeals of federal prosecutions ranging from complex fraud schemes to illegal firearm possession. Fascinating work with terrific people; I'd love to return to DOJ someday. I'll be in DC again this summer to work for a law firm. Hope to see some of you there!

**Jacob Evelyn:** Jacob Evelyn is loving Boston but itching for opportunities to get out into the woods, which sometimes means backpacking trips with his mom, which is a totally cool thing for an adult man to do. A recent trip to the Catskills involved beautiful fall colors and sun flurries (photo evidence provided). In his spare time he tries to spread the word about his side project, [computeforhumanity.org](http://computeforhumanity.org). Aaaaand rumor has it he's dating another FOOT leader! #WhoCouldItBe #TimeForFOOTBabies  
*\*\*picture attached*



**Helen McCreary:** I'm back from New Zealand, and am now living the struggling artist life in Brooklyn! I've got an EP out, and an album coming out on February 5th, which is all very exciting and exhausting. Other than that, I'm doing some fact-checking for TED talks, and hoping to get some archaeology work in the spring when the ground thaws :) NYC footies, let's hang!

*\*\*picture attached of album artwork*

**David Carel:** In September I began working as the Deputy Director of Equal Education's Eastern Cape office. Nearly a decade ago, Equal Education grew out of the Treatment Action Campaign, the internationally renowned activist organization that compelled the AIDS-denialist South African government to provide antiretroviral treatment to its citizens. Equal Education uses a similar strategy in the education, combining mass political mobilization of high school students with creative, persistent litigation.

Aside from that, I've been living mostly out of old foot t-shirts on a farm about twenty minutes from town. I live with three dogs, two cats, a dozen ducks, three emus, and my 67 year old best friend, Susan. If you're passing through South Africa, come visit!



**Cody McCoy:** I moved to Cambridge to start a PhD in Biology at Harvard, which places me in the lucky company of such folks as Jon Russell (a mere two buildings away!!!), Adi Kamdar (L1, just across the street!!!), and Jacob Evelyn (somewhere in Boston but eager to bike anywhere, face protected from the elements by artful headscarf!). The rest of the year was spent in lovely Oxford with brief trips elsewhere, such as the fjords of Norway with David Carel (who kayaked amongst a pod of harbour porpoises). Even more beautiful than the fjords was Steph Rivkin's face, which continues to pop up in the most unexpected places :) Hugs, Cody

**Alex Kramer:** I had *such* a great 2015! Fell into an awesome community of actors in New York and still spend countless weekends with old FOOT friends, hanging out in the city or traveling upstate. And I will be making my TV debut this spring! First on "The Family" on ABC (March 6th) and then in the pilot (and several other episodes) of a new Hulu original series called "The Path" (premiering March 30th). Life is good! Very excited for 2016.

**Steph Wagner:** After a great year living and working in Boston, I moved down to Atlanta to begin medical school at Emory. Before moving, I was lucky enough to get in some great hiking in the Northeast, happily accompanied by a very trusty fellow FOOT leader. If anyone is hiking the southern end of the AT or just wants to discover new trails in Georgia, let me know!

**Megan Leslie:** I recently made the incredible decision to move to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas to live with Charlotte Parker '13. I am working for an endovascular neurosurgeon by day and learning to two-step by night, thoroughly enjoying myself in both pursuits. Everything is truly bigger here, which means we have plenty of space to host any adventurous travelers that would like to come check things out!

Here's Alex Kramer, Megan Leslie, Tati Piskula, Diana Saverin, Charlotte Parker & Kate Fruin winter hiking in the Adirondacks



### Class of 2014

**Angelica Calabrese:** Hey everyone! I didn't write one of these last year, so I guess I'll give double the updates this time around: after graduation, I spent the fall working as a program leader for a group of gap year students in India and Southeast Asia. I taught them that Delicious + Delicious = Delicious, which they all thankfully embraced, and they taught me Signs, which is an epic game that I so wish I could have played with FOOTies. Last February, I moved to Ghana for seven months, where I was working on an exchange program for West African students (shout out to Callie Lowenstein, FOOT 2010!), along with drinking too much akpeteshie (local gin), being really sweaty in tro-tros, and occasionally hanging with voodoo priests. In the fall, I perfected my Italian, learned how to make olive oil, and got to do some fun writing projects on things like tarantula possession. I'm currently trying to decide what I want to do with the rest of my life (or at least, for the next six months). If you have any ideas, or want to go on an adventure with me between now and June, let me know!

**Amelia Earnest:** Hey FOOT! I've been working as an analyst for a litigation law firm in Chicago. Essentially, I help create the architecture behind a suit: researching precedents, creeping on defendants and judges. I live on a tree-lined street in a neighborhood where everyone has either a tattoo or a small dog. Often both. There are no mountains here, but the lakefront is spectacular and keeps me running. Chicago's winter is no joke (there is actually a parallel world of subterranean tunnels for the winter commute...) but come and stay with me for Lollapalooza, or for any other reason! FOOT love to all!



**Eric Fishman:** Eric moved to Boston at the end of the summer, and he now teaches a complete schmorgasboard of subjects at a STEAM-focused elementary school. He even teaches "linguistics" (spelling), which he finds ironic given his complete lack of spelling ability (see schmorgasboard). In his spare time, he has been playing cello and attempting to learn how to cook.

**Courtney Halgren:** Hi FOOT! I moved to New York in August, where I am in a training program at Sotheby's (with FOOT 15's Otis Blum!). As a trainee, I am spending my first year rotating in different departments and am thrilled to have the opportunity to explore several facets of the company before deciding where I ultimately want to end up. I am learning so much and love being surrounded by incredible art every day. In other news, I ran my first half marathon in December and am having so much fun discovering my favorite spots in the city!

**Sally Helm & Mark Trapani:** Sally Helm '14 and Mark Trapani '14 are loving life as roommates in a beautiful apartment in Crown Heights, Brooklyn (also with Alex Kramer FOOT '13!). Sally was living in Sitka, Alaska until September 2015, hanging out with tons of other FOOT leaders and running an after school creative writing program for kids and teenagers. She hiked a lot. She also saw a lot of humpback whales and ate an absurd amount of salmon. In Fall 2015, Sally moved to Cape Cod for two months to participate in the Transom Story Workshop, where she learned what she needs to know to become a radio producer. Now, she's an intern at NPR's Planet Money podcast in New York.

Mark graduated in May (finally!). Without passing GO or collecting \$200, he flew down to Barbados for a summer internship with the UNDP. He spent most of his summer in a hyper-climatized office building and the rest on a beach. With only two days at home to wash clothes and pack them back up, Mark moved to the polar vortex known as New York. He is working for a non-profit called Endeavor that supports entrepreneurs in high-impact markets around the world. And on weekends, he cajoles Sally into exploring new parts of NYC—she isn't hard to convince. Mark and Sally have a big dining room table, and they're getting really good at cooking. Their living room is available to entertain any FOOT leaders passing through Brooklyn!

**Tao Tao Holmes:** Hiya! I spent last year as a university teacher/Princeton-in-Asia fellow out in Xinjiang Province, western China. Over the summer, I led trips along the AT and in the Alps for Overland, and now I'm living and working in Brooklyn at an online mag called Atlas Obscura, which has been a blast. Also got in some travel in S.E. Asia with K-Stew back in February 2015! Saw Angelica back in the US a while back, my dearest co Mark Trapani the other weekend (woot!), and the infamous "Fifty Shades of White" aka Ric Best. FOOT '14 alive and well.

Here's a pic from the Alps, attached (near the Matterhorn).



**Maren Hopkins:** Still happily living in Seattle working for Microsoft and having a lot of fun. Loving being so close to the mountains, especially this year when the Pacific Northwest has so much snow. I've been travelling to China a lot for work so I try to make the most of the time I have at home to get outside and explore. Made it back to Yale for The Game and loved running into some many FOOT leaders :)

**Jake Keaney:** Hi FOOT friends! I finished the 5-year MPH program at Yale last May and am currently at home in the Boston area, taking a break from school in between the MPH program and medical school. Not having had my fill of Claire's baked goods and New Haven pizza quite yet, I'll be returning to Yale for medical school in the fall of 2016. Please be in touch if you'll be in the Boston or New Haven area this year—I'm always happy to meet up for food, drink, or board games!

**Caroline Lester:** After moving down south from Alaska, Caroline entered the lucrative field of public radio. She just started her job at WGBH in Boston and is in the need of some friends. Hit her up! Also, her parents got a puppy, which makes moving back home at the tender age of 24 just a little bit better. Here it is, in a backpack.



**Isaiah Lyons-Galante:** I'm still living it up in Madison, WI, working for Epic, a big ol' healthcare software company. I have learned to master such adult things as emptying the dishwasher, contributing to a 401k, and using sick days to play hookey. Though it is  $-6^{\circ}\text{F}$  as I write this, I'm looking to bring my new-found adulthood skillz to somewhere in the Southern Hemisphere beginning in June. Hit me up if you would like a pen-pal!

**Andrew Marburg:** I decided to spend some time traveling and working on my Spanish skills this year. I started in Buenos Aires in October with fellow FOOT leader and dear friend Ira Slomski-Pritz, but he went and got real work with NOLS! So now I'm wandering through South America solo. I'm in Sucre, Bolivia headed north right now, my goal being to make it to Colombia come early March. If any of you happen to be wandering around these parts and are looking for a travel/lunch/trying-to-speak-Spanish-even-though-I'm-not-that-good-at-it companion, hit me up!

**Sarah Maslin:** I just moved from Buenos Aires to San Salvador, where I'll be reporting on violence -- past and present -- and how it affects communities. [Here's](#) the latest. Stay tuned for more. [Follow me](#) on Twitter. Come visit!!

**Amy Napleton:** I will wrap up my second year teaching middle school science with TFA in Minneapolis in June, and plan to move back to Chicago to make some moves towards medical school. My immediate family has grown to 20 people, 19 of whom live in Chicago. So, it's time. Let's all hang out all the time! Come visit me and lakes before June! Or come visit me and Lake after June!

**Sophie Nethercut:** Ahoy FOOT! I'm still working in Sitka, Alaska as a community organizer for the Sitka Conservation Society. I spend most of my time hanging with humpback whales, giant 500-year-old trees, salmon, and rain-kissed humans. I spent last summer commercial fishing around Sitka and plucking a lot of ducks with Diana Saverin up near Kotzebue. Come visit. You will never leave. And then we can go on so many adventures!



**Sarah Rosales:** This summer, I joined long-term missionary staff with Cru (yay!) and I had ankle surgery (that "sprain" from senior spring was apparently a tear...). I'm continuing my second year working with Yale Students for Christ and Athletes in Action, and it's been both challenging and really great. I wish my ankle would heal up faster than it has, but I love living in New Haven, my roommates are the best, and I'm beginning to deepen some grown-up friendships, which is exciting!

**Jesse Schreck:** After belatedly graduating in May (!), Jesse began working as an Office Production Assistant on a new Hulu series called "The Path." ("Office PA" being essentially like director/writer/star.) Shooting wraps at the end of January (so "wrapped," I guess, by the time you're reading this), then it is/was off to Los Angeles! If you're thinking, "Hey, that's where I live!" then stop making this about yourself and TEXT me. Other updates: I've gotten really into *Last Week Tonight* (John Oliver's show), I thought the Blood Moon was disappointing, and on Halloween I was Ash Ketchum and I lost my brother's childhood Pikachu doll and tbqh he still doesn't know.

**Joel Sircus:** Joel is still living in New York City, and - because he has virtually no hard skills other than those that FOOT taught him - is still earning a living by offering advice to businesses. Having moved in with fellow FOOT leader Stephanie Rivkin this past June, Joel abandoned his natural state of living and sleeping among dirty roommates and crushed up solo cups in search of a more civilized and refined living situation. Though there were initial fears about his ability to adjust, Joel has acclimated fairly well, discovering artifacts he'd previously only heard tell of like the fabled dishwasher or the elusive Swiffer Wet Jet. Overall, 2015 was a great year for Joel - highlights include avoiding Malaria in Cambodia, finally learning what Art Deco means, and beating Ric Best in fantasy football for the fourth straight year.

**Ira Slomski-Pritz:** I have had a mobile year. After finishing the magical spring in Sitka, I jumped back to NOLS work--which by the end of the summer took me sea kayaking in the Kenai Fjords, backpacking in Alaska's Talkeetna mountains, and mountaineering in the North Cascades of Washington. In the Talkeetnas we had a particularly extended encounter with a Grizzly that didn't want to leave us be. As any good FOOT trained instructor, I had the group OOMGALA together right at the bear. I'm sure we seemed quite intimidating. As I write, I am about to head back into the field for a backpacking course in Patagonia. Since September I have been in South America. I spent 3 months in Buenos Aires with Andrew Marburg (and in Sarah Maslin's apartment--freshman year foot trip still strong), and since then have been traveling. Mostly Andrew and I are trying to get good at spanish. Sometimes we are geographically lost, often we are existentially lost, and it's this focus on practicing the language that brings us back (when stranded in small Patagonian towns, one can still practice spanish). When I was alone for a period in Buenos Aires I happened to run into Joel and Stephanie a few blocks from my apartment. We proceeded to have a few bottles of wine. I am looking forward to many more of these serendipitous FOOT encounters, and many planned ones too.

Also see Class of 1990 for more!



*Me and some students stopping for glacial silt spa treatment on the way into camp.*

**Margaret Van Cleve:** Hi FOOT! I am still living in DC, teaching at an early childhood school in the KIPP charter network. I learn a lot every day, my kids say hilarious things and I am constantly fighting off every germ you can imagine. Please come visit! Lots and lots of love to all.

**David Cruz:** Hi FOOT! I left my job at my startup last fall and moved out to Somerville, MA, where I'm doing research at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society til the summer. I'm studying education technology and have been having a blast building curriculum to teach 7th-10th graders how to responsibly use the Internet. I'm also working as an Associate Producer at a public radio program, Humankind, joining the ranks of the FOOT 2014 radio squad. After traveling a lot back-and-forth between New Haven and Boston all fall, I'm now consistently around town. I'd love to see more FOOT friends, and am still getting my bearings in the area. If you haven't seen me yet, shoot me a message!



## **Class of 2015**

**Denzil Bernard:** Since fleeing the coop of both Yale and my childhood home, I find myself living with the one and only David Mandelbaum here in San Francisco, and about 8 blocks away from the always amazing Andrew Cordova! I'm currently stumbling my way through a job at Lever (Human Resources Tech Start-Up), and loving it! Outside of work, I'm dabbling in the kitchen, learning how to bartend for fun, gaining assorted life skills and otherwise thing to enjoy what is a very rainy San Francisco as of late. If you're ever in San Francisco let me/us know, we're happy to show you around!

**Adrian Chiem:** FOOT! I think about you all every day, mostly because half of the wardrobe I brought to Sitka, AK is branded with our logo. Here, I'm living in an old dormitory with around 12-13 others, half of whom are Yalies. (This is the same program that Ira Slomski-Pritz ('14), Andrew Marburg ('14), Sally Helm ('14), and Will Kronick ('14) all did last year!) We are steeped in culture and history, and are all learning the nuances and tensions of living in a small town. I'm working at the Community Hospital here following in Andrew's footsteps, spending most of my hours doing activities with long term care residents, with the remaining hours working on projects or policies. It is wildly beautiful here (whales, eagles, northern lights, etc.), and I pause every single day to soak in how the mountains have changed in the unending rain. Some things I've learned here include: how to cook meals for 20+ people, how to jig for rockfish, and how to justify taking work off on Friday afternoons because the sun is out and you need to go hiking (this has only happened once, please don't fire me).

**Andrew Cordova:** I am currently living in beautiful, sunny San Francisco, and I work for Robin Feldman, an intellectual property law professor. For my job, I read and write law review articles, so for most days I don't feel like I have left college. My current research focuses on pharmaceutical patents, which has been incredibly interesting. I definitely love it! And, I am currently waiting to hear back from several law schools for admission in the fall. Outside of work, I take advantage on San Francisco's parks and easy access to outdoor spots around the bay. (Going to the beach in January is pretty awesome!) Also, thank god for FOOT -- there have been too many "adult" nights where I just throw a bunch of delicious + delicious into a pan and only assume that it will equal delicious. If anyone is every around, I would love to catch up and host you here! All my love goes out to the FOOT community.

**Bobby De La Rosa:** I moved to Los Angeles right after graduation and in July I started work as an architectural designer at Gensler. Since moving to California, my avocado and citrus intake has increased tremendously while my water usage has decreased in line with state-mandated conservation measures. I'm living in West Hollywood and I thought I might be "discovered" as a model, but so far the only modeling in my life involves a woodshop and tiny buildings. On the weekends I like to indulge my penchant for photographing mid-century buildings and furniture, which luckily there are a lot of in LA. Sometimes when I'm out of clothes I'll fill my old backpack with laundry and hike a half mile to the launderette, which is the closest experience to FOOT that I get every couple of weeks. Luckily though the mountains are very accessible--they are no Appalachians, but the San Gabriels are pretty good too.

**Jake Dawe, Abigail Carney, and Kiera Rose** live together in Los Angeles. Their houseplants are dying, so they'll probably just go out and buy some new ones. If you know how to keep succulents alive, let us know.



**Eric Sirakian:** I don't have much to offer as an update. I am in the second term of drama school in London (the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art). It's a three-year program. My acting training involves studying monkeys at the London zoo and memorizing sonnets and taking train journeys to faraway northern cities where I eavesdrop on conversations in pubs. It's a great adventure but also really hard. I miss FOOT so so much.

**Rachel Tobin:** I live in Los Angeles, where I teach science for 2nd-6th grade students (doing experiments on the daily - like making slime or making "gummy worms come alive"). I have also been hanging out with lots of FOOT leaders in LA!!! If we can bring LA to FOOT, we can bring FOOT to LA! (kinda). I'm also going on a camping trip with a bunch of FOOT leaders in Joshua Tree! Here's a pic of me with two other FOOT leaders recently (Mackenzie Naert and Gracia Vargas).



**Mackenzie Naert:** Mackenzie lives in NYC and attends medical school at Mount Sinai (with Jimmy Murphy, FOOT '13). Her favorite tort recipe at the moment is sweet potato, black bean, and cheddar quesadillas!

**Gracia Vargas:** While the month after graduation was very busy for me - full of med school apps - the following month was one of the most incredible experiences of my life, and had me thinking about my FOOT fam every day! I spent 23 days hiking the Camino de Santiago from St-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, along a centuries-old Catholic pilgrimage. It was a beautiful experience seeing a new country, doing a ton of hiking, meeting all kinds of people, and having hours every day to pray and enjoy nature as well :) After spending a few days in Santiago, I took another two days to walk to the ocean, and slept on the beach under the stars on the last night... Made me think of all of you! Since getting back, I've been teaching 10th grade chemistry at Greenwich Academy, which is where I went to high school. It's been a blast so far, and while I'm so excited for medical school next year (school still tbd), it will certainly be hard to leave the kiddos behind. Happy byproducts of the med school interview process have included visiting David Mandelbaum, Denzil Bernard, and Andrew Cordova in San Francisco, and staying with Mackenzie Naert in New York! Sending lots of love to all of you... xxx



**Grace Lindsey:** Grace is a 6th grade teacher in New York City. She put her FOOT skills to the test with Talya Lockman-Fine this summer when they hiked the Connecticut section of the AT. They were mostly successful except for misnavigating and ending up at the cemetery of an abandoned mental hospital in Pawling, New York. It was not good.

**Talya Lockman-Fine:** Talya is living in Dakar, Senegal, working for Dalberg Global Development Advisors on a project on youth unemployment. The best things about Dakar are running paths along the ocean and outdoor beach parties that kind of feel like FOOT, but the whole country is pretty flat so there's unfortunately no hiking. Let her know if you're anywhere in West Africa!



**Sophie Miller:** Hi hi hi! Post-graduation I had an amazing summer back home in LA — I got my vinyasa yoga teacher 200-hr certification and just soaked up all the sunshine that I could! I am now in Milwaukee, WI in my first year of medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin. I LOVE IT! Also I am quickly learning that mid-west people are just the nicest of all time! If you are in the area PLEASE PLEASE come say hi (I almost always have ice cream in my freezer!!!). Also I got to see FOOT legend Onagh TWICE this summer! Here's us in my home in Milwaukee.

**Carlos Gould:** Shortly after graduation I moved down to DC for the summer to work for the Natural Resources Defense Council, learning a lot about political action within the environmental world. While there, among other classic DC moves—running the monuments, regular museum visits, weekend brunches, and name dropping—I toured the West Wing with Paul Parell and Austin Jaspers. In late August I moved out to sunny Berkeley, California to continue doing research on household energy consumption in the developing world (#cookstoves), including some field work in Peru. The Bay Area FOOT crew is happening and I was fortunate enough to see a few folks—David Mandelbaum, Denzil Bernard, Andrew Cordova, Ariel Kirshenbaum, and Paul again. Paul and I hiked Half Dome in Yosemite, with a wake up call akin to that of a four mile morning hike out. Thankfully we drove ourselves so didn't worry about the bus backing up, which I've never let a bus driver do. Now I'm back in New Haven continuing to do research on household energy and enjoying life in East Rock. With some trips to Honduras sprinkled throughout, I'll be here in New Haven until August when I'll start a PhD program.



**Paul Parell:** Hi FOOT! I spent the summer at home in Kentucky and then camping my way out to California. Along the way I learned that everyone should visit Idaho (highly recommend: sleeping under the stars along the Snake River, watching the BASE jumpers in Twin Falls, and learning about Boise's surprisingly large Basque community) and that Grand Teton might just be my favorite national park. I'm now living in Palo Alto with my older brother and 5 of our friends, and I work as a product manager for a software company called Delphix. I've recently been learning how to roll in a kayak, and I'm trying my darnedest to pick up line dancing.

**Alex Dobner:** Hi FOOT! I'm currently living in West LA and going to school at UCLA where I'm trying to get a math PhD (at least until my Hollywood acting career gets off the ground). As a grad student my days mostly consist of doing math and playing frisbee, so I try to convince myself that I'm still at Yale but it's just much warmer all the time. There are a bunch of other FOOT leaders living in the area, and I've been hanging out with one in particular a whole lot. If you're ever in LA you should visit us! You can sleep on my couch and swim in my pool, and I'll point you to all the cool LA landmarks like the Pacific Ocean and Kim Kardashian's house.

**Joy Shan:** Hey, FOOT friends! I'm writing this from Cape Town, South Africa, where I've been working since last July. My current house stands next to a major train station and informal taxi terminal. It's quite serendipitous, because my project with the African Centre for Cities has to do with public transit. Living here, especially with all that's happening right now, has been a lesson in feeling small and lost and alone. But I've also met the most tremendous and interesting people, who have pointed me towards all kinds of ideas and topics that I never would've found otherwise. Upon graduating from Yale I realized that I don't really have any hobbies, at least not in the traditional sense, so I've also begun teaching myself how to sew books.

**Evi Steyer:** Although I am now living in London, which some would deem an "urban center," I have been meeting my outdoor needs by spending weekends hiking through the surrounding countryside (or heath if you'd like). Because people happen to live in the places where I happen to walk, I have also been making friends with the suburban British folk and have even been rescued by them a few times when I lost my way in the sheep fields. When not wandering in people's backyards, I work for a sustainable investment firm and call my mom on the phone.



**Megan Opatrny:** Hi FOOT! I spent most of the summer after graduation with my family in Ohio before driving across the country to my current home in Los Angeles. Inspired by FOOT leader Ariel Kirshenbaum's ('14) experience, I came here to spend a year with City Year AmeriCorps working as a tutor & mentor for seventh grade students at an underserved school in South LA. I love it! My students are inspiring and hilarious and keep me on my toes. I've also been able to meet up with some other FOOT leaders in LA, and I still hang out fairly regularly with fellow 2012 support crew member Alex Dobner. Here's a picture of us at Sequoia National Park. While I'm not sure exactly how I'll spend next year, I do know I want to explore more of Southern California – so please send me day/weekend trip suggestions if you know your way around the area!



Bobby De La Rosa, Abigail Carney, Kiera Rose, Megan Opatrny, Alex Dobner, Jake Dawe, and Onagh Mackenzie at Joshua Tree National Park



And so, some news of me, **Cilla**: I officially retired from teaching at Hopkins, although I'm teaching one more course this spring. But then that will be it. I have loved teaching, but it's time for new adventures. I have a new hip and a new knee –yikes! I wish I could say I'm now the bionic woman, but I'm still working on it... We hosted the Yale Slavic Chorus (I sang with them as an undergraduate) at our Vermont farm for their fall retreat. They put on a show for our local friends; it was terrific. We did some traveling this fall, mostly domestic trips since our international ones were thwarted, either by illness or terrorism. So we went to the Ozarks, Animal Kingdom (Steve is working on a project with Disney, so we got to meet all the animals backstage!), and Niagara Falls (you must do this at least once in your lifetime). xoxoxo, Cilla



The Slavs & me in VT



The Ozarks



Animal Kingdom (Mt. Everest!)



The Falls!