

The FOOT Newsletter for 2016!

Dear FOOT Leader Alums,

Well, we completed another hugely successful FOOT program last August in the woods of New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. I am still so impressed with all the leaders and their incredible energy and enthusiasm for making that transition to Yale a happy one, at the same time experiencing the beauty of our natural world in the Northeast. Some important news for FOOT you should be aware of: 1. The Dean’s Office has mandated that we change our name from “Freshman” to “First-Year” to be more inclusive of others—including transfer students who can now participate on FOOT. Fortunately, this does not change our acronym; we will always be FOOT! And hey, those early T-shirts will become collectors’ items. 2. Next year’s freshman class has grown—to about 1550! Yikes! So we are anticipating more sign-ups this spring. We are considering returning to the Delaware Water Gap in New Jersey where we used to hike. 3. The Dean’s Office is considering changing the whole orientation calendar plus picking up the bill for all the orientation programs. This would be huge. More later on this if it happens! And, as you can see in the photos below, FOOT Leaders are still slowly spreading their good will around the globe!

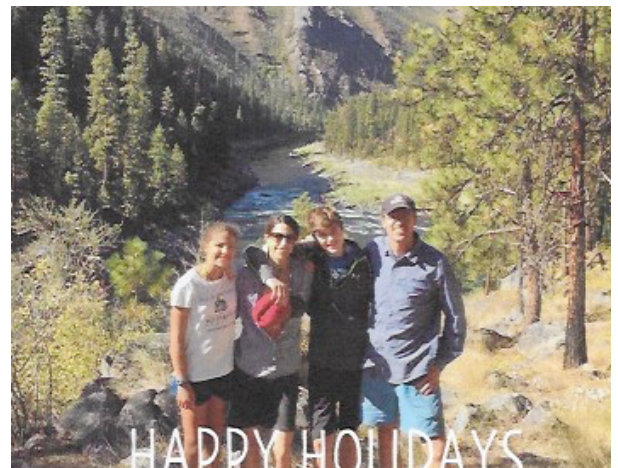


Before we get to the class news, I want to share the sadness of the passing away of **Brian P. Kinlan (1977-2017)** (JE Class of 1999) who died on January 27, 2017. I remember him well. He was joyous, vibrant and outgoing. He is sorely missed by his parents, sister, nephew, and many friends. For those who wish to honor Brian’s memory, his family suggests the Ocean Conservancy or the Environmental Defense Fund, since he was a passionate environmentalist and oceanographer. May Brian rest in peace, and may we, in the words of his father, “lead the rest our lives as Brian would have wanted us to.”

Now, on to Class News:

1986-87

Jamie Williams is still head of The Wilderness Society in Washington DC doing an amazing job protecting our natural wild lands. **Florence** is still writing books. Her latest is *The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier and More Creative*. Buy it on Amazon!



Liz Ablow: Like always life is full. It is different then the fullness when we were driving kids around from soccer practice to music concerts and beyond. Instead, we seem to follow our kids around in different ways. In the beginning of May we went to Maine via plane to see our son Jacob perform with the Colby College Orchestra. Every year the school has a concerto competition and in 2016 Jacob, who plays the flute, was the winner. Then at the end of May Dick and I got in our 1997 Honda CRV and drove across country, stopping at friends and family along the way to celebrate Dick's 60th birthday multiple times! Every night was another celebration. We almost ran out of gas in North Dakota but otherwise the car drove beautifully. Our final destination was Colby College where we transitioned from celebrating a birthday and moved to celebrating Jacob's college graduation. More recently, at Thanksgiving we visited our son again, this time to Yosemite National Park where he had an internship. Our travels also brought us to Minnesota to visit our daughter who is a sophomore at Carleton College. We chose a February visit in hopes of a winter experience. We managed few trips this year that didn't include our kids. We mountain biked in the Canyonlands National Park and visited Christ in the Desert, a monastery in New Mexico with Dick's siblings. Dick's uncle started the monastery over 50 years ago. At home life continues! Dick's bakery/cafe is still going strong. I'm still busy with my work at Seattle City Light, excited about studies underway focused on rivers and steelhead. Full disclosure: Steelhead are probably my favorite fish! I am also still involved in the City's Race and Social Justice initiative. I am still in a fog and full of sadness/depression over our country's politics/president. At the same time I am very proud of Washington State and also our constituents since we elected our Attorney General and Governor. I was also moved and lifted by the women's march and immigrant rights protests that have taken place in Seattle and around the world. I hope 2017 improves for all! Liz



Beth Morrow: For my news –I live in Brooklyn, occasionally get out to beautiful places, but otherwise have come to appreciate the trees and the park close by. I have two kids, one named Rowan who goes to RISD, and another named Janet who is a senior in high school. As my life gets upended through empty-nest-hood, my plan is to get to the woods more often, and breathe some clean air. Wishing everyone great peace in this very tumultuous time. Beth

1988

Roger Wynne reporting: Perhaps we've reached a time in our lives where milestones come less frequently. Or we're just lame about correspondence. Either way, no news to report from the '88 contingent this year.

1989

Ann Vileisis: This is the year when many of us turn 50 (hard to believe we're getting that old!) --and so we must remember to live every day well. BIG FOOT HUG to everyone! Ann

Kristin Mitchell: Greetings, FOOT Crew! Thanks to everyone who shares news this time of year. In these confusing times, it is good to feel connected to people I have known for such a long time. It is also humbling to see what everyone is accomplishing. Greg, I wish you the best in the new chapter of public service. I should wish perhaps, that governing wisely comes more easily to all than does campaigning. Carrie, your thoughts about communal brokenness and repair are calming, and Trex, your invitation to give to the FOOT scholarship fund was a welcome call to action. I've had some conversations recently with my credit card company about 'unusual activity' in these unusual times. I did some 'groundbreaking' this year- in the form of digging a pond. It has been a visual delight to me and local birdlife and my 12 year old daughter and friends who gleefully donned wetsuits for a pond party in a chilly Alaskan September. We are trying to make it suitable for skating in time for a New Year's event - I may be in the market for a mini Zamboni.

It's been a pretty good hiking year - we spent time in Costa Rica, and then went to Italy for my brother's wedding, and returned via Iceland. I took my kids and my parents hiking on the Snaefells Peninsula, listening to Jules Verne's Journey to the Center of the Earth. I'm still practicing internal medicine in Soldotna, Alaska, teaching medical students, and working on plans for an internal medicine residency. I'm also part of the state working group on Medicaid expansion.

peace and love to all, especially Cilla. Kristin



Carrie Hatcher-Kay: I will keep this brief, but send my reflections on personal and communal brokenness and repair and hope inspired by post-election realities that I think are not new to our time, <http://www.partnersinhealingpsychotherapy.com/category/blog/> Otherwise, very happily busy with two very active children and husband and supporting their pursuits as well as my professional practice as therapist and trainer/ consultant in the area of mind-body oriented psychotherapy. And doing my best locally and more broadly to work toward justice and peace. Peace to each of you very dear people.

Greg Felt: This has been a pretty wild year for me. In January, I formalized an idea I had been cultivating and announced my candidacy for Chaffee County Commissioner, running as an Unaffiliated candidate. I knew it would be a three-way race as there were already a Republican and Democrat running. As it turned out, the Democrat soon dropped out and was replaced by Bill Dvorak, the outfitter that I worked for back in college (so did Jamie Williams, Ann Vileisis, Sean Bourke,...). This made a challenging situation even more awkward and difficult, not to mention ironic. But what's a guy to do? It was a long and bruising campaign – frankly, I've never really had enemies (that I know of) so reading outrageous lies about me in the newspaper most mornings was quite a novelty. Glad to say I have thicker skin than I would have thought. It was hard on my family but I just soldiered on. And in the end I won. Dvorak got 28%, the Republican got 30.5%, and I got 41.5%. The campaign was so consuming that it was difficult to actually realize that it was over, that I had won, and that I had a new job. We have a general manager at ArkAnglers now so that should free me up to do this – probably a 2/3 time job being commissioner. So I am now going through a lot of training and having a lot of meetings, doing my own “transition” as I get ready for installation in January. Obviously 11/8 was a pretty weird night for the nation. It was very strange for me, winning this race and having a great party and then coming home to find my daughter in tears. I don't want to dwell on the national scene – suffice it to say I've got my hands full here with the community I love and I am going to give it everything I have for the 4-year term and see how it goes. It is a great new chapter of life! In addition to all of this, my wife Susan continues to thrive at her quite successful interior building products company. I call her “First Lady” now and it seems to be helping with recovery from some of the rough stuff in the campaign! My daughter Kestrel graduated from Oberlin in May and has been enjoying life back in Colorado. And my son Rowen is in his second year at Middlebury. FOOT was featured in the campaign! Here is a link to the campaign website page where we used it: <http://www.electgregfelt.com/legacy-of-leadership> I hope everyone is doing well. And please make contact if you are headed for Central Colorado.

Trex Proffitt: Last summer I decided to make a career change to teach seventh grade US history. Inspired by political events, and realizing the importance of civic duty and education, I retired from higher education teaching strategy and negotiations in business school. The new job is to teach at my son, Eddie's day school, where an opening involving squash

and American history coincidentally appeared. Both passions were refined at Yale and now, somebody pays me to do them! The seventh grade is alive and kicking—we are all the way up to the pre-Civil War period: Jacksonian “democracy”, the industrial revolution, slavery, and Indian relocations and exterminations. I’m very inspired by the students and their responses to this material every day; we balance our enthusiasm for American ideals with a deep and troubled awareness of its crimes and deficiencies. Believe it or not, seventh graders get it! Of course, my role model for this would have to be Cilla Kellert. It just took me a bit longer to realize it. Beth continues to work at F&M as a residential college dean, like our residential college deans back at Yale, and I get to play squash as often as I want since Eddie likes to play now. The squash winter season just ended and while the teams come in pretty far down the list of schools that play the sport, we are building 5 new courts of our very own on which to play, which is a great opportunity. So, although my knees are dodgy, I’m in a sort of rural Pennsylvania heaven.

From **Ben and Betsy Saylor** and a trip to Namibia



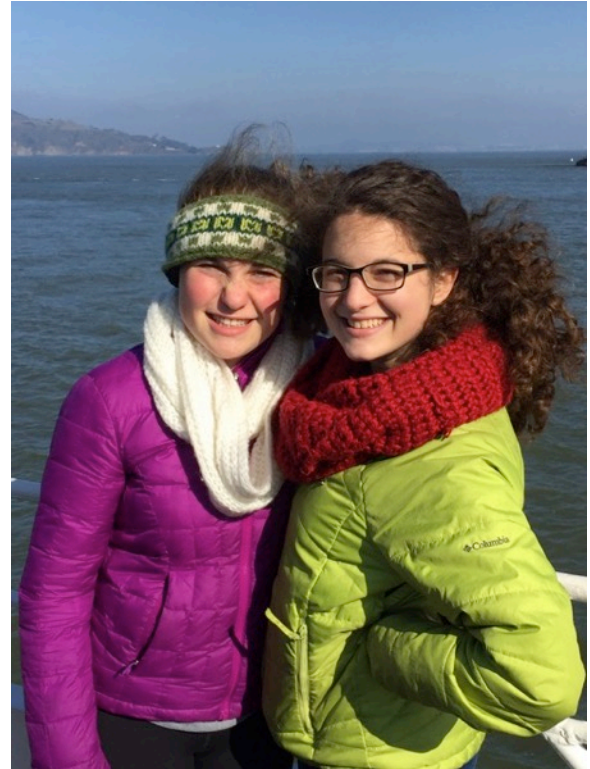
1990

Kashka Kubzdela: The past two years have been rich in FOOT reunions J! In May 2015, we had a great time catching up at our 25th Yale reunion (i.e. 29th FOOT reunion!) with Moshe (Levy) Usadi and Andrew Lederman, with a 3-seconds extended reunion bonus with Eric Greenwald and Renny Gleeson (on the FOOT 1990 photo, from left to right: Kashka, Eric, Moshe, Andrew, Renny, all class of 1990). In late 2015, in DC, we got one last get together with one of our fearless leaders, Joanna Rosen (see the L?) and her family before Eric Greenwald moved to Texas (on the IMG_7254 photo, from left to right: Calder, Harlan, Joanna, Kashka, Neal, Eric, and Rem). In March 2016, during a college campuses tour with my daughter, Nicola, we got together with Michael Kahan and Gabriella Safran at Stanford (on the IMG_1212 photo from left to right: Nicola, Kashka, Michael, and Gabriella). We had a chance to see them again in May 2016 during the admit days, and in September during the move in days. In September 2016 was also time for me to relive FOOT vicariously with Nicola leaving for her first year of college and going on Stanford's version of FOOT, SPOT (on the 15304530... photo she is in the middle and yellow). In October I was back at Stanford for her 19th birthday and we celebrated with a private tour/hike at Stanford’s beautiful Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve with Michael and Gabriella where we got thoroughly soaked but had a great hike and were treated to ginormous, perfect, double rainbow (on the IMG_9630 photo, from left to right: Gabriella, Michael, and Nicola). The latest news, is spending a couple of days with Moshe Usadi and his three sons in DC last December (2016). On the photos we are at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, at a behind the scenes tour given by my friend Matt, the Smithsonian's Curator of Dinosaurs (in IMG_0188 from left to right: Matt, Caleb, Charlie, Jake, Nicola, and Moshe), and waiting for movies to start, decked out in full 3D Imax gear (in IMG_0207 from left to right: Charlie, Nicola, Caleb, Jake, and Moshe). We hope that 2017 will bring many more FOOT reunions and perhaps an exchange program between FOOT and SPOT.





Michael Kahan: All is well with Michael Kahan and family. Our older daughter is a sophomore in college now, at Tufts; she is planning to spend next year in Jordan, so if there are any FOOT people who might be in Amman - please let me know! Our younger is a sophomore in high school, luckily staying a bit closer to home for now. My wife, Gabriella, and I still teach at Stanford, where Kashka Kubzdela's daughter is now a freshman! This has given us a number of occasions to see both Kashka and her wonderful daughter, Nicola. I also occasionally run into Michelle Wilde Anderson, who teaches at the Law School here. Here are a couple of shots of our family on a ferry in San Francisco bay back in January!



Renny Gleeson: JE'90 is currently living in Portland, Oregon with better half Pam Lloyd, JE'90 and their two boys Jasper, 14 and Rufus, 11. Though surrounded by nature (and legalized cannabis), Renny's hiking is mostly limited to coffee runs.

Eve Porter is still having fun with hubby and kids in New Hampshire!



Kate Hackett writes: “Hello, Foot Friends! Thanks for the nudge, Baker. Nothin’ wrong with persistence! I am absolutely AWFUL about staying in touch but of those people I want to keep track of you all are among the top. So many great memories with you from FOOT and beyond.

Chris Roberts, it is an embarrassment that you live 45 minutes from me and we haven’t yet gotten together.... This much be remedied! And, Barnacle Bill, a special thanks to you!

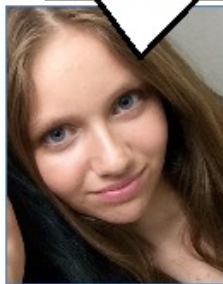
Be well, Everyone. Kate”

HEADLINES FROM THE HACKETT-MESSER HOUSEHOLD: 2016



This year kept me busy working on agri-environmental policies at the State and Federal levels. I finished another half marathon, and climbed a 14,265' peak with Maddie in Colorado.

Immersed myself in a three-week Johns Hopkins University class about international politics. Member of the DE Odyssey of the Mind State Championship team and competed at the world finals. My volleyball team was undefeated and 2016 district champions. (Maddie, age 14)



Family Christmas in Thailand (2015)

Family Christmas in Canaan Valley, WV (2015)



My school selected me as one of four 6th graders on our middle school basketball team! I programmed robotic Legos and competed with friends. And, generally, good times are galloping around the ring on horseback. (Nora, age 11)

Wishing you abundant joy, great happiness, and fun adventures in the coming year!
Love, Kent, Kate, Maddie, and Nora



This is Nora!

Our first family vacation in Cape Cod! Among the many highlights were jumping from the local bridge at high tide, learning to surf (or trying to...), seeing breaching whales, and neo-tribal hunting of schools of fish on the beach!



Proud to serve on the transition team for DE's incoming Governor and also acquired a 1,250-acre farm for DE Wild Lands to form a block of 10,000 acres of protected coastal land. Happy for my mother, survivor of advanced stage cancer.

Chris Roberts: “Martha (11) is in sixth grade at our local Catholic parish school. She is into acting. She’s written a screen play for a film called *Touch the Rim* in which Dad stars as an Olympian basketball player (!). The film is scheduled to hit youtube in the new year. Martha will also be confirmed in April and take the name of Bernadette. Mum/Mom and Martha hope to get to Lourdes in the summer. Ruth (8) is in third grade at home with Mum/Mom. Back in May she made her First Holy Communion. Other highlights of the 16/17 school year so far have been reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom together and learning Shakespeare speeches with a group of homeschoolers in our living room. Another highlight for Ruth has been long hours playing outside with the neighborhood kids. Mum and Dad did, however, say no when asked if the kids could jump from the shed roof onto the trampoline. Sarah (almost 6) is in kindergarten at the local parish too. She really likes school. She likes numbers and asks great questions. She learnt to ride a bike this year and loved riding around campsites in the summer during vacation in rural Pennsylvania. Miriam (2) is also called Button. In fact, she thinks she is called Button. She has a will. She likes singing and hikes, swinging and playing her violin (no hair on her bow). Chris, God willing, will become a deacon in June. Whoopee! He will probably work at our local parish, although that’s up to the Archbishop. Yes, he will wear a dog collar when on duty. He is also working with two other couples to start a high school. <http://martinsaintsclassical.org> If you feel inspired, you could even make a donation! Hannah happily and sleepily continues to be the family tentpole. Her "best of 2016" are as follows. Best read of the year: *Death Comes to the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. Best swim of the year: Lake Erie, PA, turquoise water like the sea, but the fresh water of a lake. Best hike of the year: Point Breeze, south Philly, to the Race Street Pier, a pier-now-park, on the edge of the Delaware River at night.”



Diana Fischer: “I am still in Newton, MA serving my 5th year on our School Committee and facing my final bid for re-election this November before I hit my term-limit. I've been active in politics and parenting. Still happily married to Richard (JE'91) and our girls are now 16 and 18. The 18 year old just started at Brandeis. Last August we hiked in Colorado and Oregon. I had never been to Oregon so I was happy to check it off of my bucket list. The terrain was gorgeous and diverse, and the donuts weren't bad either! We ended the trip at my niece's wedding on a Colorado mountaintop. That's the only photo I have of all 4 of us on the trip but I felt I should clarify that is not our normal hiking attire! I still want to do a Grand Canyon rafting trip one summer. Any good leads on a reasonably-priced outfitter? Want to join me? Reunion?? I hear these things have to be planned at least a year in advance so this could be in the summer of 2018. That would be the 30th anniversary of the first FOOT trip we led! Sorry to miss the FOOT reunion event at our 25th but glad I could see some of you on Old Campus during the weekend. Heartfelt condolences to Cilla. -Diana Fisher”



Baker Mallory: “The big news in 2016 was a big move, a short distant. After six years in Ridgefield, CT we moved one town away to Wilton, CT. We also squeezed my architecture / landscape design office into a wing of the new house, making it an extra big move... it may take me a year to recover and 2 years to unpack. If anyone for any reason is coming through southwestern CT please visit.

The other exciting thing for all of us was my kids’ new adventures in track and field and cross country running. Due to Olympic fever this summer they entered a Track and Field event near us in June. Success at the CT state level lead to the New England regional level in Albany, NY, and finally to the National Junior Olympic Championships in Sacramento, CA in July. They kept it going with Cross Country running in the Fall and ended up at the Cross Country Nationals in Hoover, AL. At their young ages the competition isn’t that intense; it is more about the adventure. It was just as much fun for Jody and me as we really started making wonderful friends throughout the country ... so unexpected.



Baker, Jody and Brad (8), Rose (8) and Gus (10) in the Old West

Emel Gokyigit Wadhvani: Greetings from Sacramento! The boys are thriving and, to our alarm, getting very, very grown up. Noah Kenan, now 17 and in his final year of high school, is in the throes of college applications. Once admitted and decided, he intends to defer his admission by a year so that he can spend time abroad on a Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship. The scholarship is set but we are still waiting to hear on the destination, so he could end up anywhere in the world. He continues to play lots and lots of tennis and is now also coaching younger kids. He also continues to sing with his school choir and with an after school all-male singing group he co-directs. Adam Kaya, 13 and an 8th grader, has an eclectic set of interests that include photography and videography (he is honing his skills on his middle school’s broadcasting team) and hip hop and breakdancing (he performs with a local, laid-back team). He continues to cook regularly for the family. Those of you who enjoy cooking shows can catch his appearance as one of the contestants on MasterChef Junior beginning in February. Details are at his “fan page” (yikes!!) on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/juniorchefadam> Emel is still trying to fight the good fight to protect the waters of California. With the boys so independent these days, she finally officially increased her hours to full time this year (not that they were really part-time before this). She is especially engaged in work that involves storm water collection and discharge in urban areas and mitigation of its impact on water quality. In her “spare” time, she helps with college applications and high school applications, drives in circles around the city dropping off and picking up youngsters, and attempts to ensure her teenagers are staying reasonably safe. Dan continues to teach at University of the Pacific, and also holds visiting positions at Copenhagen Business School and Kyoto University. He is traveling quite a bit these days, both to conferences and to Copenhagen and Kyoto. He has also recently gotten involved in teaching at the law school, and is running a set of public innovation programs in Sacramento. We are grateful, as we enter 2017, that our parents are in relatively good health and that we have many adventures to look forward to with our extended family and friends. We wish you all a healthy and happy New Year! Dan, Emel, and the boys



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*From Dan, Emel, Noah Kenan (17),
Adam Kaya (13), and Nickel
Wadhvani*

**From Yale's Class of 1991 25th Reunion in May!
Baker Mallory, Ben Doolittle, Betsy & Ben Saylor, Glenn Magid, Eric Steadman and Cilla!**



1992

Sumner McCallie: I remain at the McCallie School, now in the role of Dean of Faculty and Curriculum. My wife Katie and I have two boys, one 3 1/2 and one 1 1/2. Life swirls around trying to listen to who they are and will be as they grow up, and trying to find the best ways we can support their blossoming personalities.



1993

Burch and Rachelle LaPrade: Life continues in Des Moines, Iowa for the LaPrade family. Burch started a new company last year - Gain Compliance. Gain offers cloud-based software solutions for insurance compliance. Rachelle's equine veterinary practice keeps her busy. Abbott, now a senior in high school, loved his semester last spring at The Mountain School so much he is headed back to Vermont to Middlebury College in the fall. Forrest, a high school sophomore, stays busy with school, running cross country, swimming, and playing soccer. Beckett, in 7th grade, plays soccer and hockey. Kendrick, a fourth grader, rides her pony and plays soccer and hockey. Our family is rounded out by a horse, a pony, three dogs, two cats, thirty odd laying hens, and thousands of composting worms. Life is busy and full.



The LaPrade Family

Burch, Rachelle, Abbott (12th grade), Forrest (10th grade), Beckett (7th grade), & Kendrick (4th grade)

Seth Collings Hawkins: My mountaineering/climbing medicine book is being published in April:
<http://books.wwnorton.com/books/detail.aspx?ID=4294992861>

Ashley West: I'm an Associate Professor of Northern Renaissance Art at Temple University. Alas, I am long overdue for a backpacking or winter skiing trip, having succumbed to the life of a bookworm! But I'm open to suggestions, especially from Krista Longnecker, my old Yale roommate and fellow backpacking buddy. I've still got trips on my bucket list, so will hope to be able to add some adventures on the FOOT update newsletter in the future. Stay tuned...

1994

Carrie Patterson: Getting married on Nov. 20 to my long-time sweetie, George Domantay. We are doing a backyard wedding with family and friends. Ben Madley and his wife Barbara will be here with us! That's my main update. Growing my publishing company DoppelHouse Press. It's a challenge running a business but I love it!

Scott Walsh: Thanks for the update! I have apparently hit my mid-life crisis, and I have reverted to doing many of the things I did in college: I'm rowing, I'm playing in a band (www.thelocalsd.com), and I'm going hiking and camping – this time with my kids' Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop. Thankfully, my wife is supportive of all this, considering these to be much better options than the standard mid-life crisis behaviors. I love the fundraising idea and will be happy to support it. I hope all is well with you and yours. Best wishes, Scott

Elizabeth Murdock (PC94) is living in SF, with her husband, Paul, two daughters (Zoë, 10, and Pia, 6), and two dogs (Wallace & Darwin). She reports a happy life. But despite her fabulous family, and some super fun vacations—including a recent trip to Hawaii, where she scuba-dived with green sea turtles and leaf scorpion fish...and a recent trip to Fiji to address shark conservation and illegal fishing in the Western and Central Pacific for NRDC's Oceans Program—there is still a vague emptiness in her heart. Can it be there is no one to force her to sleep without a tent in the Yale Forest on an unbearably hot, muggy, mosquito-ridden August eve? Or perhaps it is a chronically low supply of GORP? Or that it has now been over 20 years since she has done The Hustle with a group of FOOTies on a mountain top in the Catskills? Or, could it be, simply that she misses Meg Wickwire's ever quick wit and dazzling humor? Whatever the case, we clearly need another FOOT reunion soon!

Meg Wickwire (BR94) Recently, I began plans for a parent-child backpacking trip in the 'Daks with a new-ish friend. As we discussed hiking distances, I discovered that he is an ultra marathoner. The 100-miles, run-through-the-night, wear-food-on-your-belt kind of races. Two thoughts occurred to me: 1) I'm not even remotely tempted to try that, and 2) This is going to be one helluva challenging backpacking trip. Note that the plan came about because I was lamenting to him that I've *almost* climbed Mt. Marcy twice. The first time, Jay Ready hurt his knee, so our group gallantly rerouted. Jay kept us entertained with good cheer and witty rejoinders the whole way, so we didn't really care about missing a peak. The second time, Tom Periello and I were leading a group full of fabulous, smart, funny frosh who were, nevertheless, not the peak-tackling sort. So once again we rerouted. I'm determined to do it before my cartilage disappears entirely! P.S. I'm also dying to do the Long Trail, a bigger undertaking (273 miles), and one I'd like to do with my son, who's 10, and, obviously, Elizabeth Murdock and her daughters. Anyone else tempted to do some sections together? Seriously—how fun would that be? A Y94 FOOT reunion with kids! This is important; we need at least enough people for Boppitty Bop Bop Bop. Speaking of which, I got a teaching gig in Hangzhou, China last summer and took Bill and Penn. The program was pretty discombobulated, so several times I found myself needing to fill time with a room full of non-English-speaking 10-13 year old Chinese kids. FOOT games were a huge hit! Who knew boppitty transcends language barriers? I hope you are all well, and still hitting the trail whenever you can. . .

Ben Madley (TC94) is Associate Professor of History and Chair of American Indian Studies at the UCLA. His first book, *An American Genocide: The United States and the California Indian Catastrophe, 1846-1873* was recently published by Yale University Press. It received the 2016 Heyday Books History Award. Ben lives with his wife, Barbara, and their two children, Jacob and Eleanor, in Los Angeles. He continues to backpack from time to time and recently met up with FOOT leader extraordinaire Perry de Valpine and his family in Berkeley, California.

Jay Readey '94 Where to start? It has easily been more than a decade since I have provided an update. At that time, I still felt fairly FOOTie - took my then-young son camping and hiking often, but then he got into youth baseball and I started coaching, and all that stuff seemed to evaporate. In 2010 I took a job as Executive Director of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, and outdoors wasn't enough of a part of my life. At the end of 2015, I left that job to focus on making inclusive investments in socially and racially inclusive neighborhoods, and magically the first investment I worked on has been Big Marsh, a 300-acre natural space and off-road cycling park in the Chicago Park District (www.bigmarsh.org). On Easter weekend, my Mom died unexpectedly, and in order to hold onto our family cabin and tree farm in the Hocking Hills region of Southeast Ohio, we have opened it up for business as a rental property, "Rock Stalls Lodge," through www.timbertrailcabins.net. We have 1 free weekend per month for friends and family or 50% off anytime - I'm happy to offer those deals to any FOOT leaders who get in touch with me and would like to taste the heaven of the Hocking Hills and the hiking treasure of Rock Stalls. Finally, in walking my dog in nearby forest preserves, I started mapping out a hiking route to circumnavigate the Chicago region, and while building trails this winter I'm planning to launch "Hike Chicago's Outerbelt" at www.outerbelt.org in the spring. Please be in touch if you come to Chicago and want to hike, or if you might be interested in mapping out an outerbelt around your city. I feel like I'm back to my FOOT identity, and it feels good.

Anne Weil: Happy to report: same job, same schools, same city, but new house in Denver, CO! Baillie (13), Alie (11), and Charlie (14)



1995

Anne Egger: I received tenure, and next year will be on sabbatical - hooray! Current plans are to spend about a month in New Zealand and 3-4 months back at Stanford work on a sustainability education project. I'm president of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers this year, and we just signed on to the March for Science - it's proving to be an interesting journey.

1996

Ivan Kerbel: All is well in Seattle. We are working hard, and Wallace, Eleanor's and my 2-yr. old, is testing our immune systems with all sorts of exotic viruses from daycare. (Pics of the young fella attached.) In the "it's a small world" department, Wallace is in daycare with Franklin, son of **Pete Ehrenkranz** (FOOT '96) and his wife Callista, who also have a daughter, Aviva ... it's been great catching up with him. In other news, FOOT has been on my mind because I am still, albeit slowly, starting to organize backcountry trips in the high Sierras (with MBA students from around the world) ... it seems like a more pressing thing to be doing with every new day in our current political era. I promise I'll send more proper news with my class notes. Ivan



Josh Cott: I continue to live in Ashland, Oregon, surrounded by beautiful mountains and my wife and Noah (10) and Fiona (7).

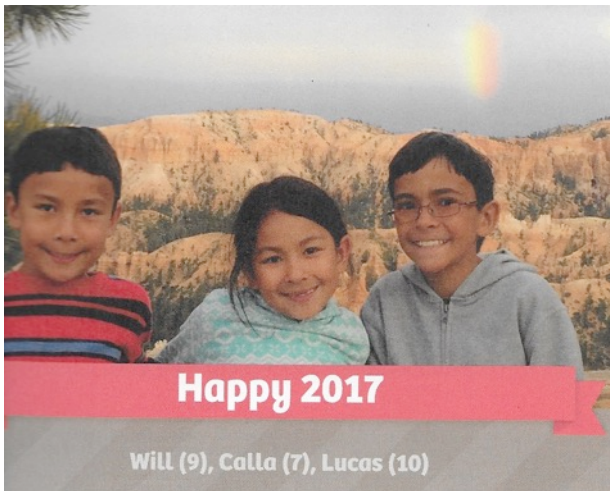
1997

Here is **Cat Balco** with her little tribe of cuties!



Greg Newmark: We are living in Manhattan . . . wait for it . . . Kansas! The Little Apple. I am in my second year of teaching Regional and Community Planning at Kansas State University, where my wife is getting her Master's of Public Health and our daughter is in pre-school. We have a kindergardner and a toddler as well and we are the perfect pit stop for a cross-country trip on I-70 - so please come visit! Thanks, Greg

Sam Porat: I love hearing what other FOOTies are up to. It's been a long time since I wrote but here's what's new with us. I am still living in Larchmont, NY with my wife and two boys, Jonah (10) and Leo (8). The boys are becoming accomplished hikers at their age having crushed a few big hikes on a recent family trip to Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon, so at this rate they should be ready for FOOT 2027! I work at an asset management firm where I manage a handful of investment portfolios focused on intellectual property (e.g. patents and trademarks) and licensing. My wife, Lauren, runs a yoga studio business we started a few years ago called YogaSpark. It's doing well and we have locations in Westchester NY and New York City. So, if you love yoga and are in town, please come by; we'd love to see you FOOTies! Best regards, Sam



Melissa Lee: The summer was filled with family camping at Acadia, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Bryce Canyon and in NYC. Thanks to our wonderful parents, we visited London sans children—our first trip together in 10 years. We are still glad we are married! Running describes life pretty well—from soccer to tennis, baseball and softball, swimming, ballet, music, scouts and dreaded Chinese School, we are lucky if we know what day it is. And the grown-ups still get to work in the morning! We are always grateful for our amazing and loving family and friends.

1998

Max Laurans: Everyone is well, my wife Monika and three boys love the outdoors and hiking. Here a photo of me and my 2 older boys building a fire in our backyard last fall! I hope you're doing well! Best, Max



Leah Kelley: Good on you for getting this done at all! I'm at the "saying no to it all" phase... Here are some photos. The hiking pic is a bit dated (early 2016) but I don't have any of our recent hikes.



Steph Park: Still living life in the Lou with my hubby and 10 yo son and 7 yo daughter. No news is good news for us frankly. We are in the midst of planning a 5000 mile family road trip from St. Louis to the Grand Canyon this summer. Any suggestions would be appreciated--places to stay, eat, definite road trip stops....It's probably going to be hotter than hot so not sure we will get much hiking in, but hopefully lots of sightseeing and quality family time in the car. Hope all is well and as always, if anyone is in the STL area, please look me up!! xo Steph Park parkstephanie@Hotmail.com

1999

Megan Campisi: I've still got my own theater company in NYC www.goldnotrade.com. I'm mostly writing these days, and I also teach at a theater conservatory. I got married and have 1 + 8/9ths kids (by the time the newsletter comes out, I anticipate it will be 2!) If you add 12 inches of hair to my husband in our wedding photo (included), you may recognize him as a fellow foot leader from '00.* That's our son, Arthur, in the photo, too.

*Gates Hurand!





Jeffrey Grigg: Lael and I enjoy Baltimore, especially because dear friends are much more likely to pass through town than when we lived in Wisconsin. I'm an Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Education, where I conduct research on education in Baltimore and teach introductory statistics. Our girls are now three and five years old and are excited to welcome a little sister this summer. 2017 is proving to be another year of milestones!

Lucy Schaeffer: I'm still living in Brooklyn with my husband and our two girls, who are now ages 4 and 7 and amazing (unbiased opinion :) I'm also still a photographer shooting for commercial clients like Starbucks, Chipotle and Rachael Ray magazine as well as my own personal work when I have time. I'm currently working on a personal project that I hope to turn into a book about what people ate for school lunch as kids. I've been doing interviews across different ethnicities, nationalities and generations and then shooting portraits as well as still-life recreations of the lunches they describe. It's so fun! Anyone who wants to tell me about their lunch please reach out (lucyschaeffer.com)! Here are a couple pics, one of our extended family over Christmas (my family on the right) and one of my girls together with FOOT alumni Bea Hsu's kids, when we all got together in LA recently.



2000

Emilie Hitch: Hi friends - I'm back in Minneapolis for a bit to finish my MPA at the Humphrey School ... still practicing as an applied anthropologist, teaching at the UMN's College of Design, and currently working with the Minnesota Department of Transportation designing new models of community engagement and public participation. My band, Wailing Loons, will be playing at Bonnaroo - if yer making a trek to Tennessee (reliving your youth? turning into an old hippie?), come say hello - and if you're around the Midwest, I always love to see FOOTie faces in Minnesota! :)

Laura Haverland: Hello Footies! I am trying to think of FOOT-specific news and I have some this year! We had the most fun visit at our house in Rhode Island with Lauren Zucker (Wilkins) and Tyler Wilkins this summer and their two awesome kids. We did a farm tour to introduce their city kids to our cows, ate hot dogs and beers on the beach on a hot summer day, and it seemed clear that both of our 4-year-old daughters (born a few days apart) had an instant love match. We offer farm tours and hot dogs to anyone willing to come visit!

Tara Cronin: I am enjoying working as a pediatric ophthalmologist in the New Haven shoreline and spending time with my husband, George, and our two sons, Liam (3 years old) and Luke (newborn).

Jacob Heitler: My wife, Rachel, and our two little girls (Orly - 3, and Maya - 1) are still out here in Berkeley, CA. I continue to work on tech startups as a product manager, and the closest we come to outdoor adventures these days is a walk with the girls in the Berkeley hills. It always feels like it takes longer to gather the food and diapers and other gear than it takes our daughters to get tired and hungry on the trail! Alas, someday the girls will be old enough for a true backcountry adventure, and hopefully by then I won't be too fat and old to join them. :)



2001

Gwyn Welles: My husband Ben Gray (TD '02) and I are still living in South Orange, NJ, outside of NYC. Our son Gideon is now 14-months, and we're expecting his younger brother in late March! Exciting and terrifying! I'm still at YouTube running a content experimentation group and enjoying the work very much. So much happening in the digital video space these days! We hike when we can - we have a new family tradition of spending a week each summer in the Adirondaks, which has been lovely. Hope everyone is well!

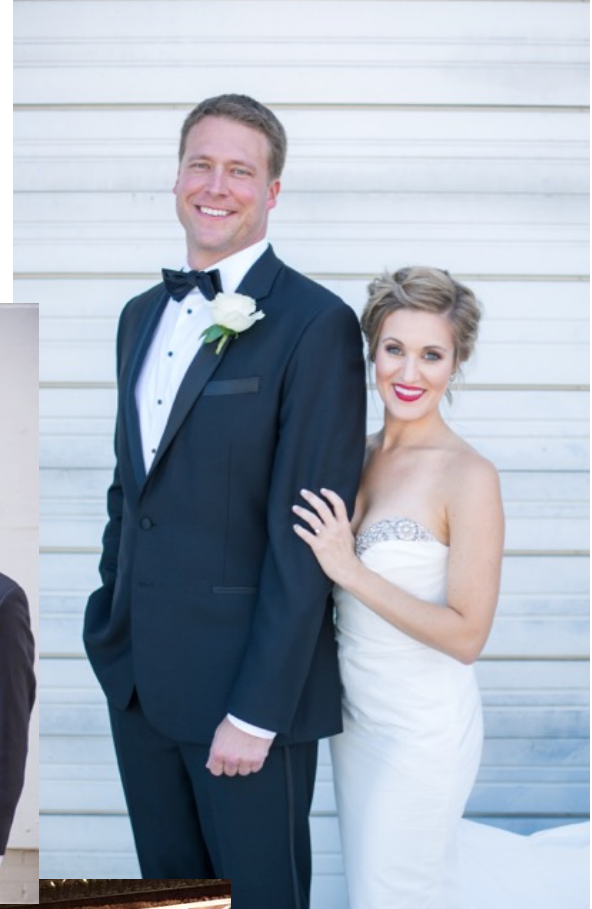


Julia Powell: Not sure if this constitutes news (no husband or baby) but in the last year my painting has really accelerated and I'm almost doing it full-time now. One exciting thing is that I do almost exclusively landscape paintings so I've now started to donate a portion of my profits to the national resources defense fund ... Lord knows they need it more than ever now. Here's a sampling of work over the past year. It's been an unexpected journey (I'm self taught) but a lovely one so far ...

Photos of Julia's artwork:



Michael Zimmer: My big news is that the lovely Teira Gunlock and I got married! The wedding took place at the Gillioz Theater in Springfield, MO on September 4th. We felt so lucky to have some amazing '01 FOOT leaders and their spouses/significant others there: Catherine Price, Dan Brodhead, Carl Shephard, Alex Boxer, plus my best man, Josh Berezin (and his parents, Alec and Marcia!)



Rick Grossman: I've got some news. Jen, Clara (6) and I welcomed little bro Ezra into the world on 10/24/16.

Photo of Clara and Ezra:



Josh Berezin: Hello FOOT! Nothing huge to report. I finished psychiatry residency last year and am currently doing a fellowship focused on mental health policy for the New York State Office of Mental Health. I also opened up a small private practice in Brooklyn Heights, so send me your neurotic friends! Hope all is well with all of you.

Laura Kolar: I hope this finds everyone doing well. My husband John and I welcomed our son, Andrew, into the world on June 20 in Washington, DC. In August our family flew back to Sarajevo where we will be until mid-summer 2017, at which point we'll go back to DC. We'd love to see any FOOT folks here in the Balkans or back in the U.S.!

Class of 2002

John Norbury My wife Amy and I welcomed 2 twins into the world who are now 1 year old. Can wait to take them on the trails. I'm working at East Carolina University seeing patients, teaching medical students and having fun. Cute pics attached.



Ally Brundige: I headed to the mountains—Shenandoah Park and Cherokee, and Pisgah National Forests which was wonderful for both body and soul. She is living in New Haven and commutes to Choate where she works.

Georgina Cullman: My baby came — Laila Odom Berry — she was born on December 30. Enjoying time at home with her and her big sister Hazel for sure.



Isabelle Kinsolving Farrar: Things are going well with me! I am in Boston, where I am working as a lawyer. My husband Jonathan and I have two girls--Maya (2.75) and Celeste (.75). They light up each and every one of our days! We just moved to Milton, MA, so get to go on small day hikes (with our whole pack, including dog Slocum) in the Blue Hills. I still get to sail, on weekends in the summer. Love to you, Isabelle

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Dave Wing: Greetings from Cambridge, MA. My wife Gillian and I are pictured below with (our now almost 1 yr old) daughter Penelope, and rescue dog Pippa. Gillian is a pediatric ENT and I am an orthopedic surgeon. Sometimes a sunny photo helps brighten a dreary day.



Maggie Whelan is doing her medical residency now and has two kids.

2003

Louise Langheier: We have two baby boys (Davis--almost 3 and Logan--almost 1) and are loving living in the Presidio woods of San Francisco, feeling more fire about social impact work (me with Peer Health Exchange and Jay with Zipongo) than ever. Eager to see and all footies!!

Lauren Keane: Louise and I are neighbors and occasionally run into each other at a beloved local playground. Over Labor Day, my husband Ben and I took our two-year-old Norah on her first extended backpacking trip to the Emigrant Wilderness, where she delighted in the many naked-lake-swimming options that the Sierras have on offer, ran down trails far ahead of us, and ate as though she were the one carrying the kid carrier, not riding in it. We're glad to have invested in an oversized and ultralight backpacking tent, because we're expecting our second daughter any day now. Preparing to embrace the chaos. Love to all the FOOT family.

2004

Madeline Fleisher: I'm entering my third year living in Columbus, Ohio, and welcomed a new Buckeye (Jane) in July, joining her older brother Henry. Still working on environmental/clean energy policy and litigation for a regional non-profit, the Environmental Law and Policy Center, with a surprisingly heartening number of successes. And occasionally I sleep.

Ming Thompson: I'm moving back to New Haven with my family. My husband Dan will be starting as a professor in the Poli Sci department at Yale, and I'll be starting an East Coast branch of my architecture and design firm, Atelier Cho Thompson. Our son Henry just turned two.

2005

Carrie Coughlin: We have updates from each side of the US this year. I'm in the middle in St. Louis, wishing everyone a good 2017. Carrie

Kirk Henderson: Hi Everyone, I've moved to Frogtown, Los Angeles to continue in architecture. (Yes, Frogtown is in Google Maps. It's along the LA River, which is also in Google Maps.) Following many years away, whether in Istanbul or in hermetic social seclusion getting an M.Arch and MBA back at ol' Yale, I'm looking forward to catching up with people and reconnecting with folks who don't live within a mile of either the Bosphorus, or York and Chapel Streets. It's both weirdly great and greatly weird to be back out in America once again. Hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Aaron Mitchell: I'm now halfway done with oncology fellowship, and am back in grad school for my MPH in epidemiology. Still in the Research Triangle for the foreseeable future. I did manage to get outside this year for better purposes than just to hatch Pokemon eggs...attaching a picture from a trip I took with my girlfriend Grace to Costa Rica last spring.



2006

Aaron Zelinsky did a bad job getting updates from people, and feels bad about it. He will do a better job next year, he promises. (But we love you anyway!! Cilla) In the meantime, he lives in Baltimore and finally convinced Monica Mix to marry him. **Will Niebling** made it to the wedding, as did former co-leader and longtime colluder Jihan Quail '04. One of the advantages to living in Baltimore is that **Brandon Berkley Middaugh** comes by to see her parents when she's back in town visiting from **Seattle**.

2007

Ben Beinecke: Sharon and I are currently hiking in Joshua Tree, where the wildflowers are all in bloom! It's amazing.

Tasha Eccles: Very little has changed out here in Palo Alto! This year finds me a little closer to finishing my dissertation and a little more eager to graduate. I also learned to bike no-handed and to identify poison oak with confidence. With these uniquely Californian achievements under my belt, I have mixed feelings about the fact that I may be moving back to the greater New Haven area—also dearly beloved!—for a fellowship next year.

Anny Gaul: Anny is still happily in school, currently halfway through a year of dissertation fieldwork. After a fall spent in Egypt hunting down out of print cookbooks written by royal chefs and poring over archival lists of pots and pans and tasting her way through oral histories featuring many a family's favorite recipes, she moved to Morocco on New Year's Day 2017 to do the whole thing over again, but with couscous. She'll be back on the east coast sometime in September; in the meantime she suggests you visit Morocco.

Ryan Hartnett: My update is that I'm coming up on my 4th year in San Francisco, still eating a LOT of ice cream and pastry, but now sharing with not just my wife, Allison (Grace Hopper '08), but also our 1-year old son, Henry. I've recently changed jobs, too, and am now leading sales in the Western US at [Panorama Education](#), a K-12 startup founded by two Yale '13 grads that provides a platform for schools and districts to gather and understand feedback from students, teachers, and families.

Caroline Howe: 2016 kicked my ass, but I -- along with the rest of the #resistance -- am giving 2017 a run for it's money. I can't believe that in the 13 months since we last wrote in, I have moved 3-6 times (depending on your definition of moving!); started and ended jobs I have loved; been diagnosed with, fought and finished active treatment for breast cancer. (And that's not even including all the politics.) It's been a whirlwind!

I spent a year in Spain on a Fulbright studying waste systems, had an almost-year spin in Fredericksburg VA where my freelance consulting and sustainability teaching went pretty well, and then I enjoyed a medical séjour back in the lovely Nutmeg state not far from New Haven. After 10 years of moving houses every 11 months, I'm wicked hungry for some house-roots. I've started a new job in a new city and am looking for a new house to become an old home. I'll be teaching sustainability entrepreneurship and launching an environmental business incubator at the University of DC, the public land-grant university and community colleges of DC. Mid-Atlantic FOOT leaders, holler at me! (And DC folks with an amazing home for a FOOT alum, let me know!)

Rebecca Livengood: Things are good over here, in the fall my husband and I are moving to Alabama for work (I'll be going to work for EJI). We're sad to leave New York but very excited to spend some time exploring the deep South! In the meantime, doing lots of hikes and road trips and eating lots of bagels while we still can. Hope everyone is doing well!!

2008

Gideon Bradburd: WE HAD A KID. Eloise Wolf Weber-Bradburd aka "the Lou" aka "El Lobo" aka "The W-B" aka "Lil Wheezy" was born Nov. 8th, weighing in at 8lbs 1oz. Her hobbies currently include righteous poops and hiding milk in her fat-folds until it kind of turns into cheese. Apple doesn't fall far from the tree. She is amazing and wonderful and it is the best. Marge and I are now professor-ing at Michigan State in East Lansing. Come visit if you're in the area! Lou really wants to meet you all and spend some quality time, especially between 3 and 5 most mornings.

Jake Branzburg: I'm still hanging in Philly running the Marketing team for Uber in the region. It's an absolute roller coaster ride, but I'm still having fun and being challenged. Biggest news on my end is probably that I recently proposed to my girlfriend of 3+ years, Maia. Still trying to figure out why she said yes, but I feel very lucky and we're both excited for the future. If you ever find yourself in Philly, please shout.



Peter Bull: Aloha from the Denver international airport, where I just got to meet Mira Lipstein (FOOT leader, class of '38)! See image for what Laura and Greg got when they asked me to take a picture of them with the baby. Let's just say that someone is a little jealous of being replaced by someone cuter, smarter, and generally more entertaining. Also included is a picture of me and Gid diving hand-in-hand into a glorious future.

2016 has been a great year for the business I'm running with Greg Lipstein (www.drivendata.org), and 2017 is looking even better. Had some fun projects with trips to the field in Tanzania and Uganda this past fall. Holler at us if you work with data or work in the social impact space!



Outside of that, Nancy and I are planning a move to the Bay Area this spring. I'm super pumped for the outdoors + FOOT community in CA.

Love you all like a through-hiker loves the sight of ten 18 year-olds at their campsite!

Bevan Dowd: Hi, FOOT! I hope everybody's doing well. I'm in San Diego this year working as a law clerk, and my job is amazing. The only bummer is that I am spending far less time surfing than it seems like literally everyone else in this city is. Oh, well. There's always hope for the summer. After I finish this up, I'm headed to San Francisco to begin my life as a lawyer, aka working stiff. If anybody is in San Diego any time soon, PLEASE reach out! We can go hiking and eat fish tacos and drink beer. I can also promise phenomenal weather. So far, I've had the honor of hosting Dante, and I hope to see more of y'all in the next six months. Miss you all!

Brent Godfrey: Hey all! I'm still in DC, wrapping up what looks like my last year in the Navy. It's been a great year of adventures and FOOT reunions. I was lucky enough to get a month off of work to lead a NOLS course for the US Naval Academy in Alaska this summer and it was a real treat to put those FOOT skills back to work. More importantly, I was lucky enough to see a lot of Pat Grimm and DanTE, and also caught some quality quick run-ins with Annie H-Shorn, Angel Herstlet, Ad Walker, Bevan Dowd, and Charles Garipey. Much love to you and if you're in the DC area, give me a buzz! I've got a guest room!

Ted Gordon: In roughly chronological order: in 2016, I proposed to Hannah Burnett ('08, ex-poo-bah of Harvest); backpacked in Big Sur and visited the Esalen hot springs at 3am; became a PhD Candidate in the History and Theory of

Music at the University of Chicago; lived for a month in Madison, WI; camped in the Badlands, SD; hiked up the flatirons in Boulder, CO; bathed with the brine shrimp in Mono Lake; went crack climbing in Yosemite; did dissertation research in Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego; visited the [Integratron](#); hiked a few miles down the grand canyon; slept in a yurt at the Lama Foundation in Taos; returned to Chicago to write my dissertation. Though my research takes me to the Bay Area a lot, I'm mostly in Chicago these days, writing, teaching, and making music. We have an extra room and are happy to host!

Patrick Grimm: All is well here. Still in residency. Perhaps of interest to the FOOT crowd I spent 4 months of this year in Philly at where I had the distinct honor of seeing Jake Branzburg on a semi regular basis. Now back in DC where I'll be through 2020. Visitors welcome!

Anna Grothberg: Still London-based and with Parthenon in their education practice where I'm getting involved in interesting projects in places like rural Bulgaria. A second triathlon was completed this year at Blenheim Palace and a new bike is on order to see where in 2017 I can swim in other castle moats. 2017 travel looks like it will include Morocco, Abu Dhabi and Croatia at the least. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the Brexit-induced weak Pound Sterling and come for a visit!

Angel Hertslet: After a dozen years with at least one foot firmly planted in New Haven, I'm packing up and shipping out (more likely road tripping to) the San Francisco Bay Area in March. I'll be joining the Open Space Council as part of the Conservation and Science Program. Our goal? Coordinate then communicate an updated vision and plan to conserve 2 million acres in the 10-county Bay Area. Obviously, I'll need to get to know the hiking trails and out of the way camping spots in order to do that job well. Can one big spoon their way through a weekend of FOOT-style exploits, and call it work? Well, perhaps I won't be able to do a tax write-off of the gorp et al., but outdoor research I shall do all the same. I'm looking forward to connecting with the FOOT crowd in the Bay Area, and looking forward to the next chapter in a general sense. Drop me a line if you're if you're passing through New Haven this winter (going once, going twice), then my doors will migrate and re-open for visitors. <3

Annie Hirschhorn: I moved to Maryland in July and have started a professional organizing business where I help folks downsize, declutter, undergo a move and/or marital transition, etc. I miss teaching but love this new challenge! I am getting married next October--my fiancé is a PE teacher and athletic director at a private school in Annapolis and we very excited about our future together. We also just adopted a wonderful lab mix named Zora and we are totally in love with her!

Moving back to the D.C. area allowed me to hang out with some wonderful FOOT 08 folks this fall--pictures attached!



Andrew Karlin: Hi everyone! Life is good here. Still living and working hard in NYC with my wife, Mari-e. But, we have a new addition to the family - a little yorkiepoop puppy named Cocoa Bean. I'm keen to do a backpacking trip in the near future, so hit me up if you are in NYC or down for hiking! All best to everyone!

Greg Lipstein and Laura Chandhok:



It's been quite a year, for would you believe,
A FOOT baby was born on All Hallows' eve
Mira's her name, life is her mission,
We're all pretty thrilled with this newest addition
And we couldn't help notice, we hope it's not rude,
While she sometimes uses equipment, she quite
clearly prefers food
Laura's now at DaVita, Greg's DrivenData with Peter,
We're out in Denver with baby, come see us and meet
her!



Lynn McGregor and Dave Lyons: Hello FOOT! Highlights this year were: buying a new bike and taking it out for a bunch of rides around the Bay Area, hanging out with lots of you during various visits to SF, and taking a trip to Japan with David! During the trip we visited an owl cafe (see photo), which was equal parts adorable and horrifying. In the spirit of FOOT and conservation, I have a recommendation for anyone who is tired of paper junk mail. A non-profit www.catalogchoice.org makes it easy to remove yourself from many mailing lists. It works! (Now all of our junk mail is addressed to David.)



Ross Pinkerton: I got married to Chloë Pinkerton in July, taking her name to become Ross Kennedy-Shaffer Pinkerton. Helping to celebrate the wedding, in Prospect Park in Brooklyn, NY, were FOOT leaders Greg Lipstein, Laura Chandhok, Molly Brett, and Spencer Sherman (who knew Chloë in high school), along with my first Yale friend, Alex Bartik, who was on my own freshman FOOT trip. Also in attendance was leader Laura Zatz '09, who since married my cousin, FPCer Ben Shaffer '09. Chloe and I are both still teaching high school in NYC and occasionally getting out of the city to local hikes with our awesome dog Maggie. We love houseguests so let me know if you're coming through the city!



Dan Turner-Evans: I'm still chugging along out in northern VA, looking at fruit fly brains and getting into DC when I can. More importantly, I regularly get to see the esteemed Brent Godfrey and catch occasional glimpses of the fabled Pat Grimm in and around our nation's capital. I also had the distinct pleasure of seeing Bevan Down

on both the East and West coasts. In outdoors news, I spent a week wondering through MT and WY this summer, exploring Yellowstone and the Tetons and backpacking in the Wind Rivers, and am eager to head back to explore more of those great states.

Mackenzie Wehner: This past year I got married in Santa Fe, backpacked in Peru and Zion, hiked in Sedona and Rocky Mountain National Park, skied in Park City, and have continued on into second year of dermatology residency at Penn. Couldn't ask for more! If you're in Philly, drop me a line.

2009

Kim Lau: I finally do have an update this year, too. I defended my Ph.D. in Geological Sciences at Stanford in October, and just moved (like, yesterday!) to southern California to begin a post doctoral fellowship at UC Riverside. I also went to Tanzania with my parents, uncles, and cousins to climb Kilimanjaro a few weeks before my defense, which was an

excellent excuse to take many breaks from writing to hike all around the bay and in the Sierras. For my dissertation I've been studying changes in environment conditions (particularly low-oxygen conditions) in the oceans that occurred hundreds of millions of years ago and their influence on animal evolution and extinction, and so it is only appropriate that I conducted some personal research on elevation-induced lack of oxygen on human animals. Results: short-term oxygen depletion is bearable but induces headaches that are only relieved by copious beer once back to saner elevations. Anyway, I didn't have the guts to tell that lame joke during my defense. :)

Laura Zatz: Hello friends! My biggest update is that Ben and I got married in August in Detroit (where a rousing rendition of "Wagon Wheel" helped close out the night). Another highlight of the year was celebrating the wedding of RKS ('08) with several other FOOT leaders. Despite the workload of my doctoral program and wedding planning, we enjoyed some great hiking in the Berkshires, Cape Cod, Seattle, and Northern Michigan. I felt very old when I met a current FOOT leader at this year's Harvard-Yale game and he didn't know how to play Ride that Pony. Can we bring that back?! Boston-based folks, let me know if you want to explore any local trails. Visitors welcome!



Avani Dholakia: Sandesh and I are expecting a baby girl in March! I can feel her already practicing her leg lifts in preparation for her first hike. Meanwhile, we planted more roots in Baltimore by purchasing a house here over the summer. We would love to host any FOOT leaders to a stay over and a relaxing evening hanging out on the rooftop deck if in the area!

2010

Zack Abrahamson: Zack Abrahamson moved to San Francisco in October of 2016. He lives in Telegraph Hill and works for a small law firm that defends technology companies. He looks forward to reconnecting with the FOOT community in the Bay Area. For travelers, there is always room on the couch.

Eli Bildner: Hello FOOT crew! It's always nice to be "in touch" with this community via these newsletters, especially as college begins to feel more firmly in the "bygone era" bucket. Though 2016 wasn't the best of years (in a global sense), some good things happened. I got engaged, for one, to a really lovely gal named Astrid. We're still living out in Palo Alto as I wrap up my time at Stanford business school. Please holler if you're in town — would be great to say hi (and we've got a very large couch, if people still do that thing). Hugs all around.



Elizabeth Breit: Elizabeth has spent the past couple of years exploring the world by bicycle and foot, leading active travel trips abroad. Seeking home, stability, and a sense of building something she just quit that job and is now in

Bali toying with the idea of staying put and learning to surf... And so the journey continues. Hope to cross paths with each of you someday very soon! Maybe in New York, where my stuff lives without me.

Libbey Davis Hunt: I graduated business school this year and left Berkeley to move to Denver and returned to the working world. I'm very happy to be back in Colorado and have enjoyed some good adventures out west already this year. If anyone wants to join the Colorado fun, we would always love to host FOOT visitors!

Doug Endrizzi: Now a 3rd year graduate student in experimental plasma astrophysics at UW-Madison. Moved to a lakehouse where I have a huge garden, and regularly ski, ice skate, and kayak to work. Visitors welcome!

Dan Frank: Hi Foot; I am living in San Francisco as I have for the last 3 years, spending my weeks with my nose in front of a computer monitor and my weekends having fun outside on snow, rock, and bikes. It's a great place for it! My backpack from my Foot days met its end a few years ago; it was living in my parents' basement and taken by the floodwaters of Hurricane Sandy. Now I have a new one that I get to use a bunch. Hope you're all getting outside!

Leslie Golden: Hey FOOT - I'm in my second year of orthopedic surgery residency at UNC in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Small college town living has taken some adjusting but I'm really happy down here and I like my program a lot. Only 3.5 years to go! The Southeast is highly underrated and if you're ever in the area give me a holler. Perks of the Southeast include my own 2-bedroom apartment so I've got room for guests...

Christine Levy: To my dear FOOT family, It's amazing how each year brings in a plethora of change but also some happy constants. This year, I'm pursuing what I call my "two city strategy": I continue to live and play in Denver, but I commute to Memphis, TN for work. I'm working for a year at a charter school network in Memphis helping



with a turnaround effort. It's been a huge learning experience made all the better by adorable children! In Denver, I'm able to spend time with many members of the FOOT family. Rebecca Hinkle and I often go on outdoor adventures, including an epic snowshoe trip to a mountain hut this winter (see pic!). Libbey Davis has joined the Denver crew, and we've been active together at protests. Greg Lipstein recently moved to the Mile High City, and I've run into him at co-working spaces. His work is hip and entrepreneurial -- he's taught me how to play nice in the start-up space. That's all for now. As always, I have a couch for any and all visitors to crash on! Until next year, Christine

Hannah Lupien: I'm happy to continue my career in the anti-hunger world in New York City. I work at City Harvest for the NYC Food Assistance Collaborative, consulting with food pantries to increase the quality and quantity of their services. I travel all over the 5 boroughs to visit pantries, which means I've taken every subway line to its terminus! (Okay, maybe that doesn't sound as exciting as it is). In other news, I'm excited to marry Noah Waterman in April!!



Craig Minoff: Another wonderful year in the books, taking full advantage of the amazing outdoors surrounding the Bay Area. Highlights include a trip to Yosemite, climbing Mt. Whitney, a triathlon with FOOT '11 Peter Wilczynski in Morro Bay, spending the 4th of July with fellow FOOT leader Eli Bildner at Paradise Lake near Tahoe, and two wonderful retreats with Settlers Zack, Brian, Tom, Dan and Jasper (to Denver last August, which included two 14ers, and Atlanta in February, pics below). On the job front, I changed roles within Airbnb to become a Product Manager and am taking full advantage of our quarterly credit. Come say hello next time you're in the Bay Area!



Molly Rubenstein: Working in international development has had the awesome perk of sending me around the world this past year, with stops in Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Botswana, Guatemala and Brazil so far, and with trips to Colombia, Australia, India, Nepal and Thailand coming up. (Listing them not so much to brag as to give other people who've been or are going the excuse to reach out and compare notes!) Unfortunately, in all of this travel there's been a distressing lack of hiking and backpacking. So for the FOOT crowd that's in the Boston area, I'd love to connect for some outside adventures this coming spring & summer -- hit me up! But perhaps the most special feature of this past year is that I am now the overjoyed aunt of Zelda Rose Kleinbaum Wenig Rubenstein Fitzerman Blue, child of FOOT leader Liba Wenig Rubenstein '05. She'll be a year old at the end of January, and she's AWESOME.

Tom Schnitzer: All is well in Boston. I've been lucky to enjoy a lot of great adventures in the last year, including several with other FOOT leaders. I proudly hiked in CT, MA, VT, and NH this year and can still say without a doubt that the White mountains (Whites 7!) are my favorite.

Rana Searfoss: Hey guys--after many years living and working in New Haven, I'm now in Ann Arbor, Michigan at Ross School of Business. I'm loving it so far and get the pleasure of being classmates with Wiles again. If you are ever in the area, please visit. I miss you all and would love to catch up!

Tom Stipanov: I married another Yalee this past summer, Isabel Marin (TC 12). We met in the Marines and now are in grad school at Harvard (but don't worry we still root for Yale). We're in to paddleboarding, bird watching, tiny homes, and all sorts of nerdy/awesome activities. If anyone is in Boston I'd love to meet up. Oomgala!

Becca Summer: I'm still enjoying life in Madison, WI, where the end of my PhD in Geography seems to be lurking in some not-too-distant future (1 year? 2?) Over the summer I took an amazing trip to Tajikistan, where my boyfriend was living and conducting his PhD research. I'm looking forward to a trip to Germany this coming summer with a research center from UW-Madison. If you are there or nearby, let me know! While this may make a Geography degree sound very exotic, really I'm mostly chillin (hah) in Wisconsin or doing my own research back home in D.C. I hope everyone's doing well.

Erin Walsh: Living in Millburn, NJ and working in corporate sustainability for MetLife, splitting my time between our offices in Bridgewater, Morristown, and NYC. Currently taking graduate classes for a Certificate in Sustainable Finance at Columbia. More importantly, 2016 was the year of travel- 6 national parks (Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands, Arches, Acadia) and 6 countries (France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, and the Netherlands). Always down for an adventure- a hike or an oomgala- just let me know! (Attached are some highlights)



2011

Stephanie Marton: I've moved to Tokyo, where I am loving working with Japanese clients for BCG's healthcare team (half in Japanese, on good days). I also graduated from HBS in May, and accepted an unexpected but welcome proposal from my boyfriend, Collin, in July. In Japan I spend much of my time escaping Tokyo to explore nature, and plan to hike Mt. Fuji in the spring.

Kelvin Vu: Hi all! Still doing well and dancing in Tel Aviv. I recently left Batsheva Dance Company and started a new chapter of freelancing for various artists based in Israel. I just finished the first run of a new piece by Noa Zuk and Ohad Fishof, as part of a collaboration between galleries in Tel Aviv and Berlin, and I have a few more projects lined up for the next year. Hoping that the good momentum will continue and hope to find some residencies to create my own work in the near future. Also, I went on my first desert trek in the south of Israel, and it was beautiful, especially at night under the stars.



Dounia Bredes: It was a whole lot of fun to see so much of FOOT 2011 in New Haven for our five-year reunion this past June. Right now I'm halfway through my master's degree in teaching English to language learners, and I'm still in sunny Monterey, California, so please come visit! Let's do some hiking and camping...before our ten-year reunion.



Cilla met up with some of the leaders too!

Elliott Brennan: Elliott still doesn't know what he's doing with his life and is looking into Ph.D. programs related to that topic.

Kate Grace: Mini reunion for Emma S-R's (2011) wedding in September.



And a fun FOOT story... **Catherine Osborn** had a press pass for the Olympics, so she was the first person I saw when stepping off the track. After my prelim round, we had to wait an excruciating 20 minutes to see if my time would qualify through to the semi-final (it did!). It was such a relief to be with a friend during that time. We caught up a bit as I tried to keep nerves at bay. Someone sent me this screen grab of us hugging when we saw final results.



Abby West: I'm still living in San Francisco and getting in as many hikes on the weekends as possible. In addition to my already-solidified status as a cat lady (little Schnicklefritz is the light of my life), I've also become an avid indoor gardener and am planning to start taking ceramics classes soon. Full adult womanhood almost achieved! If you're ever in the Bay and want a hand-thrown pot, don't hesitate to let me know.

Rebecca Hinkle: I am still living mile high in Denver, CO, with frequent traipsing to Rocky Mountain elevations. Although still in education, I have moved to a new role as Director of Curriculum and Instruction focusing on literacy and the humanities at a local DSST middle and high school. Be in touch if you're ever around! The photo is of fellow FOOT leader Christine Levy and me as we wrapped up our 10th Mountain Division hut trip near Aspen this winter.



Hilary Faxon: I'm back in Burma working on a collaborative research project about land and resource politics, told in part through a participatory photography project with groups of women from 5 rural areas. Practically, this means I spend a lot of time writing field notes, some time riding motorbikes around blacked-out provincial cities looking for print shops and out to very hot villages with abysmal environmental problems, and minimal time justifying these activities to the powers that be as part of my PhD. Let me know if you're headed to Myanmar!

Chelsea Willett: Enjoying life, geology grad school, and the drought-ending rain in Berkeley! The highlight of my 2016 was running my first marathon with my yellow-clad brothers in Philadelphia. Hit me up if you'd like to hike and/or run and/or eat in the Bay!!! I promise you a two-handed wave.



Randy Spock: I'm meandering through my last year of business school out west, contemplating the forking trails that lie before me and (occasionally) savoring the thick forest of the present.

Lauren Smith: Hi FOOT! I am spending my last week of funemployment on the slopes in Vermont. After many years of masquerading as hardworking young professionals, my boyfriend Noah and I quit our jobs, gave up our apartment and said 'hasta luego' NYC in August 2016. We spent the rest of the year road-tripping around Europe and compiling the ingredients for the most epic picnic of all time. Now we're moving to Philly to live in the city's first soup kitchen. Come visit -- we'll feed you soup!

Chris Lash: Hi FOOT! Enjoying my second spring in Amman, Jordan. I've settled in after arriving in mid-2015 and my Arabic is slowly improving. I work for a local social impact organization running a website for educational opportunities in the region, which has been at turns engaging and challenging. In the past year, I've been graced with visits by Yuri Shadunsky and Tully McLoughlin, and you - yes you! - could be next. Plenty of hiking to be done and food to be eaten - the two things FOOT leaders need to survive. Sending warm vibes to wherever you are in the world.

Michelle Ho: I'm getting married! (Pictured: My fiancé Jason is the Dove to my loofah.) Started working at Google. Still doing the slow work of community organizing and discussions around things like race, immigration, and Islamophobia here in the Bay. Currently reading a big stack of MLK's writings and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Ethics, which fill me with both conviction and hope. Also making art. My favorite times recently have been with my friends' kids, who teach me about joy, messiness, and freedom. If you're ever feeling down, just look to kids and take heart. :)



2012

Peter Wilczynski: Another year, wow! After being abandoned by Mr. Adi Kamdar last year (it was a mutual breakup), I finally left the West Coast and Funtime Labs behind to journey to London and begin building a map for some people in the UK. That map, as well as a quest to rekindle a previous love, sent me onward to New York, but the cartographic gravity of the West Coast brought me careening back to the same desk that I sat in when I started at Palantir. Overall, 2016 was marked by an unreasonable amount of travel (~220 days on the road - pics attached are in Qatar and Turkey right after the coup), but by the end of the year, the map that I started building in 2015 was being used by ~250 people per week, which was pretty cool! This year appears to be more of the same, although hopefully in somewhat less austere environments. Highly recommend either *Seeing Like a State*, the *Three Body Problem*, or *Assassin's Gate* to anyone looking for a good book to read - let me know if there are any books that made your 2016 short list; I have a lot of free



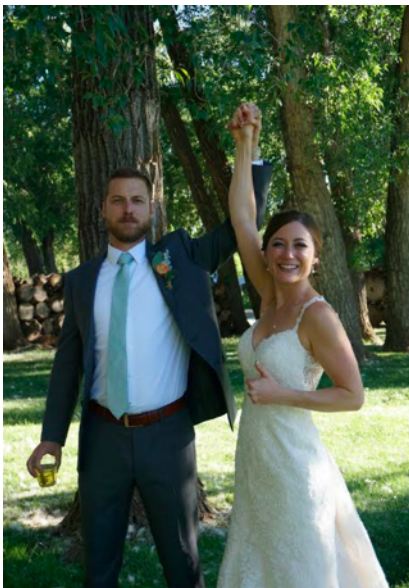
time on planes to read and love getting recommendations!

Jack Bisceglia: I graduated from UVA Law last May and I moved to Brooklyn in August. Now I'm working in NYC as a real life lawyer! Doing my best keep in touch with nature in the concrete jungle. I caught this bad boy in the East River right by the UN Building. Who knew!? Excited to see all my classmates at our 5th Year Reunion this summer!

Allison James: I've been writing tunes in NYC and am releasing an audio-visual EP on March 27!! www.alisonjamesmusic.com



Kevin Hoffman: I've been living in Oakland for about a year and a half, and I love it! The city is amazing, the food scene is great, and I'm just a step away from some great running and hiking trails. When I'm not at work helping to manage innovative teaching and learning at Aspire Public Schools, I'm running, playing soccer, or rock climbing (my new hobby). Currently I'm anxiously awaiting summer so I can get back out to Tahoe to water ski. Come visit this summer!



Kaylee (Weil) Mulligan: I've been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for almost two years. Time flies! I had a busy 2016, with its incredible highs and its fair share of lows. I'll do a quick highs, lows, and heroes for my update this year. High: I got married to my best friend (Grant, FES '15) in Colorado this summer, while the cottonwood trees dropped their cotton like snow in June (the picture was taken right after we won our first corn hole game as a married couple). High: Exactly a month later, I started a new job at Pisces Foundation, working as the Program Associate for the environmental education program. It's amazing work, and I feel so lucky to be on the team. Low: My sister was diagnosed with cancer, went through six months of excruciating treatment, and at the very end of the year, was told she was in complete remission (ended on a huge high). Hero: My husband was an amazing partner this year, through all the highs and lows, and I'm super excited for us to move into a new apartment next month, only minutes away from Redwood Regional Park. I see a lot of beautiful hikes in our 2017.

Any FOOT folks in the area or passing through, let's go for a hike!

Brendan Ternus: After leaving China a year ago, I traveled with my girlfriend through India and around Southeastern Europe for 7 months. It was an incredible trip, but the highlight was definitely trekking around the Himalayas in Sikkim, which borders Nepal and Tibet. Highly recommend to all FOOT folks! After that, I came back to the States and worked on the tail end of the Hillary campaign in NYC before taking a temp job in New Haven that has me organizing cool science outreach programming at Yale for local public schoolers. I'll be here through May, at which point my girlfriend and I are planning an outdoorsy summer adventure (Canada, Colorado, California?) before moving to her native Melbourne in the fall! Would love to see any and all of you along the way. Sending love.

Alejandro Torres: Alejandro is graduating from NYU School of Medicine in May and looking to go into Pediatrics. Also, he's getting married to Kyle (she stuck around!) in June. Lastly, he's looking forward to stack-challenging his pantry before moving out.

Virginia Waldrop: I moved to Austin from Dallas in June and started medical school at UT Austin in July! It's been full of challenges, but I'm loving it thus far. If you haven't been here, you should visit. And if you do, let me know!

Adi Kamdar: We had a Boston FOOT field day a few months ago (organized by our very own Joe Breen) where we played everything from bunny bunny to lap tag to battle blankets, and we oomgala'd as loud as we could on Harvard's campus to scare all the undergrads.



2013

Jacob Evelyn and Steph Wagner (both FOOT '13) are living together in Atlanta and trying to get out to the woods whenever possible. (Pro tip: hiking here is WAY easier than in the Northeast. #switchbacks) Steph is beginning to see patients as a medical student (eek), and Jacob tries to not wear his FOOT onesie too often while working from home. AT thru-hikers: come say hi!



Stephanie Rivkin: Despite some less than ideal events, 2016 was a pretty momentous year. In the span of 10 days in November, Joel Sircus ('14) and I got to celebrate both the first Chicago Cubs World Series win since 1908 AND our engagement. My little brother, Alex ('20), started at Yale this fall, and he had a blast on his FOOT trip (shoutout to his leaders, Evy Roberts ('19) and Will Magliocco ('18)). It was also a year full of travel. I visited my younger siblings who were living and working in Montreal and Spain. I joined my father in returning to his childhood home of Dakar, Senegal. I explored Amsterdam, Zurich, Japan, and Indonesia with family, saw fellow leaders Sally Helm ('14) and Nimal Eames-Scott ('14+1) at Jazz Fest in NOLA and Evi Steyer ('15) in London, and Joel and I rang in the National Park Service Centennial celebration in Yellowstone. This January marked two years working for sparks & honey, a marketing and innovation strategy firm in NYC, and in February, Joel and I relocated to Stockholm, Sweden. Let us know if you're coming through the area! The city is gorgeous, the food is incredible, and I hear the hiking isn't bad either.



Katie Ruffing: Howdy FOOT from hot, hot, HOT Malawi. After two years of bright lights and big city working in Economics research in NYC, I packed up my backpack(s) for a new adventure in Southern Africa. I have been living since July in a super remote district of Malawi called Neno. I'm working here with Partners in Health and am helping them roll out a new model of their Community Health Worker program as well as helping evaluate their Socioeconomic support programs like free medical transport, emergency cash assistance, and vocational & educational programs. While it was initially a rough adjustment from NY's takeout-palooza, FOOT classics like tillas+half-melted cheese have seen me through, and I've loved living in such a beautiful corner of the world, seeing the milky way every night, and exploring the hiking paths near my house. Working with an incredibly warm and energetic team has given me plenty of opportunities to dig into the FOOT games drive and lead some memorable rounds of "calling all my friends," "protector/destroyer," and even the Ad Walker dance. Hoping to do some travel in the region after my position ends in July, so if you find yourself nearby, definitely drop me a line! (katherine.ruffing@gmail.com) All my love to you all! -Katie

Ric Caraballo: Hi friends! Big updates from this guy, January 2017 was a pretty crazy month for me. After finishing up a trip to Cuba (land of cheap rum, great cigars, cool cars from the 50s, and almost no Wi-Fi), I made it back to the States just in time to learn that I had landed a new job in Tesla's Business Operations group. Two weeks later, I was moving to the other side of the country and getting ready to start work while adjusting to the really expensive rent and really cheap avocados. You win some, you lose some I guess. Anyway, I'm pretty pumped about the job, and as bummed as I was to leave DC, I'm also excited to explore San Francisco and hopefully make a whole new crew of friends. On that note - if you live in or are ever visiting SF, give a shout and let's hang out!

Helen McCreary: is now in Yorkshire, England, studying for a masters in archaeological geophysics! If any FOOTies are in/visiting the UK, drop me a line - let's go climb a mountain :)

Megan Leslie: spent the last year living in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas on the US-Mexico border with **Charlotte Parker '13**. She spent her time in Texas working with Community Health Workers to prepare for local outbreaks of Zika. She is moving to Charlottesville, VA this summer to start medical school at UVA, and would LOVE if any FOOT alumni with ties to Charlottesville have any recommendations for things to do, hikes to take, or apartments to rent. This summer, she will be helping to build a small cabin on her family ranch in southern Oregon, and welcomes any and all visitors. Megan.l.leslie@gmail.com

2014

Abby Eurich: I just got into grad school!!! I'll be starting a Master's program for Watershed Science at Colorado State University this fall. It will definitely mark a new phase in my life, about which I am both very excited and nervous. I got to go visit our dearest Sophie Nethercut in Sitka, AK last summer which was obviously a highlight of life. Most recently I have been skiing it up here in Colorado and enjoying the high country while I still can. My eclectic choice of employment opportunities here include Ski Instructor, Barista, and Watershed/GIS Specialist for a small watershed management company in Breckenridge, CO. My most recent culinary discovery is called Slug Slime, it comes from a quaint bagel shop in Arcata, California. Think Everything bagel topping in a jar - you can put it on toast, salads, pasta, fish, shower with it, deodorize with it...the list goes on. But seriously, it's awesome. I've attached a photo of Sophie and I enjoying dusk in Sitka's pristine wilderness, reminiscing every second of our FOOT years. If you are EVER in Colorado, give me a call!!! (Shout out to @CharlesStone for doing just that). Xoxo



Amanda Hall: Hello from Scotland -- I'm currently living in St Andrews and in the first year of a PhD in International Relations. When they let me out of the library, I have been exploring the Scottish Highlands and giving my rain gear a heavy workout (but look how nice it is when the sun is out!). I'll be somewhere between here and field work in Northern Ireland for at least the next 2-3 years, come visit!



Angelica Calabrese: Hey hey! I'm currently a Teaching Fellow at the Alzar School, a super-rad semester school based in Idaho and Chile! I spend my days hanging with awesome kids and even more awesome teachers and faculty, teaching English, leading expeditions, and learning how to whitewater kayak (just got my roll, woohoo!) Y'all should all check it out -- it's a cool place and I'm guessing most FOOT leaders would have a blast working here! I spent the fall leading a Gap program with Where There Be Dragons in Senegal and am hoping to lead more awesome adventures with them this summer. Who knows where this crazy and winding path of experiential ed will lead, but it's led towards wonderful people and beautiful places thus far. Hit me up anytime, I'm always down for a new adventure (shoutout to Tao Tao, who is coming to visit me in Idaho and hike in the Sawtooths!), and miss you all dearly!

Ariel Kirshenbaum: HI FOOTbutts, Reporting here from Oakland, CA where I am teaching with TFA in Richmond, California (city north of Berkeley) at Richmond High School, (which yes, is where the movie "Coach Carter" was based). You're thinking: *But wait, you were First Aid Core Head, Ariel?! Aren't you supposed to be a doctor??* To which I respond, *Who're you, my Dad?!* (*No. My Dad is hotter than you... Too much?*) Here's what happened: the year after graduating, I did an Americorps program (City Year) in Seattle where I was tutoring 6th graders. One week after I took MCAT for the 3rd time, I was like, WHO ARE YOU KIDDING ARIEL? FOLLOW THAT HEART OF YOURS AND GO TEACH. (and maybe be a doctor L8R, who knows) So I applied to TFA and now I teach high school math. My kids think I'm the fricken weirdest, (not in a good way), and that's exactly where I want them. I told them recently that I was going to get all of their school portraits tattooed to my arms, and when I flexed, their little faces would smile. They said they were gonna call the cops. They didn't. I still have a job. It is the hardest thing and the best thing rolled into one. About to start Trigonometry. There *will* be a Soh-Cah-Toa song. If you're in SF, call me. If you want more detailed stories, email me, and I will add you to the "blog updates" my parents insist that I send to my grandparents...

Courtney Halgren: I'm in my second year at Sotheby's, now as a Proposal Writer helping to bring in high-value consignments for sale--I've worked on everything from an Andy Warhol self portrait to a (very large) collection of wooden duck decoys. I've been traveling up a storm (Rome and London in October, followed by Edinburgh in December) and am excited to see where 2017 takes me!

David Cruz: Hi all! Still in Somerville, MA. Been really loving seeing a lot of

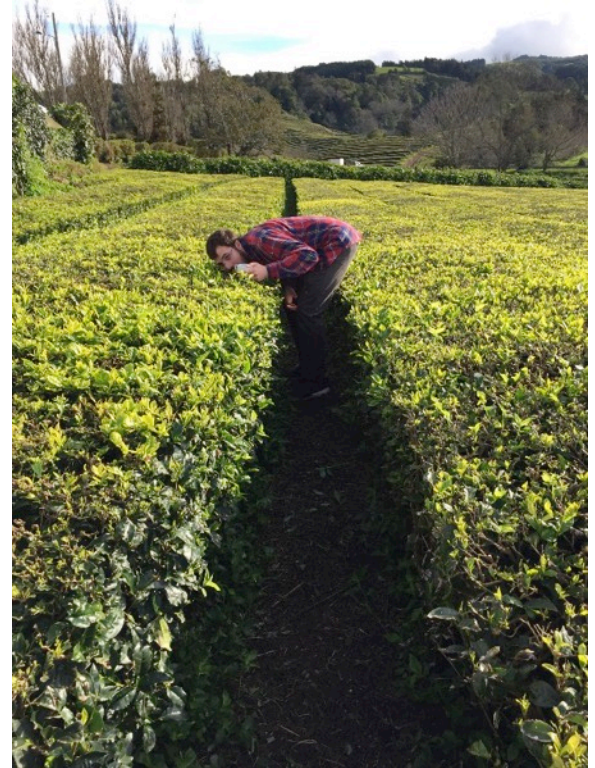


FOOT leaders here in Boston, particularly those I keep running into on the street. I took my first snowshoe hike a month ago to Mt. Hancock (a Whites trip goes near there) and had a hell of a time getting up. Turns out, snowshoes don't have much traction on powder. However, after a hard half-mile to the summit (and a freezing lunch), I got to go butt-sledding down. One of the most fun hiking experiences I've had and would highly recommend. I know CA folks have record snow, so you might be able to do some snowshoeing for the next few months. I spent the summer and fall working at Harvard, doing research on cities and their use of technology. I've also been working on a podcast (<http://apple.co/23C5a51>) part-time. However, due to some funding issues, I'm transitioning out of my research role at Harvard and am looking for work. If anyone knows of any opportunities in tech/policy, let me know!

Miss everyone dearly! If you live in Boston (or are just visiting) and haven't seen me, shoot me a message anytime! Fluv, David PS photo of me and others at the summit of Moosilauke in New Hampshire. Was windy

Debby Abramov: Hi from the depths of the New York Presbyterian hospital!!!! I'm in my second year of medical school at Weill Cornell and I've just started doing clinical rotations. I wouldn't exactly recommend getting your care here until I'm safely off the floors, but everything's going well--there's a lot to learn, but it's been exciting. I'm living nearby and would love to see a FOOT face at any time!! I have a pullout couch and lots of ice cream in my freezer. Come visit!

Eric Fishman: Eric is living in Cambridge, teaching 8 to 10 year olds about all sorts of things, and eating ice cream. He recently visited his first tea plantation, which was a very exciting event for him. He's also been trying to do some writing and translating.



Ira Slomski-Pritz: I have been working a lot for NOLS this year. Since last May, I have spent almost 7 months in the mountains on various expeditions in Alaska and Chilean Patagonia. The job has let me travel, stay active, work in spectacular places, meet and live closely with incredible people. Every course is different, rewarding and challenging in its own way. I'm still learning -- about teaching, people, getting groups to work well together in harsh conditions, our planet, etc. I feel removed from all of the mobilizing and resistance, and I want to be more present and involved back in the US. I think this coming year will see me become less nomadic, more urban, and more politically involved.



Teaching a class on astronomy. Aysén Region, Chile.

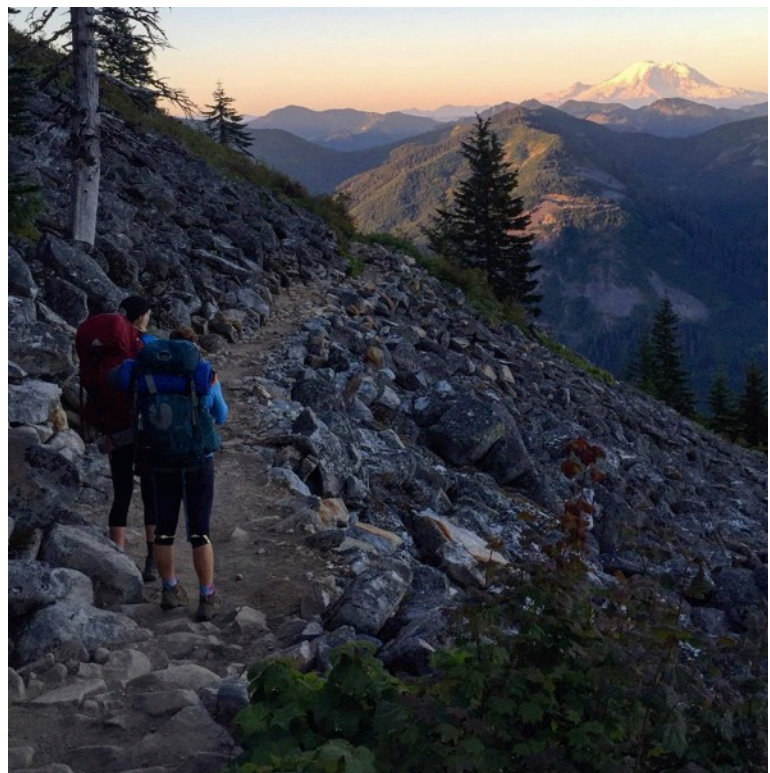
Jake Keaney: I moved back to New Haven in August and am a first-year at Yale School of Medicine. Haven't been able to take off to the mountains as much as I might like, but I did manage to head up to the Berkshires for a fall foliage day hike. Please get in touch if you're ever back in New Haven for a visit—I'll go with you to all your favorite restaurants/bars/food carts!

Jesse Schreck: Jesse is living and loving in lovely LA! His most recent screenplay, penned under the pseudonym "Kenneth Lonergan," has enjoyed critical and commercial success, and his car, a Subaru named Simba, has, thankfully, enjoyed only modest damage. March 10th is/was Jesse's One Year LA-versary; he still looks forward, with high expectations, to his first visit to the beach.

Joel Sircus: Joel Sircus is currently living in Stockholm, Sweden where he is spending the winter working on his base anti-tan and looking for any opportunity to make a meatball pun with the locals. He continues to live out his childhood dream of being a management consultant, which he can assure you is equally enthralling when done across the Atlantic. He's abroad with his co-leader for life, Stephanie Rivkin (FOOT '13), who, despite not being that into the idea of a Ring Of Fire proposal, he was lucky enough to get engaged to last year! In other news, Joel is spending his time running, reading, and lamenting that the year of unexpected outcomes extended to his fantasy football league where Ric Best (FOOT '14) overcame his lack of skill and expertise to pull out a truly unprecedented W. Please reach out if anyone finds themselves in Scandinavia over the summer!!



Maren Hopkins: Hi FOOT! I'm still in Seattle at Microsoft, it can be a little dreary but in general loving the Pacific Northwest. I'm making the most of weekday backpacking trips before work in the summer and skiing most weekends in the winter along with lots of coffee of course. My work in manufacturing takes me to China lots, so if anyone wants good dumpling recommendations in Shanghai - hit me up! I'll be moving back to the East Coast this fall to start business school and i'm really looking forward to the new adventure and being close to more of you all!



Margaret Van Cleve: Hi FOOT! Happy 2017 ☺ I miss you all so dearly. I am still living in D.C. and loving it, though not super pumped about my new neighbor in the big white house!!! I am in my third year of teaching at KIPP DC Grow Academy and have moved grade levels to PK4 this year. I love my students very much and I sleep the sleep of the dead each night. Outside of hanging all day with the Yellow Sunflowers, I am reading lots of books, doing lots of puzzles, and mourning Ric Caraballo's move to the West Coast. Please let me know if you are ever in town—I would love to see you!! Oxoxxxxo

Natalie Akers: In August '16 I left a job working for a road trip app (roadtrippers.com whattup) in Cincinnati, OH - the big apple of the midwest - for a first real crack at travel outside the states. My brain got blown up, and I'm doing my best to keep the ride going! I'm currently living my childhood dream at a hostel in Switzerland where I get to ski tour by day and clean toilets by night. I daydream about returning to the states this summer to reconnect with people I love and weasel my way into "education". Get at me!

Ric Best: Hello! I'm writing in from Philly with Tao Tao who's pressuring me to get an update in under the wire. Philly is dope and everyone who could conceivably be reading this should come visit and has a place to stay. I've recently started learning how to kite surf and just got back from a trip to Mexico where Calvin Jones (TC '14) and I learned how to shred. This April I'll be looking for opportunities to drive to Delaware or New Jersey and hone my skills, so if that sounds up anyone's alley holla at me and we can go together. I'm including a picture that Tao Tao asked me not to send.



Sarah Maslin: Sarah Maslin is still working as a journalist in El Salvador, still writing a book, and still waiting for a friend or family member to visit her in the tiny country of black sand beaches and lush volcanoes. Unfortunately, El Salvador is better known right now for its horrific gang violence, which Sarah has spent much of the past year writing about (for the Economist, the Washington Post, and anywhere else that pays her). [This story](#) about some of Sarah's Salvadoran reporter friends at the bad-ass news site El Faro reveals what it's like to be a journalist covering gangs in Central America. Sarah's taking a break from freelancing to work for the Economist in London this summer, but hopes to get back to Latin America in the near future.

Sarah Rosales: Sarah Rosales [soon-to-be Grace] is getting married on April Fools' Day! No joke!! Michael (TD 15) and I will leave beloved New Haven this summer to move to Tucson, AZ. Michael will start a PhD program in Optical Science (aka physics of light - with microscopes and lasers and other such things about which I know very little), and I'll continue in ministry to college students, through Cru and Athletes in Action. There will be many changes and challenges—from having to live with a boy in my tiny studio apartment, to doing finances together, to practicing humility and forgiveness daily—but I'm really excited. I've never even been to Tucson, but I'm pumped for God to teach me a lot in this totally different setting, to start a joint life with Michael in a new place, to be less elite-Yale-ish (we hope), and to explore the outdoors in Arizona. Oh and to get rid of itchy sweater dresses. Also give me advice on places to visit as we road-trip cross country with all our stuff!! Much FLUV, Sarah

Sophie Nethercut: Hi all you beautiful humans! I'm still living amidst the anemones and humpback whales in Sitka, Alaska. I spend my days working as a community organizer and my nights listening to the waves and creatures of the sea. Have you ever heard a barnacle whisper? It's pure magic. I got conked on the head like a king salmon last year (big concussion) so this last revolution around the sun has been especially cosmic. Thank goodness for brain plasticity. So many beautiful FOOT '14 sightings in Southeast AK this year (shout out to Ira Slomski-Pritz, Will Kronick, Andrew Marburg, Eric Fishman, and Abby Eurich). Sending love and lichen to you all.

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Sophie



Tao Tao Holmes: Hi FOOT! I am living among the babbling brooks and lush wildlife of Brooklyn, New York, and working at a dope company called Atlas Obscura. After a year writing on our editorial team, I've recently transitioned to overseeing our international events (think: tours of abandoned bunkers, nuclear accelerators, plasma labs, historic library collections) and our new venture—international trips! So far, this has meant figuring out travel partnerships and programs for adventures to Bulgaria, Bhutan, the Amazon and beyond. It's been a lot of learning and a lot of fun (and a healthy dose of professional frustration), and my coworkers put up with my poop jokes, so that's pretty great. Lots of wonderful FOOT friends and adventures still in my life, though never enough. Sending my best to everyone as we navigate this quarter-life confusion!!

Will Kronick: Hello Foot, I hope everyone feels as old as I do. I have been kicking it on the West Coast in the nation's number one capital city (Juneau, according to Mix 106) for a year and a month now and it's pretty great. At Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, I coordinate our suicide prevention program, but for most of my time here I have worked as a caseworker supporting families working to reunite with their children in foster care. When not at work, I am playing outside, walking to spin class, or complaining about some community event/protest. If you make it up this way, please let me know. Surprisingly, there are three killer coffee shops and two rocking dance clubs. I hope everyone is having a great time wherever you are! –Will

2015

Hi FOOT! **Denzil Bernard**, **Andrew Cordova**, and **David Mandelbaum** are writing a joint update from our house together in San Francisco. Our house is 3/6 FOOT leaders and 5 of 6 people went on FOOT trips (plans are in the works to swap out #6 so we can bat a thousand). We're currently working in consulting, sales, and academia, and otherwise doing our best to take advantage of the Bay Area in between the monsoons over the past few weeks. We've also been lucky to hang out with a bunch of visiting FOOT leaders from 2014 all the way through 2017 when they've come through town — our door is always open if anyone's around! Recent hobbies include airhorns, watching the Bachelor, recreating mini Rings of Fire, and doing Rose, Bud, Thorn at Sunday family dinner.

Abigail Carney: Hi! I am still living in Los Angeles, where I work for Heyday Films, the production company best known for the Harry Potter/Fantastic Beasts movies. I am now on a "Jo" basis with J.K. Rowling, though she definitely hasn't learned my name. **Rachel Tobin** and I play on a soccer team, and I'm proud to announce that we are currently second in our league. Tobin is our MVP! My roommates and I have been fostering a lovable dog named Bruce. He is looking for his forever home, so if you live in the LA area and want to adopt a dog, let me know!

Adrian Chiem: Hello, hello! I moved back to Chicago from Sitka last June and entered a pretty unpredictable and difficult phase of my life, which included some family things mixed with the intensity of medical school applications and learning to be back at home again. I started working at Cook County Hospital writing manuscripts as part of the Family Planning research team, and will be there for the next couple of months before I take off and start medical school later this year (can't believe it!!!) I've seen a number of FOOT '15 this year, and could write paragraphs and paragraphs about those

amazing visits, but I have to give quick Chicago-based shout-outs to inauguration protesting and being okay at trivia with **Amy Napleton**, and a delightful tapas dinner with former Poob **Megan Leslie** and all-around inspiration **Katie Fruin**.

Valerie Eisenson: HEY FOOT!! I am currently in my second year of teaching through Teach for America at Chelsea High School in Chelsea, MA. I teach math to 9-12 grade students who are recent immigrants to the United States. The majority of my students are from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. It has been incredibly challenging, but so worthwhile and amazing - my students are hardworking and brilliant. I am looking forward to teach next year as well. I am very excited to be running the Boston Marathon this April and to be graduating from my masters program at Boston University in June! If you ever are in the Boston area and want a hiking buddy, I'm here!



In the endless pursuit of having a summer vacation, **Carlos Gould** started a doctoral program at Columbia in Environmental Health Science this year. He's been studying asthma in NYC, household energy and energy transitions, and air pollution. Carlos has yet to figure out he doesn't actually get summers off.

Grace Lindsey: Hi FOOT! I am still living in New York teaching 6th graders. Luckily this year it is History instead of Science. If you know anything about Ancient China, please let me know! Love my kids and definitely feeling like we are having a lot of Type 2 fun. We went on an overnight trip in October and I introduced a new generation to endless games of Contact, Pterodactyl and all of the best Ric Best riddles. Looking for more opportunities to get outside! Hit me up if you are in NYC. Missing you all!

Gordon McCambridge: Hey everyone. After a post-grad year based in Zimbabwe, I've moved to Shenzhen, China (right across from Hong Kong) where I'm working on a variety of engineering projects - **Maren Hopkins** ('14, and the finest co anyone could ask for) came to see me! But also making trips back to the US every few months - mostly to New England. Let me know if you're in my neighborhood or if I'm in yours. And here's a photo (our awful selfie).



2016

Rafi Bildner: Hey all! Hope everyone is finding joy and all good things wherever they are in this world. After graduating, I headed north (and west), to work on a bunch of political campaigns all over rural Alaska. After many months of hopping around the very large 49th state, I now found myself based in cold, dark and snowy Anchorage, where I'm working for a small political consulting firm. While the rest of the country was a sad state on election day, we actually flipped the Alaska Legislature from red to blue - exciting stuff! Go democracy and go Alaska! Will hopefully be doing some outdoor guiding this summer and fall. Much love to all!

Brooke Eastman: I am currently pursuing my lifelong dream of becoming Mary Poppins by working as a nanny in London for six months, that is if Mary Poppins wore flannel and used organic fruit snacks to make the medicine go down. Starting in the fall, I'll be doing my Masters in History in Art at the Courtauld Institute (also in London), which coincidentally, Mary Poppins also did in the little seen sequel. I am also continuing my feud with British pigeons--I have been hit in the face by pigeons three times so far. Pigeons. I still occasionally go on long walks, but dearly miss the presence of through hikers and actual mountains. If you happen to be in London at some point in the next year and a half, hit me up! I can show you all the best playgrounds.

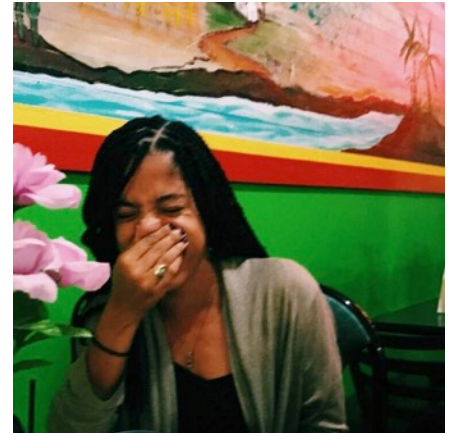
Katie Garris: Peter and Katie are living together in unwedded bliss in Washington DC. Peter is spending his days writing briefs for the Stimson Center (AKA reliving his college glory days) and Katie is teaching fifth grade with a teacher training program (AKA desperately missing her college glory days). They go outside occasionally (avoiding the White House as much as possible) but mostly can be found playing trivia Tuesdays at 8. If you're ever in DC join us! (We can at least offer you our air mattress.)



Isaac Hudis: Isaac works full-time using improv comedy and FOOT soft skills to help experts at the New York Federal Reserve get it right. Yes, that's his real job! When he's not forcing economists to play Bunny Bunny till their fingers turn blue, he's living at home with his super cool parents in New York's hottest up-and-coming neighborhood, the Upper East Side. It's really great, and you should all visit. He would love to arrange a tour of the gold vault at the Bank when you're in town (serious offer!!). Xoxox!

Sara Kahanomoku-Snelling & Greg Meyer: --I'm living in Berkeley in a tiny studio in the hills with Greg. We live right on top of the Hayward Fault (think: CA breaks off into the ocean when that bad boy gets going), but we haven't felt any earthquakes yet. I'm working as a lab technician at UC Berkeley, which has been a blast so far. In October I got to go to Panama to collaborate with some nice folks at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, where I spent a week and a half setting up the imaging system and software I developed for my thesis while at Yale. Not too shabby for a first work trip! Greg and I are also in the process of applying to grad school and are hoping we can go to the same one. We're in a transition phase right now but by March we will know where we'll be spending the next 5 years doing our PhDs in Paleontology and Physics, respectively. (Dr. Segura Kahanamoku-Snelling, anyone?) In other fun news, might publish a few scientific papers soon... send me good vibes for those!

Jerelyn Luther: Jerelyn lives somewhere warm, a nice change from New Haven winters. She works as a special education teacher for elementary school students. My daily routine usually involves teaching some rowdy and curious 8-10 year olds some math and how to read. I have two cats who I used to hate and now I think are the best things in the world. I otherwise spend my time searching for delicious desserts, reading YA (and other) books, and going to Trader Joe's. I miss FOOT dearly, so if you are ever in my area, hit me up!



Sophie Paci: I am teaching first grade at Greenwich Academy and getting my master's in elementary education at Bank Street College of Education! Here is a picture of me at my first grade birthday party with a cupcake almost bigger than my head!

Astrid Pacini: Hi FOOT friends! I'm writing this from Boston, where I moved into the great Jacob Evelyn's former room. Turns out, the heater sounds like the snake in Harry Potter. Could it be ghosts of battle blanket past? All is well, I'm in grad school working on high latitude oceanography and spending as much time as possible at sea. This summer we were in the Labrador and Irminger Seas, and now I daydream daily about going camping in Greenland. If anyone feels similarly, please tell me!

Lily Vanderbloemen: Lily lives in Cleveland, OH. She works as a Supervisor a McMaster-Carr, which is a Supply Chain Industrial...are you still reading? Yeah, it's a bunch of jargon. I like to tell people we are the Amazon of nuts and bolts and half a million other things you didn't know existed. Essentially, I get to develop employees and try and make their lives better at work. Sort of like a Foot leader except I have to wear steel toes in my boots, and I don't administer laxatives. If you're traveling through Ohio on i-80, hit me up!

Megan Opatrny: Hi everyone! After a great year with City Year in Los Angeles, I moved back to my hometown in Northeast Ohio to spend some time with my family and apply to medical school. **Alex Dobner** and I explored a few national parks on the drive back from LA and even ran into FOOT leader **Ian Knapp '16** at Yosemite! Since returning to Ohio, I've been working as an Emergency Department scribe and middle school substitute teacher. Both jobs are a lot of fun, and my schedule has been flexible enough for me to visit friends on both coasts - most recently FOOT leaders **Kevin Kirk** and **Carlos Gould** in NYC! Hope to take some more trips – and visit more FOOT leaders - before I start med school in the fall.

Paul Parell: I am still living in the San Francisco Bay Area, though I was lucky enough to spend a few months home in Kentucky last spring working as a long-term sub at my old middle school. Finishing out the year teaching 6th grade pre-algebra had me eager to get more classroom experience, so I'm now doing an AmeriCorps service year with Summit Public Schools back here in California. Couldn't tell you what I'll be doing come the end of the school year but I'll probably still be tinkering with my biscuit recipe and doing my best to see more of the West Coast.

Rachel Tobin is loving her second year teaching 2nd-6th grade science, making gummy worms 'come alive' and exploding anything possible in the science room including Mentos and Coke and volcanoes. In her free time, she plays on a soccer league with **Abigail Carney '15** in Los Angeles!

So—that's all the news that's fit to print this year! Thank you to ALL the Class Agents who gathered material. I hope as

you continue to grow and thrive, you will realize the value of old friends.

Now, some news of me. As many of you already know, I lost my dear husband Steve in November. He fought a courageous battle with multiple myeloma for five years before it consumed him. Even though he was ill, he was mostly in remission and we continued to have a wonderful life together. Even last year we traveled to the southern coast of France and the Canadian Rockies. (see pix) You can read his obituary online through *The New York Times*. I am now picking up the pieces. I am trying to sell my New Haven house, but I will continue to live mostly in New Haven. I am planning on keeping my house on Martha's Vineyard and my farm in Vermont. The FOOT Community has been unbelievably supportive during this tough time. I am hoping to come out on top, but the journey, and I will be honest, is a painful one. I send my love to all of you. Please stay in touch!

Xoxoxoxo, Cilla

