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## COWELL COLLEGE

'69 **Dean DAVIS** is teaming up with two young pastors to plant Mercy Hill Church in Santa Rosa. He continues to write and speak for Come Let Us Reason, a Bible teaching ministry specializing in Apologetics and Worldview Studies. His book on biblical eschatology (*The High King of Heaven*) will be out this winter. He also works with his wife **Linda (LUDER, Crown '69)** at Juvenile Hall.

'70 **Sandra KATZMAN's** award-winning HondaJet news story ([www.usjinnovate.org/untold-story](http://www.usjinnovate.org/untold-story)) was published. The award is for "Untold Stories in Innovations" and is sponsored by the Japan-US Foundation and Stanford University.

'71 **James GRAHAM** was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church in Lansing, Mich., in March after 17 years as pastor of St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church in San Jose. It's a long way from the mountains, redwoods, ocean (and wineries!), but the congregation has given him a warm welcome. He also copy edits the Melkite Church's national journal, *Sophia*.

'77 **Lisa GIMMY** recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of her firm, Lisa Gimmy Landscape Architecture. LGLA's landscape design for two Southern California homes was recently profiled in the *New York Times* article "Let California Be California."

'79 **Rebecca (LAFONTAINE) Larivee** graduated with a master's degree from Cambridge University in archaeology and worked several years in that field. She returned to school in 1989 to receive a second masters in social work, and is employed as a mental health therapist in the Four Corners region of New Mexico. For recreation, she enjoys Goat Valley Farms—her home and hobby farm.

'84 **Michael BEE** is a captain in the U.S. Coast Guard and serves as deputy director of the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration

Office in Washington, D.C.

'90 **Alex D. NOVACK** earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from Arizona State University.

'01 **James CISNEROS** received his masters degree in business management and owns/operates/runs/walks A Tired Dog is a Happy Dog in Coos Bay, Ore. He and **Alexia VALDES ('05)** have been married for seven years.

'04 **Heather BAILIE** graduated from the California Culinary Academy in '06 and worked in Michelin one-star restaurants before changing course to learn butchery and charcuterie. She is the partner/director of operations of Fatted Calf Charcuterie, teaches a series of all-women butchery classes, and is anticipating the release of their cookbook *In the Charcuterie: Fatted Calf's Guide to Making Sausage, Salumi, Pates, Roasts, Confits, and Other Meaty Goods*.

'05 **Alexia VALDES** received her MFA in creative writing at Otis College of Art and Design in LA. She teaches writing at Oregon Coast Culinary Institute. She and **James CISNEROS ('01)** have been married for seven years.

## STEVENSON COLLEGE

'68 **Raymond STEINER** and his wife, Yumi, recently relocated to Honolulu.

'73 **Charles A. PERRONE** enjoyed his fourth sabbatical at the University of Florida completing a third edition of the Portuguese reader *Crônicas Brasileiras*. In 2010 he published *Brazil, Lyric, and the Americas*, also by the University Press of Florida.

'75 **Lee COLLINS's** daughter now attends UCSC, so she has the opportunity to visit the site of so many memories. She is the senior county social services director in California and has served for 30 years. She lives in San Luis Obispo County and is married to her wonderful Anne.

'76 **Elaine DRAPER, Ph.D., J.D.,** was promoted to professor of sociology and directs the Law and Society Program at

California State University, Los Angeles. She received the NSS-ASI Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award from students and her university.

'77 **Susan GIBBONS** works as a refugee officer for U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services at headquarters in Washington, D.C. She was previously an adjudications officer at U.S. Embassy Moscow, Russia.

'79 **Wendy WEISS** is a licensed acupuncturist and lives in Lake County, California.

'82 **Terry WEINER** has traded his galoshes and umbrella for cowboy boots and a big belt buckle after accepting the position of Ellensburg city attorney in beautiful central Washington after 30 wonderful years in the Portland-Vancouver area.

'83 **Rayme WATERS's** debut novel, *The Angels' Share*, was published by Winter Goose in 2012.

'93 **Melissa Z. SAVLOV** received her master's degree in sociology from UC Riverside in 2012. She expects to earn her Ph.D. from UCR in 2015.

'95 **Karin SCHINDEHUETTE**, who came from Germany to take part in UCSC's EAP in '95-'96, is working as a biologist in Duesseldorf, Germany.

'96 **Sarah WAGER**, senior counsel for San Jose trial firm McManis Faulkner, was named to the Northern California Super Lawyers 2013 Edition—Rising Stars.

'04 **Tyler ATKINSON**, associate for San Jose trial firm McManis Faulkner, was named to the Northern California Super Lawyers 2013 Edition—Rising Stars.

## CROWN COLLEGE

'74 **Michael S. BROWN** was recently appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown as a public member to the California Ocean Protection Council. His youngest son, Josh, is a third year Banana

Slug majoring in Earth sciences and teaching surf classes in the recreation department.

'89 **Clarence LOW** was named one of Colorado's 2013 Asian American Heroes.

'93 **Neal COLWELL, RCE**, was recently promoted to principal and partner in the firm Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc. of Stockton and West Sacramento. He will manage the firm's new West Sacramento office in its civil engineering and land surveying services to public and private clients.

'11 **Melissa MELOY** was chosen to receive a five-year teaching fellowship from the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation.

## MERRILL COLLEGE

'71 **Craig BELES** was named a Fulbright Scholar in 2010 at age 60. He taught international dispute resolution and comparative ADR in the Czech Republic. And in April, he was awarded a five-year appointment to the Fulbright Specialist Roster with a specialty in "International ADR." He works as an arbitrator and mediator in Seattle, Wash.

'77 **Thomas Scott TENNEY** is a semi-retired teacher living in Santa Cruz. He helped write a book about the late Professor Bhuwan Lal Joshi. Sales of the book are used for scholarships for students in Nepal.

'93 **Nic KLAR** packed up and moved this summer to beautiful Myoko Kogen in the Japan Alps after many years in education across four different countries. He invites old fellow Slugs who are in or traveling to Japan to look him up or check out <http://myoko-nagano.com>. **Christopher SHEIN** teaches permaculture at Merritt Community College, where he helped develop the award-winning student farm. Shein also owns Wildheart Gardens, a permaculture landscape business that designs and builds sustainable gardens. He has published his first book, *The Vegetable Gardener's Guide to Permaculture*.

'97 **Robert TERANISHI** was appointed as the inaugural holder of the Morgan and Helen Chu Endowed Chair in Asian American Studies at UCLA, effective fall 2013, along with his appointment as Professor of Education in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies.

### PORTER COLLEGE

'71 **Roger LEBOW** is still teaching cello at Pomona College and playing for LA Opera and various solo and chamber music projects. He and Wendy Schorr celebrated their 30th anniversary June 12. Wendy works for Pasadena Library. They live in Sierra Madre. Their son Theo, 27, is a tenor based in NYC.

'73 **Jim HULL**'s novel *The Vampire in Free Fall* is now an audiobook at Audible.com. Jim teaches classes at Braille Institute in Los Angeles. **Patty (PARKER) Milich** has been named the programs officer for the California Arts Council. She has been at the state agency for 24 years.

'74 **Eric HAMBURG** has published a new book, *Give Peace A Chance*, co-authored with David Hamburg. They recently gave presentations on the book at the United Nations in New York, and at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. **Lisa JENSEN**'s fantasy novel, *Alias Hook*, was published in May by Snowbooks in the UK. Plans are under way for a U.S. edition due out early in 2014.

'76 **Joan JUSTER**'s award-winning documentary film, *Alaska Far Away*, was picked up by American Public Television and broadcast on stations nationwide this year.

'79 **Judy SILK** re-entered the rat race as bookkeeper for a music video production company after eighteen years as an experience curator. She is still writing blogs for the Huffington Post and still married to fellow Slug **Dan COGAN** (Porter '83), who recently retired from the law. They live in Pacific Palisades with their three daughters.

'93 **Hilary (SHUMAN) Bryant** is currently the mayor of the City of Santa Cruz. Other recent accolades include Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year, and past president of Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotary. She lives in Santa Cruz with her husband **David SHUMAN** (Oakes '89), two children, and dog, Darwin.

'01 **Joseph DEPAGE** recently married his fiancée, Anne, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Santa Cruz. The reception (quite appropriately) was on the patio of the Porter Dining Hall. They had a pinata. **Zach FRIEND** is a policy, public affairs, and communications expert who has worked on two presidential campaigns. His new book, *On Message: How A Compelling Narrative Will Make Your Organization Succeed*, is a how-to for building a powerful, emotional narrative.

'02 **Brandon BIRD** has been a practicing artist for the last 10 years or so. His first book of art, *Brandon Bird's Astonishing World of Art*, was released nationwide this fall through Chronicle Books.

'10 **Scott JORGENSEN** served as an agriculture volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in the Gambia and came back to California to become a beekeeper. He is launching into local farming as his main vocation and is seeking to establish a bee yard at a community garden ([www.kickstarter.com/projects/625857222/bee-hives-for-the-hercules-community-garden](http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/625857222/bee-hives-for-the-hercules-community-garden)).

### KRESGE COLLEGE

'81 **Catherine JUDD** received her masters in comparative literature in '86 and her Ph.D. in English literature in '91, both from UC Berkeley, and is an associate professor in the English Department at the University of Miami. She has written a book on Victorian nursing and articles on 19th-century topics. She has a 16-year-old daughter, Helena, and a 10-year-old son, Jack. She can be reached at [c.judd@miami.edu](mailto:c.judd@miami.edu).

### OAKES COLLEGE

'96 **Darrick SMITH** recently joined the faculty at the University of San Francisco as an assistant professor of educational leadership after spending 16 years as a teacher and administrator in the Bay Area.

'04 **Nathan OKELBERRY** joined Fisher & Phillips LLP as an associate in the firm's L.A. labor and employment practice. Okelberry was previously with Vanderford & Ruiz LLP and has extensive trial and litigation experience. He attended Pepperdine University School of Law. He lives in Pasadena.

'12 **Diana HERNANDEZ** is a full-time residential eating disorder counselor for teens.

### COLLEGE EIGHT

'77 **Steven M. WOLOCK**, an attorney at Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller in Southfield, Mich., was selected for inclusion in the 20th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014.

'90 **Jane CAVANAUGH** is a trainer and coach who guides professionals in developing their business leadership skills and career path. Her new program is called *The Passionate Professional: How to Make Your Ordinary Career Extraordinary* ([www.janecavanaugh.com](http://www.janecavanaugh.com)).

'98 **Beth LOVE** graduated in May from Pacific School of Religion with a master of divinity degree. She was ordained on September 28, 2013, at Inner Light Ministries in Soquel, Calif.

'05 **Kiernan GORDON** graduated in May from the Ohio State University with a Ph.D. in the sociocultural aspects of sport. He recently joined the Sport Leadership and Management faculty at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. **Virginia JAMESON** is studying in Costa Rica, working on dual master's degrees in international affairs and natural resources and sustainable development through American University in Washington, D.C.,

which is partnered with the United Nations-mandated Universidad para la Paz. Her studies have focused on the political ecology of food and agriculture, and climate change.

'09 **Lyndsey WILLIAMS** recently joined Lucas Public Affairs, a Sacramento-based public affairs firm, as executive assistant.

### COLLEGE NINE

'02 **Sara SWENSON** is excited to be part of the new collaborative/sharing economy. She is the COO of a new startup, Boatbound.co, the first nationwide "pier-to-pier" boat rental marketplace. Sara was active at the UCSC boat dock as a member on the sailing team and summer sailing instructor.

### GRADUATE STUDIES

'12 **Rick BARLOW** was chosen to receive a five-year teaching fellowship from the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation.

### IN MEMORIAM

'75 **Emeryson Layman PERRIATT** (Merrill) lived in Santa Cruz for 25 years, where he operated a group home for disabled adults. He also traveled the world and used the islands of Barbados and St. Lucia for his water sport businesses. He loved horses, and he became a skilled international polocrosse player, earning a spot on the American National Polocrosse Team. He lived in Las Vegas and Mexico with wife Michele.

'13 **Shayne Marie COPPEDGE** suffered a pulmonary embolism and died unexpectedly on July 3. Coppedge became a legal secretary after high school. After many years in the legal world, she longed to do something more meaningful. She decided to go to college and study biology, with the goal of becoming a field biologist or working in conservation. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz just two weeks before her death.



## Where's Sammy?

Congrats go out to **Elaine Murphy**, who found Sammy on page 14 in the spring 2013 *Review*! Sammy is perched on the top left corner of the ceiling robot prototype in the photo accompanying the story. | Murphy met her husband, Tom, in the fall of 1969 at the chancellor's reception for incoming students. "He was in the dorm next door at Crown College," wrote Murphy. "We were among the first group of couples in the Married Student Housing, where we welcomed our first child, Sean, in March 1971." The Murphys have five children, two of whom attended UCSC. | Who's game to find Sammy again? He's slithered into a cool, dark corner somewhere in this issue ... first responder gets a shout-out in the next *Review*.

Go Banana Slugs!