

AlumniNotes

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COWELL COLLEGE

'79 The Rev. John LEECH (CDSP '84) received the Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary on May 24, 2014. His dissertation/project was an interdisciplinary study of the human life cycle and faith development entitled "Embracing the Vocation of Elderhood in a Congregation."

'80 Gabrielle SELZ's memoir, *Unstill Life: A Daughter's Memoir of Art and Love in the Age of Abstraction* has been published by W.W. Norton. **Daniel TIFFANY** published three books (and a chapbook) of poetry and literary criticism in the last year: *Brick Radio*, *In the Poisonous Candy Factory*, *Neptune Park*, and *My Silver Planet: A Secret History of Poetry and Kitsch*. *Neptune Park* was listed as one the "best poetry books of 2013" by several national journals and by the Poetry Foundation. Tiffany is professor of English and comparative literature at the University of Southern California.

'83 Andrew Brookes ORLANS took an early retirement from teaching high school English and Latin in order to pursue other interests: gardening, stone masonry, and old house restoration. He currently is an antiquarian book dealer, residing in Marshall, Va., and trading under the name Brooke's Corner Books on Alibris. He returned to Santa Cruz for three marvelous weeks in 2007, staying in a Victorian mansion and delving into the multifarious treasures contained in the recently opened Norman O. Brown Archive at Special Collections.

'85 Andrea SUTHERLAND is the proud mother of Ciara Salmon (Oakes '15). She works for Rigel Pharmaceutical as director of environmental health/safety, lives in her hillside Oakland garden, and is always glad to visit with Slug friends!

'87 Douglas REED has been spending his summers back in Santa Cruz with his family for the past two years. He recently published his second book, *Building the Federal Schoolhouse: Localism and the American Education State*, and learned to sail last year. He lives outside Washington, D.C., but wishes he lived in Santa Cruz.

'09 Kristen HULBERG recently graduated from San Jose State with an MA in education and PPS school counseling. She also got engaged in February and will be getting married in May 2015. She lives in the Santa Cruz Mountains with her fiancé and one-year-old lab puppy.

STEVENSON COLLEGE

'69 Gregg HERKEN is an emeritus professor of history at the University of California, who, despite retiring from UC in 2010, maintains a multi-campus affiliation at UC Santa Cruz and UC Merced, where he was a member of the founding faculty. His fifth book, *The Georgetown Set: Friends and Rivals in Cold War Washington*, will be published by Knopf this fall. **Susan TRIMINGHAM** is still living in Santa Cruz and returned to graduate school for a second master's program in 2011 after a trip to Benin, West Africa, in 2010. Completed M.Ed. C & I, Integrated Teaching through the Arts in November 2013, and in January 2014 was hired as an adjunct professor for art education in both the Art & Art History and Secondary Education Departments at San Jose State University.

'78 Paul BERGE's new film, *CoPay*, is free online on Vimeo. Visit <https://vimeo.com/buttercowinfinipix>.

'80 Doran LARSON's book, *Fourth City: Essays from the Prison in America*, was published in February. It includes 71 essays from writers incarcerated in 27 American states. At 354 pages, *Fourth City* is the largest collection to date of first-person witness to how U.S.



Hey alums! UCSC is turning 50 next year. Help us get ready for the celebration! Check out 50years.ucsc.edu for info and events, and to contribute to a living timeline. Post your stories, share your photos, and build history.

mass incarceration is experienced by those living inside it. Contact him at dlarson@hamilton.edu.

'81 Nicholas WALLERSTEIN is professor of English and humanities at Black Hills State University, in Spearfish, S.D., where he teaches early world literature, early British literature, the Bible as literature, and western religions. He received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Oregon in 1989 and then earned a master of theological studies degree from Harvard in 1996. His various scholarly publications are wide-ranging, with topics running from *Beowulf* to Audre Lorde.

CROWN COLLEGE

'74 Claude ZACHARY is still working as university archivist at USC in Los Angeles, and getting busier all the time. Enjoying family life with wife Ali and "dogter" (their "dog daughter") Berdoo. Had a great time on campus on Alumni Weekend, and looks forward to the 50th campus anniversary next year.

'75 Lorraine CLARKE YOUNG is still enjoying being back in Los Angeles—professor in medicine (dermatology) at UCLA medical

school—married for 32 years with three grown children!

'76 Mark DRESSEN is retired from science teaching and enjoys a rocket serve in tennis and helping others, including his sons Sam (labor organizer) and Ramzi (social media producer for the *Chicago Sun-Times*), and daughter Amina, currently in Morocco for a study abroad stint.

'77 Richard FORRESTER manages QA engineers at Jawbone and otherwise spends his time with his family—wife and four children (the eldest starting college)—as well as producing high school theater, acting infrequently, assistant scoutmastering a Boy Scout troop, coaching youth hockey, playing ice hockey, and occasionally resting.

'80 Ted KRAYNICK was re-elected to the executive board of Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 265.

'82 Ise BATEK now has two websites devoted to recent work—www.esebatek.com (science) and www.isebatek.weebly.com (art). Batek writes, "I have changed my legal name to Ise Alexandra Batek. Ise is German for Isis. My name used to be James Robert Batek."

'95 Anthony QUAN is still in education. Now the science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) consultant for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, providing educational services to all of Los Angeles.

MERRILL COLLEGE

'89 Susanah Shaw ROMNEY is assistant professor of history at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Her book, *New Netherland Connections: Intimate Networks and Atlantic Ties in Seventeenth-Century America*, which locates the foundations of the early modern Dutch empire in interpersonal transactions among women and men, was published in the spring.

'91 Dale ROSE, Ph.D., president of 3D Group, authored a new book, *Hire Better Teachers Now: Using the Science of Selection to Find the Best Teachers for Your School*, out this year from Harvard Education Press.

'92 Rachel Howzell HALL was featured on NPR's "Crime in the City" series—and the heroine of this new mystery (Land of Shadows, Forge Publishers) is a Slug! Visit npr.org/blogs/codeswitch/2014/07/29/334616521/crime-writer-creates-a-hero-for-her-beloved-much-maligned-south-la. **Ruth RABINOWITZ** is a photographer and educator who lives in Santa Cruz, but the Midwest is increasingly in her thoughts. Along with her father and sister Shauna of Berkeley, she is taking on management of the family's Midwest farmland. Over the last year, the role of managing farmland has shifted from father to daughters as travel to Iowa has become more difficult for him. Now managing farmland is her full-time job, in addition to teaching art classes through the Art Council of Santa Cruz County.

'95 Lise (TORREY) Talbott is the proud mom of the coolest 7-year-old in the world, and health center manager for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte in Modesto. Go Slugs!

'12 Cole PRZYBYLA received the Rising Star of the Year Business Award in Fresno in May, recognizing Cole Video, an innovative video marketing and social media

services company. His was one of five Central California businesses honored for business achievement at the Fifth Annual Small Business Recognition Program.

PORTER COLLEGE

'73 Patty (MILICH) Parker has finally retired after over 25 years with the California Arts Council. As programs officer, her last position, she was responsible for grants programs and agency planning as a member of the executive staff.

'87 Douglas STYLES is the executive director of Huckleberry Youth Programs in San Francisco and Marin Counties (www.huckleberryyouth.org). The rock opera is on hold until the new job settles down.

'91 Maureen O'Leary WANKET is a writer and teacher living in Sacramento with her husband and two daughters. Her young adult novel *How to Be Manly* was released in September by Giant Squid Books.

'12 Brenda MINJARES was selected by the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation (KSTF) for its 2014 cohort of Teaching Fellows. Chosen from a pool of more than 180 applicants, Minjares is one of 32 exceptionally talented, early career science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) teachers to be awarded a 2014 KSTF Teaching Fellowship.

KRESGE COLLEGE

'88 Kim COOPER and husband **Richard SCHAVE** (Cowell '90) lead eclectic tours of Los Angeles true crime, literature, history, and culture on their Esotouric bus and curate a free monthly cultural salon for LAVA—The Los Angeles Visionaries Association. Their historic preservation work includes successfully advocating for the preservation of Union 76 gas station signs and the writer Charles Bukowski's bungalow. In February, they launched publishing house Esotouric Ink with Cooper's debut novel, and fifth book, *The Kept Girl*. Kirkus Reviews calls this fact-based mystery starring the young Raymond Chandler "commendable" and hopes for a sequel. She's working on it.

'91 Susan K. BRISLIN, MA, OTR/L, is an occupational therapist in Los Angeles, working with formerly homeless veterans in recovery from substance addiction and combat-related trauma. They do gardening and horticulture therapy at the Century Villages at Cabrillo Shelter Community in Long Beach.

'08 Micah SMITH was the 2014 recipient of the Kenneth N. Stevens Student Research Award from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. Smith received the award for her master's thesis, Degree of Emotion in Prosody: Acoustic Correlates, which she completed as a student in the health sciences graduate school's two-year Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program. She investigated the acoustic variables related to emotional aspects of speech prosody, specifically how a listener can differentiate a speaker's tone and meaning.

OAKES COLLEGE

'73 Isa Maria INFANTE is the Green Party candidate for governor of Tennessee 2014. She received her M.A. in political science at Yale University and her Ph.D. in political science at the University of California Riverside. She subsequently received her J.D. at Northeastern University College of Law in Boston. She is president of the Yale Club of Knoxville and coordinating chair of the Green Party of Knox County, and she sits on the board of directors of My Place Performing Arts Center in Knoxville. She can be found on Facebook at Isa Infante for Governor of Tennessee.

'98 Donna WATERS founded Proof of Concept Optical Engineering in Boulder, Colo.

COLLEGE EIGHT

'88 Andrew DYER joined the County of Santa Clara Department of Environmental Health as a haz mat specialist in 2011. He continues to live in Santa Cruz, commuting on the Hwy. 17 bus with his folding bike for a 20-minute ride through San Jose. He's on campus regularly, riding his bike or visiting.

'96 John HERNANDEZ has been an administrative law judge with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board since 2012. He is married to **Karla (HERRERA) Hernandez** ('97) who is a staff and faculty counselor at the California Institute of Technology. They have three children and two dogs.

'97 Jeffrey RIFFELL, University of Washington assistant professor of biology, was the lead author of a paper on the subject of environmental impacts on pollinators in the June 27 issue of *Science*.

GRADUATE STUDIES

'12 Jaime SAAVEDRA joined the San Francisco office of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. He joined as an associate with the Patent Team in the internationally recognized Intellectual Property Department. Saavedra earned a J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law, a Ph.D. in chemistry and biochemistry from UC Santa Cruz, and a B.S. in chemistry from UC Berkeley.

IN MEMORIAM

'71 Robert George TANIGUCHI (Crown) passed away on April 12, 2012, in Campbell. After graduating from UC Santa Cruz, he pursued higher education degrees at UCSF (Pharm.D.) and San Jose State University (MPH and MA, psychology). At the time of his death, he was an advocate and volunteer for the National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI).

'73 Christie Catherine NICHOLS (Porter) passed away at home in Santa Cruz from spindle cell cancer on December 13, 2013. After graduating with honors in sociology, she received a masters in social work from the University of Connecticut in 1983. She wrote her own obituary, expressing her love of life, and her love, commitment, and

Volunteer profile



Beata Panagopoulos

Cowell '75, politics

Residence: Boston

Title: Assistant director, technical services—Sawyer Library at Suffolk University

Why do you volunteer with UC Santa Cruz?

I love volunteering with the Boston regional chapter of the UC Alumni Association (BSLUGS) for a number of reasons. At this point, the BSLUGS is an established group with regulars who attend many of our events. We are practically family. Meeting the people who have more recently discovered the BSLUGS is also a highlight of my involvement with the group. I am inspired by their stories of how UC Santa Cruz transformed their lives and helped them discover their paths in life.

In addition to having fun, I volunteer because I would like UC Santa Cruz alums to have a strong network they can rely on after they graduate. I feel the utmost gratitude to have benefited from a superb education at a public institution, and I want to give back however I can.

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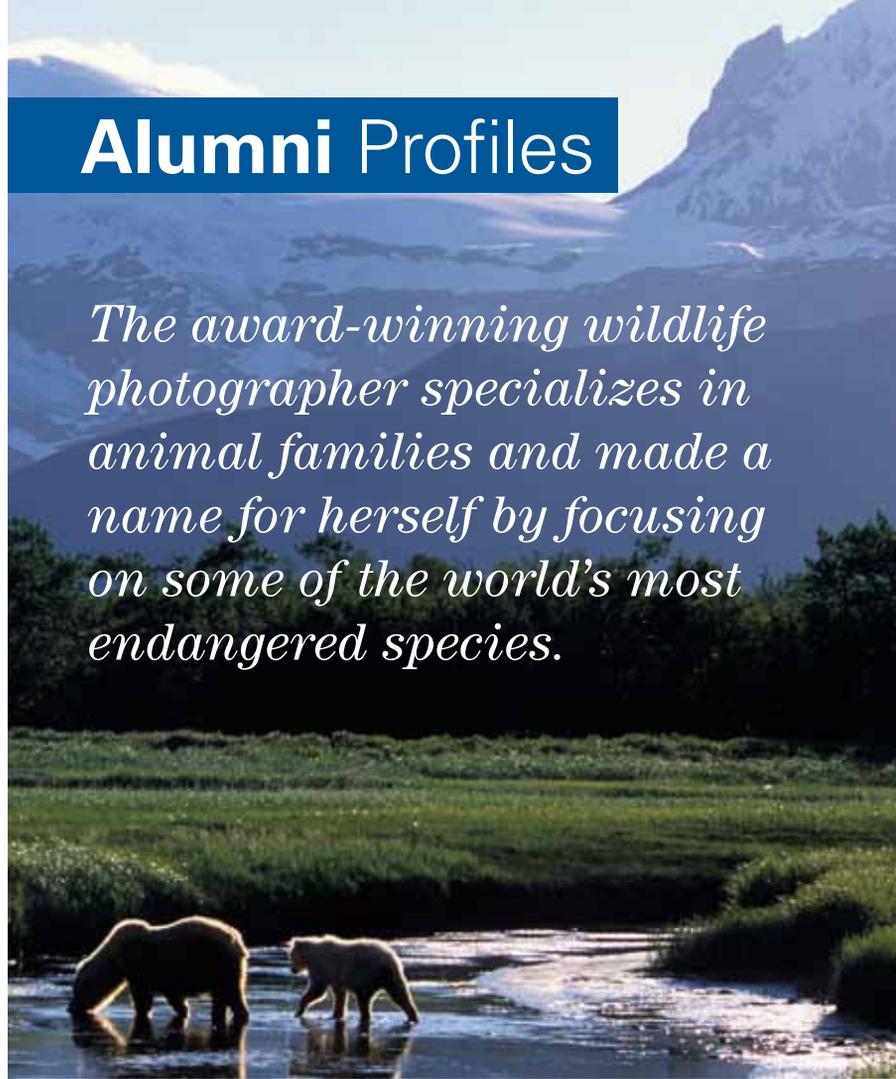
dedication to helping others through her work as a licensed clinical social worker.

'96 Galen Christopher LAWS (Stevenson) passed away on December 17, 2013. He graduated with highest honors from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in philosophy, and from CSU East Bay with a degree in computer science. He worked as a computer programmer and lived in the East Bay. He will be missed by his family, mother Dixie Laws, sister Bridget Laws, and stepfather Thomas Kultz.

'98 Lisa Ann SHOWALTER (Porter) passed away on May 13, 2014, after a yearlong battle with AML leukemia. In her short 38 years, she touched many lives in this country and abroad with her joyful and loving spirit and her zest for life. After graduating with a degree in history from UC Santa Cruz, she traveled the world doing humanitarian work, but it was in 2002 that she discovered her real passion in midwifery. She founded her own practice, Shiloh Midwifery, in 2010.

Alumni Profiles

The award-winning wildlife photographer specializes in animal families and made a name for herself by focusing on some of the world's most endangered species.



by Lisa Granshaw



Suzi Eszterhas

▶ For over a decade, Suzi Eszterhas ('99, environmental studies) has captured stunning moments from the lives of animals around the world that few of us would see without her photographs.

The award-winning wildlife photographer specializes in animal families and made a name for herself by focusing on some of the world's most endangered species. Her interest in families grew from an initial love of cute baby animals.

"As I got older, I started to realize through my fascination with baby animals that these animal families are a fantastic backdrop to telling an animal's story," Eszterhas said by phone from California, where she was preparing to leave for a photo tour in Borneo.

By spending months—even years—in the wild observing families, Eszterhas has witnessed incredible events that take place during an animal's lifecycle.

"A mother will defend her cubs, cubs will die from predation, and all these wildlife dramas take place while documenting an animal family," she said.

Her work capturing these unique moments and more have led to publication in major magazines including *TIME* and *National Geographic*. They have also been featured in books including the recently released *A Future for Cheetahs* written by Cheetah Conservation Fund founder Laurie Marker, and a children's book series written by Eszterhas