

ALUMNI NEWS

1930s

Lillian Field Dieterich (BA '31) of Brookfield, WI, became bookkeeper for the Presbyterian Synod of Nebraska after she was widowed. After she retired, she held five more jobs, most recently for the McFarland UW Health Clinic. She now lives with one of her daughters. She continues to entertain family and friends with stories about UW during the Depression and Prohibition.

1940s

Sylvia Thalman (BA '49, Spanish), an educator and researcher in San Rafael, CA, received the San Francisco Bay Area Jefferson Award for her work to increase awareness of the Coast Miwok Indians.

1950s

William Grinker (BS '57, political science) is president and chief executive officer of Seedco Financial Services, a subsidiary of Seedco (www.seedco.org), a New York-based company that provides programs to benefit disadvantaged communities and opportunities for low-wage workers and their families.

Eunice Gibson (BS '56, JD '73) retired as Madison, WI, City Attorney, was invited to present a paper on local government at the 22d Congress on the Law of the World, sponsored by the World Jurist Association in Beijing and Shanghai, China.

Ronald A. Hurst (MS, '56, English) has been elected Chairman of the Board of Senior Programs at the University of South Florida, Tampa. The group provides some 85 programs yearly to 5,000 persons over age 55 in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater area.

Leslie Klevay (BS '56, chemistry, MD '60) recently was listed in the *Media Guide to Experts of the American Society for Nutrition*.

1960s



Nicholas Burckel (MA '67, PhD '71, history) has retired as Dean of Libraries and associate professor of history at Marquette University. Before joining Marquette ten years ago, he was associate dean

of libraries at Washington University in St. Louis.

Deborah Mitchell Dryden (BA '68, MFA '72, theatre) is professor emerita at the University of California at San Diego. As a professional costume designer she has designed for numerous regional theatres including the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis. She is currently the resident costume designer for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon. She is proud to say that she is the daughter of **Ronald Mitchell**, for whom the UW's Mitchell Theatre is named.

Harry Hummer (MS '62, history) is president of GROW Santa Fe Community College Foundation, the college's fundraising arm. He also is chair of Santa Fe Economic Development, Inc., and a onetime president and chief operating officer for Chase Manhattan Mortgage Co. Hummer has worked in the banking industry for 30 years.

George Kelling (MS '62, PhD '73, social work) is a professor at Rutgers University and a fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and a national expert in effective law enforcement strategies.

James Magnuson (BS '64, MS '64, English) is professor of creative writing in the department of English at the University of Texas, Austin, and the author of eight novels, including *Ghost-Dancing*, and *Orphan Train*.

1970s

Steve Bablitch (BA '76, English and history, JD '79) has been named Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

Bernard Baca (MSSW '74) in private practice in Indianapolis, IN, specializing in couples/marital therapy, has an article on envy in couples in a book edited by Dr. Harville Hendrix and titled *Imago Relationship*

Therapy: Perspectives on Theory. The book is published by Jossey-Bass.

David Betson (MA '76, PhD '80, economics) is associate professor of economics at the University of Notre Dame.

Chris Bury (MA '77, political science) has been with ABC News *Nightline* since January 1993, where he serves as correspondent and principal substitute anchor.

Jeff Cesario (BA '75, communication arts), the Emmy-winning comedian who makes frequent appearances on ESPN's *Jim Rome Is Burning* and has maintained one of the best sports humor Web sites around in Sportalicious.com.

Carol Fenster (BA '74, social work, MSSW '75, social work) is a practicing psychotherapist and co-founder and C.O.O. of Baby Abuelita Productions, Inc., which creates and distributes grandparent dolls that sing traditional lullabies and nursery rhymes in Spanish.

Christopher Hardwick (BA '79, journalism) has joined the staff of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute as vice president for marketing and communications.

David Joswiak (BA '73, political science and economics, MS '75, business management, MA '75, public policy and administration) has been named city manager of Farmer City, IL.

Gary Lessuire (BA '70, psychology and economics, MBA '72) has been named assistant dean in the UW-Madison School of Business.

Barry Levenson (MA '73, economics, JD '74) is founder and curator of the Mustard Museum in Mount Horeb, WI (<http://www.mustardweb.com/>).

William Malkasian (BA '76, political science) is president of the Wisconsin Realtors Association, which represents about 60 percent of Wisconsin's 30,000 real estate agents.

Amy McCandless (MA '70, PhD '72, history), professor of history at the College of Charleston, is the college's associate provost and author of *The Past in the Present: Women's Higher Education in the Twentieth-Century American South*.

Judy Olian (MA '77, PhD '80, industrial relations) became the eighth dean of the UCLA Anderson School of Management on January 1. She previously was dean of the Pennsylvania University Smeal College of Business.

David Peterson (MA '71, Spanish) accepted a 30-day assignment with the U.S. Peace Corps to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. This was the first time that Peace Corps volunteers have served within the U.S. As a graduate student in Madison, he was a project assistant on *Medieval Spanish Dictionary* under Prof. Lloyd Kasten.

Anne Ross (BA '76, anthropology), a partner in Madison's law firm of Foley & Lardner, specializes in transactional work for technology companies. In a newspaper profile, she said that she was drawn to law as a career in part because "I had one undergrad course in the (integrated liberal studies) program here with a constitutional law professor, which I really loved."

1980s

The National Academies' imprint, the Joseph Henry Press, has published **Julie Wakefield Albers**' (BS '89, history) first book: *Halley's Quest: A Selfless Genius and His Troubled Paramore*, a popular biography of Edmond Halley of comet fame. Her work has appeared in magazines including *Astronomy*, *Smithsonian*, and *Wired*.

Cheryl DeMars (BA '80, social work and sociology, MS '84, social work) has been promoted to CEO of The Alliance, an employer-owned health care purchasing cooperative.

Sabina Haskell (BA '80, journalism) is editor of the *Brattleboro* (VT) *Reformer*.

Tom Hecht (BA '82, political science) is overseeing development work for ThunderHouse Pictures, a subsidiary of the Duncan Entertainment Group out of Milwaukee. ThunderHouse produces non-fiction, large-format movies for IMAX® theaters. They are currently developing *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Greatest Adventure* and *Amazing Butterfly Quest*.

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Two generations of Liebers publish political science books in one year

Robert Lieber (BA '63, political science) and his son **Kier** (BA '92, political science and international relations) are both professors of political science and both have published books this year. Robert, who has been a professor at Georgetown since 1982, is the author of *The American Era* (Cambridge University Press). While in the Honors Program at UW-Madison, he was a student of Leon Epstein, John Armstrong and Ralph Hewitt before earning a PhD at Harvard (1968).

Kier (BA '92, political science and international relations) is assistant professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame. His first book, *War and the Engineers: The Primacy of Politics over Technology*, will be published this fall. He is married to Meredith Bowers (BA '92, behavioral science and law). They have three daughters, **Sophie** (6), **Isabel** (4), and **Lucy** (1).

Susan Klein (BA '82, journalism) has just published her first book, *Mid-century Plastic Jewelry*.

Matt Korn (MS '84, computer sciences) is executive vice president of network and data center operations at America Online and is the recipient of the UW E-Business Institute's 2005 Distinguished Fellow Award.

Steve Levitan (BA '84, communication arts and integrated liberal studies) is the creator of the Fox Network's *Stacked* sitcom, which stars Pamela Anderson as an employee at an independent bookstore. In the 1980s Levitan worked as a reporter for WKOW/Channel 27.

Patrick Nolten (BA '87, psychology, MS '91, PhD '94, educational psychology, TCH '98, school psychologist) is Illinois Indian Prairie Unit District 204's new director of research, assessment and evaluation. He previously was a psychologist and staff development coach at the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education.

Stephen Risley (BA '86, zoology) has joined the Atlanta law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi LLP as a partner.

Patti Seger (BA '83, sociology and criminal justice) was named executive director of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She formerly was manager of the domestic violence unit in the Dane County district attorney's office and worked for seven years for Advocates for Battered Women, the Dane County agency now known as Domestic Abuse Intervention Services.

Janet Stoeger Wilke (MA '85, library and information studies) is associate dean of the library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She was Interim Director of the Library in 2003-04.

1990s

John Brodtke (BA '99, history) is a legislative assistant handling transportation, trade and health issues for Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA).

Robyn (Schwartz) Chapman (BA '98, communicative disorders) received her AuD (Doctor of Audiology) and welcomed son Benjamin in 2005. Every Saturday, she dresses Benjamin in Badger gear for the games!

Jennifer Cohn (BA '98, English) is a clinical fellow in hematology-oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. She received her MD and a master's degree in bioethics from the University of Pennsylvania.

David Damman (BA '91, psychology) is senior vice president and creative director WestWayne, an Atlanta advertising agency.

Adam Dorsky (BA '92, history) is a lawyer in private practice in Manhattan.

Jim Hamilton (PhD '94, chemistry) is a professor of chemistry at UW-Platteville and co-founder of Photonic Cleaning Technologies, a company specializing in cleaning delicate 'uncleanable' surfaces. The company has customers in 53 countries.

Cynthia Hansen (BA '98, journalism) is public relations manager at Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ.

Charlie Higley (MA '93, urban and regional planning) is head of the Wisconsin Citizens' Utility Board.

Our Readers Respond

Reid Bryson wrote in to comment on Willy Haeberli's 2005 retirement from the Department of Physics. His letter opened a new category, "Longest Serving Emeritus Faculty Member in Letters & Science," and establishes a record that will be hard to overturn! He writes:

"Willy Haeberli has been here a long time, but I have been on the faculty a decade longer. I remember when he joined the faculty in 1956. Because I had already been faculty since July 1, 1946, and I am still on the payroll, though for zero dollars. Us old-timers are aware of the competition!! Sec'y of the Faculty checked and I am the longest employed faculty member on campus. They immediately compared with Willy, of course.

I have now worked about 20 years at zero dollars. I figure that is the same as a contribution to the taxpayers of what I would have been paid if I had been receiving a salary and so, by my calculation, I have now paid back all I was ever paid from tax funds. The people and I are even now and I didn't cost anything. My thanks for a wonderful ride!"

Reid A. Bryson PhD, D.Sc., D.Engr. Global 500 Laureate Senior Scientist, Center for Climatic Research Emeritus Prof. of Meteorology, of Geography, and of Environmental Studies

CORRECTION:

Number of World War II Deaths Don Gordon (BS '50, medical microbiology and immunology) wrote in regarding the reference to the the 405,000 gold stars on the WWII memorial ("Remembering Private Ryan," *Letters & Science TODAY*, v. 10 no. 1). Don wrote: "the combat deaths of American servicemen in WWII totaled only 292,000. I finally found the answer to the difference.

"Officially, combat deaths were 292,131; non-combat deaths were 115,185, which totaled give 407,316, which I presume is what the 405,000 number for the gold stars is based on."