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editor's note



Women's rights, including the right to education, have come a long way since the time of suffrage when women were considered second-class citizens and not allowed to travel alone, never mind run for president! It was during this time, the turn of the 20th century, that a remarkably progressive institution — Simmons College — was created with the mission to “educate women to earn independent livelihoods and lead meaningful lives.”

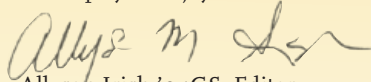
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Today, women no longer take a backseat to men in our political process, and Simmons women are no exception. Alumnae such as Pennsylvania Congresswoman and 2008 Honorary Degree Recipient Allyson Schwartz '70; Massachusetts State Senator Harriette Chandler '83SM; Worcester, Mass. Mayor Konstantina Lukes '63; and Massachusetts State Representative Alice Wolf '55, all have chosen to serve our country and make a difference in the world. Another example is Barbara Fish Lee '67, '01HD. Though not a politician herself, Lee has worked for many years through her family foundation to encourage women to run for political office. Last year, she made a \$1.5 million gift to the College to endow a political fellowship program for undergraduate students. Thanks to Lee's generosity and foresight, the Barbara Lee Political Intern Fellowship Program will ensure future generations of women political leaders.

During this presidential election season, we've seen many firsts, including the first female candidate to make a viable run for the presidency, and the first serious Black candidate. We've also witnessed the unprecedented use of the Internet — by voters, candidates, and news sources — to disseminate information, shape public opinion, and mobilize supporters.

In this issue of the *SIMMONS* magazine, we highlight the use of the Internet in politics, and ways in which social networking sites and other new media are changing the face of modern elections. End Note presents an assortment of political perspectives from our students, varying from the importance of voting, to the necessary qualifications for presidential candidates. Another feature story, while not election-related, focuses on six Simmons professors who epitomize the “Simmons experience” through their love of students and teaching.

I hope you enjoy this issue.


Allyson Irish '04GS, Editor
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SCHOOL NAMES

CAS	College of Arts and Sciences
SHS	School for Health Studies
GSLIS	Graduate School of Library and Information Science
SOM	School of Management
SSW	School of Social Work
GD	Garland Junior College

ALUMNAE/1 DESIGNATIONS

'37	1937, undergraduate
'88GS	1988, Graduate Studies
'91HS	1991, School for Health Studies
'65LS	1965, Graduate School of Library and Information Science
'77SM	1977, School of Management
'45SW	1945, School of Social Work
'53GD	1953, Garland Junior College
P'04	Parent of 2004 Graduate

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Professors Who Make a Difference

BY KATIE FIERMONTI

What makes Simmons stand out? Ask many of our graduates and they will tell you it's the professors. Whether it be counseling a student over the weekend, helping with a research paper, or simply offering sound advice, Simmons professors have a passion for learning and teaching, which they execute with grace and aplomb.

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Election 2.0

BY JANELLE RANDAZZA

One of the most interesting aspects of this presidential election season has been the astronomical amount of information. For the first time, voters have unprecedented access to the polls, from videos on YouTube, to real time chats during debates. Read what GSLIS professors have to say on this topic, and about future elections.

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president's letter



It is the Monday after Reunion weekend and I am sitting at home in Cohasset, Mass., penning my first letter to you as Simmons's president.

I write to you as a fellow alumna who cares deeply about this college. These past few months have not been easy for Simmons. During Reunion, many of you came up to me with concerns and questions. These comments not only were completely appropriate, but also, as I now have time to reflect, heartening. People who are passionate about a place should be concerned for its well-being. Had I not heard your concerns, I would have been troubled.

I assumed the presidency after having been on the Simmons Board of Trustees for five years, and the chair for the past year. I bring to this position many years of experience as a senior executive, and a deep commitment and devotion to this school. During the past year as chair of the board, I have worked alongside faculty and administrators to address many of the challenges that face the College today, and to prepare for the future. Simmons has incredible untapped potential, and one of my priorities as president will be to help illuminate all that is special about our school to raise money, bring in new students, and elevate our external reputation.

As some of you may know, I am an alumna of Mount Holyoke. Being a women's college graduate has brought me a lot of pride through the years and I strongly believe that my experience at a women's college enhanced

my ability to feel confident about my decisions and augmented my capacity for success.

While I graduated at the height of the "women's lib" movement, I remain absolutely convinced of the need for women's education today, even as colleges like Simmons face increasing scrutiny and criticism for the single-sex approach.

That said, I also want to acknowledge our male students, alumni, trustees, and corporators. Simmons is in a unique position as a women-centered institution that offers graduate education to men. While some may say this is confusing, I believe this dual approach has served the College well and strengthened our ability to compete in the higher education marketplace.

During my first year at Simmons, I will focus on several key priorities. In addition to helping elevate the reputation of the College, I will help finalize the strategic plan and our three-year capital plan, and reassess and reinvigorate our diversity initiatives. I also am committed to fundraising and to increasing the number of alumnae/i who are involved with outreach opportunities. You are our best advocates and ambassadors, and I hope you will join me as we work together to spread the word about Simmons.

Simmons has a rich history that has continued to remain relevant and important for more than 100 years. It is an extremely exciting and dynamic place to be, and I am blessed to have the opportunity to steward this institution and care for the many people who will continue to make this college extraordinary.

Helen Drinan '75LS, '78SM
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Trustee Helen Drinan Becomes New President

A respected business leader in New England, **Helen Drinan '75LS, '78SM** assumed the position of president at Simmons this summer. The previous chair of the Simmons Board of Trustees, Drinan accepted the role after former President Susan C. Scrimshaw stepped down.

"I am deeply honored to serve as president," said Drinan. "Simmons has provided me with many opportunities, and I look forward to working with faculty, staff, and administrators as we prepare for the challenges that lay ahead." Drinan said her top priorities this year will be to finalize the strategic plan and engage in fundraising activities, as well as continuing the work done by Scrimshaw in emphasizing academic excellence and faculty development, and promoting a culture of inclusiveness and diversity.

A 1969 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Drinan most recently was senior vice president of human resources at Caritas Christi Health Care System, the second largest health care system in New England. Previously, Drinan was president of the Society for Human Resource Management, and worked for 19 years at BankBoston Corporation. Since 1995, Drinan has served on the board of directors of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and was a member of the board of advisors for Authoria, Inc. of Waltham, Mass. from 2002–2007.

Drinan has been closely associated with Simmons for more than 30 years. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2003, and chair since 2007. In addition to holding two master's degrees from the College, she re-

ceived the Phyllis Rappaport Alumnae Achievement Award from the School of Management in 1993. During their May meeting, the trustees elected **Lauren J. Brisky '73** as its new chair. The vice chancellor for administration and chief financial officer of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., Brisky is responsible for the institution's financial management and administrative infrastructure, including finance, facilities, construction, human resources, information systems, and business operations. Brisky also holds an MBA from Cornell University and said that her Simmons education has "changed my life in many posi-

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Above, President Helen Drinan '75LS, '78SM; Former President Susan C. Scrimshaw with Honorary Degree recipient Charlayne Hunter-Gault and President Drinan at Commencement



Jagger Encourages "Small Acts of Courage" at Commencement

Ecstatic graduates and beaming families joined in the 103rd commencement celebrations May 17 at the Bay-side Exposition Center as more than 1,000 students received their diplomas and moved into the ranks of proud Simmons alumnae/i.

International human rights advocate **Bianca Jagger**, commencement speaker, told graduates that even the smallest acts of courage can change lives, and "perhaps, even, the course of history."

Jagger, currently chair of the World Future Council and the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation, and a Council of Europe Goodwill Ambassador, has a 25-year history of speaking out against injustices to humanity and environmental destruction. During her address, Jagger urged graduates to help preserve the planet for future generations saying, "Each and every one of us must be prepared to make fundamen-

tal, lasting, and immediate change. This cannot be about egos or agendas."

Jagger and five others received honorary degrees from the College during the ceremony. Jagger received a doctorate of human rights. **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**, journalist, author, and former national correspondent of *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, received a doctorate of journalism. **Craig C. Cameron Mello, Ph.D.**, laureate of the 2006 Nobel Prize for Medicine, received a doctorate of science. **Marilyn Nelson, Ph.D.**, award-winning poet and emeritus professor of English at the University of Connecticut, received a doctorate of letters. **Allyson Y. Schwartz '70**, U.S. Representative for Pennsylvania's 13th district, received a doctorate of public service. **Margot Stern Strom**, executive director of Facing History and Ourselves, received a doctorate of education.

On the eve of Commencement, Simmons hosted an evening of appreciation honoring leadership donors and the six honorary degree recipients. More than 320 guests attended the dinner, which was held at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Rowes Wharf.

Clockwise from right: Group photo from top left, President Helen Drinan '75LS, '78SM; honorary degree recipients Marilyn Nelson, Ph.D., Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Margot Stern Strom, U.S. Representative Allyson Y. Schwartz '70, Bianca Jagger, former President Susan C. Scrimshaw, and honorary degree recipient Craig C. Cameron Mello, Ph.D.; Trustees Maha J. Ghandour P '06, Emily Scott Pottruck '78, and Judith Samdperil Mann '83; Commencement Speaker Bianca Jagger



faculty focus

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS BY SIMMONS FACULTY



CHING CHIH-CHEN

Zachary Abuza, chair and professor of political science and international relations, has been appointed senior fellow for counter-terrorism studies at the Jebson Center for Counter-Terrorism Studies. Abuza is one of four fellows providing research support and counter-terrorism analysis and commentary to the Jebson Center, which is housed at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Two GSLIS professors, **Ching Chih-Chen** and **Peter Hernon**, recently received prestigious honors. Chen is the recipient of the 2008 American Library Association's Beta Phi Mu Award presented to a library school faculty member or an individual for distinguished service to education for librarianship. Chen was recognized for her development of Global Memory Net, her guidance of students, and her "profound impact on the field of global librarianship." Hernon was named the 2008 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). According to the ACRL press release, Hernon was selected because of his substantive body of research over a career of more than 30 years.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Vlad Douhovnikoff** recently was awarded a \$12,000 research grant from Save the Redwoods League to study the genetic



GERRY KOOCHEER

structure of the University of California's redwood gene bank collection. This is one of the first studies of redwoods to use modern molecular genetic tools at a significant scale. The research will expand the knowledge of regional genetic diversity, gene flow patterns, and migration history.

SHS Dean **Gerry Koocher** has accepted an invitation to become a member of the Organization for Autism Research (OAR) Scientific Council, which is composed of 14 leading autism and medical professionals who serve as expert resources for all OAR research matters. Koocher also serves on the National Institute of Mental Health's Data Safety Monitoring Board for autism research. In addition, Koocher co-authored the third edition of *Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions: Standards and Cases* (Oxford University Press, 2008), and *Clinician's Guide to Evidence-based Practices: Mental Health and the Addictions* (Oxford University Press, 2008).

SOM Associate Professor **Sylvia Maxfield** recently published an article on gender and corporate social responsibility in Latin America in the winter edition of *Americas Quarterly: The Policy Journal for our Hemisphere*. The new journal is designed to foster dialogue between academics and policymakers in the U.S. and Latin America. Maxfield also serves on the



SYLVIA MAXFIELD

journal's board, along with several former Latin American presidents.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Akiko Osuko** was part of an international research team that published a study in the March issue of *Nature* magazine about a new tool for genomics (the study of gene sequences in living organisms) that was used to reveal new findings on animal evolution. The study, which was led by Brown University, included the discovery that jellyfish, not sponges, are at the bottom of the "tree of life."

This May Alumnae Professor of English **Afaa Michael Weaver** received one of the literary world's most respected honors — the Pushcart Prize — for his poem "American Income." The director of Simmons's Zora Neale Hurston Literary Center, Weaver has published nine collections of poetry and has been nominated several times for a Pulitzer Prize. Weaver also recently was invited to contribute papers and other personal matters to The Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University, which collects manuscripts from individuals who play a significant part in the fields of journalism, poetry, literature and criticism, dance, music, theater, film, television, and political and religious movements.

Students "Choose to Participate"

A group of first-year students who worked as tour guides at the Boston Public Library this spring received first-hand experience about democracy, human rights, and the importance of standing up for one's principles.

The students — **Danielle Alves '11**, **Erica Brown '10**, **Kaitlin Faticoni '11**, **Elysia Hamelin '11**, **Nathalie Magno '11**, and **Lauren Stants '10** — volunteered for the "Choosing to Participate" educational exhibit as part of a service-learning requirement in one of their classes. Sponsored by Facing History and Ourselves, the exhibit is an interactive, multimedia display that has traveled across the country since 1998 and encourages viewers to consider the consequences of their choices and to make a difference in their communities.

"This exhibit makes a profound statement about the impact of history on current society, and it provided an opportunity for students to explore the social constructions that determine how we interact with one another," said **Lisa Smith-McQueenie**, assistant dean and director of multicultural affairs in the office of the dean for student life.

Also an adjunct faculty member, Smith-McQueenie this spring taught a "Culture Matters" course, which focused on how race, economic class, and gender impact one's helping of others, particularly in light of recent tragedies such as Hurricane Katrina. The topics discussed in her class fit well with the themes highlighted in the "Choosing to Participate" exhibit, which is why some of her students chose to volunteer for it.

Facing History and Ourselves was founded in 1976 with the mission of "helping teachers around the world lead their students in a critical examination of history, with particular focus on genocide and mass violence."

The Simmons connection to Facing History runs deep. The College was designated a working partner of "Choosing to Participate," and **Esther Lobel '38**, **Penny Joy Snider-Light '72**, and staff member **Susie Flug** of the Scott/Ross Center for Community Service — which has a long-standing partnership with the organization —



Assistant Dean Lisa Smith-McQueenie, Elysia Hamelin '11, Kaitlin Faticoni '11, Danielle Alves '11, Lauren Stants '10, and Nathalie Magno '11

volunteered as tour guides. In addition, Simmons Professor **Joy Bettencourt** and the Department of Education have ties with the organization, and Facing

History founder **Margot Stern Strom '08HD** received an honorary doctorate of education during Simmons's Commencement in May.

SIMMONS THE BENEFITS OF ALUMNET

Stay connected, network, get the latest Simmons news, and sign up for events in Boston and around the country. All of these features are available for registered Alumnet members!

The new site includes:

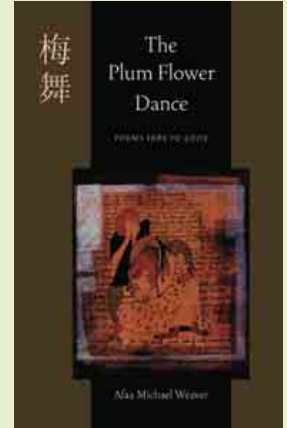
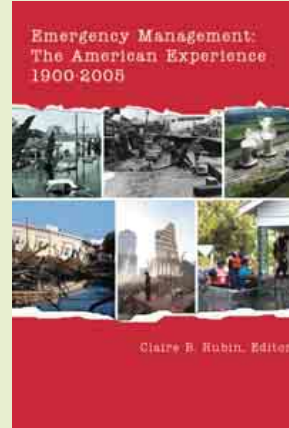
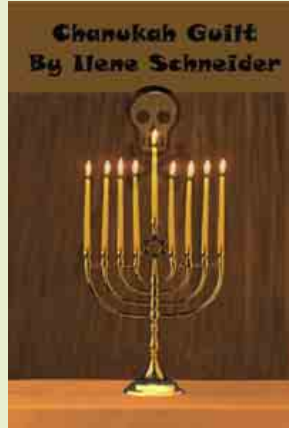
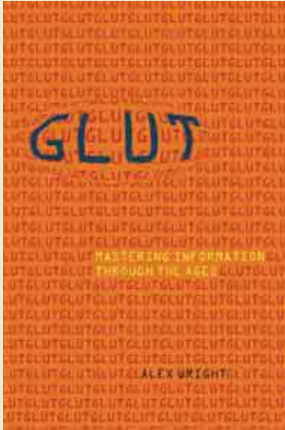
- calendars specific to each regional alumnae/i group
- class notes sorted by school and class year
- customized personal pages
- access to the Vault Online Career Library

To sign up, visit alumnet.simmons.edu, go to "Welcome to Alumnet," click on "please register today," and follow the instructions. Once you have registered, you will have access to a world of online alumnae/i information designed just for you. If you already are a registered user, the transition is easy – just use your existing login and password for the new Alumnet site.

If you have questions, please call the Office of Alumnae/i Relations at 800-246-0573 or send an email to alumnet@simmons.edu.

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PUBLICATIONS BY SIMMONS FACULTY AND ALUMNAE/I



Susan Devins '73LS has published her fourth children's cookbook, *Christmas Cookies! A Holiday Cookbook* (Candlewick Press, 2007). The illustrated cookbook for bakers young and old features a variety of recipes, as well as holiday trivia.

Donna L. Gilton '75LS's *Multicultural and Ethnic Children's Literature in the United States* (The Scarecrow Press, 2007) describes the history and characteristics of ethnic and multicultural children's literature, including the people, organizations, and institutions that create, disseminate, promote, critique, and collect these materials. A resource for librarians, teachers, parents, and community leaders, the book also describes the major issues in the field, multicultural initiatives, and mainstream responses.

If No Moon (Southern Illinois University Press, 2007) is Moira Linehan '74's award-winning book of poetry that documents her dark withdrawal into grief after losing her husband to cancer. Using the traditions of narrative poetry, elegy, and the lyric, the collection reveals the work involved in starting over.

Evelyn McLay '47 cared for her husband and sister-in-law, both of whom died from Alzheimer's. She shares her experiences as co-author of *Mom's OK, She Just Forgets* (Prometheus Books, 2007), a resource to help families confront denial, reduce caregiver burnout, and face difficult decisions as the disease progresses.

Claire Rubin '61 is the editor of *Emergency Management; The American*

Experience, 1900–2005 (Public Entity Risk Institute, 2007), a history of the evolution of U.S. emergency management functions and systems through more than a century of catastrophic events. Each of the contributors focuses on policy and administrative changes within a specific time period, ultimately providing a historical perspective to the ongoing dialogue on improving the effectiveness of emergency management.

Chanukah Guilt (Swimming Kangaroo Books, 2007) by Rabbi Ilene Schneider '70 is a mystery novel featuring a twice-divorced rabbi whose uneventful life suddenly becomes interesting. After she is asked to officiate at the funeral of an unpopular land developer, Rabbi Aviva Cohen seeks the truth behind his death. Visit rabbiavivacohenmysteries.com for more information.

Laughter in the Canyon (South Street Press, 2007) by Laura Thompson '83 is the story of two lovers, living across many different lifetimes, both unaware that they have been soul mates throughout history. Over and over, fate brings them together, only to tear them apart – will their eternal love ever be fulfilled?

Alumnae Professor of English Afaa Michael Weaver has published his 10th poetry collection, *The Plum Flower Dance: Poems 1985 to 2005* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2007). The book, which is divided into sections titled Gold, Water, Wood, Fire, and Earth — the five elements of Chinese philosophy — features new

poems, as well as work from previous volumes, including *My Father's Geography* and *Timber and Prayer*.

What do primordial bacteria, medieval alchemists, and the World Wide Web have in common? *Glut: Mastering Information Through the Ages* (Joseph Henry Press, 2007) by Alex Wright '95LS provides the answer by exploring the history of the information age, from evolutionary theory to the history of books, libraries, and computer science — connecting topics such as insect colonies, medieval monasteries, and the Internet along the way.

CALLING ALL AUTHORS

If you've recently authored a book and would like it to appear in the "Words, Etc." section of the *SIMMONS* magazine, please send a copy of the book, along with a cover letter including your name and graduation year, to: *SIMMONS* magazine, Room E108, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA, 02115-5898. You also may fax information about the book to 617-521-2303 or e-mail simmons magazine@simmons.edu. Books will appear in "Words, Etc." at the editor's discretion and as space allows.

College Recognized With Sloan Awards and Presidential Honor Roll

Simmons recently received three prestigious awards that raised the profile of the College and will benefit students and faculty.

This winter, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation provided the College with \$225,000 to pursue blended learning initiatives. This was the first time the foundation has provided this type of grant to a private institution.

Simmons will use the funding to: educate faculty about blended learning techniques; maximize the educational worth of the experience using student and faculty feedback; and document the process in a publicly accessible, interactive forum that will provide thought-leadership to private institutions around the world. Thus far, Simmons has developed the Blended Learning Institute, a six-week, working seminar for faculty, which was rolled out in March.

Simmons also received a \$200,000 grant from the Sloan Foundation to foster career flexibility among faculty. One of only six universities to receive the award, Simmons will use the grant to implement a program to help mid- and senior-level faculty move into administrative positions, improve communications about faculty career options, reduce faculty course loads, and train deans, department chairs, and academic committees about the reasons for career gaps and the advantages of alternative career paths.

In addition, Simmons recently was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, with Distinction. This national honor recognizes the College for its students' volunteer service contributions to the community.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition an institution can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. Simmons also received the award last year. This year, the College was one of 127 universities across the nation to receive the honor.

Simmons's service learning and community service programs are coordinated through the Scott/Ross Center for Community Service (SRC), which was funded by Trustee **Emily Scott Pottruck '78**. The SRC serves the Greater Boston community by developing reciprocal partnerships with community organizations while enriching and expanding students' educational and co-curricular experiences. For more information, visit www.simmons.edu/communityservice.

Career Education Center: Developing Lifelong Skills

For more than 100 years, Simmons has prepared students to build successful careers and lead meaningful lives. **Andrea Wolf**, director of Simmons's Career Education Center (CEC), said the center supports this mission by helping students and alumnae/i develop the skills to make informed and meaningful career decisions.

The CEC offers:

- Individualized career coaching
- Online job-search tools and resources
- Job and internship postings
- Assistance with resume writing and interviewing
- Access to the Miller/Knopf Career Services Library

Staffed by career development professionals with experience in both corporate and higher education sectors, the CEC sponsors on-campus career fairs, recruiting events, career panels, workshops, and information sessions with alumnae/i and employ-

ers, as well as off-campus events in partnership with other colleges. The CEC helps clients evaluate and market internship experiences, service learning, and research as they relate to their career goals. The CEC also works with the Office of Alumnae/i Relations to facilitate networking

contacts, alumnae/i mentoring, and career shadowing programs for undergraduate students.

For more information, visit CEC online at my.simmons.edu/services/cec, call 617-521-2488 or email careers@simmons.edu.

SIMMONS LAUNCHES GREEN WEBSITE

Simmons introduced a new website in March that highlights the College's many progressive "green" initiatives.

The site — green.simmons.edu — offers updates on the College's sustainability efforts, as well as specifics on projects and programs such as the eco-friendly construction of the new School of Management and Academic Building, student-led research, and information about the College's plan to become carbon neutral.

If you have suggestions for "green" stories for the *SIMMONS* magazine, particularly those involving alumnae/i, please email Editor Allyson Irish '04GS at allyson.irish@simmons.edu.



Black Alumnae/i Symposium 2008

True to its theme “The Power of Our Presence: Past, Present, and Future,” the 2008 Black Alumnae/i Symposium featured four days of events and speakers representing different generations who presented on diverse topics.



More than 200 alumnae/i, students, staff, and faculty attended the April symposium, which included speakers **Anita Hill '00HD**; former U.S. Ambassador **Harriet Elam-Thomas '63, '00HD**; Boston Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Carol R. Johnson, Ed.D.; and Reverend Dr. Monifa Jumanne, executive director of the health and leadership project at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

In addition to Hill's keynote speech, “African American Women Building Communities, Families, Ourselves,” the event included a networking party with faculty, staff, and students; and panel discussions, workshops, and a gospel brunch.

During the past five years, more than 400 black alumnae have given over a

half a million dollars to the College. In addition, these alumnae have helped to establish two important endowed scholarships: the Black Alumnae Legacy Scholarship and the Elizabeth Rawlins Scholarship. Both funds support black students at Simmons.

To read more about the Black Symposium, visit alumnet.simmons.edu.

Top photo: Author Terrie M. Williams leads a panel discussion; Bottom left: Symposium Steering Committee Co-Chair Alicia Canady '03; Bottom right: Paulette Johnson '03, Faye Coleman '68, Rashonda Ambrose '02, Laju Ogedengbe '00, Brook Davis '00, Diane Randolph '02



CGO Receives Two Grants to Fund Research

The Center for Gender in Organizations (CGO) at the School of Management (SOM) recently received a \$100,000 grant to research best practices for advancing women in science. The project, “Practising Gender Equality in Science,” was funded by the European Commission, a governing body of the European Union responsible for legislation.

The project will compare various strategies used to promote the presence of women in decision-making roles at scientific research institutions. The CGO is one of 11 partner institutions in the project, and one of only two in the U.S.

In addition, the CGO received a \$8,000 grant from the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW) to help fund research for “Diversifying the Leadership of Women’s Research Centers.”

The CGO will use the grant to create a steering committee composed of CGO’s women of color affiliates, who will develop an agenda for research and other types of work on gender, diversity, and leadership. Among its goals, the committee will identify areas of publications specific to gender and diversity, and increase the number of women of color speaking at CGO events and available through its speakers’ bureau.

The NCRW grant also will provide stipends to support the research of three CGO emerging women of color scholars who are engaged in cutting-edge gender and diversity research. Each of the scholars will be mentored by one or more members of the steering committee, and will receive editorial support for research articles that will be produced by the CGO.

The NCRW is a network of more than 100 leading U.S. research, advocacy, and policy centers, of which the CGO is a member.

movers and shakers

ACCOMPLISHED GRADUATE ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNAE



DENISE COLL '95SM

Denise Coll '95SM recently was appointed president, North America, of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., a group that includes Sheraton, Westin, and W hotels. Prior to her appointment, Coll served at Starwood as senior vice president of operations, North America, and was COO at Seaport Companies. She has served as chairman of the Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, and currently serves on advisory boards for the Boston University School of Hotel Administration and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Joyce Cramer '64 recently was appointed president of the Epilepsy Therapy Project (ETP), a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing new therapies for people living with epilepsy. Cramer, a research scientist at Yale University School of Medicine, has been a member of ETP's board of directors since its creation in 2002 by parents of children living with severe epilepsy.

Siobhan Flynn '93SM was promoted in February to head of the global operating model program at Northern Trust Corporation where she is responsible for developing a global work process strategy. Flynn previously was general manager for Northern's alternative assets business program, which services client investments in hedge funds, private equity, and venture



ANN FUDGE '73, '98HD

capital. Northern Trust Corporation is a worldwide provider of investment management, asset and fund administration, and fiduciary and banking solutions for corporations, institutions, and affluent individuals.

Ann Fudge '73, '98HD recently was honored at the 2008 Women of Power Summit Legacy Awards dinner in Palm Springs. The former chair & CEO of Young & Rubicam Brands and the first black woman to lead a multimillion-dollar advertising agency, Fudge was recognized as a "corporate trailblazer" by *Black Enterprise* magazine, host of the event. The awards recognize African American women whose achievements have opened doors for other women of color. Fudge was one of four women recognized at the event including acclaimed actress and activist Ruby Dee, best-selling poet Nikki Giovanni, and civil rights legend Dorothy Height.

Elinor Lipman '72, '00HD recently was honored at the Palm Springs International Film Festival for the screen adaptation of her 1990 novel, *And Then She Found Me*. The film won the audience award and opened the festival, which featured 212 films from 66 countries. Actress Helen Hunt spent the last 10 years on the film, which she co-wrote, directed, and starred in. Bette Midler, Colin Firth, and Matthew Broderick are co-stars in the film.

Douglas Petersen '75SW recently was



DOUGLAS PETERSEN '75SW

appointed agricultural commissioner for the state of Massachusetts. Prior to his appointment, Petersen served on the Joint Committee of the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture since his election to the House in 1990, and was a member of the Council of State Governments' Agricultural Subcommittee. Petersen's goals include stabilizing and expanding the state's dairy farming industry, and encouraging the college-educated and high-tech savvy population to consider farming as a future. Petersen holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

Nancy Stuart '87SM recently was promoted to chief operating officer of CoNCERT Pharmaceuticals Inc., the first company dedicated to creating new medicines by utilizing the naturally occurring element deuterium. Stuart is responsible for overseeing operations and a broad range of tactical and development strategies for the Lexington, Mass.-based company. Stuart previously served as CoNCERT's senior vice president of corporate strategy and operations, and held senior business and drug development positions at biotech and clinical development companies including Amgen Inc., Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Genzyme Corp.

SOM Leadership Conference: "Dialogue and Discovery"

Award-winning singer/songwriter Gloria Estefan addressed an audience of 2,500 women executives this May at the 2008 Simmons School of Management Leadership Conference. Estefan, who also is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and HIV/AIDS activist, spoke about overcoming personal struggles and succeeding in multiple roles.

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"There's no need to compromise success in our business or professional lives in order to be what we want to be."

—GLORIA ESTEFAN

lives in order to be what we want to be," Estefan said.

Held at the Seaport World Trade Center, the conference included a wide array of internationally acclaimed speakers, and workshops focused on topics such as politics, marketing, and media. Speakers/panelists included Mireille Guiliano, former president and CEO of Clicquot, Inc. and best-selling author of *French Women Don't Get Fat*; Irshad Manji, best-selling author of *The Trouble with Islam Today: A Muslim's Call for Reform in Her Faith*; Deborah Rodriguez, founder of the Kabul Beauty School in Afghanistan; Louise Leakey, Ph.D., paleoanthropolo-

gist and *National Geographic* explorer-in-residence; Nancy Snyderman, MD, chief medical editor of NBC News; and Sylvia Ann Hewlett, founder and president of the Center for Work-Life Policy.



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For full coverage of the 2008 School of Management Leadership Conference, visit alumnet.simmons.edu.

Top: Keynote speaker, Gloria Estefan addresses the audience; Right: SOM Professor Cynthia Ingols with SOM student Marzia Akbari, and Suzette Turnbull '03SM; Bottom left: Gloria Estefan poses with SOM fans; Bottom right: Dean Deborah Merrill Sands with Raghida Dergham



Alumna Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Chelsea Graham '08 this spring received a Fulbright award, one of the world's most prestigious academic research scholarships. Graham will use the award to study maternal diabetes in Mexico City. Diabetes is the number one killer of women in Mexico.

Graham, who has worked with Latino/a patients with type 2 diabetes in the Boston area, was first inspired to do research on the topic after traveling to Nicaragua during a service-learning course.

"After spending time with people living with diabetes in the local clinics of San Juan del Sur, I wanted to learn more about the social aspects of the disease," said Graham who graduated in May with degrees in biochemistry and Spanish.

Graham's study will analyze self-care practices of women with gesta-



Chelsea Graham '08

tional diabetes in the nutrition therapy program at the Instituto Nacional de Perinatología. She will follow women before and after pregnancy to deter-

mine why they do or do not follow their self-care regime, with the goal of helping to contribute to the improvement of intervention methods.

Crew Team Makes History, Athletes Recognized

The Simmons crew team made history this spring season, taking home two gold medals at the National Invitational Rowing Championships held at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass.

"It was an outstanding performance," said Head Coach **Nikolay Kurmakov**. "I am happy and proud ... these medals are the result of very hard work for the past few years."

Competing in the final regatta of the season, the Novice 8 and Varsity 4 boats rowed against teams from Smith, Mount Holyoke, Ithaca, Wellesley, Holy Cross, Middlebury, Amherst, Connecticut College, Coast Guard, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Also this spring, the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) recognized five Simmons rowers for excellence on the water and in the classroom.

Elizabeth Schwarz '09 of Hanover, N.H. was named to the CRCA Division III Pocock All-America Second Team. Schwarz is the first rower in the history of Simmons Crew to garner All-American honors. Candidates are selected through criteria including strength of schedule, regular season record, and coach's comments.

Also recognized by the CRCA as 2008 Scholar Athletes were **Whitney Airgood '09** of Simsbury, Conn.; **Nicole Gallant '10** of Scotia, N.Y.; **Nicole Richards '08** of Dover, N.H.; and **Lauren Searls '09** of Rochester, N.Y. National Scholar Athletes are recognized in their second through fourth years of eligibility for maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher during their collegiate sports careers.

SIMMONS "ON AIR"

Simmons is on the airwaves. After years of planning, the communications department launched its first student radio show in March. The



one-hour Internet broadcast aired March 18 from the New England Art Institute's studio in Brookline, Mass. Listeners tuned in from 22 states and countries around the world such as Brazil, Japan, Turkey, and Denmark.

"It was a smashing success," said Department of Communications Chair and Associate Professor **Jim Corcoran**.

Students involved in the radio program also took the "Radio Operations" course taught by adjunct faculty member **Len Mailloux**. The department plans to have a regular broadcasting schedule in place by September.

"Our vision is of a Simmons College Radio that is an outlet for the entire community, with shows generated by students, staff, and faculty from across the College," said Corcoran.

To listen, go to www.backbone.com/simmons.

voices:

DAWN BELKIN MARTINEZ '92SW

TITLE: Assistant Professor, SSW

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Family Therapy, Liberation Health Model, Radical Social Action, Working With Latino Immigrants

WHAT SHE TEACHES HER STUDENTS:

"They learn how to help clients analyze their problems, and to develop action plans for lasting change. When people stop blaming themselves, it's very liberating. Things can be different. Another world is possible."

During the 80's, School of Social Work (SSW) Assistant Professor Dawn Belkin Martinez '92SW taught English as a Second Language (ESL) for Latino immigrants. What she found most interesting about the job, however, had nothing to do with grammar, and everything to do with people. There, she saw firsthand how her ESL students' personal problems were directly connected to larger systemic issues like racism, sexism, and poverty. And so she decided to pursue a career in social work.

For the past 14 years, Martinez has worked as a family therapist for Latino immigrant families at Children's Hospital in Boston. In 2005, she helped to create the Liberation Health Group, a community-based advocacy organization focused on social justice in health care and social services. Martinez adheres to the Liberation Health Model, through which clinicians help clients see that their problems are actually related to the fundamentally unfair economic and social structures under which they live.

"The American Dream says if you work hard, you get ahead. But that's a myth," says Martinez. "You can be working extremely hard, but without a livable wage, you will never get ahead."

Martinez says her approach fits well with the SSW. "What I love about the School of Social Work is its commitment to social justice and educating clinician activists." Many of her students wanted to learn more about Liberation Health and activism, so she created the "Radical Social Action" class. "At the time, I didn't think I could get more than four people to sign up, but it ended up being a full class!"

In "Radical Social Action," students move beyond traditional reform work, such as letter writing and lobbying, to effect change. Organizing strikes and boycotts are some of the methods she teaches. "So much of the dominant world messaging we get gives us a feeling of hopelessness," says Martinez. But she teaches students that they can question authority, and in so doing, create a better world.

"My students learn they can be the change they want to see in the world. It's very contagious."



Professors

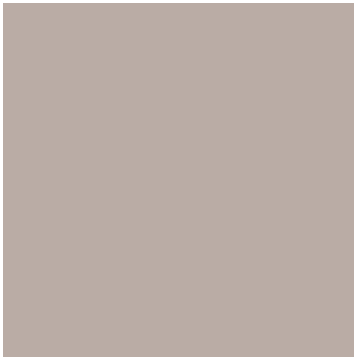
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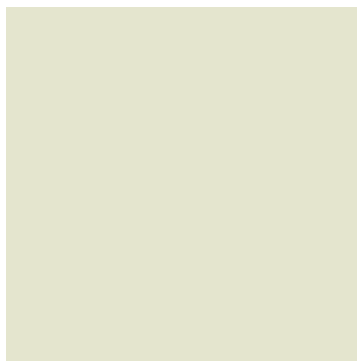
Make

a Difference

A truly wonderful professor can shape a student into a leader, encourage greatness, ignite a passion for learning. Simmons professors are experts in their fields, but they also are teachers who nurture young minds to become what they dare to imagine.

At Simmons, one of the most beloved hallmarks of the College is its commitment to personalized education. Faculty not only teach students, but also truly care about them and leave lasting impressions long after graduation.

There are countless examples of Simmons professors inviting students to dinner at their homes, staying on campus late to help with a research paper, writing the letter of recommendation that made the difference, or driving to the airport to pick up a stranded undergraduate. The stories in the following pages highlight these professors, and their love of teaching, learning, and students.



Len Soltzberg: Encouraging Women in Science Through Generations

Science traditionally has been a male-dominated field. But Department of Chemistry Professor Len Soltzberg is determined to change that trend, one student at a time.

“Women studying science is natural, and Dr. Soltzberg never made it seem otherwise,” said former student Afsan Bhadelia, who took Soltzberg’s “Introductory Chemistry” course in 1999. “He created an atmosphere where we felt comfortable asking questions, experimenting with our newly learned knowledge, and most importantly, making mistakes. He had genuine confidence that we, as women, could and would make equal strides in advancing scientific discovery and practice.”

A professor at Simmons’s College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) for 39 years, Soltzberg describes his teaching style as very interactive. He often uses computer animation and other visual aids in his introductory chemistry, quantum chemistry, and materials science classes. These tools help students experience what he calls, “the wonder of the world on the tiny scale of molecules.”

Former student Marion Athearn ’76 remembers Soltzberg’s unique care and respect for his students. That same care was evident when the professor recently encouraged Athearn’s own college-aged daughter to visit Simmons.

“My daughter came away from her visit delighted, excited, and determined to take every class he teaches,” said Athearn. “I am convinced that the kindness and

interest he showed in her, as well as his excitement for the innovative work going on in the department, strongly influenced her decision to apply. I’m happy to say that Genevieve has been accepted and will attend Simmons this coming fall.”

Janie Ward: Creating Epiphanies

Last year, CAS Africana Studies Chair Janie Ward found herself on a beach in Belize with 19 students. During their study abroad and service-learning trip, Ward and her students immersed themselves in the Garifuna culture of Central

“One of the most important ideas that I work to instill in my students is how important it is for women to develop their voice and hold their ground, particularly in the face of dissent.”

Julia Reynolds ’08 was so inspired by Ward’s course on social justice that she founded the Girls Preparing to Succeed program for urban high school girls.

“I would not have been able to create this program without Janie’s encouragement, support, and advice,” said Reynolds. “It has been the most important thing that I have done at Simmons, and it is really all due to Janie. She always seems to know exactly what to say to create epiphanies.”

“Dr. Soltzberg had genuine confidence that we, as women, could and would make equal strides in advancing scientific discovery and practice.”

—FORMER STUDENT AFSAN BHADELIA

America and participated in three days of service learning at a local primary school, where they organized donated books, created posters for the classrooms, and assisted teachers. Some students worked in a health center and traveled with a nurse visiting local sick and shut-in children.

That kind of absorbing educational experience is just what Ward, who came to Simmons in 1986, hopes to impart to her students. She doesn’t just want to tell her students something; she wants to show them.

“My job is about giving them an array of perspectives to digest, and to help them figure out where they stand,” said Ward.

Ward plans to continue her research on a wide-range of scholarly topics, including a book about feminism, motherhood, and transracial/transnational adoption; and another book that focuses on children of black female domestics. In typical fashion, she is eager to impart her own knowledge on her students.

“Whenever I leave to pursue my research, or engage in a special project, I return to Simmons renewed. That’s when I’m able to infuse new energy and information into the classes that I offer my students.



At Simmons, faculty not only teach students, but also truly care about them and leave lasting impressions long after graduation.



Stacy Blake-Beard: Warmth, Wisdom, and Humor

“The best part of my job is that I get to continuously learn and grow,” said School of Management (SOM) Professor Stacy Blake-Beard. “And I get to accompany students as they learn and grow. I think I have the best job on earth, in large part because of the relationships I am privileged to have with our students.”

An expert in mentorship, particularly for women, Blake-Beard teaches the introductory organizational behavior course and a gender and leadership elective in the MBA program, and guest lectures in other Simmons departments. Current and former students say they appreciate the warmth, wisdom, and humor she brings to her classes.

Stephanie Creary '07SM considers Blake-Beard her friend and mentor. “What makes Stacy unique and valuable is that she has a way of making each and every one she meets feel as if they are the ‘chosen ones,’” she said. “I have witnessed this not only at Simmons but also at conferences, as women hang around long after the event has concluded to shake her hand and ask, ‘Do you remember me from...?’ She always remembers.”

At Simmons, the most important thing Blake-Beard wants her students to learn is that they are leaders. “They should leave the class with a toolkit filled with strategies and practices that they can use to enhance their leadership,” she said.

Blake-Beard says she is reminded daily by her students of the challenges that working women must overcome, and she wants them to be self-aware in their

careers and lives. “I want them to understand the importance of knowing who they are and knowing their strengths and developmental opportunities, their values, and their sense of personal power.”

And she wants them to laugh. “I use humor. I really enjoy teaching and love

exemplifies the true meaning of a shining light,” said Paige, now a supervisor at the Brockton, Mass., office of the Department of Social Services and a clinical supervisor at the Brockton Police Department on the Child Witness to Violence project. “I have experienced a genuine blessing from all of

“I have experienced a genuine blessing from Professor Melendez’s wisdom, his understanding, his guidance, his support, his teachings, and his encouragement.”

—KATHI PAIGE '04SW

being in my classes. So I laugh a great deal,” she said. “And most of the time, the students do, too.”

Michael Melendez: Part of a Learning Journey

Michael Melendez may be known nationally for his research on racism and oppression, urban leadership, and addictive disorders, but the School of Social Work (SSW) Professor of 20 years laughingly refers to himself as having “many daughters” — for the close, supportive relationships he builds with many of his students.

That’s a title Kathi Paige '04SW would agree with. Melendez recently nominated Paige for a National Association of Social Work (NASW), Massachusetts chapter award recognizing outstanding social work practice within five years of graduation.

“As an educator, a supervisor, and most of all as a person, Michael Melendez

his qualities: his wisdom, his understanding, his guidance, his support, his teachings, and his encouragement.”

A recognized leader in the social work field, Melendez has received a number of prestigious awards himself, including the 2006 Greatest Contribution to Social Work Education Award from the Massachusetts chapter of the NASW. It’s difficult to say if he has had more impact in or out of the classroom. His students would say both.

“I advise my students to love what you do,” said Melendez. “I am impressed with my students’ values, dedication, and the challenges and obstacles they have overcome. I am humbled to be part of their learning journey.”

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Patricia Oyler '77SM: The Gardener of GSLIS

Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) Professor Pat Oyler '77SM has taken her love of libraries international, educating more than 50 Vietnamese students during the course of 15 years.

The Vietnamese Scholar Librarian Program began in 1993 in coordination with the Harvard Yenching Institute. The purpose of the program is to teach Vietnamese students the technological and organizational strategies needed to create a more functional library and information science network in their country. In 2005, the program received a \$1.8 million award — the largest ever received by the College — from the Atlantic Philanthropies. The grant has been used to fund the education of 25 students.

The success of the program has been phenomenal. Graduates of the program have literally helped to build the library system in Vietnam, providing better access to information and expanding services.

Oyler has been at Simmons for 34 years, and over time has instilled in her students the importance of flexibility in an ever-changing world and profession.

One of her former students — Huynh Thi Can '96LS — thinks of Oyler as the gardener who brought access to knowledge back to Vietnam. “Vietnamese people have a saying: ‘Eating fruits, thinking of the gardener.’ This reminds me of how much she has helped us, the cadre of Vietnamese librarians, to promote libraries and librarianship in Vietnam.”

“I love teaching and I think that love and concern about each student’s learning and development has enabled me to establish a connection with them,” said Oyler. “My Vietnamese librarians call me ‘Mom’ and ‘Mother’ because they know that I really care about them and would do anything to help them further themselves and their careers in librarianship.”

Alice Sapienza: Teaching Through Learning

Sometimes, when School for Health Studies (SHS) Professor Alice Sapienza leaves her classroom, she finds herself floating. “My favorite moments are when my students find themselves so involved in discussing a topic that they stay behind,

“Professor Sapienza challenges her students to become active participants in their own learning.”

—ELLEN MATASANZ '05HS

talking excitedly among themselves,” she said. “These moments give me energy, so that even after a three-hour evening class I am floating home remembering the conversations we just had.”

Since 2004, Sapienza has taught her students from a curriculum based on the National Center for Healthcare Leadership competencies, through which she teaches a sequence on leadership and strategy, and helps students to integrate evidence-based management techniques into the daily life of health care organizations.

Ellen Matasanz '05HS says that Sapienza helped her achieve success in her job

as executive director of the Neurosurgery Foundation, Inc., in Providence, RI. “As a student in Alice’s classroom, one cannot be a passive listener,” she said. “Alice challenges her students to become active participants in their own learning. Through her infectious enthusiasm and love of knowledge, she inspires her students to become lifelong learners.”

And Sapienza, who has been at Simmons for 18 years, subscribes to her own teaching methods. She is constantly researching, reading, and working in outside organizations such as the U.S. Veterans’ Administration, the Centre for Medicines Research (U.K.), the Birmingham National Health Service (U.K.), and at NASA as a consultant and executive coach.

“I cannot ask students to keep learning if I do not do the same,” said Sapienza. “I try to be a coach and facilitator of my students’ learning. My goal is to provoke students to think more critically, to link concepts, and enlarge the discussion by sharing my own experiences.” ■

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THE RISE OF THE WIRED ELECTORATE

BY JANELLE RANDAZZA

The 2008 presidential hopefuls are charging toward the Oval Office, employing a far more potent tool than their predecessors ever imagined. Equal parts instant news source, research library, public forum, and political satire, the Internet is connecting voters to candidates in unprecedented ways.

“Online communities, to a certain extent, have leveled the political playing field,” said Andrew Jankowich, the director of business development at Metaboston Media in Cambridge and an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS). “They’ve brought candidates to the forefront who may not have been establishment candidates, and forced all of the candidates to answer questions they haven’t had to before.”

With Facebook attracting new supporters, and mass texting keeping backers connected, much has been made of the web’s increased role in presidential elections. Thus far, the 2008 election has shown unprecedented interest from voters who have come out in record numbers for presidential primaries.



But Simmons Assistant Professor of Political Science Leanne Doherty says the verdict is still out as to whether the increased voter turnout can be attributed simply to social networking sites.

“We got a taste of this with Howard Dean’s 2004 campaign, but in this current election the web isn’t just an additional tool; it’s become a critical part of campaign strategy,” said Doherty. “It’s going to be interesting to see if the web will actually encourage political involvement. Facebook friends are very different from active supporters who canvass for candidates.”



VIRTUAL COMMENTATORS

GSLIS Associate Professor Robin Peek, a contributing editor to *Information Today*, says that although the profusion of information can offer a more in-depth view of candidates, it also can lead to confusion. Voters may stumble upon what they believe is serious journalism, only to be unwittingly swayed by editorial biases.

“You can go to any website and think you’re getting top information, but you never know who is administering the site.... The Internet can make a more informed voter, or make a voter simply think they’re more informed because they have access to more information,” said Peek.

Simmons Reference Librarian and GSLIS Adjunct Instructor Rex Krajewski ’95LS agrees. Krajewski recently led a workshop entitled “Tools for the Informed Electorate” with Simmons Asso-

ciate Archivist Jason Wood ’98LS, and says the excess of information can make it more difficult for voters who are literally fishing for factual information within a sea of editorial opinion.

“There is so much onus on the reader. In previous elections you could be relatively certain that you would have reliable and accurate information. Now there are new websites popping up every day and it becomes tricky to evaluate this information for tone and agenda,” Krajewski said.

Oftentimes it’s not just the independent bloggers who write with undetectable partiality. Respected news organizations are just as capable of hoodwinking readers.

The *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, and many other media outlets have their top-level journalists regularly contribute to news blogs. Often these blogs provide breaking news and analysis with more attitude and personal perspective than the tradition-bound publications for which they work.

The Internet is allowing for a more empowering political process, yet it remains to be seen how or if this new media actually will impact elections.

NAVIGATING THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Facebook, Friendster, MySpace, Bebo, Orkut, LiveJournal, LinkedIn. These Social Networking Sites (SNS) are all about self-expression, sharing, connecting, and community. They take advantage of a plugged-in population by allowing users to express themselves through personalized profiles and to connect through online groups and bulletin boards.

Like instant messaging and chat rooms before them, social networking sites have transformed the way people communicate on the web and have created an unprecedented forum for connectivity.

But online social networking isn’t a new idea. SixDegrees.com, a company founded in 1996, originated the idea but shut down in 2000 — 3 million members strong — after it failed to turn a profit. In their many incarnations, SNSs have proven to be a dime a dozen, with popularity and allegiances shifting from site to site in one of the millennium’s most pervasive communication trends to date.

Social networking took off in 2002 with Friendster. Then came MySpace, which was acquired by News Corp. last year for \$580 million, soon followed by Facebook — the newest kid on the SNS block — born out of a Harvard dorm room.

The high-velocity approach is not without consequence. The constant pressure on journalists to keep their blogs updated leaves little time for reporting and fact checking. Churning out stories in real-time increases the chances of errors and puts a premium on single-source sound bytes with sensational headlines.

“The idea of this so-called objective journalist — when you throw them into the mix and make them a pundit — is the line crossed there?” asked James Corcoran, chair of Simmons’s communications department. “What we’re always struggling with is, if the news we’re being given allows us to make an educated decision or if we’re being fed opinions under the guise of journalism. These blogs make us reevaluate the animal of an ‘objective journalist.’”



A GROWING SOURCE OF INFORMATION

A January 2008 survey by the Pew Internet and American Life Project revealed that the Internet is living up to its potential as a major source for news, with nearly a quarter of Americans (24 percent) saying they regularly learn something about the current presidential campaign from the Internet — almost double the percentage from a comparable point in the 2004 campaign (13 percent).

Moreover, the Internet has become a leading source of campaign news for young people, and the role of social networking



sites such as MySpace and Facebook (see sidebar) is a noteworthy part of the story. The Pew study noted that 27 percent of those under age 30 had received campaign news through social networking sites, and 42 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds say they turn to the Internet as a main source of campaign news. In 2004, just 20 percent of young people said they routinely got campaign news from the Internet.

A January 2008 poll by ABC News found that 73 percent of adults now go online, and about 40 percent use the Internet specifically for news and information about politics and the election.

While the rise of online information and social networking sites has certainly provided candidates with more “air time,” it’s difficult to say how much it has impacted the election. For example, while the Internet clearly created fervor for Democratic candidate Barack Obama, Republican candidate Ron Paul at one point outpaced candidates from both parties with MySpace “friends,” yet he never once placed in the winter primary elections.

“The demographics of those who use these technologies tend to be younger, more progressive voters who are interested in new ideas,” said Krajewski. “Those people were likely to already get behind Ron Paul and Barack Obama; a MySpace page isn’t going to change that and it’s certainly not going to get your grandmother charged up about these candidates.”

GSLIS Professor Peek wonders if these sites may actually alienate more people than unify them. “We think of the web as this big, open pool of information, but these sites are, in a strange way, both open and closed. You have to be a member of MySpace or Facebook to access the information and you have to opt to be a friend of the candidate. You have to want to be part of this content to access it,” she said.

Another problem with social networking, says Political Science Professor Doherty, is that people who sign up for these sites often are doing so for the social aspect, making the success of a candidate on these sites an unreliable gauge of his or her future progress.

“Log into any of those sites and there are a lot of comments, but hardly any real debates. I know many students use Facebook, but it doesn’t seem to elicit real discussion,” she said. “Simmons has young alumnae/i and students working for all the candidates, but I don’t think their support can be attributed to receiving a MySpace invite from a candidate. These students would already have been politically involved; I’m skeptical that these sites have anything to do with it.”



A CULTURE OF KNOWLEDGE

Instead, what may be working in the candidates’ favor is the fact that Internet users tend to be voracious researchers. A 2005 University of Buffalo study reported that 75 percent of Internet users also used the library, and that 60 percent of library users also used the Internet. This means that those logging on to MySpace and Facebook may eventually end up wanting to learn more about the candidates and do additional research on their own.

By making voters feel as though they are “one click away” from candidates, social networking sites, blogs, and the Internet in general are allowing for a more empowering political process. Yet it remains to be seen how or if this new media actually will impact elections.

“A culture has developed where we want to know this whole personalized side of people and being able to find this on the web is helping voters connect in a way that maybe they’ve been craving,” said Peek. “It makes voters feel as if they are part of something larger, and it makes candidates more accessible and real.” ■

WHERE THE PUBLIC LEARNS ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign year	2000	2004	2008
Regularly learn something from...	%	%	%
Local TV news	48	42	40
Cable news networks	34	38	38
Nightly network news	45	35	32
Daily newspaper	40	31	31
Internet	9	13	24
TV news magazines	29	25	22
Morning TV shows	18	20	22
National Public Radio	12	14	18
Talk radio	15	17	16
Cable political talk	14	14	15
Sunday political TV	15	13	14
Public TV shows	12	11	12
News magazines	15	10	11
Late-night talk shows	9	9	9
Religious radio	7	5	9
C-SPAN	9	8	8
Comedy TV shows	6	8	8

Source: PEWInternet.org

Helping to Make Simmons "Green"

Alumna Makes \$500,000 gift to new building

In light of her dedication to the environment, this gardening enthusiast recently chose to fund an outdoor space through her anonymous \$500,000 gift to the new School of Management (SOM) and Academic Building. When the building is complete in January 2009, her generous gift of a landscaped roof plaza will feature drought-

resistant plants, views of Boston's skyline, and a unique vantage point from which to observe the new quad on the main campus.

She says she is encouraged by the building's "greenness," and the opportunities that will be afforded to women to further their education in business

from the U.S. Green Building Council, whose Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted standard.

Please join this donor and others to support this milestone project at Simmons. Through December 31, you can make a gift to support the new SOM and Academic Building. For more information, please contact Marie Brais at 800-831-4284 or marie.brais@simmons.edu.



View from Boston Latin



View from the Quad

CANNON DESIGN

The donor says her gift to the building project was an opportunity to support Simmons, promote environmental sustainability, sponsor one of Massachusetts's most environmentally friendly buildings, and celebrate her passion for gardening. She also was interested in supporting efforts to restore the natural beauty of the large grass quad that had previously existed on the main campus.

Angled to face the trademark cupola that has represented Simmons for more than a century, the new roof plaza will offer views of all the buildings on the main campus, a reminder of the cross-curricular collaboration at the College.

The alumna was inspired to give to the building project partly because Simmons is seeking "Silver" certification

and the other disciplines that will utilize the new space.

The new building's sustainable design also will reduce the College's consumption of non-renewable resources. When it is complete, the five-story brick, limestone, and glass structure is expected to use at least 30 percent less water and 20 percent less energy than traditional buildings of its size. The new construction features high-efficiency glass, recycled building materials, a sophisticated system to retain water on-site and replenish groundwater, and green and white heat-reflecting roof materials for maximum energy efficiency.

Gifts to the new building initiative also celebrate the SOM's move to the main campus and the expanded classroom and office space that will soon be available to students, faculty, and staff working and studying in a range of disciplines.

The new School of Management and Academic Building is representative of Simmons's commitment to environmental sustainability. There are numerous other "green" initiatives happening on campus, including:

- Improvements to the efficiency of heating and air conditioning systems
- The installation of occupancy sensors for lights in campus offices and restrooms
- The distribution of compact fluorescent light bulbs for use in residence hall bedrooms; and
- New fire suppression systems that are free of ozone depleting contents

MORE ONLINE



To learn more about Simmons's green efforts, visit green.simmons.edu.

Emeriti Professors Support Teaching Scholarships

With a total of 60 years teaching experience at Simmons, two emeriti professors — **Kay Dunn**, professor emerita of education, and husband **Richard Lyman**, professor emeritus of history — recently established the Kathleen Dunn and Richard B. Lyman, Jr. Scholarship Fund. This endowed fund will support students in the Kathleen Dunn Scholars Program, through which students can attain a bachelor's and master's degree in general education in five years.

The scholars program was named in honor of Dunn on her retirement in 2001, after 35 years on the faculty at Simmons. The program includes a year-long, graduate-level teaching internship at a public school, and provides an enriched undergraduate learning experience by giving scholars the flexibility to take more electives in addition to major-related courses.

The scholarship was funded with a gift annuity, which will provide the couple with fixed income for life in ad-

Emeriti Professors Richard Lyman and Kay Dunn on a bike tour in Krimml, Austria last October.



dition to charitable deductions on their income tax. “This type of gift is perfect for us; we can establish our endowed scholarship at Simmons and the gift annuity provides income that we will use to support our love of travel,” said Dunn.

A former middle- and high-school teacher, Dunn said she and her husband chose to support the program with a scholarship fund because,

“teaching is a significant part of the future of the country.”

The first preference for the scholarship fund will be given to prospective middle- or high-school history or social sciences teachers. “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to benefit teachers who are interested in our areas of academic interest,” said Dunn.

SOM Alumna Named Associate Vice President of Advancement

The College recently added a new executive to the advancement team. **Deb Taft '00SM** joined Simmons last fall as associate vice president.

“Deb is a highly sought-after development professional, and we feel extremely flattered to have her,” said Kris Schaefer, vice president of advancement. “She brings more than two

decades of advancement experience to our team.”

In her new role, Taft leads and manages all individual giving programs. She also provides leadership, vision, and strategic direction to the overall advancement program.

A dedicated volunteer for the School of Management, Taft previously was

vice president for development at Tufts Medical Center. While there, Taft increased fundraising by more than 70 percent in her first year and created a high-functioning development operation for the hospital. Prior to working at Tufts, Taft was senior director of development marketing at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Taft received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University and volunteers for the Harvard University/Radcliffe Institute on athletic and reunion planning initiatives. Currently, Taft is a board member of the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care, the New England Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, and the Friday Forum.



Deb Taft '00SM, associate vice president of advancement

A Gift for Adult Students

Jane Talcott '79 describes her experience as an adult Simmons student as life changing.

"I wouldn't be the same today without my Simmons education," Talcott said. "Going to Simmons allowed me to hone my interests and intellectual pursuits."

When Talcott learned about the Dorothea Lynde Dix Scholars program — which was created in 1964 and later renamed for Dix in 1993 — for students who are beyond the traditional undergraduate age group, she immediately knew how she would celebrate her Simmons education. In 2007, Talcott made a \$25,000 gift to the College to support Dix Scholars.

The Dix Scholars Admissions Fund provides resources to enrich Dix Scholars' experience at Simmons. Thanks to Talcott's generosity, four Dix Scholars participated in short-term study abroad

programs this year in Central Europe, Mexico, and the domestic United States. The fund also provided for the purchase of laptop computers for the students.

"I fully believe in the power of education to expand your options for a fuller life. A Dix Scholar often has to make special sacrifices for her education. I

"I wouldn't be the same today without my Simmons education. Going to Simmons allowed me to hone my interests and intellectual pursuits."

— JANE TALCOTT '79

Talcott, who lives with her husband, Hooker, in Brookline, Mass. says she always has been interested in intellectual pursuits and in making a difference in society. For her, this gift is a meaningful way to thank those who made her Simmons education possible.

recommend that today's Dix Scholars apply themselves with the depth and understanding that comes with their experience. They should hold true to their interests and enjoy their studies."

Chemistry Department Uses Grant for State-Of-The-Art Equipment

The Department of Chemistry recently received \$33,000 from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation as part of the foundation's Special Grant Program in Chemical Sciences. According to department chair and Hazel Dick Leonard Professor **Len Soltzberg**, the grant will enrich the department's curriculum by replacing standard laboratory experiments with a research-based program, focusing on organic synthesis, environmental analysis, and other current research.

Simmons has used this grant to purchase a gas chromatographer/mass spectrometer. The instrument, said Soltzberg, enables students to monitor the identity and purity of materials with even the smallest of test samples. The equipment is being used in chemistry courses across the curriculum.

Simmons graduates about 20 chemistry and biochemistry majors each year. Many of these alumnae/i go on to graduate study or into the chemical or biochemistry industries.

"Our graduates are known for their strong background with advanced instrumentation and their ability to work independently. This new instrument strengthens those aspects of our program," Soltzberg said.

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation was established in 1946 to "advance the science of chemistry, chemical engineering, and related sciences as a means of improving human relations and circumstances around the world."

Thanks to the generosity of our undergraduate alumnae, the Simmons Fund exceeded its goal for the April Challenge, receiving more than \$500,00 and 1,500 new donors. Thank you to everyone who took part in this challenge.

Faculty Reflections

Gender 101: The Primaries

BY MARY SHAPIRO AND MIRANDA DANILOFF '07SM



To read the full version of this essay, please visit alumnet.simmons.edu.

Whether a “Hill-dog” or an “Obama girl,” voters have been given a unique platform this presidential election to examine race and gender. As a college preparing women for power and leadership, what have we learned about America’s expectations for leaders?

The events of this election have confirmed that a “double bind” still exists for women, arising partly because leadership behaviors are conflated with attributes traditionally regarded as masculine. To be a leader one needs to be decisive, aggressive, and authoritative. In order to show she is a leader, Hillary Clinton has

enough” for the job. Yet, pundits have heralded Obama as possibly the “first woman President,” pointing out the numerous “feminine” behaviors he enacts, such as promising inclusiveness in problem solving and uniting people.

Obama speaks about collaboration, creating a shared vision, and uniting

Clinton does something relational like “reaching across the aisle” (a “feminine” behavior) she is viewed as “being nice.” The strategic *intent* of her collaboration as a purposeful tactic to accomplish a task is “disappeared.” And since she’s just doing “what women do,” the strategic *value* of her crucial skill — the ability to

When women use “feminine” behaviors to accomplish tasks, both the strategic intent and the value of these behaviors often get “disappeared.”

people — all relationship-focused and “feminine” behaviors. Since men are expected to be task-driven and produce outcomes, those relational

bring political adversaries together — is chalked up to DNA, rather than to an intentionally developed leadership skill.

Gendered expectations are still largely invisible. While many instances of clearly gendered situations have been explicitly noted (the Clinton “nutcracker,” the “iron my shirts” chant, McCain’s tacit approval of the word “bitch”), many Americans still dismiss them as harmless and not indicative of any larger dynamic.

So where do we go from here? Strategies woven throughout the SOM curriculum serve as advice not only for our students, but also for Clinton and other aspiring women leaders:

1. Learn to recognize gendered assumptions operating in your environment, rather than blaming failures on personal inadequacies. Once you have identified what you think is a gendered assumption, name it and make it discussible.

2. Recognize that it takes more than competence to reach top positions. Competence must not only be



enacted masculine behaviors, such as interrupting to get airtime during debates. She earned the “b-word” moniker that many women earn as a result of not acting like a woman.

The double bind also means it’s risky for women not only to enact masculine behaviors, but also to enact feminine ones. When Clinton showed emotion in New Hampshire, Republican John McCain and others suggested she was not “tough

behaviors are more likely assumed to be strategies to get the task done.

Yet when women use “feminine” behaviors to accomplish tasks, both the strategic intent and the value of these behaviors often get “disappeared,” a term coined by Joyce Fletcher, Distinguished Scholar at the Center for Gender and Organizations at the School of Management (SOM).

Why? Since women are expected to be caretakers of relationships, when

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SOM Welcomes New Executive/Entrepreneur in Residence

BY KATIE FIERMONTI

Whether she is scaling Mt. Everest, reflecting on her corporate and entrepreneurial career, or working on humanitarian projects, Radha Ramaswami Basu exudes passion. And as the first joint Executive-in-Residence and Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the SOM, Basu is sharing her enthusiasm and experience with the SOM community.

“I believe that women have dis-

became CEO/chair of the company and helped to take it public.

Basu left SupportSoft last year to focus on her other passions. She trekked up Mt. Everest twice, and founded with her husband, Dipak, the Anudip Foundation, a nonprofit corporation that funds development projects for the rural poor of India. Putting her technology contacts to work, Basu and her husband link urban Indian technology compa-

responsibility must become a way of doing good business, not a service off to the side,” said Basu.

Basu hopes to empower women at Simmons to become leaders for powerful impact. She believes that women entrepreneurs must take risks and have mentors. They also should have fun and have a thick skin, both of which are qualities that have served her well in her career as a forward-thinking woman and a minority.

“The opportunities for women have never been better; it is a very exciting time for women in business. My goal at Simmons is to continue to develop its role in building women entrepreneurs that span and move between corporate, start-up, and social ventures,” said Basu.

“I believe that women have distinct advantages when it comes to leadership. Risk taking, resilience, passion, and strong entrepreneurial spirit.”

— RADHA RAMASWAMI BASU

tinct advantages when it comes to leadership,” said Basu. “They have the potential for significant impact in transforming industry and society. Risk taking, resilience, passion, and strong entrepreneurial spirit — these things are critical to being a global leader.”

Born and raised in Chennai, India, Basu always has been something of a maverick. At age 16, without her parents’ knowledge, Basu applied for and was accepted into a top engineering school, where she was one of just 17 women out of 2,700 students. She subsequently came to the U.S. and obtained her MBA at Stanford University. After graduation, she began working at Hewlett Packard (HP) for a career that spanned 20 years. Basu eventually became general manager for HP’s international software division, one of her most challenging and influential assignments. In this role, Basu helped to develop HP’s \$1.5 billion software center in Bangalore, India, in the mid-1980s.

In 1999, Basu left HP to follow her dream of establishing a software company. She founded SupportSoft, a global provider of software and services that automates the resolution of technology problems. She

panies with rural cooperatives to train people in IT support. These efforts have resulted in transforming villages throughout India, and their work is considered a viable business model being replicated throughout northeastern India.

“Radha is a tremendous role model to all of us,” said Teresa Nelson, SOM’s Elizabeth J. McCandless Professor of Entrepreneurship. “That she is our first joint executive- and entrepreneur-in-residence acknowledges her outstanding career. She has used her career to express her talent and passion, and the product of her efforts is changing the face of business and business-women in the world.”

With such a varied and diverse background, Basu says she plans to use all of her experiences to teach and inspire the Simmons community. She also wants to infuse in her students the motto of “service before self.”

“I strongly believe that social responsibility cannot be a ‘do good, feel good’ side issue; it has to be a part of a company’s strategy, objectives, and metrics because it makes good business sense. Diversity, human development, and social



RADHA RAMASWAMI BASU

The SOM Certificate in Entrepreneurship was launched in 2005 with the goal of educating, training, and mentoring women who want to launch new businesses. The program welcomes Entrepreneurs-in-Residence to share their expertise throughout the year, it also hosts the Leading Women Entrepreneur Series and sponsors the annual Silverman Business Plan Competition. For more information, visit www.simmons.edu/entrepreneurship.

New Building Takes Shape

Simmons's new School of Management and Academic Building offers the College an opportunity to make history on two fronts. On schedule to open in January 2009, the state-of-the-art construction project will unite all schools on one main campus for the first time, and it is expected to become one of only two other academic buildings in Massachusetts that are "green" certified by the U.S. Green Building Council.

As of this spring, the exterior of the building was complete, and the interior was being outfitted with mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Landscaping will be completed during the summer,

along with installation of sidewalks, paving, plants, and other site amenities. The interior will be outfitted with finishing touches in the fall, and access to the five-level underground parking garage will be available in September.

Give to the Green Building

If you are interested in making a gift to support the \$6 million SOM and Academic Building, contact Christy Kaufman at 617-521-2386 or christina.kaufman@simmons.edu.



Gender 101: The Primaries

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enacted, it must be recognized. So cultivate allies who can advocate on your behalf, or learn to communicate your own contributions.

3. Develop a "language of competence" to describe what you are doing and why. Do not leave your motives unclear, as you may be misconstrued as just being "nice" or "naïve."

4. Explicitly link your relational behaviors to organizational outcomes. For example, describe how your willingness to ask others for input allowed you to identify untapped internal resources, resulting in a cost savings for your company.

Finally, recognize that change comes slowly. For Clinton, the challenge isn't just to get elected. It is to change a deeply ingrained gendered paradigm. Women everywhere are still doing that, one day at a time.

Mary Shapiro is an assistant professor at the SOM; Miranda Daniloff '07SM is a communications and public affairs specialist. ■

Information in this article references work by Joyce Fletcher, Distinguished Scholar at the Simmons School of Management Center for Gender and Organizations; SOM Dean Deborah Merrill-Sands; and Deborah Kolb, the Deloitte Ellen Gabriel Professor for Women and Leadership at the SOM and CGO faculty affiliate.

To read more, visit www.simmons.edu/som/centers/cgo.

MORE ONLINE

Read more SOM news, including coverage of the 2008 Leadership Conference, on Alumnet — alumnet.simmons.edu.

SOM Signs UN Global Compact



I am proud to announce that the SOM has become a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact's Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME). In signing the principles, we commit to "developing the capabilities of our students to be future generators of sustainable value

for business and society at large and to work for an inclusive and sustainable global economy." The compact is the largest corporate citizenship initiative in the world, involving 3,000 companies and 700 civil societies, international labor organizations, and academic institutions.

Given the interest of our students in effectively integrating profitability and social responsibility, it is important that the SOM be part of this cutting-edge movement among business schools.

Launched in 2007, the principles were developed by an international task force of 60 deans, university presidents, and official representatives of leading business schools. Among the 100 business schools, 21 are in the U.S. and include top-ranked Wharton, Harvard, MIT, and the University of Michigan. Our accrediting agency, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, has taken a leadership role in advocating for business schools to adopt the principles.

The principles are focused on priorities such as: developing the capabilities of students to be future generators of sustainable value for business and society; incorporating global social responsibility and responsible leadership into academic activities and curricula; interacting with corporations to explore effective approaches to social and environmental responsibilities; and engaging in research that advances our understanding of the role, dynamics, and impact of corporations in the creation of sustainable social, environmental, and economic value. To read a full description of the compact and the principles, visit www.unglobalcompact.org.

As dean, I am committed to the principles because they reflect the values of our school and provide an accountability framework for focused execution and systematic monitoring of progress and impact. Our affiliation also will keep us at the cutting edge of thought and practice leadership in this field, which I believe will shape business and society in powerful ways during the next decade.

Through the next year, we will be working to develop a concrete action plan for implementing the principles and communicating our results. We welcome alumnae engagement in this process. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please email me at deborah.merrill-sands@simmons.edu and I will include you in our activities, working groups, and communications.

DEBORAH MERRILL-SANDS
DEAN, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

alumnae notes



JULIETTE MAYERS '01SM



MARYBETH LAMB '93SM

Several alumnae participated in a two-part SOMAA series discussing women on non-profit and corporate boards. Simmons President **Helen Drinan '75LS, '78SM**; Simmons College honorary trustee and former chairman and CEO of Young & Rubicam Brands **Ann Fudge '73**; President of Bright Horizons **Mary Ann Tocio '92SM**; and Executive Director of Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston **Joan Cirillo '93SM** took part as panelists. **Gail Deegan '78SM**, who has served as CFO for three major corporations and is currently active on the board of several organizations, was moderator.

Sherry Gordon '79SM recently wrote *Supplier Evaluation and Performance Excellence: A Guide to Meaningful Metrics and Successful Results*, which was published in March by J. Ross Publishing. For more information, visit www.jrosspub.com.

Judith Cranna '81SM recently was named vice president and investment counselor at Eaton Vance Corp., a Boston-based investment management firm. Cranna served most recently as senior vice president of the United States Trust Company, where she was a portfolio manager in the private asset management group.

Toni Riccardi '87SM, a noted diversity practitioner, recently accepted a position at The Conference Board as senior vice president of human resources and chief diversity officer. The not-for-profit and non-partisan Conference Board is one of the world's leading research and business membership organizations.

Nancy Stuart '87SM was promoted in December to chief operating officer of CoNCERT Pharmaceuticals Inc., the first company dedicated to creating new medicines by utilizing the naturally occurring element deuterium. Stuart is responsible for overseeing operations and a broad range of tactical and development strategies for the Lexington, Mass.-based company. She previously served as CoNCERT's senior vice president of corporate strategy and operations.

Marybeth Lamb '93SM recently received the second annual Heights Award. Given by the Massachusetts State Lottery and Boston College Athletics, the award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the development and advancement of women's sports. Lamb is director of athletics at Regis College. She also is involved with the Women's Sports Foundation as a member of the advisory board.

Denise Coll '95SM was appointed president, North America Hotel Group, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. Starwood is one of the world's largest hotel and leisure companies specializing in upscale and luxury brands, such as St. Regis Hotels & Resorts, W Hotels, Westin Hotels & Resorts, Le Méridien, Sheraton Hotels & Resorts, and Four Points by Sheraton.

Coll previously held positions at Starwood as general manager; area manager; regional vice president of operations, New England; and most

recently senior vice president of the North America Division. Coll also has served as chief operating officer for Seaport Companies. Coll has served as chairman of the Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, and currently serves on advisory boards for the Boston University School of Hotel Administration and for the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Amanda Thomas '06SM was promoted to senior manager of program planning and management

Conference held in Atlanta in October. "I discussed my thoughts on leadership, diversity, and career development, as well as some of the professional associations that I am affiliated with. It was attended by over 250 graduate students from Georgia, as well as recruiters from several different companies," wrote Romulus.



at coNCERT Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Lexington, Mass.

Stephanie Creary '07SM was featured in a February *Boston Globe* article "Portfolio careerists revel in change." The article focused on a new kind of professional — someone who has multiple careers, often in different fields.

Jennifer Christian Murtie '07SM recently was appointed director of foundation services at Federal Street Advisors. In her new capacity, Murtie will provide investment advice and services to foundation and non-profit clients.

To submit Alumnae Notes, please email classnotes@simmons.edu. To read the full policy, please turn to page 30.

SOMAA Update



Welcome to the first SOM edition of the *SIMMONS* magazine. This publication is for and about SOM alumnae and will serve as a vital information source and communication vehicle. You can be sure to find news about the SOM, fellow alumnae, and your alumnae association within these pages, in addition to greater access to news about Simmons.

As the SOM Alumnae Association (SOMAA) begins planning for the year ahead, we look back on an exciting and successful year of outreach, programming, and alumnae engagement. Together, we visited the Bill Blass NY Designer Showroom in New York City, met for dinner in the San Francisco Bay area, and attended the NPR quiz show program *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* in Chicago.

Locally, more than 100 of us attended the SOMAA Speaker Series for two extraordinary evenings to learn from a distinguished panel of women who shared their views on leadership through non-profit and corporate board service. The program received rave reviews, and the best news is that all SOM alumnae now can take advantage of these events by accessing the podcasts on Alumnet. Visit <http://alumnet.simmons.edu/somaaevents> to read more.

The SOMAA Board of Directors is committed to finding better ways to serve you so that all of us may continue to stay connected to the SOM and engaged in our alumnae community. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and comments. Please share your ideas via email at somaa@simmons.edu.

Respectfully,
Joan Tomaceski '91SM
SOMAA President

faculty news

Bonnie Better-Reed and Associate Professor **Lynda Moore** recently hosted four top undergraduate leadership students during an international conference on Women as Global Leaders in Dubai. While there, Simmons students met with students at Zayed University and attended Moore's leadership class. The students' trip was funded by Trustee Maha Ghandour.

An article about diversity and mentoring written by Associate Professor **Stacy Blake-Beard** recently was accepted by the *Human Resources Management Journal*. Blake-Beard and Moore taught a course on gender and leadership as visiting professors at the prestigious Indian School of Business in Hyderabad.

Associate Professor **Vipin Gupta**, the Roslyn Solomon Jaffe Chair in Strategy, had a paper accepted for publication in the *International Business Review*. In addition, Gupta and Moore are editors of *Culturally-Sensitive Models of Gender in Family Business: A Compendium Using the GLOBE Paradigm* (ICFAI University Press, 2008). Supported by the SOM and the Family Owned Business Institute at Grand Valley State University, the book is part of an 11-volume set, concentrating on cultural trends in family business, including Latin America, Germanic Europe, and Middle East.

Deborah Kolb, the Deloitte Ellen Gabriel Professor for Women & Leadership, led an executive education class in Ethiopia this March titled "Enhancing Leadership: Negotiation Skills for Women." During the three-day series of workshops, Kolb

helped participants develop practical skills for managing negotiations in ways that promoted their interests and those of their organization.

The event was hosted by Ethiopia's International Livestock Research Institute, a division of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). CGIAR is a strategic partnership of countries, international and regional organizations, and private foundations working to foster sustainable agricultural growth. Kolb has instructed several workshops around the world on women and negotiation for CGIAR. Kolb also recently released a video seminar titled "Business Negotiation Strategies for Women: Video Leadership Seminar with Deborah Kolb of Simmons School of Management." The video is being distributed by Research and Markets.

Sylvia Maxfield recently published an article on gender and corporate social responsibility in Latin America in the winter edition of *Americas Quarterly: The Policy Journal for our Hemisphere*. The new journal is designed to foster dialogue between academics and policymakers in the U.S. and Latin America. Maxfield also serves on the journal's board, along with several former Latin American presidents.

Susan Sampson and Moore recently co-authored the article "Is There a Glass Ceiling for Women in Development," which was published in the spring edition of *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*. Their research was carried out in conjunction with the Association for Women in Development.



STACY BLAKE-BEARD



DEBORAH KOLB



SYLVIA MAXFIELD

INCLUDE SOM IN YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN

We've all seen them — the standard "beneficiary form" for an Individual Retirement Account, 401(k) or 403(b) plan, indicating who will receive our remaining funds in the future. You've probably signed several during your working years and named your loved ones as beneficiaries. What you may not know is that you also can designate non-profit institutions, like Simmons, to receive a portion of your IRA. The gift is fully revocable, and most retirement plan administrators provide beneficiary forms online.

To learn more about possible benefits to you and the SOM, contact Monica Collins, director of planned giving, at 617-521-2341 or monica.collins@simmons.edu.

Undergraduate Classnotes

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- Provide your news via alumnet.simmons.edu
- Email your news to classnotes@simmons.edu
- Mail your news to: *SIMMONS* magazine, Attn: Classnotes Editor, Room E108, Simmons College, Boston, MA 02115

PHOTOS

- Photos can be submitted using any of the above methods
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- There are three yearly issues of the magazine
- For inclusion in an upcoming issue, please submit notes by November 15, March 15, and July 15

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- All Class Notes/Alumni Notes received in any way will be posted in full on alumnet.simmons.edu
- All Class Notes/Alumni Notes will appear in the magazine but may be edited for space and content
- Photos will appear in the magazine if space allows
- Undergraduate Class Notes will appear in the back section of the *SIMMONS* magazine
- Undergraduate Class Years with no Class Notes will only list the Class Secretary
- Undergraduate Class Years with no Class Notes and no Class Secretary will not be listed, unless they are a Reunion Class
- Graduate school Alumni Notes will appear in the appropriate graduate school section

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Advancement Marketing at 617-521-2380, or email classnotes@simmons.edu.

1930

Grace Murray was recently interviewed in the *Gloucester Daily Times* about her experience with Chorus North Shore, which she and husband David joined in 1951. Murray is the mother of four sons and grandmother to five grandchildren.

1931

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1932

Class Secretary
Natalie Nicholson
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Dorothy Boyer Gornick writes, "I am still living alone in my double-wide mobile home and coping with everything. I live in Shelton, WA. Shelton is a small town in the western part of the state bordering on the salt water of Puget Sound. I look forward to getting the *SIMMONS* magazine and keeping up with all College activities but I am sorry there are no Simmons graduates near me."

1934 REUNION '09 MAY 29–MAY 31

1937

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Class Secretary
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Marjorie Wood Dannis has moved to Saco, ME, to live near her granddaughter. She is enjoying meeting new friends and spending time with her great-grandson, Duncan. Her new address is: 43 Middle Street, Apt. 210G, Saco, ME 04072.
| **Dorothy Whittier Allen** writes,

"My favorite activities are studying family genealogy, working on the computer, and attending lectures at the nearby college. I treasure most my family and friends who live at Indian River Estates."

1939 REUNION '09 MAY 29–MAY 31

Class Secretary
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Jane Thompson Tukey writes, "I have just returned from taking my entire family on a Royal Caribbean cruise on the 'Jewel of the Seas' to Brussels, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, London, etc.—two weeks. We all had a great time even though it was a bit strenuous for an old lady."
| **Elinor Olson Butman** and her husband still summer in Rockport, ME with their large extended family.

1942

Class Secretary
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1943

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Barbara writes, "Dear Classmates, are you eagerly anticipating, as I am, our 65th Reunion? In October our elder daughter,

Edie, and her son, Rick (named for grandpa Frederick), had a brief but delightful trip to Kings County, Nova Scotia, Fredrick's home and that of some of our ancestors. Rick was recently installed as Worshipful Master of the Bristol Lodge of Masons in North Attleboro, MA. A reminder that I must hear from you if we are to continue publishing news. I wish for each of you good health, joy in your hearts, plus pleasure in your family.

| In October a note arrived from **Betty Scott** sending us the sad news that **Battis Reese** had been in an auto accident that resulted in her death on Sep. 15, 2007, in Potomac, MD. Betty says she and Bunny had traveled together and often visited with each other. Bunny had several delightful granddaughters and five great-grandchildren. Betty is living in Towson, MD. | **P.K. Smith** in Vermont tells that her son is troubled by a severe hearing problem due to Meniere's disease. He is undergoing a promising treatment. | **Peg Coffey Hamilton** in Ottawa, Canada, is going through another not-so-fast round of computer training, her descriptions of which are amusing. | **Rose Ciccolo** called to ask if I could attend Leadership Day with her. I had hoped to, but the pain associated with mobility prevented my attending. Rose was the sole representative of 1943 at the event."



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Ruth Hall Harley is still in Sandwich after nearly 30 years. Her husband, Ralph, passed away suddenly on Jan. 1, 2007. | **Joanne Williams Tripp** went to Sedona, AZ, in May with her daughter, Judy. They visited Joanne's son, Bill, and his wife in Cottonwood, AZ. Joanne went on a bus trip to the Cheesecake Factory and a boat trip up the Charles River in June with friends from Brewster. | **Toni Smerlas Lakis '46SW** writes, "It is great to be at the summer Reunion again. I went with the Simmons College group on the trip to the Greek Isles in May 2007. We went to

Athens, Crete, and Santorini. I connected with Simmons alums, some much younger of course, and loved the whole experience. I am missing my husband who died three years ago, but keep busy with family, friends, and classes at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement." | **Peggy Adelson Saslow** enjoys great-granddaughter Keira and will vacation with her on Nantucket this summer. Granddaughter **Shanna Kaplan '03**, another Simmons alum, is living in Bethesda, MD, teaching, and is celebrating her master's from Gaucher. | At the Alumni Appreciation Dinner, Toni and

Peggy received the Mary Logan Canavan Award, given to those who dedicate their time to furthering the planned giving program at Simmons. Peggy and Toni have created a charitable gift annuity. | **Penelope Stathopoulos Peckos** writes, "Enjoyed the Reunion! Great Class Notes!" | **Helen Tripp Davidson** took part in "100 Women Dancing," a group of older women who introduced a panel discussion on aging at the Dennis Cinema on Cape Cod.

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UPDATES ON EMERITI FACULTY AND STAFF

Elaine Hagopian (Sociology) continues to keep busy professionally. In early winter, a special double issue of *Arab Studies Quarterly* was published, for which Elaine was co-editor and contributor with Janice Terry. The publication chronicled Arab-American intellectuals and professionals after the war of 1967.

Larry Langer (English) spoke last fall at a conference at Yale that celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies. His topic was "Psychological Representations of the Holocaust." He also gave the keynote address on "Return to Vilna: Recent Paintings by Samuel Bak" at a conference on Modernism and the Holocaust at the University of Texas in Dallas.

In a December note, **Sophie Freud '48SW** writes: "After retiring from the Simmons Social Work School faculty after about 30 years, I finally had time to write and finish a long-planned book, the biography of my mother's life, expanding on her own memoirs she had written for us, also in her old age. I called it *Living in the Shadow of the Freud Family*, a title which refers to her life, not mine. I am to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the National Association of Social Workers. Otherwise I am spending my old age inventing and teaching new courses at the Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. I make up a new course every semester, which is a challenge. It keeps me very busy and focuses my readings. I am also regularly

taking courses by my co-members and I have enjoyed that. Teaching and learning have always been the two activities that have made life most interesting for me."

When the snow flew last winter just prior to February's 30th anniversary of the Blizzard of '78, **Marjorie Readdy**, M.D. (Director of Health) decided it was a good time to put her memories of the Simmons Health Center during the storm down on paper. At the time the blizzard hit, Simmons and Wheelock were in the middle of a flu epidemic, so the facility had almost reached capacity. And then the storm hit, roads were closed, and some Health Center staff were unable to get to their jobs. Dr. Readdy's reminiscences are posted on Alumnet—please take a look.

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Betty Winkfield Bolster and husband Stan stay in Lakewood, FL, until mid-May, and then head to Maine where they have set up residence in a new home in Pemaquid, after selling their Boothbay home of 33 years, about 10 minutes from son Greg and his family. They were able to attend many of Greg's children's soccer games. Betty and Stan volunteer at the hospital and the library and continue to work in Boothbay at the library and the Lincoln Arts Festival. | **Yvonne Homsy** has resigned as class treasurer after five years. Yvonne continues to keep busy with her many interests and volunteer work. Yvonne has traveled extensively and her last position was as a publication coordinator/editor for neuroscience research.

1948

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Emily writes, "Champagne-toasted our Class donation of \$60,000 for a group study room as an opener for the new Beatley Library on Nov. 24, 2007. Class Agent **Jane Bond Seamans**, who organized the donation, did the honors with thanks to all of us, the staff, and the College. Those attending the festivities included: **Dorothy Allison Caprera**, from West Falmouth, Mass., who had just returned from a trip to Russia; **Sen Sahir Silan**, from Ankara, Turkey via New York to visit her daughter; **Patricia Sullivan Craigin** of Walpole, Mass.; Vice President **Laura Bratko Schlesinger** and **Kit Arlauskas Coleman**, both of Brookline, Mass.; **Marilyn Oberle** of West Roxbury, Mass.; Treasurer **Chris Klein Matthys** of Mashpee, Mass.; and Secretary **Emily Macy Salaun** of Needham, Mass. Those unable to attend because of illness were President **Deborah Dodge Moulton** of Topsfield, Mass., and **Barbara Clark Elam** of Buzzards Bay, Mass. | **Ann Peterson** of Dedham has Simmons family connections. When she was at MIT, she was an assistant to Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw, father of former Simmons President Susan Scrimshaw, and worked

with him on a Scrimshaw family study trip to Guatemala. | Condolences are extended to the families of **Jane Church Miller** of Shrewsbury, Mass., and **Polly Donovan Kidney** of Jenkintown, PA, who passed away after long illnesses."

1950

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Virginia writes, "I had a wonderful trip this summer with daughter number three, Meredith Clark Wayant, to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Being raised in a family where our second home was our sailboat "Scampi," she had always wanted to see the Bay of Fundy with its huge tidal swings. Still hoping to get news from all of you as our class notes can only be as good as the class wants to make them." | **Betty Gaffey Stone's** granddaughter, **Brittany Stone**, is a member of the class of 2011. Brittany loves Simmons.

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Thanks to son Paul and daughter-in-law Betsy, who work at NBC, Dick and Dotty Halloran Fowerbaugh (lifelong Red Sox fans) attended one of the American League playoff games in Cleveland. | **Ellie Doane Quirk '57HS** writes, "I have a new email address: elliequirk@verizon.net. Our postponed spring mini-reunion was held Sep. 8 at Simmons, and our 55th Reunion was May 30-June 1. Classmates at the luncheon were: Ellie Doane Quirk, **Maria Tavla**, **Babsy Cofman Krichmar**, **Ellen Budge Stumpf**, **Audry Lovell Parowski**, **Beverly Elliot Hadley**, **Barbara Warren Reed**, **Nancy Tucker McLaughlin**, **Jan Loring Guidoboni**, **Mickey Metz Halaburt**, **Ethel Elbein Milas**, **Betsey Pool Erickson-Brown**, and **Joyce Wright Kohls**." | Maria is retired from her career as acquisition specialist with the U.S. Air Force at Hanscom AFB. | Ozzie and Babsy returned from visiting with son Jeff and his wife, Trina, in San Diego a few days before the onset of the California wildfires. Although Jeff and Trina had to evacuate their home, it was not destroyed. Babsy and Ozzie enjoyed Elderhostel events in Florida during the winter. | **Miki Spiegel Marnoy** in Houston promises to be at our 55th Reunion. Miki keeps in contact with **Barbara Birdsey Gustafson** whose new address is: 103 Redbud Crossing, Apt. 110, Houston, TX 77077-5306. Miki writes, "I had back surgery and when I asked my doctor about golf, the doc-

tor's face was so concerned that I decided to quit the game. I've done about six years of work at an abuse hotline for women. I recommend a great hobby: resale shops. Bob's doing great—a little blood problem, but shots are helping. This year we will celebrate 54 years of marriage.” | Our sympathy goes to **Mary Lou Kenney Logan** on the recent loss of a family member.

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Georgette writes, “Many of our classmates are traveling a great deal now as retirement gives us all more leisure time. **Marian Lombardo Whelton** and her husband Jack have been enjoying time in Rangeley, MA, and Marian says, ‘at this point in time quiet is a blessing.’ | **Suzanne Sue Seckel** appreciated a land/sea Alaska trip, an incredible country. | **Joan Potter Baldwin** liked visiting New Mexico and loves living in Kennebunk, ME. ‘Life is good,’ says Joan. | **Carol Goldmeer Slade** is planning a trip to the UK where her daughter lives. | **Florence Coslow** is off to South Africa in October and goes frequently to Arizona as well. | **Janet Flewelling Windhausen** is planning a trip to Italy in the fall. | **Gunny Sterner** took a barge trip on the lower Mississippi and hopes to go on a music river tour on the Danube. | **Meredythe Phelan Schober** and her husband Dick continue to love Elderhostel trips. | **Ruth Berglund Armknecht** has been to Cambodia (Angkor Wat), the

Antarctic, Easter Island, and India since our last reunion. | Our president **Marilyn Sarkisian Woloohojian** went to Leadership Day with **Lorraine Fraser, Florence Wilson, and Alice Schulman**. Marilyn reminds us that we are getting ready for our 55th Reunion in 2009. | **Betty Winer Heller** and her husband moved back to Salem, her old hometown. She loves it! They spend their winters in Jupiter, FL, and hope to travel somewhere special for her ‘special’ birthday. | **Nancy Shulze Lamb** is undergoing chemotherapy. She enjoyed our mini-reunion and has a very positive attitude.”

1955

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Fourteen members of the Class attended the Alumnae Achievement Awards dinner at the College, on Oct. 12, where Class President **Jackie Pell Tuttle** and Class Agent **Rita Taddonio Walsh '90SM** accepted the Hoyt Award. The Hoyt Award was presented to our Class for having the highest number of class members giving to the Simmons Fund (12% more than last year!). | Those who attended the dinner included Jackie, Rita, Barbara, Patricia, Nancy, **Eleanor Morrison Brockway, Laura Bondi Carchia '60LS, Joanne**

Looking for “Green” Story Ideas

Do you know of an alumna/us who lives a green lifestyle? What about a classmate who runs a business focused on sustainable practices? If you have “green” story ideas, please send them to simmons magazine@simmon.edu or allyson.irish@simmons.edu. Ideas will be considered for a future “green” issue of the *SIMMONS* magazine.

Davis Laubner, Adele Cohen Goldstein '72SW, Beverly Leavitt Olans, Terri Ofshay Pollack, Edith Syrjala Eash, Jean Marie Lehan Levergood, and Froso Metalides Delianides. Froso's sister, **Thalia Metalides '61**, also attended. | The Class held a mini-reunion luncheon at the Marriott in Newton in September. Those who attended had the following news. Jackie and her husband, Tut, spent an extended winter in Florida. Jackie has been piecing a king-sized log cabin quilt, while Tut has been having radiation for cancer. | Laura enjoys antiques, paintings, books, and swimming, in spite of a dislocated elbow. She has become a member of the Boston Athenaeum, a 200-year-old private library. | Edith loves her volunteer work at the Museum of Fine Arts as a senior associate. Edith had a knee replacement in March 2007, developed cellulitis, recovered, and went to Russia in September. | Jean goes square dancing, collects antiques, and helps people learn English as a Second Language. | Eleanor enjoys gardening. Eleanor and her husband are docents at the Worcester Art Museum. | Beverly is going to China. Her husband passed away 13 years ago and she is fulfilling a dream they both had. Beverly keeps busy painting with water colors. | Patricia is recovering from wrist surgery

for an infection, possibly from gardening. She is still gardening, but is wearing long gloves and advising others to do so! | Barbara keeps busy teaching English part time at MassBay Community College. | **Doris Johnson**'s passion is genealogy. While looking for a relative, Doris discovered she might be a Swedish princess! | Rita loves doing the Class books and serving on her town's boards. | **Eleanor Dosick** is a librarian and says more than all her literary achievements she loves giving first library cards to children! | **Joanne Davis Laubner** has eight grandchildren, and is working her way through the Harvard Classics and volunteered at the AARP Convention. | Nancy spends winters in Hawaii where three of her children live and summers in Nahant, Mass., where she loves growing things near the ocean. Last year she chaired the Garden Tour in Nahant. | **Mary Baker LeBlanc** likes to sing sacred music and is in a women's choir in Montreal. | **Ruth Reed Cretella '88GS** recently bought a third printing business! | **Beatrice M. Coleman** sends regards; she will be 99 on April 11, 2008! Bea loved Simmons! | We send our sympathy to **Mary Starbuck Hastings** whose husband Philip died in May, 2007.

1956

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Joanne Trojano Remy went to law school after nine years of working as a chemist and taking time out to raise twins. She is still in the law field. In Jan. 2007, Joanne and her husband David sailed around South America on the *Queen Mary 2*—from Florida to San Francisco. | **Ina Seinfeld Bechhoefer's** son Andy was married in December '07 on the Island of Vieques (P.R.). He and his wife Nikki are both political campaign consultants. Her other son John is a physicist at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. This past summer Ina was in Rhode Island, San Francisco, Vancouver, and then a cruise to Alaska. | **Gail Townsend Johnson** and her husband Bob celebrated their 50th anniversary with family at a ranch in British Columbia. In October they celebrated in N.H. with family and friends. Classmates **Dot Neville Starkweather** and **Dot Bruce Willis** and their spouses celebrated with them. | **Helene Goldstein Oppenheimer** has moved from her Summit, NJ, house to a condo in the same town. Helene spends a great deal of time with her mother who is 102. Helene, who has been our Class vice president, has resigned. Many, many thanks to Helene. | **Nancie-Ann Dwinell Godwin** has graciously agreed to replace Helene. Nancie-Ann lives in both England and Cape Cod. | It is a must to read **Mim Bamford Smith's** bio in our Reunion booklet. Mim and her husband Harold keep busy with travels

associated with his clients and his research at the Goldman School at UC Berkeley where he is a visiting professor. They spent three weeks in France last spring. | **Sylvia Ohanesian**, who lives in Lake San Marcos, CA, came east in April 2007 to visit Jamestown, Williamsburg, and D.C. where she visited some of the new places such as the WWII monument and the American Indian museum. She then headed west and visited the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore. | **Dot Starkweather** and her husband Dave celebrated their 50th anniversary in August with family and friends. Dot and Dave live in Biddeford, ME, overlooking the water. In '06 they traveled to Greece and the Greek Islands. | **Joyce Davidson Franklin**, our class president, traveled to Sicily in the fall. | **Mo Moore Marsh**, who lives in Tuftonboro and Wolfboro, NH, writes that she "does not say no to activities." She is on several boards. In October Mo visited with her son in So. Pasadena, CA and then visited with **Fran Ford Morse**, who lives in La Jolla, CA. Fran and her husband Dave are now retired and enjoy traveling and living close to their children and grandchildren.

1957

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Susanna Olson Reichert writes, "Last winter we traveled to Hawaii for a grand family reunion in Molokai with our close Australian relatives (44 of us). My immediate family spent Christmas together in Maine.

Luaus and leis are the attractions of this holiday, plus fun, family, and fabulous adventures!" | **Judith Wolper Ennis** writes, "I retired after working 20 years in an administrative position at New Jersey Institute of Technology. I went into my own business where I provide computer training to the novice computer user in the privacy of their home or office. I also design cards and prints using my original digital photographs. Visit me at www.thetutorcomputer.com and www.notesby-judith.com and e-mail me at jennis5044@aol.com. It was a great 50th Reunion. I sent my photos to the College website, if you want to take a look." | **Sheila Orlinsky Nadler** writes, "Just a reminder to send your dues, a bargain: five years for \$25. Make out the check to Simmons College and mail the check to Sheila Nadler, 55 Eugene Ave., Montville, NJ 07045. A donation would also be much appreciated and is tax deductible. This donation helps build a reserve for our 55th Reunion." | **Barbara Linington Hamlet** writes, "Following a fabulous 50th reunion in June '07, Joe and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June. To celebrate we took two trips to Europe. Three weeks in July in England, and one week in Germany to visit my cousins in the UK and Joe's in Germany. In October we took a 16-day trip to Croatia—awesome. We are looking forward to a whole family reunion in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in June 2008."

1958

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Sally Hutchinson Allen writes, "I've sold my house where I lived with my husband for 25 years. During those years I took care of my semi-invalid mother. Now, I'm in a retirement community. I enjoy watching others shovel and prepare meals!" | **Joyce Weinberg Blackman** writes, "Besides being thrilled by interplay with friends and family, I am engrossed in compiling a rather detailed history of my notable great-grandpa who won the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Civil War. I've also been toiling on a history of his contemporary, a Mexican Robin Hood from Brownsville, Texas."



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Myrna writes, “Just a reminder: we have our own website now, www.ClassOf62.org, with pictures from the 2007 reunion. And we have a listserv: send an e-mail to AllGrads@list.ClassOf62.org and reach everybody! If you’d like to be added to the listserv, please email Myrna at myrna@twokassers.com. Sorry to say that I got 2 cards from classmates who didn’t include their names, so I don’t know whose news I’d be passing along. Sorry to have missed those of you who didn’t get to Reunion. It was fun, and you can catch a flavor from the photos on www.classof62.org. Please send me your children’s and grandchildren’s names as we prepare for our 50th Reunion. (No kidding!).”

| **Arlene Greenbaum Cohen** and **Mary Kassler Kelligrew** appeared in a photo on the inside cover of the fall issue of the *SIMMONS* magazine at Reunion. | **Janet Weinberger Traister** wrote that she and her husband moved to Dallas from Laguna Niguel, California, to be near their son (who’s a financial analyst with 7-Eleven) and grandson. Janet writes, “My husband is retired from the Navy and Boeing. We travel quite a bit. Some trip highlights are hiking in Patagonia, Basque Country, Zion and Bryce national parks, and Santa Fe. This summer we plan to hike in Banff and Yoho National Parks. This winter we spent three delightful weeks in The Netherlands. Occasionally we get to Boston. There, I

especially enjoy visiting my Simmons roommate, **Myrna Herscot Freedman**.” | **Lynn Waldman Kaufman** writes, “We had a great three days in Boston at Reunion. We went to Idaho for a bat mitzvah of our son-in-law’s daughter. Our daughter married him one year ago after having two children of her own as a single mom. We are off to Israel for a family wedding in August.” | **Ann Webster Hunt** and her husband Tom went to New Zealand in early 2007. They went hiking all over, including climbing up to Mueller Hut. | **Pegi Ewing Stengel** wrote, “We have begun an addition to our house. Brooke and Brian’s 2 1/2 year old, Ana, is our absolute delight! They live only 15 min. away. Christopher (son, 31, unmarried!) has taken a new position as associate art director at Scholastic Press.” | **Sandra Hellinginger Singer** wrote that she and her husband, Lenny, a lawyer, are living in Lake Worth, FL. Both of their daughters and four grandchildren live nearby.

1963

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Barbara writes, “**Barbara McGaw Gracki** is feeling very well, but said she has been diagnosed and treated for ovarian cancer. Barbara is an avid football fan of the Grand Valley State football team. She is president of the Visiting Nurse Foundation and active in her church. She is knitting a healing blanket. She and all her grandchildren and children were together for Christmas. She also reported the death of **Patricia L. O’Brien**

Parker on Oct. 31, 2007 after a 15-year struggle with cancer. | **Ann Salmon Robb**’s husband Peter died very suddenly while they were living in London. She now lives in Greenwich, CT. The knitting theme came up again as we spent time together, when she found yarn to knit Christmas stockings for grandchildren. She is off to vacation in India in early January. | **Connie L. Lewis** also knits. | **Phyllis Pomer Ross** visited Berkeley to see her grandsons. She has six grandchildren. She spreads her time in thirds living in Potomac, MD, Longboat Key, FL, and summers in Switzerland. Fred’s motorcycle keeps them zipping around wherever they go. They saw **Beverly Chernak Cherwat** and husband Harlan recently. Beverly and Harlan live in D.C. but spend lots of time at their second home in Deep Creek, VA, skiing in winter and enjoying the summers there. They are now beating a path to Burlington, VT, where they have a new grandchild who is 20 months old. Phyllis also reports continuing contact with **Sandra M. Slater**. | **Geraldine Conway Morenski** writes ‘I, too, have retired—again! Left the ‘retirement part-time job’ in August; then, **Elaine Patrikas** and I met in Germany for a Danube cruise. We celebrated 60 years of friendship—we met on the first day of school in the first grade and ended up graduating from Simmons together. I

work one day a week at the local senior center. I occasionally substitute teach for a software training school. I was recently elected to the national board of directors of the American World War II Orphans Network. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the North Shore Music Theater’s Education Department.’ | **Elaine Patrikas** writes, ‘After starting/chairing and teaching in a baccalaureate program at Temple University in Philadelphia 30 years ago, I left as professor emerita of health information management nearly 10 years ago. Since moving to life in the slower lane, I have traveled here and abroad. Several of these trips were with classmate Gerry Conway Morenski. I moved from Philadelphia to Bryn Mawr, PA, seven years ago and keep busy with volunteer activities with a wildlife rehab clinic, a senior services center, producing a monthly newsletter for my condo community, and serving on the condo council.’ | I hope you all can come to the reunion. The pleasures of the past are ‘knit’ from our early time at Simmons. Our reunion will be the 45th. Imagine! Be sure and save the date. May 30-June 1.” | **Harriet Elam-Thomas** writes, “I just came back from a weekend with the alums of Harvard’s JFK School Executive Leadership Program entitled, ‘Women & Power.’ There were 38 impressive women from around the

Simmons Hillel is embarking on an initiative this summer to reconstruct its history at Simmons. If you are a Jewish alumna, please visit www.simmons.edu/~hillel and fill out the Hillel History Form.

country and two from Egypt.” | **Martha Pease Cooper** writes, “Bill and I are both retired and keep busy with volunteer activities in our church and the community where we spend our summers. We recently returned from a wonderful trip to Italy and look forward to a barge trip in France next spring. We have seven grandchildren all living within 40 minutes of us. Five boys and two girls who range in age from two to 10 years old. I also help my 96-year-old mother (also a Simmons alumna). I en-

joy water and step aerobics and play tennis twice a week. I see **Liz Trull Berk** on some Fridays when she is playing on the court next to me.”

1964 REUNION '09 MAY 29–MAY 31

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TOP HOLLYWOOD PRODUCER VISITS SIMMONS

Top Hollywood producer **Denise Di Novi '77, '97HD** was on campus in March as part of the Eileen Friars Leader in Residence Program. Di Novi gave a public presentation and then attended a reception to honor her inclusion on the Department of Communications “Wall of Honor,” a permanent exhibit that honors noteworthy Simmons communications alumnae including journalists **Gwen Ifill '77, '93HD** and **Rehema Ellis '74, '00HD**, and novelist **Elinor Lipman '72, '00HD**.

The Eileen Friars Leader in Residence program started in 2001 with a gift from Trustee Eileen Friars '72. The program invites senior women executives to the College to address a broad range of business and leadership issues.

Di Novi's producing credits include *Heathers*, *Little Women*, and *Tim Burton's Edward Scissorhands*, *Batman Returns*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Ed Wood*, and *James and the Giant Peach*. Her most recent projects include the critically acclaimed *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, as well as *Catwoman*, and *What a Girl Wants*.

In 1993, Di Novi set up her own production company, Di Novi Pictures, at Columbia Pictures, producing *Little Women*. She then made a production deal at Warner Brothers, where she remains today.



Communications Professor Bob White, Denise Di Novi '77, '97HD, and former Simmons President Susan C. Scrimshaw

Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good writes, “I find myself searching for old friends and schoolmates who may remember moments in history and of Simmons that we shared. I occasionally see **Lucia Clapps Mudd** who lives a few blocks from me and I visited **Karen Walowit** two years ago—she lives in Berkeley where she did her Ph.D. years ago, but have been out of touch with most classmates and have not heard from **Valerie Kenn Gray** or **Wilma Katz** in many years.” | **Ina Kanter Merhav** writes, “I moved to Tel Aviv, Israel, in 1970 with my husband, a retired general surgeon. My daughter Dalit, a video editor and producer, is married and lives near Leeds in the U.K. and is the mother of 3 young children. My stepson Yaron lives close by and is married with a 3-year-old daughter. My husband and I recently bought a 40-foot yacht. Our plan is to sail just the two of us to places like Turkey, Greece and Croatia. I also enjoy swimming and bike riding. In my spare time, I also volunteer at Etgarim—Challenge which is an organization devoted to sport for the handicapped.” | **Nora Sheehan Schaaf** writes, “I am joyfully retired. I volunteer three days a week at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in the South Bronx at its Summer Freedom School and after school programs. My husband is working somewhat fewer hours and I'm glad to have him around on the days he takes off. Our daughter Katie, 29, lives in Cambridge, MA.” | **Janet Denenholz Silver** writes, “I still work at least 6 months of the year as a freelance entertainment journalist in the Hamptons. I'm in the 16th year of a second marriage and have 6 adult children, plus their spouses and 8 grandchildren. I

truly hope I can make it to our mini-reunion, and see **Mary Abbott Hess '91HD**.” | **Mimi Allen Black** writes, “I have been in Florida almost the entire year but for two weeks over the July 4th holiday. My third daughter Ashley was recently married. Another daughter has had twins and a singleton and lives out in CA. My oldest is in New York and my youngest has just moved to New Haven while her love attends Yale Business for the next two years. My almost 91-year-old mother has Alzheimers.” | **Suzanne C. Brooks** writes, “I have been living in London since 1972, when I came for one year to teach at The American School in London. I ended up teaching in the mathematics department until 1999 when I retired. I do get back to the States twice a year, spending time in Massachusetts, Florida, Colorado, California, and Washington state.” | **Rebecca Wollison Holmes** writes, “I've recently retired as a synagogue executive director after 15 years in the field. Mike and I bought a year-round home in Orleans, MA. We have two children: Stacy, who is married, and Seth who is single but looking! Mike and I are looking forward to retirement and a return to the bridge table. I'd love to hear from anyone living on the Cape. My email is rebeccaholmes@comcast.net.” | **Linda Weinstein Gassenheimer** writes that her latest book, *The Portion Plan: How to Eat the Foods You Love and Still Lose Weight*, has received worldwide distribution. Linda continues with her nationally syndicated “Dinner in Minutes” column and her National Public Radio program. She loves to keep up with classmates and often talks with **Barbara Starr Schectman** even though they

live thousands of miles apart. Contact Linda at Linda@DinnerInMinutes.com or go to her website www.DinnerInMinutes.com to reach her.

1965

Ardeth Miller Friedlander writes, “I am still working full time as a school social worker in a middle school. I write poetry and short fiction. My other loves are gardening and walking on the beach two blocks away. This past summer my son, a television producer in San Francisco, met me in Amsterdam where we visited my youngest daughter who recently graduated college and was awarded a human rights internship at The Hague. My eldest daughter is a graphic artist and has two children, ages 5 and 3. Lucky for me they live nearby.” | **Barbara A. Dinerman** writes, “After umpteen years of writing about drapery-rod finials, cabriole legs and boiserie, I have finally published my first novel. *H* deals comically with the taboo subject of herpes. The novel was named a *Publisher's Choice* book by iUniverse. My website should be up and running by now—www.barbaradinerman.com.”

1966

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Rose writes, “Dear Classmates, if you were wondering, as I was, about the current class dues amount printed on the envelope inserted in Jeanie’s Nov. 2007

letter, they remain at \$10 a year. You may pay all \$50 at our next Reunion time. Give Simmons a bigger present instead!”

1967

Marcia Lees Smith writes, “Our 40th Reunion was a huge success. If you weren’t able to attend, be sure to join us for the 45th or for any mini-reunions that might be scheduled in your area. | We heard from classmate **Lyndy Johnson** about the program she heads in the Graduate School of Education as its dean. We were fortunate to have a disc jockey with us and when songs from the ‘60s were played, a good group of us enjoyed showing that we still had the ‘moves.’ | Our classmate **Audrey Fishman Franklin** was awarded the Alumnae Community Service Award from the Simmons Alumnae Association at Leadership Weekend in October. Audrey was recognized for numerous volunteer efforts in Colorado on behalf of abused women, immigrants to our country, racial justice, and political causes. Cheering for her as she received the award were classmates **Jennifer Kane Coplon ’69SW**, **Lynne Devnew**, **Paula Jacobson Noe ’75GS**, **Bonnie Cravets Yankaskas**, **Janet Trafton Tobin**, **Barbara Fish Lee ’01HD**, and **Marcia Lees Smith**. | Our Class was fortunate to have all our class officers present at Leadership weekend—our Co-Presidents **Jennifer** and **Lynne**, Secretary **Marcia**, Treasurer **Bonnie**, and Class Agent **Kathleen Hedges Pearse**.” | **Bonnie** writes, “I am still teaching and doing research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. My main

research has focused on breast cancer screening. I also direct a research program in American Indian health. Jim and I continue to enjoy travel with Jim as pilot. In summer 2003, we flew ourselves to western Alaska, a truly amazing trip.”



1970

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Nancy Madow Katz and **Michael Rukin** are happy to announce their marriage on Oct. 21, 2007 in Central Synagogue in New York City. They currently reside in New York City.

1972

Fiction writer **Elinor Lipman**’s latest novel, *My Latest Grievance*, was recently chosen for North Andover’s first official Town Read. The story centers around a teenage girl who lives at a liberal women’s college. Elinor is currently working on her next novel.



1976

Melissa Keleher Johnson has been named director of graduate studies in the department of communication at North

Carolina State University. **Johnson**, who is also an associate professor in the department, holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She and her husband live in Raleigh with their 15-year-old son, **Rhett**. Their other son, **Ryan**, 20, is a university scholar at SUNY Binghamton.

1977

Bobbi Magidoff Thompson writes, “My daughter **Annie** started her freshman spring semester in January in the physical therapy program. She is transferring from UCSC and looking forward to playing softball on Simmons’s team. My son **Harrison**, 15, is at Glenholme School in CT, and daughter **Tracey**, 9, is enjoying life in Los Angeles as an only child. My talent management company, **Thompson Management**, is turning 3 years old. In 2007 I negotiated a deal for my friend **Denise Di Novi ’77, ’97HD** to executive-produce *Heathers, The Musical*. | **Kim Clark**, member of The College Club of Boston’s membership and marketing committees, reports that the club is redecorating one of its guest rooms in Simmons College style. For more information, please visit www.thecollegeclubofboston.com. | **Jan Nisbet** was recently awarded with the University of New Hampshire’s highest honor, the **Charles Holmes Pettee Medal** award, given by the university’s alumni association to a New Hampshire state resident in recognition of outstanding public service. **Nisbet** has directed UNH’s Institute on Disability since its inception in 1987.

1978

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Emily Scott Pottruck was recognized at the 2007 Leadership Weekend Evening of Appreciation for her service to the College. She has been a trustee since 1999 and funded the Scott/Ross Center for Community Service, the Stephen London Community Service Endowed Scholarship Fund, and the Pottruck Technology Resource Center. She has regularly hosted Simmons events at her San Francisco home, and served as vice-chair of the Campaign for Simmons.



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Gail writes, "The countdown to our 30th begins. So save the date for our Reunion weekend in June 2009 and hope to see you there!" | **Chinyere Pierce Freelon** was recently appointed national spokesperson for the National Association of Partners in Education, an organization that represents more than 400,000 school/community partnership programs across the U.S.

1980

Tracy Garrity Rasmussen writes, "I just wanted to let my friends at Simmons know that my book, *The Verbal Behavior Approach: Teaching Children with Autism and Related Disorders*, was published in 2007. I'm doing a lot of freelancing these days when I'm not chasing my nearly 5-year-old twins around the house. You can always see what I'm writing (and what the girls are up to) at my website, www.tracyrasmussen.com."

1982

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Darcy writes, "Greetings friends from the class of 1982! We had a wonderful 25th Reunion weekend, including the traditional lobster dinner and Pops concert. We also learned about all of the amazing things going on at Simmons. To all who couldn't make it this time, please plan on joining us in 5 years (June 1-3, 2012)." | **Anne Bathurst Cronin** has been living in Jacksonville, FL with her husband, Dr. Joseph Cronin. Their children, 15-year-old Joey and 12-year-old Caroline, sing in the Jacksonville Children's Chorus Concert Choir. Anne works as an S.V.P. in the Treasury Services at Wachovia, where she has been for 20 years. She and her family spend a couple weeks on Cape Cod in Wellfleet each summer. | **Jane Di Paolo Kontoff** writes, "I have been living in Acton, MA with my husband, Matthew, of 22 years and my two teens, 19

and 17. We've lived in Colorado and California but have been back in Massachusetts for the last 17 years. I am a membership consultant for the Thoreau Club in Concord, MA. I've homeschooled both kids at various times. I'd love to hear from any nearby classmates!" | **Cindy Rubin**, our class treasurer, has been busy teaching science and doing financial planning on the side. She is getting married this August to David Natan from Lancaster, PA. Email Cindy at Simmons82@aol.com. | **Linda Wasserbach York** says, "Hi everyone! It was so nice coming back to Simmons for Reunion. I was hoping to see more of you like **Judy Heidenthal O'Neill** and **Lisa Delman Ellis**. The last 25 years have been very exciting. Doug and I have been living in Avon, CT for the past 10 years. We have two daughters and just celebrated our 23rd wedding anniversary. I am at University of Connecticut Health Center as an ICU dietitian and as a nutritionist at our clinic. Email me when you can: layork@comcast.net." | **Susan Nowak Sesto** and husband Lou had their 24th wedding anniversary. Their three children will all be in college next year. Amanda is a 5th-year pharm major at Northeastern. She served as a local guide for Susan, **Deborah Francis Serowik**, and **Ann Nugent O'Neil** at their reunion bringing them to the best frozen margarita place in the city. Joe is a sophomore at Manhattan College studying environmental engineering. Phil will be attending Mass. College of Pharmacy in the fall. Susan has been in home care for the past 15 years, enjoying the flexibility and great co-workers. Susan and Lou bought the family house on Long Island and hope

to resume the annual parties. | Ann is living on Cape Cod with her husband, Kevin, of 22 years. She has 2 daughters: Caitlyn will be attending Simmons in the fall to study special education, and Lauren is 10 years old. | Deborah has been married to Eddie for 22 years. Her boys are all grown up. Sejohn is in his third year at URI as a theater major and loving it. Zachary will be graduating from high school in 2 weeks and will be attending RIC in the fall for secondary education. Deb is currently working in long-term care as a PT. | **Rosie Sotomayor Delacruz** participated in two short-course Masters swimming competitions this year. She was delighted to learn that her swim times are faster than when she was in her 20s. When not swimming, she's riding her bike around Cambridge and Boston. She is still happily married to John Burckardt (21 years) and very proud of her two sons, Stephen (17) and Matthew (15) and their athletic and academic accomplishments. | Also in attendance at Reunion were: **Janet Campbell Smith**, **Susan Casey**, **Karen Greenblatt Brown** (with husband, Howard, and 3 children), **Elizabeth Chace-Marino**, **Jill Solan Denker**, **Dana Albert Fine '81**, **Charlotte Hett**, **Ellen Hutchinson**, **Sandra Cohen Mazur**, **Marlene Mullan-Murphy**, **Maureen Nissenbaum**, **Judith Powell** (with husband, Mitch Gitkind), **Deena Prestegard**, **Cindy Rubin**, **Geri Sheehan-Ferri**, **Kristen Sampson Somerville** (with daughter, Beth), and **Janet Sosinsky**. So, if you couldn't make it this time, our next one will be held in 2012 (also June 1-3)."

1983

Class Secretary

Martha Ikerd

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Martha Ikerd writes, "Calling all classmates! It's hard to believe it's been twenty five years since our graduation but Reunion 2008 co-chairs **Sheri Cain Wilkens** and **Deirdre Sweeney Coffey** worked hard planning our 25th Reunion. Our special Class event was at the Absolut Clubhouse in Fenway Park. For more Reunion coverage, visit alumnet.simmons.edu. | **Sharyn Hardy Gallagher** has completed her doctorate in higher education at University of Massachusetts, Lowell. Sharyn is the president of Hardy Gallagher Associates, a corporate training and project management consulting firm. She serves as clerk of the board of directors of Lowell Cooperative Bank and on the adjunct management faculty of UMass Lowell. She also volunteers for a number of nonprofits.

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Martha MacAndrew O'Brien

writes, "I have been a nurse anesthetist for almost 15 years. I recently joined the Lahey Clinic. My husband Freddy and I have one son who is almost 9 years old. We live in Wilmington, MA. I would love to hear from my classmates." | **Lisa Friedman Schermerhorn** writes, "I live in Duxbury, MA with my husband Scott, son Max, 17, and daughter Haylie, 14. I have my own business as a certified hypnotist and Reiki master."

1986

Beth Chase Cohn writes, "I published my first book, *ChangeSmart: Implementing Change Without Lowering Your Bottom Line*, in January 2008. It is available on Amazon.com. I got married for the first time in 2004. My husband Jules and I are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Isabel Madison Cohn. I also started my own business: Banks Consulting! LLC. I can be found on the web: www.banksconsulting.net. Would love to hear from classmates at beth@banksconsulting.net."

1987

Lauren Wyke Theademan

writes, "I have recently remarried having finally met my soulmate. Rob and I married on Sep. 29, 2007. After graduation I moved to Kentucky and became a licensed massage therapist. Rob and I have 6 kids between us, my 4 and his 2. I'd love to hear from classmates!"

1988

Lou Spencer writes, "I have recently been appointed director of marketing for the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. An avid volunteer, I have been a member of the Junior League of Worcester for many years. I have also

just agreed to be a volunteer conference planning representative for Simmons. My husband James, a computer analyst, and I will be celebrating our 10th anniversary this September. We have one daughter, a 7-year-old princess. A huge Disney fan and so enthralled with all things 'mouse' that I named my daughter Ariel, I was chosen out of more than 10,000 applicants by the Walt Disney Company, to be an Official Walt Disney World Mom. For more, visit www.disneyworldmoms.com."

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1990

Lori LaBarge recently was honored as Woman Entrepreneur of the Year by the American Business Women's Association of Cape Cod and Cape Business publishing group. LaBarge is co-owner of LaBarge Homes, a general contracting business specializing in high quality, eco-friendly, and hurricane-resistant construction since 1996. LaBarge Homes also provides engineering, real estate, property management, and concierge services.



1991

Class Secretary

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Amy Wenzler Winegardner and **Mauri Winegardner** are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Peter Stanton. He was born on Jan. 22, 2007 in St. Mary's Bon Secour Hospital, Richmond, VA, and weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. | **Elizabeth McEvoy Henderson** has returned to the work force after staying home full time with Josiah (11), Madeline (9), and Lila (5). She is a part-time librarian at Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick, ME. Elizabeth sees her roommate, **Nicole Bowen Hardy**, often and is happy to report that Nicole's daughters, Brielle and Amelia, are best friends with Madeline and Lila. Maybe they will be future Simmons roomies!

1992

Class Secretary

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Brooke Mackay Castro and **Ricky Castro** are happy to announce their marriage Oct. 6, 2007. The ceremony was held

Lou Spencer '88 (far left) and the Walt Disney World Moms Panel

in the James Turrell Skyspace at the Henry Art Gallery in Seattle, WA. The couple spent their honeymoon in China and the Philippines. They currently reside in Seattle, WA, where Brooke manages a team of photo editors for MSN.com and Ricky owns a web design firm named IF/THEN. | **Andrea Parent** and Danny Fain are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Emma Rose Fain. She was born on July 27, 2007 in Newton Wellesley Hospital, and weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. Big brother Simon was very proud this summer to meet his sister Emma, despite her nearly stealing his birthday. Andrea is currently working for the Massachusetts Medical Society as a web designer and would love to hear from anyone in the area (aparentdesign@mac.com). | **Beth DeMartino** lives in Norwalk, CT, and is the assistant vice president of operations for MetLife's Long-Term Care Insurance division. She would love to hear from old friends from Simmons or Simmons locals in CT. | **Pamela Gitten Dratch** and husband John are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Luke Evan Dratch. He was born Oct. 3, 2007 at Beth Israel Hospital, and weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. He joins his sister Brianna who is 3 years old. Pamela writes, "I am still very active with the Simmons alumnae community. Currently, I sit on the board of directors of the Simmons Club of Boston and am a member



on the travel, education, and regional programming committee. I would love to hear from other local Boston alums. Please contact me at pam_dratch@yahoo.com."

1993

Jill Cohen Heineck writes, "Buckhead Business Association Leadership Development Institute Graduate, 2006 Received Certified Neighborhood Specialist (CNS) designation, 2007." Jill and **Mindy Cohen Zive '95** are proud to announce the birth of Mindy's baby girl, and Jill's niece, Marina Olivia. She was born on September 6, and weighed 8 lb., oz.. Jill is thrilled to be an aunt for the second time! | **Suzanne Clark Garcia** and husband James are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Eliot James. He joins big brother Adrian. | **Elizabeth Fitzhenry Zinn** is thinking about Simmons friends. Beth and her husband Shawn of almost 14 years have been enjoying life in Keene, NH with their 2 daughters, Kate (9) and Sarah (4). Send Beth an email at bzinn@keene.edu. | **Leah Goldman Lesser**, husband Eric, and big sister Victoria welcomed the birth of Eliana Brooke on Feb. 11, 2006. The girls both saw Simmons from their first car rides going from Brigham and Women's Hospital to their home in Belmont, MA. Leah is on the

Andrea Kirkpatrick '95, Kristen Hopkins '95, Lisa Smeester '95, Matthew Castine, and Angela Straub '95 at Lanes & Games in Cambridge, MA, after Lisa and Matthew's wedding reception

communications team at Bright Horizons Family Solutions and would love to hear from alums: ell98@verizonmail.com. | **Elizabeth LaMontagne** recently earned National Board Certification, the teaching profession's highest credential. LaMontagne teaches first grade at Orchard Hill Elementary School in South Windsor, CT. She has been a teacher for 12 years and holds a master's degree in reading and language arts.

1994 REUNION '09 MAY 29–MAY 31

Kimberly Nehring Hine recently took a trip back to New England and visited with Simmons friends **Liz Leahy Hawken and Beth Fitzhenry Zinn '93**. They spent the day at the lake near Liz's house in Amesbury with their kids: Kim's son, Logan, 3; and Beth's daughters, Kate, 9 and Sarah, 4. | **Jennifer Kilgore Stahl** and Scott are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Nicolette Jane. She was born June 1, 2007 in Aurora, IL, and weighed 7 lbs. She joins 3-year-old brother Mitchell. Jennifer writes, "We also moved to a house in Naperville. I am continuing to stay home full time to mother our 2 children and look forward to working outside the home again.... someday! I'll be hosting a Chicago area Simmons potluck lunch in January, so come on out to chat!"

1995

Lisa Smeester and Matthew Castine were married Sept. 30, 2007 in Andover, MA. After the reception, both newlyweds and guests, including fellow alums **Angela Straub, Kristen Hopkins, and Andrea Kirkpatrick**, headed

out for a few strings of 10-pin bowling at Lanes & Games in Cambridge, the site of Lisa and Matt's first date. They currently live in Medford, MA. | **Stephanie Hansen** and Alex Ragland are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Samuel Alexander Ragland. Sam was born May 20, 2007 at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, GA, and weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. | **Marie Brais** and Brian Beam were engaged on Dec. 15, 2007, and plan to be married in 2008 in a celebration which will include many Simmons friends.

1996

Pamela FitzGerald Campbell writes, "My husband and I recently adopted a second dog. Her name is Laila and she is a boxer mix. She is about a year old and is settling in nicely. She and our current dog, Cassius, are best of buds already. She wants to be next to him all the time!" | **Holly Ruth Charbonnier** recently accepted a position at Murphy Burnham & Buttrick Architects in Manhattan as director of marketing. Prior to starting the new position, Holly and her husband, Paul, took a few days off to visit London. | **Kelly O'Connor Rose** writes, "Graduated cum laude from The University of Akron with a B.S.N. Member of Sigma Theta Tau International, and started at University Hospitals in Cleveland, OH as a clinical nurse on the ortho/ENT floor." Kelly married Richard Rose in Oct. 1999 in Newington, CT. They currently reside in Brunswick, OH. Kelly gave birth to Richard William Rose on Nov. 29, 2004. | **Latasha Washington Poindexter** and Hilary Poindexter are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Bryce Hil. He was born July 19, 2007 in Atlanta,

GA, at Northside Hospital, and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. He joins 4-year-old big brother Myles Jay. Latasha received her MBA in marketing from Clark Atlanta University in May 2002 and currently works for Polaris Marketing Research as a project manager. She is the founding member and President of Women In Sports and Events (Atlanta Chapter). Latasha and family reside in Buford, GA. | **Nicole Donnelly Parmeggiani** and Joe Parmeggiani are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl, Alissandra Antoinette. She was born on April 5, 2007 in Weymouth, MA at South Shore Hospital, and weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. Alissandra has brought a lot of excitement to their lives. She was welcomed home by dog Gnocchi.

1999 REUNION '09 MAY 29–MAY 31

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Melissa Deasy writes, “Hello Class of 1999! Our 10-year Reunion is less than 2 years away. Please email me if you are interested in helping to plan this event at deasy3@cox.net.” Melissa just moved back from London, England, after living there for 1 1/2 years. | **Amy Turgeon Sevigny** and her husband Nathan are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Sadie Anne. She was born on Sept. 21, 2007 in Sanford Goodall Hospital, and weighed 9 lb. She also has an older brother Jack, now 18 mos. They’re 14 months apart. “Craziness!” | **Karoline Eschwey Grigsby**’s son, Magnus Cole Grigsby, was born June 24, 2007 and weighed 8 lbs. 13

oz. | **Sarah Frost Doscinski** was recently profiled in the *Kennebec Journal* for her decision to return to her hometown of Farmington, ME, rather than live in a big city. After working as a business development specialist with the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, Sarah chose to become a stay-at-home mom to her young sons, Luke and Isaiah. Sarah’s husband is a retired captain in the U.S. Army Rangers. He is being deployed to Afghanistan for his second tour of duty there.

2000

Marsha Sullaway '08HS and Eric Scott are happy to announce their marriage Oct. 7, 2007 at Spinellis in Lynnfield, MA. They currently reside in Danvers, MA. Maid of Honor was **Stacey Sullaway '98**; **Amy Whelan** was a bridesmaid. Marsha received her master’s in healthcare administration in May.

2001

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2002

Alecia Daigle Blair and Matthew Blair married Aug. 28, 2004 in Lewiston, ME. They currently reside near Fort Bragg, NC, where Matthew is stationed with the U.S. Army. Alecia works in marketing & public relations at the local hospital system. | **Samantha Bennett** completed a B.S.N. at Johns Hopkins Uni-

Alecia Blair '02 and husband Matthew at their 2004 wedding in Maine



versity School of Nursing in May 2007. She recently started working as an R.N. at Johns Hopkins Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Baltimore, MD.

2003

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Melissa Ward and David Meece are happy to announce their marriage Sept. 1, 2007 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Centerville, MA. They currently reside in Centerville. “David and I were married on our 10-year anniversary, which turned out to be an absolutely gorgeous day on Cape Cod. Our reception was outside at the Asa Bushnell House in Centerville overlooking the marsh onto the ocean. We then spent 10 relaxing days in Jamaica. In attendance from Simmons were **Bethany Basset** and **Alexis Randell** who were both readers at our ceremony, **Sarah Adley Sirois**, **Abby Folger**, and **Aimil Parmelee**.” | **Sarah Raymunt '05HS** and Kevin Cleary are happy to announce their marriage on Sept. 1, 2007. The couple was married on their 7-year anniversary! The ceremony was held at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Sarah’s hometown of Waterbury, CT, followed by a reception at The

Heritage Hotel in Southbury, CT. Simmons alumnae **Nikki Rouille '05HS** and **Eliza Sparkes** attended as bridesmaids. The couple spent their honeymoon in Aruba. They currently reside in Jamaica Plain, MA, where Sarah works as a physical therapist at the VA Medical Center and Kevin works as a clerk at Lubin & Meyer law firm in downtown Boston. | **Marya Otka Neary** and husband Jeff are proud to announce the birth of their son, Shaun Brian. He was born May 19, 2007 in Danbury, Connecticut and weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and was 21 inches. | **Melissa Horton** recently graduated from law school at Southern Methodist University. After passing the July Texas bar exam, she accepted a direct appointment with the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps and on Dec. 4 was commissioned as a first lieutenant. She trained at Maxwell Air Force Base and will begin her first assignment as an assistant JAG at Edwards AFB in California in spring 2008.

2004 REUNION '09 MAY 29—MAY 31

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Liz Martins is currently attending the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She lives in Los Angeles, CA. | **Jessica Woodman-Hardy** graduated from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law in

Carlisle, PA, with a juris doctorate. She has returned home to Massachusetts and works at Smith College while waiting for the results of the July 2007 Massachusetts bar exam.

2005

Catherine Lague recently accepted a position at the American Red Cross in Greater New York as senior coordinator of community outreach. "I am thrilled to

club news

Simmons Club of Boston

On Nov. 8 the Simmons Club of Boston hosted "Searching for Your Ancestors," a genealogy workshop with Walter Hickey, archives specialist at the National Archives and Records Administration.

The Boston Club also rang in the holidays Dec. 1 with "Lady Composers: A Particular View of Women and Music," a lecture and piano performance by Professor Gregory Slowik in the Trustman Art Gallery.

Simmons College Club of Cape Cod

The Simmons College Club of Cape Cod convened its annual meeting Oct. 27 at the Yarmouth House restaurant in West Yarmouth. Thomas Gotsill, executive director of the New Enlightenment Institute, spoke about the importance of education in civil democracy.

On Dec. 9 the Cape Cod Club celebrated the season with its annual Holiday Social at the Optimist Café in Yarmouth Port.

South Shore Simmons Club

Author and lawyer David Hosp was the featured speaker at the South Shore Simmons Club's fall event Oct. 16, held at the Old South Union Congregational Church in South Weymouth.

Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts Simmons Club

The Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts Simmons Club held its annual meeting Sept. 23. The group toured the Lizzie Borden Museum and enjoyed high tea at the Fall River Historical Society.

Middlesex Simmons Club

The Middlesex Simmons Club celebrated the holidays Dec. 15 with its annual holiday luncheon and Yankee swap.



The Southwest Florida Simmons Club gathered for their annual fall program at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Florida.

New Hampshire

On Nov. 14 New Hampshire alumnae/i gathered at Richard's Bistro in Manchester for "First in the Nation," a lively discussion of the 2008 presidential primary season with Professor Catherine Paden of the Department of Political Science and International Relations.

NYC Cocktail Reception before the ESSENCE Conference

Local alums and those traveling in for the 4th Annual Essence Leadership Summit gathered for an informal evening of conversation and connections at the New York City Marriott Marquis in October. This was a special reception building momentum for the Black Alumnae/i Symposium in April.

An Evening in Paris

Fellow Simmons alumnae/i and students studying abroad in France joined former President Scrimshaw for an afternoon tea at La Petite Rose in Paris, France, on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Southwest Florida Club Fall Luncheon

The Southwest Florida Simmons Club gathered for its annual fall program on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Fla. The afternoon included a tour of the theatre, a luncheon, and the pre-Broadway production of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Washington, D.C. and Metro Area Club

On Sunday, Dec. 2 the Washington D.C. Club held its annual Winter Tea at the Hay-Adams Hotel. The club was pleased to host guest speaker Sheila Murphy, dean for student life. It was a lovely afternoon and a wonderful club tradition.

Simmons Women of the 90's and 00's

Young alums gathered to toast the holidays in New York City and Chicago this winter.

SIMMONS magazine Survey Group

The *SIMMONS* magazine is looking for alumnae/i who are interested in being part of an email survey group. Inclusion in the group requires you to read each issue of the magazine and to fill out a brief email survey sent out after each issue. Interested alumnae/i should email simmonsmagazine@simmons.edu or allyson.irish@simmons.edu

join the Red Cross as a fulltime employee while I continue pursuing a graduate degree in philosophy at The New School.”

| **Leah Grant Travis** and Justin Travis are happy to announce their marriage July 28, 2007 in the First United Methodist Church, Brewer, ME. They currently reside in Portage, IN, where Leah plans to finish her master’s degree in marriage and family therapy by May 2008.

Kari Fitch ’06 was an attendant. The couple went to Jamaica in August for the honeymoon. | **Andrea Ortega Newcomb** and David Newcomb are proud to announce the birth of identical

twin baby girls, Penelope Mercy and Ophelia Grace. They were born Oct. 4, 2007 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz and 5 lbs. 8 oz. | **Ashley Cole** recently accepted a position at Benjamin Jepson Magnet School located in New Haven, CT, as a 6th grade teacher. Ashley recently was employed at Cold Spring School as associate teacher for 4th and 5th grade.

| **Johanna Spears** writes, “On July 24, 2007 I married Jessica Johnson (head softball coach at Brandeis University). We had a very intimate marriage ceremony in Newton, MA, with just our dog Addison as witness,

but will have a bigger ceremony after buying a house this spring of 2008! I recently finished my graduate studies in education and am working at F.A. Day Middle School in Newton, MA. “

| **Brehana Vader Darling** writes, “I recently launched my small business, Coochooloo children’s designs. Check it out at www.coochooloo.etsy.com. We also welcomed a baby girl, Sonia into our family in Jan. 2007. My husband Dave, myself, and son Milo (3) are doing great!” | **Jennifer Warinner** writes, “I completed my M.A. in children’s literature in May 2007 and continue to involve myself in my field through my daughter Eleanor (2).”

2006

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Regis Murphy recently accepted a position at Millbury Public Schools located in Millbury, MA as 4th grade teacher. “First teaching job! I have 22 students and the work is exhausting, but rewarding.”

2007

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Jennifer Harris recently accepted a position at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, D.C. as an economist. | **Alyson Heimer** writes, “I’m attending the American University (Paris) and getting my M.A. in international affairs, conflict resolution, and civil society development. Also, I’m going to the Beijing Olympics 2008!”

>>> Fall educational conference series

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in September, and we look forward to hosting you.

Return to college for a day, but don’t worry about the homework this time.

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SHERATON BRAINTREE
BRAINTREE, MASS.

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THE
DATE!

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- POLITICS: ELECTION 2008
- MULTIPLE FACES OF TRAUMA
- WEB 2.0
- TOP 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CHINA

If you have questions, please contact the
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OBITUARIES

From September 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, the Office of Advancement Services received notification that the following alumnae/i and faculty are deceased.

EMERITUS FACULTY

Edith Beckler
July 15, 1970

Marion Mason
October 24, 2007

Margaret Milliken
October 24, 2007

M. Sargent
May 2007

**HONORARY DEGREE
RECIPIENT**

1976
Rhetaugh Dumas
July 22, 2007

**GARLAND JUNIOR
COLLEGE**

1923
Elizabeth Marsh Griswold
September 7, 1999

1929
Cora MacFarlane Knowlton
August 15, 1998

1939
Ann Pemberton Bates
December 29, 2001

Corita Arche Sykes
November 23, 2003

1940
Richard Whittemore
February 25, 1998

1945
Patricia Bright Witbeck
May 2, 2007

1947
Charlotte Simonds Greenewalt
August 15, 2007

1948
Jane Stokely Stark
March 10, 2000

1949
Barbara Hill Fulton
April 11, 2001

Mary Crocker Nordblom
September 7, 2001

1950
Jean MacDonald Jones
September 30, 1999

1951
Dorothy Walter Hayes
July 16, 2003

1966
Joan MacPhail Fisher
December 21, 1996

1968
Helen Tilghman Gordon
August 15, 1998

1974

Katherine McCusker
November 12, 1997

1976

Paula Jenson Maruschak
June 10, 2001

Ruth Sherwood
June 2, 2002

**UNDERGRADUATE
COLLEGE**

1914

Lucy Bell
November 15, 1973

1925

Marjorie Massee
December 25, 2002

1927

Ruth Gibb Decker
February 5, 2004

1929

Margaret Ellis Dagan
January 5, 2000

Mae Wachtel Dolby
December 30, 2007

Eloise Tabor Miska
July 25, 1998

Doris Hyde Reed
July 11, 2007

1930

Gertrude Dyer Gowen
October 2, 1994

Rhoda Potter Mealy
July 8, 2007

1931

Elizabeth Conover Bruno
September 29, 2007

Louise Swinerton Coburn
November 17, 2007

Wilmer Lorenzen Fetters
December 24, 2007

Catherine Leamy Lowe
September 15, 2007

1932

Mary Davis
May 20, 2003

Dorothy Leland
February 23, 1995

Margaret Blunt Muther
November 6, 2002

Edna Eikenbary Trenholme
July 30, 1991

Gladys Pingree Wallstrom
April 5, 1992

1933

Marie Bozenhard
December 19, 2007

Dorothy Sturgess Manozzi
June 4, 1996

1934

Cora Duhy Bush
July 28, 2007

Catherine McEwen
January 21, 2000

Ethel Pokross Miller
December 11, 2007

1935

Margaret MacRae Flint
July 1, 2007

Marion Arieante Monahan
August 30, 2007

1936

Priscilla Stowell Adams
September 25, 2002

Ethel Kaufman Fischer
February 10, 2001

Ruth Andelman Hirsch
November 21, 2007

Mary Daly Jackson
May 1, 2007

Phyllis Chandler Kirwin
November 18, 2007

Lillian Murdock
June 19, 2007

Lucille Hill Yeaton
May 5, 2007

1938

Sara Emery Haines
August 18, 2007

Rebecca Goldman Kramer
November 29, 2007

E. Sebach
March 1, 1990

1939

Elizabeth Pennock Atherton
October 1, 2007

Eleanor Cook Beesley
May 26, 2007

Catherine Toomey Keefe
June 25, 2007

1940

Mary Hanley
August 25, 2007

Constance Morton Lees
July 23, 2007

1941

Barbara Bentley Lane
August 7, 2007

Helen Adair Burnham
October 8, 2007

Alice Purington Cramer
June 12, 1998

1942

Cara Fiskin Kirven
September 14, 2007

1943

Claire Gaudette Callahan
April 21, 2007

Constance Lima
October 18, 2007

Helen Battis Reese
September 15, 2007

Gwendolyn Resnik Shanker
August 17, 2007

1944

Elizabeth Geddes Monroe
August 21, 2007

Janet Grant Phillips
April 7, 2007

1945

Elizabeth Foley Cowles
September 2, 2007

1946

Mabel Livingstone Bishop
March 10, 2007

1947

Jeanne Adams Hallager
December 29, 2007

Ruth Flett Joachim
October 28, 2007

Susan Hurst Kelly
December 1, 2007

1949

Mary Robinson Knepp
June 30, 2007

1950

Lois Erwin Godfrey
November 26, 2007

1951

Marie Reichard Friedman
September 12, 2007

Martha Truog Swearingen
February 11, 2007

1957

Sheila Cormack Campanis
November 21, 2006

Priscilla Davis Hotte
August 27, 2007

1959

Jane Neilan Carty
October 18, 2007

Eleanor Dupont
November 4, 2007

1960

Marguerite Belisle
December 22, 2006

Nancy Pendlebury Wrigley
May 22, 2007

1961

Roberta Rose Plotkin
June 10, 2007

1971

Martha Williams Dionne
July 15, 2007

1972

Diana Nathan Goldstein
November 2, 2007

**COLLEGE OF ARTS
AND SCIENCES
GRADUATE STUDIES**

1926

Marion Weston Hefler
October 18, 1997

1957

Effie McEwen
August 30, 1993

1984

Linda Smith
August 26, 2007

1996

Paul Sullivan
September 9, 2007

**GRADUATE SCHOOL
OF LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION
SCIENCE**

1932

Julia Armstrong
July 7, 1998

1960

Richard Bodge
August 10, 2007

1961

Elizabeth Morse O'Donnell
October 17, 2007

1962

Henry Bates Jr.
October 9, 2007

1963

Patricia O'Brien Parker
October 31, 2007

1966

Doris Bieringer Hiatt
October 2, 2007

1970

Comstock Small
October 9, 2007

1984

Edward Horgan
September 1, 2007

1990

Joanne Goodman 'goGS
October 9, 2007

**GRADUATE SCHOOL
OF SOCIAL WORK**

1933

Elizabeth Wheeler
August 11, 1998

1936

Eleanor Crill Krage
August 29, 2001

1939

Eunice Crittenden Wells
December 2, 2007

1941

Ethel Berger
October 22, 2007

1944

Emily Faucett
March 25, 1991

1948

Nancy Kelley Park
September 28, 2007

1949

D Thudium
October 9, 1995

1959

Ruth Reiner Zucker
June 10, 2007

1962

Ruth Quinn Stewart
October 30, 2003

1970

Edith Sindell Bonn
November 10, 2007

in our opinion

When it comes to politics, everyone has an opinion.

And Simmons students are no different. During this hotly contested presidential election season, we asked a group of students — both undergraduate and graduate — to share their thoughts on a variety of political topics. As you'll see from the answers below, Simmons students not only have a clear grasp of current events, but also a keen ability to articulate their point of view.

Why is it important to vote?

As a woman and a professional social worker I believe that it is my duty to vote. Voting is essential to the female experience because it is inextricably linked to the oppression we have historically faced, as well as to our present and future work toward eradicating sexism within our country. I see voting as a vehicle through which we can collectively achieve social justice.

— Catherine McCarthy 'o8SW

Voting in general, and the presidential election in particular, is a comparatively weak and insignificant instrument of democratic politics. In the American political system, "voters" rarely if ever have a chance to collectively shape and enact policies of fundamental significance to the society as a whole. However, The right to vote should be neither abandoned nor taken for granted, but rather should be made more meaningful.

— Joshua Jackson 'o8LS

What are the most pressing issue(s) facing this country?

I believe that it is difficult for the average American to be concerned about issues such as foreign affairs, health care, or education when that person's job or home may be under threat. If a person is unemployed or homeless, those concerns trump all others. Right now our country is in such a state of distress with a housing crisis, a decreasing dollar value, and active involvement in armed conflicts overseas that basic stability is threatened.

— Kelly Rafferty, political science 'o8

In my opinion, health care is one of the most important issues. The cost of health care is outrageous, the accessibility and quality of care for low-income patients is severely lacking, and the insurance reimbursement for providers is pathetic, rendering providers too busy to provide quality care. It's very frustrating.

— Lindsay Mayock 'o8HS

What credentials are necessary for the next U.S. president?

A president should have integrity and be willing to participate in an international dialogue. We live in a globally integrated society, and we are all accountable to each other. If Simmons has taught me anything, it is the necessity of principled leadership. We are taught to hold ourselves to the highest levels of integrity and stewardship in our personal and professional lives, and I would demand no less from our president.

— Erin McFee 'o8SM

MORE ONLINE



For more student responses about the election, visit alumnet.simmons.edu.

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Simmons was exactly the school I needed when I graduated from an all-girls secondary school in Providence, Rhode Island. I wished to be a nurse, and Simmons was recommended as the perfect place to receive an excellent education in nursing. Although my career plans later changed, my years at Simmons were a joy. I thank John Simmons who, over a century ago, had the foresight to establish a college where women could gain the freedom of an independent living.

I have created two charitable gift annuities at Simmons, which provide me and my husband with income for life, and later will be used to create a fund in our names, the Shirley Severance and Richard L. Holmes Scholarship. The gift annuity is a win-win for Simmons College and for me!

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