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A CHAMPION
FOR CLEAN
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Luke Villafranca (B.A. '14) trained tirelessly for the San Antonio Regional Golden Gloves boxing tournament earlier this year. But preparation wasn't enough — he wanted his school in his corner.

Villafranca approached President Thomas Mengler about the University sponsoring him in return for promoting St. Mary's and its mission. Done deal.

"The fact St. Mary's supported me and allowed me to represent the school was amazing," said the English major from Victoria, who graduated in May.

Villafranca, who trains at Zarzamora Street Gym, went on to win both of his bouts in the Novice Middleweight Division before deciding that the competition was taking away from his studies. When he wasn't in the ring or in class, he could be found serving the University as a President's Ambassador.

“
I love fighting
the good fight.”



Photo by Robin Jerstad

A University Moving Ahead

by Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., St. Mary's University President

Two years ago Mona and I joined the St. Mary's University community, and what a two years it has been. Before we arrived, we read and heard about the vibrancy of the Marianist community spirit, and Mona and I have felt its warm embrace on campus and at alumni gatherings.

During the past two years, St. Mary's University has lived that spirit by coming together with the shared goal of creating a culture of excellence for the students, employees and alumni of St. Mary's University. Our aspirations are high. We want St. Mary's University to be among the best private universities and **the** finest Catholic university in the Southwest. I would like to update you on the progress we have already made and on some of our future plans.

We have quite a few items in the "completed" column: Our strategic plan, *Gateway: A Vision for St. Mary's University*, is complete and is our blueprint for moving forward. We have filled several critical leadership positions on campus, most recently by hiring Steve Sheppard, our new dean of the School of Law (page 9) and appointing Curtis White to a new vice president position for a critical area: information technology and library services (page 5). I am excited by the strong leadership Steve and Curtis will bring to St. Mary's.

We have made significant strides in advancing our Catholic identity and Marianist charism, thanks to two notable gifts. In 2013, we acquired *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition, and a \$500,000 gift from Rubén (B.B.A. '60) and Verónica Escobedo,

established The Escobedo *Saint John's Bible* Lecture Series.

Another \$500,000 from the Escobedos will enhance the Marianist Leadership Program. And finally, a \$1.5 million anonymous gift will establish the St. Mary's Chair in Catholic Philosophy. These gifts together set in place the groundwork for what will become the St. Mary's Center for Catholic Studies (page 5).

Enhancing our commitment to integrated liberal arts and professional education will take many forms, but one key is a partnership between the University and the Alumni Association. Together, we will develop new internship opportunities for students and increase employment rates for our graduates.

But there is a lot more that must happen, with your support. Among them: building a campus life strategic plan so that our students have a campus experience rich in spirituality, civic engagement and camaraderie (i.e., more fun!); increasing internationalization through expanded study abroad opportunities and international student enrollment; and — of course — increasing University resources through annual giving from those who best know the value of St. Mary's, our alumni.

My first two years as president have been enormously rewarding for Mona and me. We both feel called to the St. Mary's mission and our roles here, and we believe that we are at the early stages of what will be a successful decade of achievement. Together, with your significant assistance, we will achieve our goals. ■

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Alumna wants to change how her community farms, cooks, eats — and lives



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Jo-Anna Palma (second from left) waits her turn to pick up her new bachelor's degree in Biology during the 162nd Spring Commencement in May. The ceremony welcomed 476 new St. Mary's University graduates, awarding 370 bachelor's degrees, 105 master's degrees and one doctoral degree.

From Our Readers



Just a short note regarding the faith transforming conflict article (*Lessons in Peace*, Spring 2014 issue). Someone is not living in reality. My experience on the international level is that conflict resolution is geopolitical, and a strong military force is the reality in solving conflicts. Also, I find anthropologists can be a great asset in identifying the parties, groups, religious sects to help resolve conflicts. Some of the religious groups in the area can be helpful and contribute, but they are not the solution.

— Retired U.S. Army Col. Aubrey White (B.B.A. '66)
Cedar Park

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and educates leaders for the common good
through community, integrated liberal arts and
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Campus News



New Vice President Added to Leadership Team

Curtis White has joined St. Mary's University as the Vice President for Information Technology and Library Services, a new leadership position.

White was previously the Vice President of Information Technology at Ashland University in Ohio since 2003. Before that, and after serving in the U.S. Navy, he was employed at Collegis/SunGard Higher Education Inc. and the University of Maryland University College in information technology leadership positions. White received both his degrees, a bachelor's in Business and Management and master's in Computer Systems Management, from the University of Maryland University College.

\$2.5 Million in Gifts Boost Center for Catholic Studies

Rubén M. Escobedo (B.B.A. '60) and his wife, Verónica Salazar Escobedo, have given a \$1 million gift toward the establishment of a Center for Catholic Studies at St. Mary's University.

Half of their gift creates The Escobedo *Saint John's Bible* Lecture Series Endowment, which will allow for the recruitment of scriptural scholars, research and curriculum design, and other programming.

The second half establishes The Escobedo Endowment for the Marianist Leadership Program, which will boost continued efforts in forming servant leaders in the Catholic and Marianist tradition. The program began nearly 15 years ago to provide educational and experiential opportunities focused in faith and leadership for St. Mary's students.

"St. Mary's not only taught me how to make a living, but also taught me how to live," said Rubén Escobedo, a longtime University trustee and former chairman of the board.

In addition to the Escobedos' gift, the University received an anonymous \$1.5 million gift to establish the St. Mary's Chair in Catholic Philosophy. The holder of this chair will play a significant role in establishing the Center for Catholic Studies.

The St. Mary's University strategic plan calls for the University to play a lead role in advancing Catholic studies — as a spiritual gateway for Catholic students, faculty and staff at St. Mary's as well as for Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Southwest.

Humanities

Student Awarded Prestigious Languages Scholarship

School of Humanities and Social Sciences junior Luis Martinez has been awarded a 2014 Middlebury Language School full scholarship. Martinez, a Music major, is the first student from St. Mary's accepted into the prestigious summer language immersion program.

The scholarship provides students with tuition, room and board. Martinez will participate in the eight-week intensive Japanese language program.

Newspaper Staff Continues Winning Tradition

The staff of *The Rattler*, St. Mary's University's student-run news publication, won 17 awards at the 2014 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention this spring.

The *Rattler* won first place for Overall Excellence in its division. Editor-in-chief Stela Khury, an English-Communication Arts major who graduated in May, was awarded the Frank Buckley Scholarship.

For on-site contests, layout and design editor Rachel Grahmann, a senior English-Communication Arts major, took second place in yearbook design and third place in magazine design. Assistant photo editor Kyra Littlejohn, a junior English-Communication Arts major, placed second in feature photo. Commentary editor Emily Artalejo, a senior International Relations major who graduated in May, won honorable mention for editorial writing.

Khury (at right) will attend Columbia School of Journalism in the fall. Look for her in the June issue of *Texas Monthly*, where she will be featured in the University's advertisement.



Bland Meets Disinterested

Philosophy prof looks at differences in aesthetic values between Chinese and Western art

by Candace Kuebker (B.A. '78)

Aesthetics is an area of philosophy that examines the creation and appreciation of art and beauty. But what's a philosopher to think about a culture that values artistic blandness?

Last summer, Assistant Professor of Philosophy Colin McQuillan, Ph.D., traveled to Beijing to find out. There, he taught a graduate seminar that addressed the importance of blandness in Chinese art. And while the idea of art and blandness may seem contradictory to the Western palate, McQuillan said that's not the case in much Chinese art.

"A particular genre of Chinese ink painting," McQuillan offered as an example, "uses imagery that is very spare and appears to be washed-out. Blandness isn't about one's perception of the art but the mood or psychological state it's supposed to represent. At its best, Chinese art creates a sense of evenness and harmony or ... blandness."

The seminar delved into a prominent philosopher's argument that blandness is not only an aesthetic value in Chinese art, it is one of the central values of Chinese philosophy. Art is most perfect when it is most bland, the philosopher argued.

To expand upon this idea, McQuillan introduced a corresponding value in the Western philosophical tradition: disinterestedness in the judgment of art.

"Good critics don't just respond emotionally to a work of art or express their prejudices or biases when confronted with art," McQuillan said. "They must suspend those biases and the passions that may be part of their character and

judge the art on its own terms."

In other words, the critic is assuming something akin to the psychological state of blandness in Chinese art. The critic must suspend her interests — perhaps cognitive or moral — and, instead of saying what the art represents and how well the art represents it, simply ask whether or not the art is beautiful.

In the end, McQuillan argues, both blandness and disinterestedness as values for judging art require the viewer to leave preconceptions and emotions behind in order to experience the beauty of art for its own sake.

"A disinterested aesthetic judgment is a judgment of the beauty of the work of art itself." ■

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Colin McQuillan, Ph.D., taught a graduate seminar at Peking University in Beijing on "Blandness and Disinterestedness: The History of Aesthetics in Comparative Perspective," an endeavor made possible by the first grant awarded from the Ed and Linda Speed Endowment.



Photo by Josh Huskin



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Richard Bauer, Ph.D.

Business

Executive Education Courses Now Available

The Bill Greehey School of Business is now offering executive education courses developed to equip executives and corporate leaders with the knowledge, tools and relationships to produce quality, effective outcomes.

Course topics include managing difficult conversations, creating employee engagement, accounting and financial analysis, and more. Go to www.stmarytx.edu/executive-education for more information and scheduled course dates or call program director Earnie Broughton at 210-431-2027.

Risk Management Student Honored

Greehey School of Business senior Rogelio Hernandez was awarded the RIMS (Risk Management Society) 2014 Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program grant this spring. The program recognizes the achievements of outstanding undergraduate and graduate risk management students.

The grant provides students with airfare, hotel expenses, registration fees and a meal stipend to attend the RIMS 2014 Annual Conference and Exhibition, which provides educational and networking experience to students and professionals working in or interested in risk management.

Beating the Market

by Katherine Benavides (B.A. '13)

It seemed like the odds were against Finance Professors Richard Bauer, Ph.D., and Adrian Cowan, Ph.D. In the fall of 2007, when the University approved a \$1-million student-managed investment portfolio, the economy was facing the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, and Wall Street was taking a beating. But seven years later, the portfolio is in great shape, having reached \$1.6 million and growing.

“We have been riding a nice wave, and the students have made good decisions,” Bauer said.

Bauer and Cowan trade off teaching the investment courses. Bauer, who currently supervises the project, teaches finance courses that allow undergraduate and MBA students to invest the portfolio, develop trade recommendations, and analyze financial information using 12 Bloomberg terminals. The terminals serve as computer systems that allow the students to analyze and monitor real-time financial market data and place trades on an electronic trading platform. Every undergraduate finance major and MBA student will be involved in the portfolio at some point before graduation.

“It teaches the students a lot,” Bauer said. “We are talking about real money here. They learn to make decisions in a short time frame, and a lot can happen.”

Within the past year, the project has seen major changes, including development of new investment strategies for analyzing stocks, broader student involvement, and the transition from a group decision-making approach to an individual one. Bauer estimated that St. Mary’s is in the top 50 schools nationwide in terms of the amount of money invested in the portfolio.

“Since the students are making individual decisions, they learn a lot about themselves,” Bauer said. “The student’s name is attached to the trade. It has a big impact, and they take the responsibility seriously.” ■

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It's really fun to see them come in as these wide-eyed freshmen and watch them grow as people and thinkers.”



Photo by Bill Sallans

Chemicals by Design

by Chris Jarvis

Susan Oxley, Ph.D., doesn't mince words when explaining chemistry's place in the world.

"You can be a doctor and help thousands of people, or you can be a chemist and help millions," Oxley said, quoting her favorite adage.

Luckily, her favorite research topics have some of the broadest applications. Oxley investigates and designs chemosensors — chemical compounds that can be used to detect other chemical compounds.

She is currently developing a modified chemosensor that can detect the presence of metal ions, such as calcium and magnesium, using fluorescence. Oxley anticipates this will allow detection of very low concentrations of metal ions, while being selective about what is detected.

"San Antonio in particular has very hard water, and hard water is characterized by a high presence of calcium," Oxley said. "Being able to measure these calcium levels easily is very important for improving water quality."

Still, Oxley considers herself an educator above all else. She designs research experiences to show how questions can be answered through experimentation

and data analysis. She often invites her students to participate in her own work with chemosensors for hands-on enrichment.

"The most fulfilling thing for me is helping the students learn something new," she said. "It's really fun to see them come in as these wide-eyed freshmen and watch them grow as people and thinkers."

Earlier this year, Oxley was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award. Between creating new chemosensors and guiding her students' research experiences, Oxley is in her element.

"I love being a professor," she said. "It's nice when you're able to both love something and be good at it." ■

Science

St. Mary's Named Tops for Video Game Design

St. Mary's University ranks 25th on the 2014 list of Top Graduate Schools for Video Game Design by *The Princeton Review*.

The St. Mary's Computer Science Department unveiled a certificate program in educational computer gaming this past March. This type of certification prepares graduate students for careers in the growing industry of game-based learning. Students also learn game design skills while pursuing either a Master of Science in Computer Science or a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems.

The rankings are based on a fall 2013 survey of administrators at 150 institutions offering game design coursework. The survey covers a wide range of topics, from academics and faculty credentials to graduates' employment and achievements. Data collected from the schools on curriculum, facilities and career services also were considered.

A Fungus Among Us

Scientists from St. Mary's University joined peers from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Johns Hopkins University to solve a mystery behind the fungus that causes yeast infections, diaper rash and oral thrush.

The group shed light on the protein superoxide dismutase 5 (SOD5), which allows a common fungal pathogen, *Candida albicans*, into the body. The St. Mary's scientists involved were Ahmad Galaldeen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, and student Jessica Waninger-Saroni, a Biology major who graduated in May.

Galaldeen noted that how to best treat fungal infections has long been a matter of contention for scientists.

"We are trying to find effective ways of treating fungal infections, and if we are able to get to the point of a vaccination, it wouldn't be a bad thing," Galaldeen said.

The research was published by the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*.



Law

Moot Court Team Takes National Title

The St. Mary's University School of Law Moot Court Team recently came home with its fourth national championship.

The External Advocacy Program (EAP) Moot Court Team of second-year law students Hannah Cottrill and Stephen Bachran defeated 45 teams at the 17th annual Federal Bar Association Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Tournament. It was this duo's first national title, and the second in three years for St. Mary's teams.

Cottrill was named Best Final Round Oralist, and Bachran was named the Second Place Oralist. They were matched up against teams from law schools such as Baylor, Georgetown and the University of Florida. This prestigious competition addresses emerging issues of federal statutory and constitutional law.

New Law School Dean Introduced

St. Mary's University has welcomed its eighth dean of the School of Law: Stephen M. Sheppard, J.S.D., formerly an associate dean at the University of Arkansas School of Law.

"St. Mary's has one of the nation's great traditions in developing skills, character and leadership in the law," said Sheppard, the William H. Enfield Distinguished Professor of Law at Arkansas, where he worked since 1999. "I am proud of its achievements and look forward to stewarding its mission for the future."

Sheppard succeeds Charles E. Cantú (J.D. '64), who has returned to teaching after seven years as dean.

"We are excited to welcome Steve Sheppard to St. Mary's," said University President Thomas M. Mengler, J.D. "Steve is a leader. And his emphasis on faculty scholarship and innovative curricula and new degrees impressed our community. We are confident he, working alongside our talented faculty and staff, will lead the law school to new heights."

Also during his time at Arkansas, Sheppard was a graduate faculty member in Political Science and Public Policy as well as an advisory faculty member for European Studies and the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies. He previously taught at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

Sheppard, a member of the Mississippi bar, has practiced law with Phelps Dunbar in New Orleans; Jackson, Miss.; and London, primarily in federal litigation and environmental law. He also served as law clerk to U.S. District Judge William Barbour and U.S. Appellate Judge E. Grady Jolly Jr.

His education includes a bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Southern Mississippi as well as a Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Laws from Columbia University. He also earned a Doctor of the Science of Law from Columbia, plus a Master of Letters from Oxford University.



Sheppard

Sports



Joanie Bryant (left) high-fives Ariana Saldaña at the Heartland Conference Tennis Tournament held at the St. Mary's Rohrbach Stadium Tennis Complex.



Alex Rodriguez

Women's Tennis Goes to National Tournament

Thanks to dominating postseason performances, St. Mary's women's tennis advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the first time in program history.

The nationally ranked Rattlers hosted and won the South Central Region 2 bracket over Cameron University after claiming their second-straight Heartland Conference Championship title.

The Rattlers were led by Mariana Rong, the two-time Heartland Conference Player of the Year and the No. 31-ranked player in the nation, and Lisa Dausin, the two-time Heartland Coach of the Year. Dausin was also named ITA Region Coach of the Year for the second-straight year, and assistant coach Stephan Poole was named ITA Region Assistant Coach of the Year.

The team has excelled in the classroom as well. Last season, the team had six Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Scholar-Athletes as well as claimed the association's All-Academic Team award. They achieved similar success this season with star Rong named CoSIDA Academic All-District while leading her team to its first-ever Sweet 16.

Bonelli Named New Men's Soccer Coach

St. Mary's Athletics has welcomed Michael Bonelli as the new men's soccer coach. A native of East Meadow, N.Y., Bonelli spent the past four years leading NCAA Division II Slippery Rock to national success before joining the Rattler family.

Already illustrating the unique, community-based environment of St. Mary's, Bonelli hosted the University's first free youth soccer clinic this spring, along with head women's soccer coach Corwyn Ritch. More than 100 local youths participated in the clinic, which was taught by St. Mary's men's and women's soccer players and coaches.

Softball Advances to Super Regionals

St. Mary's softball came within just one game of returning to the College World Series during a magical season that included a trip to the Super Regionals and an 18-game winning streak.

The St. Mary's won the first game against West Texas A&M University before dropping the next two. Still, the Rattlers enjoyed their best season in a decade, including one stretch during which the team won 32 of 33 games and the longest winning streak of 17-year coach Donna Fields' career. Fields also marked her 700th win as head coach.

The Rattlers earned their fourth 50-win season under Fields, who has led the program to three regional championships and a national title in 2002.



Photo by Antonio Morano

Rattler Pitches a Perfect Tribute

by Robin Johnson (B.A. '11, M.A. '13) and Chad Peters (B.A. '06)

On Feb. 21, 2014, St. Mary's baseball pitcher Matt McClain had a game for the ages, tossing a nine-inning no-hitter against Rogers State. He struck out 12 in Rattler baseball's first no hitter since the 2007 season and just the second in at least 12 years.

And McClain did it with his mind somewhere other than on the baseball field.

Just one month earlier, McClain's 17-year-old sister, Maddie, was diagnosed with kidney failure. Their mother was scheduled to donate her kidney to Maddie a few days after this game in an effort to save her daughter's life — something McClain carried with him into the outing against Rogers State.

"I did it for her," said McClain, a junior Exercise and Sport Science major, of the no-hitter. "I had all this stress built up. I needed some way of letting it out."

Three days later, McClain got a phone call from his father telling him to come home right away.

The family had learned that a kidney from a new donor, a 13-year-old girl who died, was available. They had to act immediately, so the next morning Maddie went in for surgery.

"It's tough to know how to feel about it all," said McClain, whose sister has been doing very well since surgery. "A little girl passes away at 13, but she saves my sister's life. It's hard to even think about. God works in mysterious ways."

Which made the timing of McClain's tribute performance even more special.

"It's definitely a moment I won't forget," he said. "Maddie is the strongest person I know; I love her so much." ■

Politics, Race and



Numbers

by Gina Farrell (M.P.A. '11)

St. Mary's alum is in the thick of the public debate about how changing Hispanic demographics are influencing policy and politics in the U.S.

Let me start by tossing a few numbers at you.

In the November 2012 presidential election, 68 percent of eligible black voters cast a ballot, compared to 64 percent of eligible white voters. It was the first time since the U.S. Census began tracking this information that a minority group had a higher participation rate than white voters.

Meanwhile, just 48 percent of eligible Hispanic voters — who are part of the largest minority group in the U.S., and growing — cast a ballot.

Even with lagging participation rates, Hispanic voters were a deciding factor in the presidential race, and the surging Hispanic population is expected to become an even more powerful political force in the coming years.

The Pew Research Center predicts that the Hispanic electorate will double by 2030. The median age for Hispanics is 27 — and just 18 among U.S.-born Hispanics — while the median age for white non-Hispanics is 42. That means generational replacement alone will propel Hispanics as a voting bloc; if they begin participating at higher rates, their influence will be magnified.

The role of Hispanics in U.S. policy and politics first caught Gabriel Sanchez's attention while he was a Political Science major at St. Mary's University.

Now, as research director at Latino Decisions, a national polling firm specializing in Latino voter trends, his focus on public policy and Hispanics has uniquely positioned him to understand and translate the often-emotional public debate about policies and people. I spoke with Sanchez by phone about his work and how issues affecting Hispanics impact policy decisions.

Gabriel Sanchez, Ph.D. (B.A. '01), is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of New Mexico. He directs the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy and is the research director at Latino Decisions, a national polling firm that specializes in Latino voter trends.

Q: National polling firms have existed in the U.S. for generations. What was the need for a firm focused on Latino voters?

A: We felt like we were filling a void. The other pollsters don't have a good sense of how to poll and analyze Latino-specific data. For example, they don't do fully bilingual interviewing, and they often don't understand the nuances of the community. It matters how you ask the question.

There was another piece that was always frustrating to us: Turn on the TV or listen to the radio, and you hear a non-Latino expert talking about Latino issues. The cool thing about Latino Decisions is that, for the most part, we are all Latinos who have been to graduate school and are trained in Latino politics.

Q: Why is it important to look specifically at Latino voters?

A: The “browning of America” — the increase in Latino and minorities as a percentage of the total population — had been happening for a while. But what has changed now is not just the population numbers, but where Latinos reside.

In the past, the biggest chunks of Latino voters were in the states you would expect — California, Texas — states where this voting bloc didn't matter in the context of the Electoral College, because the states were set as Democratic or Republican.

But when states like Colorado, Nevada and Florida, and even some states you don't normally associate with Latinos, like North Carolina or Ohio, began seeing larger numbers of Latino residents, it started to matter in how elections turned out.

Although people assume Latino voters are Democrats, they tend to be swing voters. For example, George Bush in 2000 and 2004 got roughly 40 percent of Latino voters in each of his election cycles. If Romney had received anywhere close to that in 2012, he would have won.

Q: What issues matter to this surging demographic group?

A: For the most part, Latinos have the same priorities as the mainstream — education, health care, the economy — but there are nuances. We've polled a lot on the Affordable Care Act — starting during the debate until now — and an overwhelming percentage said that undocumented residents should have access to the state or federal health care exchanges. That is much greater support than the non-Hispanic population's view of this issue. This role of ‘immigrant politics’ influences their policy preferences.

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Often, when I'm in groups where people are deciding health policy, I'm the only Latino in the room.”

Q: Numerous states have passed laws with photo voter ID requirements (34 as of April 2014, including 12 considered “strict”). Why is this controversial?

A: The typical thing you hear is, what is the big deal? You need an ID to rent a movie. But documented cases of in-person voter fraud are actually very rare. The big problem is that where it does occur, it isn't people walking into a voter precinct pretending to be someone else, it is someone manipulating the mail-in vote system. Voter ID laws don't do anything to prevent that.

We also assume almost everyone has a driver's license, but it tends to be biased in terms of socio-economic status. Poorer people, older people, and minorities are most often the ones who lack a photo ID.

Additionally, it's not just about having a photo ID but having one that exactly matches how they are listed in voting records. If the name doesn't exactly match — missing a hyphen, a nickname (Gabe versus Gabriel) or with a misspelling — they may be unable to vote even though it is not fraud. Getting a new card requires time, effort, sometimes money, and that carries the same race and class bias.

A basic accepted truth of political science is that when you change voting laws and systems, it's the most vulnerable

sections of the population that are harmed. As an example, our research found that in Wisconsin — which passed a strict voter ID law

in 2011 that was later overturned — eligible African American voters were 182 percent less likely to have an accepted photo ID than whites, and Latinos were 206 percent less likely.

Q: How does your work as executive director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy correlate to this idea of ensuring Latinos are fairly represented in politics and policy?

A: Our center is really unique. Its mission is to produce minority Ph.D.s who are trained specifically in issues related to health disparities among minorities. Success is hard to measure — it takes so much time and energy to get someone through a Ph.D. program.

But it's important. Often, when I'm in groups where people are deciding health policy, I'm the only Latino in the room. Our center aims at changing that reality by producing the next generation of diverse leaders who will help create better health policy. ■

New Technology Unmasks Ancient Scriptural Manuscripts

by Carmel Tajonera

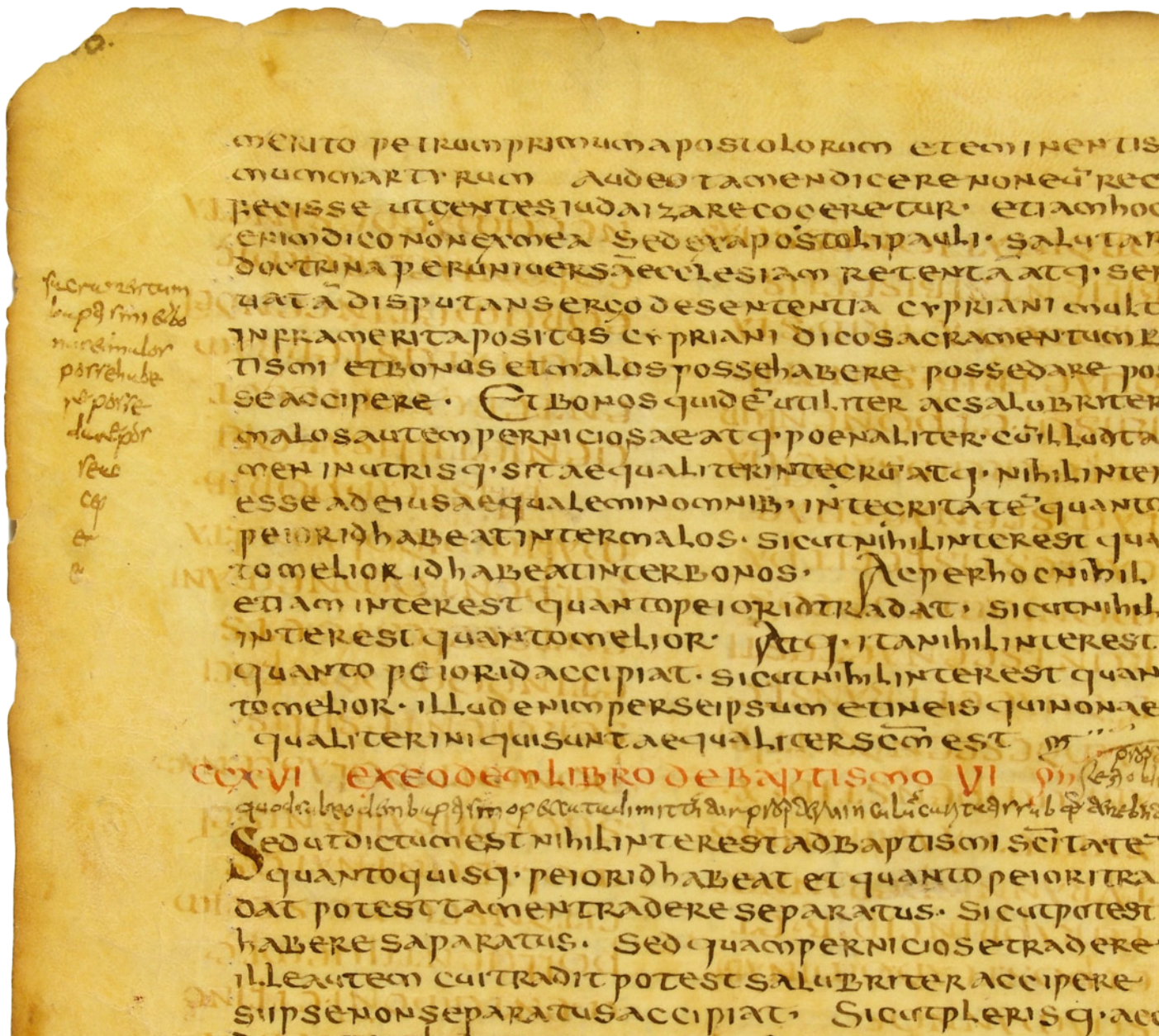
What if ancient religious manuscripts once thought to be lost weren't lost at all?

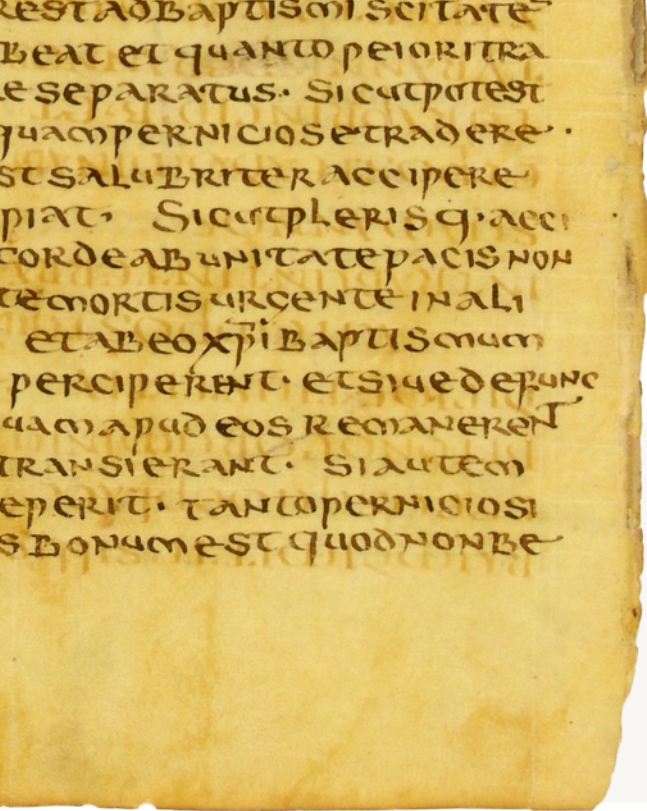
Professor Todd Hanneken, Ph.D., is the first scholar to combine two existing imaging technologies in order to "see" handwritten text that has been indecipherable to the naked eye for hundreds of years.

To understand the impact of Hanneken's work, we'll need to take a step back in time.

A huge step.

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pa·limp·sest

(pāl/ĭmp-sést/) *n.*

A very old document on which the original writing has been erased and replaced with new writing

Left: A conventional photograph of a page from the *Jubilees* palimpsest, which was first written in the 150s B.C. but erased and written over in the eighth century. Notice the barely detectable text behind the black ink.

Right: An illuminated manuscript test artifact shown using conventional photography (first in row) and then using additional spectral and reflectance transformation technologies that will be applied to *The Book of Jubilees*.



Until the invention of paper, it was a common practice to erase the text of a manuscript to make room for new writing. The result is known as a “palimpsest,” with only ghostlike traces of the original ink remaining.

Palimpsests are valuable for studying the early development of religions and cultures because they tell the story of how some beliefs fell from dominance, and how others came to be favored.

Hanneken is most interested in an ancient work called *The Book of Jubilees*. Attributed to Moses, it’s a rewriting of Genesis and Exodus that makes significant changes to the original.

“For example, it fixes contradictions as to whether Adam was created before or after animals, and it fills in gaps such as the existence and names of the daughters of Adam and Eve,” said Hanneken.

Though the author’s original manuscript of *Jubilees* is lost forever, several groups throughout history copied and translated *Jubilees* into their own languages. Of course, with each copy and each translation, the stories were told a bit differently.

“It’s like a game of telephone,” explained Hanneken.

The specific copy Hanneken studies is a palimpsest. It was translated into Latin by Arian Christians in the fifth century A.D., but after the group was later suppressed, its *Jubilees* was erased and written over in the eighth century with more dominant beliefs of the time.

“*Jubilees* was rejected by the mainstream and nearly lost forever,” said Hanneken. “[*Jubilees*] reflects major movements and debates in early Judaism and Christianity.”

Modern scholars would eventually regain interest in these old “heretical” writings, but after centuries of neglect there was little evidence left to study. There were much later translations found in Ethiopia and traces of the erased Latin translation, but it was not clear how old *Jubilees* was or what role it played in ancient Judaism.

In the 1940s, though, there was a breakthrough.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, which were more than 1,000 years older than any previously known copy of the Bible, were discovered containing fragments of a Hebrew version of *Jubilees* from the 150s B.C. This signaled that *Jubilees* was considered scripture to the Scrolls’ contemporaries, and it gave scholars an early copy with which to compare the Latin palimpsest.

To piece together how *Jubilees* went from being considered scripture in B.C. 150 to being nearly forgotten in the eighth century, scholars first must be able to read the text. Today, Hanneken directs The Jubilees Palimpsest Project and its team of scholars from around the country, which aims to do just that.

The last time someone tried to publish a transcription of the Latin *Jubilees* palimpsest (which is housed in a library in Milan) was in the mid 1800s by a priest whose only tool was a magnifying glass.

Even good photographs could only tell basic information about what was written. Some of the pages, made of parchment prepared from animal hide, have holes or blemishes that can be a red herring.

“It is possible to mistake a small pockmark for part of a letter,” Hanneken said.

Now, he and his team are integrating two existing technologies to unlock information that a photograph cannot.

Hanneken’s team combined two common imaging technologies — spectral imaging and

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We’re pioneering technology to recover the past.”



reflectance transformation imaging — which, up until now, were impossible to employ simultaneously.

“For many students and scholars, this copy will be the closest they come to handling a fifth-century manuscript,” Hanneken said.

At a high resolution, the technology can make apparent the thickness of the ink, or corrosion where lost ink has eaten into the parchment. When combined, a user can interact with a holistic, digital version of the artifact.

“This technology allows us to observe the evidence of use. How were the books or artifacts used? What was read often? Details previously unseen or overlooked can now give us a more detailed scope of what happened at specific times of civilizations.”

The digitally preserved palimpsest will allow scholars to more accurately transcribe and better understand manuscripts like *Jubilees* that provide context for the cultures that gave birth to the Bible, Judaism and Christianity.

“We’re pioneering technology to recover the past.” ■

SEE HANNEKEN’S TEAM IN ACTION

See photos and a screencapture of the team testing this technology online at www.stmarytx.edu/jubilees

WHAT’S NEXT?

In the first phase of the project, Hanneken’s team tested the technology, which takes 315 pictures of each document or artifact from 35 different positions and angles to create a comprehensive and interactive version of the item. Next, the team will travel to Milan to apply this technique to capturing the *Jubilees* palimpsest manuscript.



ABOUT TODD HANNEKEN

Associate Professor of Theology Todd Hanneken, Ph.D., has a bachelor’s in Jewish Studies, a master’s in Scripture and Interpretation, and a doctorate in the Hebrew Bible and Judaism in Antiquity. He directs The Jubilees Palimpsest Project, funded by a \$60,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



A CHAMPION



FOR CLEAN WATER

by Chris Jarvis



When Albert Hindrichs (B.A. '83) talks to community members about water sustainability, he often asks the same question: “Who thinks water quality is better today than it was 40 years ago?”

Most people respond that it must be the worst it's ever been. But Hindrichs, senior environmental scientist for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), sets them straight.

“Nope, not even close,” Hindrichs tells them.

Today, he is one of the LDEQ's highest-ranking decision makers for monitoring and improving water quality in Louisiana, and he advocates public awareness of water sustainability by talking to groups from kindergarteners to public leaders.

“I just want to help the environment,” Hindrichs said. “I know it sounds corny to say, but I'm not in it for the paycheck.”

According to Hindrichs, water quality has significantly improved since the passing of the Clean Water Act in 1972. Part of this success, he says, is because many chemical plants are highly regulated.

The greater threat to water quality may be surprising: things like land runoff and seepage from parking lots and agricultural fields thick with pesticides and fertilizers. These nonpoint-source water pollutants find their way into streams and are responsible for the majority of water pollution in the country.

Perhaps the biggest fight of Hindrichs' career began on Aug. 29, 2005, when Hurricane Katrina reached Louisiana and flooded New Orleans with tens of billions of gallons of water.

Staggering amounts of debris in that water began to decay, producing bacteria that posed major potential environmental hazards. His field staff tested countless water samples from Lake Pontchartrain, streams and bayous in hopes of determining the contamination's effects on the aquatic ecosystem.

“We didn't realize the magnitude of Katrina early on, but it didn't take long for us to figure out we were going to be heavily involved in assessing the situation,” Hindrichs recalled.

Today, their focus has shifted to newer concerns such as emerging contaminants, which are chemicals that had not been detected in the water previously but now are being found at higher rates than expected.

“The biggest challenge has always been trying to find a middle ground between the needs of industry, and people in general, and the needs of protecting our environment,” Hindrichs said. “It's very much a balancing act.”

Hindrichs says public awareness of water issues has improved, but until environmentally friendly lifestyles are practiced on a larger scale and politicians begin supporting stricter regulations, complications with water quality will persist.

“We're all contributors, and therefore we're all responsible,” Hindrichs said.

Each May for the past 15 years, Hindrichs has led a group of about 30 disabled or special-needs children on an afternoon of canoeing and wildlife observation.

It started as something he did for a handful of children but has since grown into a community-wide event with volunteers from the LDEQ and Louisiana State University.

For these efforts, Hindrichs was presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Angel Award, which recognizes volunteers who perform extraordinary work serving children's needs.

“I just hope some of the work I do will inspire younger generations,” he said. ■

A St. Louis native, Albert Hindrichs studied Biology at St. Mary's University before earning a master's in Wildlife Management from Louisiana State University. He joined the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality as an environmental scientist in the Office of Environmental Service. Earlier this year, Hindrichs was named as senior environmental scientist.



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Community Farming: BEYOND FOOD

by Carmel Tajonera



Cristina Dominguez-Eshelman (B.A. '02) is a foodie, but not the cooking-show-watching, dinner-party-hosting kind of foodie. She's passionate about food's role in public health, as well as its impact on social justice issues.

That's right: Access to quality, fresh food isn't just about reducing diabetes rates or lowering obesity. Dominguez-Eshelman believes it's also critical for addressing social issues like high dropout rates.

Today, Dominguez-Eshelman is a co-founder of La Semilla Food Center, a nonprofit that encourages healthy, self-reliant and sustainable food systems within the Paso del Norte region of southern New Mexico and West Texas. The project began humbly as a community gardening effort, but it's grown into something much more.

"La Semilla is not a food bank or a community garden," Dominguez-Eshelman said. "We want to create interest in how we eat and access food."

La Semilla — the name is Spanish for seed — works with individuals, children and families to build awareness about food issues and to create alternatives for healthier communities.

Dominguez-Eshelman and her two La Semilla co-founders do a lot: They educate students in public schools about food systems, tend to the organization's on-site farm, organize community outreach programs, and even advocate for policy that helps local farmers.

Dominguez-Eshelman's niche is in the community farm which hosts youth programming, farm apprenticeships, summer camp programs, and public education and workshops.

The goal of La Semilla's farm is to increase access to fresh and locally grown produce for families, to increase access to sustainable agricultural training opportunities, and to demonstrate the viability of small and sustainable agriculture.

And targeting young people by connecting lessons taught in school with applied experience on the land is critical. Dominguez-Eshelman's youth farm program, called Raíces de Tradición y Salud

(Roots of Tradition and Health), engages youth in growing perennials and herbs, teaching them about food's journey from the farm to the table.

Together, these efforts serve to inspire a new generation of farmers, food activists and engaged community members in the Paso del Norte region.

At its heart, La Semilla is about community. Dominguez-Eshelman sees it as a place where youth and families experience tangible evidence of the impact they can have in their own community while creating a healthy, affordable and culturally significant food source within an arid region.

Multigenerational households are common in the region, and food is often the centerpiece of family and traditions. Dominguez-Eshelman sees this network as a valuable opportunity for education. La Semilla hosts family culinary events at which parents and grandparents from many families prepare and cook together.

Bringing different generations closer encourages these communities to celebrate food, learn from one another, and develop common understandings about the links between food, health, the environment and the local economy. ■

ABOUT CRISTINA

Cristina Dominguez-Eshelman is a past participant in the internationally recognized Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture program at University of California Santa Cruz. She has worked with Heifer International, an organization that fights hunger worldwide, as well as with the Colonias Development Council, a southern New Mexico nonprofit that addresses issues surrounding labor, immigration, housing, education and health.

La Semilla installed a filtration and irrigation system to demonstrate renewable energy. They also received a grant from Positive Energy Solar Company to incorporate a photovoltaic solar system at the farm.



Photos by Dawson Taylor

Meet the 2014 Distinguished Alumni

by Nicolette Good

Each fall, the St. Mary's University Alumni Association gives a special nod to its most distinguished alums — those graduates who model the University's legacy of community, education and service in the Marianist spirit.

This year's honorees share remarkable careers and a deep sense of service, both personal and professional.

Stephen Dufilho (M.A. '69) is a man who's not afraid of the big picture. He got his start at Frost National Bank, working his way up from cashier to executive vice president. Since then, he has been chairman and CEO of BBVA Compass as well as other companies centered on wealth management and medical or drug development. His keen business acumen has helped him turn struggling banks into top-rated institutions.

Dufilho earned his master's in Economics at St. Mary's, where much of his life's course was set.

"Dr. Ludwig Mai, the head of the Economics Department at St. Mary's at the time, taught me that there was more to life than taking deposits and making loans," said Dufilho.

He took that advice to heart, putting his talents to work on the advisory board of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology as it sought accreditation. He also served on the advisory board of the Bill Greehey School of Business and as Chairman of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees.

When asked why he keeps coming back to serve his alma mater, he said, "You can get an education anywhere, but at St. Mary's you get a community. And it's driven by the Marianists."

Fellow honoree **Pat Klasing (B.B.A. '71)** can attest to the influence the Marianists have on St. Mary's students, especially when it comes to instilling a commitment to ethical leadership.

Today, Klasing runs TAJ Worldwide, a logistics company. He has shipped everything from armored vehicles to water slides around the country and the globe, a job that demands an unwavering commitment to quality and reliability.

While his business education at St. Mary's prepared him to be a strong businessman, the Marianists' values steered him through challenging periods.

"We once had a \$50-million contract with a major corporation for logistics. But after we got into the contract, we



found out there were things that people wanted in return."

He decided it wasn't right. It eventually cost him the contract and a lot of money.

"But it was the right thing to do. I realized just how right it was when my daughter said she knew the decision I made was hard, but that she would have preferred not having the money to not having the person she has as a father."

A strong sense of family is a characteristic shared by each of 2014's honorees. They've taken lessons from their Catholic and Marianist education and applied it to all areas of life.

The same can certainly be said for **Al Notzon (B.A. '60)**. He retired after a long career as executive director of the Alamo Area Council of Governments. His many



Photo by Sarah Brooke Lyons

accomplishments include initiating the first 911 system in San Antonio, one of the first areas to adopt the emergency response service.

He served on the St. Mary's Board of Trustees for 26 years, leading the search committee that resulted in the University's first lay president and was instrumental in garnering unanimous votes from every constituent group in the search.

"My strength has always been getting people to not argue on the extremes, but to hear where the common ground is."

That mindset is apparent in all areas of Notzon's life. He has spent it close to God, to family and to community. ■

Pictured from left: Al Notzon (B.A. '60), Pat Klasing (B.B.A. '71) and Stephen Dufilho (M.A. '69)

Attend the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Dinner

Omni San Antonio Hotel
Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 at 6 p.m.

To purchase tickets, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-699-9932 or alumni@stmarytx.edu.



Photo by Justin Clemens

Methodist Minister, Marianist Twist

by Andrew Festa

As a teenager, Jason Valendy (B.A. '04) considered pursuing a career in ministry. His only stumbling block was a doozy: He didn't particularly like "church."

The way he saw it, learning about the Son of God shouldn't be so boring. He wanted to be engaged by the teachings of Christ, and he wanted others to be as well.

"That set me on a path and motivated me to learn more," Valendy said. "I kept getting drawn back to this Jesus guy."

It was in this pursuit that Valendy found St. Mary's University, which proved critical in his journey. He chose St. Mary's because of its Teacher Education program and an opportunity to play soccer. By his junior year, his interest in soccer had waned, but not his interest in ministry.

While at St. Mary's, he spent two years in University Ministry. He took an immersion trip to Mexico's Uxpanapa Valley, where he lived and worked with a butcher and his family. He also tried his own service projects, such as giving up one meal a day for Lent, then using the money saved to buy burgers for homeless people.

It was these experiences — as a Methodist in a Catholic university community — that helped him see how living the Word of God should be taught.

"I felt the Marianist spirit, the hospitality, the grace — whatever you want to call it," Valendy said. "To this day I advocate for kids to go to Catholic schools. I continue to teach the Marianist tradition."

He went to divinity school, and he married his high school youth group sweetheart, Estee, who also had pursued a career in ministry. And still, St. Mary's stuck with him.

In 2011, he used a \$1,000 gift from an aunt to start Fort Worth Dish Out, a crowdsourcing effort that is part of Sunday Soup, a grassroots model for funding small-to-medium-sized creative projects.

Here's how it works: People pay \$20 for admission and vote on which of three local

entrepreneurs pitch the best project that serves the common good. The winner gets 60 percent of the proceeds, and the other two split the remaining 40. The first event had 178 attendees.

"We were on a spiritual high," he said. "It was so marvelous."

Momentum built. Winners included a company that prepares organic meals for cancer patients and a group that provides tutoring and clothes to high-school-aged mothers and their babies. There have been 13 events, and Fort Worth Dish Out has taken on a life of its own, even though Valendy has moved on to other projects.

In June 2012, he and Estee were appointed co-pastors of Saginaw United Methodist Church near Fort Worth, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Never in its history had the church had multiple ministers, but the congregation has been receptive to his message and teaching style, he said.

"My job is to be a translator, and that's really important if we're going to create a culture of generosity, a culture of grace," Valendy said. "At St. Mary's, I learned the language of grace. ... It helped me be able to clearly articulate the vision that Jesus had." ■

Class Notes



From the 1989 Diamondback yearbook: Lambda Psi chapter of Kappa Sigma on the Quad

Do you have a photo to share?

If you have photos from your time at St. Mary's University that you would like us to consider for publication, please send a digital version to gfarrell@stmarytx.edu or send it via regular mail to the address below. If you are mailing a hard copy and would like your photo returned, please let us know.

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1956

Brother DuWayne M. Brisendine, S.M., B.A., San Antonio, has joined the St. Mary's University Student Development Office after assignments in Japan, India, Italy, Hawaii and Texas.

1957

The Rev. Virgilio P. Elizondo, S.T.D., Ph.D., B.S., San Antonio, who is a Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology at the University of Notre Dame and former rector of San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, received the St. John Vianney Award at the 2014 Catholic Television of San Antonio Leadership Awards.

1960

Bill Greehey, B.B.A., San Antonio, chairman of the board of NuStar Energy LLP, was the grand marshal of the 123rd Battle of Flowers Parade during Fiesta San Antonio 2014.

Al Notzon III, B.A., San Antonio, and his wife Angela were honored at the 2014 Fishers of Men luncheon benefiting the Guadalupe Radio Network, a Catholic radio network serving South and Central Texas.

1964

Brother Bob Kirkley, B.S., Saint Joseph, Minn., is a claustral oblate of Saint John's Abbey, a Benedictine Abbey in Collegeville, Minn., and is assigned to the Abbey's liturgy office.

1965

The Hon. Marcia S. Weiner, B.A., J.D. '70, a retired Bexar County Justice of the Peace, was featured in the "Inspiring Change, Inspiring Us" photo exhibit organized at Harvard Law School for International Women's Day 2014. The caption for her exhibited portrait noted that she was one of the first women to graduate from law school at St. Mary's while also a wife and mother, that she went on to be chief counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in San Antonio, and that she has distinguished herself for her commitment to public service and promoting women's causes.

1967

The Hon. Lawrence E. Noll, B.A., J.D. '72, San Antonio, judge of the Texas 408th District Court, was elected to be the local administrative judge for the Texas District Courts in Bexar County.

1969

Bennie W. Bock II, J.D., New Braunfels, an attorney, auto dealer and rancher, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Unclaimed Mineral Proceeds Commission. Bock is on the board of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

1971

Barbara B. Gentry, B.A., San Antonio, retired senior vice president of community affairs for USAA, received the Legacy Award at the 2014 Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Tribute to Women Business Leaders Awards ceremony.

1972

The Hon. Charles A. Gonzalez, J.D., San Antonio, a former member of Congress and current chief of public engagement for VIA Metropolitan Transit, was a 2014 San Antonio Business Journal Legacy Leaders honoree.

1972

Henry P. "Pete" Van de Putte Jr., B.A., San Antonio, president of Dixie Flag Manufacturing Co., and his wife, Texas State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, were honorary grand marshals of the 66th Fiesta Flambeau Parade during Fiesta San Antonio 2014.

1975

Rebecca Quintanilla Cedillo, B.A., San Antonio, president of Strategic Initiatives Consulting and a member of the St. Mary's University Board of Trustees, has been appointed to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

Anthony E. Pletcher, J.D., Corpus Christi, has opened a solo practice, Tony Pletcher PC.



Photo by Ashley Giesecking

Mr. Globetrotter

Alum has traveled to nearly 150 countries. Top that.

by Gina Farrell (M.P.A. '11)

Charles Merkel's lifelong fascination — some might call it an obsession — with travel can be traced back to a Christmas gift he received more than 50 years ago.

It was a shortwave radio, which he used to listen to the sounds from faraway lands. He remembers hearing Big Ben strike the hour from the other side of the Atlantic and goings-on in Moscow's Red Square trailing from the speaker. He felt transported.

As soon as he was able, Merkel brought his childhood dreams to life. He graduated from St. Mary's University in 1970 with a degree in Economics and a sole focus on saving money to travel the world. In September 1971, Merkel had \$3,000 and an around-the-world airline ticket, and he spent the next 16 months hopping from one country to the next: Iran, Iraq, Syria, India, Thailand, Afghanistan, Turkey, Egypt.

That whirlwind trip was the first of many journeys that have taken him to nearly 150 countries. He was in the Middle East just after the start of the Arab Spring. He has stayed with missionaries in West Africa. On one trip, he met a doctor who was at the infamous Hotel Rwanda. In Port Au Prince, he stayed in the guesthouse of a religious group running a home for runaway kids. While in Afghanistan, he was asked to join a circus. (He declined.)

"After a while, travel is not just what you see, it's the people you meet," Merkel said.

With so many countries under his belt, Merkel is a member of the Travelers Century Club, which requires members to have visited at least 100 countries. He's a fifth-generation piano tuner, and the flexibility of owning his own business allows him to set his schedule. He works about eight months of every year and travels the other four.

He jokes that to travel so frequently, "You either have to have a lot of money or a lot of time."

And Merkel has made it a priority to have plenty of time.

On his next trip, Merkel will be able to cross off a few more South American locales: Paraguay, Argentina, Chile and Easter Island.

"My favorite trip is always the one that I just got back from," he said, "until I have my eye on somewhere else." ■

The Hon. John J. Specia Jr., J.D., Austin, who retired as judge of the Texas 225th District Court in Bexar County in 2006 after 18 years on the bench, has been honored by his former colleagues who have hung his portrait in the courtroom over which he presided. Specia is now commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Yolanda P. Torres, M.A., San Antonio, a retired secondary school English teacher, was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame.

Dwight E. Vorpahl, J.D., Houston, is general counsel for Athlon Solutions LLC.

1976

Lloyd Van Winkle, M.D., B.A., and **Mary S. Nguyen, M.D., B.A.** '92, San Antonio, married on April 6, 2013.

1977

The Hon. J. Preston Silvernail, J.D., Melbourne, Fla., who retired as a judge of the Florida 18th Judicial Circuit in August 2013, received the One Promise Award from Brevard County Legal Aid Inc. at its 2014 annual gala.

1978

David E. Chamberlain, J.D., Austin, is president-elect of the Texas Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates, chair of the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust, and a director of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas.

Thomas L. Freese, B.A., Louisville, Ky., has written *Halloween Sleepwalker*, a children's picture book, and *Eerie Encounters in Everyday Life*, which is about tales of ghosts, spirits, angels and aliens. These are his ninth and 10th published books.

Cynthia Leal Massey, B.A., M.A. '83, Helotes, is the author of *Death of a Texas Ranger, a True Story of Murder and Vengeance on the Texas Frontier*, published in June 2014 by Globe Pequot Press.

1979

The Hon. Barbara Parker Hervey, J.D., Austin, a judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, has been appointed to the National Commission on Forensic Science, which was formed to examine the forensic science community and the efficacy of the use of forensic science in the criminal justice system.

Cris Vieyra Jr., B.A., M.S. '81, San Antonio, a retired detective with the San Antonio Police Department, is commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Texas District 20, overseeing VFW posts in greater San Antonio.

1982

Grady Jolley, J.D., Boerne, has joined Branscomb PC as a shareholder. He will focus his practice on real estate development, water rights use, conveyancing and financing.

Rhonda Jolley, J.D., Boerne, has joined Branscomb PC as a shareholder. She has a background in a broad range of general business, residential real estate, commercial leasing and real estate litigation matters.

Sister Mary Anne Poeschl, R.S.M., M.A., Canton, Miss., is a pastoral minister at Holy Child Jesus Catholic Church.

1983

Kenneth R. Slavin, B.A., San Antonio, is vice president of communications for Acción Texas Inc.

The Hon. Phylis J. Speedlin, J.D., San Antonio, is of counsel in the litigation department of Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated.

1984

Merrie M. Cavanaugh, J.D., Dallas, is director of development for Texas Loves Children Inc., a nonprofit organization with a mission to improve case outcomes for abused and neglected children.

1985

Daniel J. Davis, J.D., Corpus Christi, has opened a new firm, Daniel J. Davis Law PLLC.

Jeffrey C. Grass, B.A., J.D. '93, Coppell, managing member of Jeffrey C. Grass & Associates PLLC, had an article titled *The Impact of Obamacare on Financial Disclosure Laws for Nonprofit Hospitals: Some Say They Don't Go Far Enough* published in the December 2013 issue of the American Bar Association's GPSolo eReport.

Michael H. Hummell, J.D., Corpus Christi, is general counsel for Winn Exploration Co.

Judy K. Jetelina, J.D., San Antonio, has joined Schmoyer Reinhard LLP as senior counsel. She has practiced labor and employment law for more than 25 years.

1986

Donna Pereira Mackall, B.B.A., Norwich, Vt., is co-founder of FreeEventsList.com, a guide to free events in Vermont and the Upper Connecticut River Valley.

Jo Saldaña Seymour, B.B.A., Houston, is senior talent acquisition consultant with Solvay Chemicals.

Richard R. Valls Jr., B.B.A., Corpus Christi, owner and vice president of Valls International Inc., has been named to the Port Corpus Christi Commission.

1987

Barry G. Benton, J.D., Austin, is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary for Q2 Holdings Inc.

1988

Michelle Dart, B.A., San Antonio, is a faculty member with the Alamo Colleges where she teaches education and integrated reading and writing classes at Northwest Vista College and Palo Alto College.

Gary B. Gardetto, B.A., Brookfield, Wis., is director of sales for Burdette Beckmann Inc.



Members of the Sterling Club, which is made up of graduates from 25 years ago, present a check in support of St. Mary's scholarships. Pictured above are members of the Class of 1989, along with St. Mary's President Tom Mengler (at left).

Susan Rios, B.B.A., San Antonio, is controller of BCFS, a global health and human service nonprofit system.

1989

Aric J. Garza, B.A., J.D. '98, San Antonio, has been elected a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a charitable organization that supports programs encouraging legal assistance for the needy, education of the public and ethics in the legal profession.

Jason Smith, B.A., Fort Worth, has opened his own firm, The Law Offices of Jason Smith.

Sandra Hernandez Villarreal, B.A., San Antonio, is a teacher with the San Antonio Independent School District.

1990

Martin A. Hubert, J.D., Austin, deputy comptroller of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, has been appointed to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas advisory committee. The committee oversees \$2 billion in investments and spending by the Texas Water Development Board.

Reynaldo P. Morin, B.A., Nacogdoches, has opened a solo practice, The Law Office of Reynaldo P. Morin PLLC, after 12 years as an assistant United States attorney in the Eastern Division of Texas.

Robert J. "Bobby" Perez, J.D., San Antonio, senior vice president, general counsel and corporate relations for Spurs Sports & Entertainment, has been appointed to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

Homer R. Renteria, B.B.A., El Paso, is a senior vice president with WestStar Bank where he oversees all marketing activities and manages customer support product development.

1991

Anastasia Alidaan, B.A., San Antonio, is president of Anastasia Alidaan/the AACAMS Group.

1992

Robert E. Brzezinski, J.D., San Antonio, has been named a partner at Tom Rhodes Law Firm PC.

James Waite, J.D., Wichita Falls, a commercial equipment leasing attorney, has launched www.re-rentals.com, a website for distributors and rental operators to post, locate and re-rent excess equipment.

1993

Raúl R. Calvoz, J.D., Austin, is a name partner in Tuggey Calvoz LLP, which has offices in San Antonio, Austin and Washington D.C.

Mario A. Garza, M.D., B.S., San Antonio, and wife Tanya welcome daughter Lilliana, born April 8, 2014.

1994

Adonicio Gonzalez, B.B.A., Northville, Mich., is director of finance-Americas for Maxion Wheels, a wheel manufacturer.

1995

The Hon. Luz Elena Chapa, B.A., J.D. '99, San Antonio, a justice of the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame.

Sonia Enriquez Flores, B.B.A., El Paso, and husband Max welcome son Carlos, born Nov. 25, 2013.

David B. Pollock, M.B.A., San Antonio, is a sales representative with meddocpro, an online communications tool for medical professionals.

Maria I. Martinez, B.A., M.A. '08, San Antonio, and Stuart Stothoff married on Oct. 13, 2013.

Marie Weaver, B.A., San Antonio, is celebrating her 20th year teaching in the Northside Independent School District.

Raymond V. Whelan, M.A., Burnet, presented his play, *Some Women See Things As They Are*, during the Houston Fringe Festival in October 2013 and the New Orleans Fringe Festival in November 2013. Two short plays by Whelan, *Dinner at Cinderella's* and *Lester Leaps Out*, appeared during the annual Frontera Fest at Hyde Park Theatre in Austin in January 2014.

1996

Mónica M. Gonzalez, M.A./J.D., Brownsville, is the author of *The Stations of the Cross: A Journey in Prayer/El Via Crucis: Una Jornada en Fe*, a bilingual resource published by Paulist Press.

Benjamin Herd, B.A., Dallas, has been elected a partner with Thompson & Knight LLP.

James A. Joffe, B.A., San Antonio, a Visiting Assistant Professor of Art at St. Mary's University, and wife Laura welcome son Jordan, born Feb. 20, 2014.

1997

Robert F. Eichelbaum, J.D., San Antonio, has launched a new mediation firm, San Antonio Mediation.

1998

J. Eric Magee, J.D., Austin, was named partner in the firm Allison, Bass & Magee LLP (formerly Allison, Bass & Associates LLP).

The Hon. Sherry M. Statman, J.D., Austin, has been named presiding judge of the city of Austin Municipal Court. She was first appointed to the court in 1996.

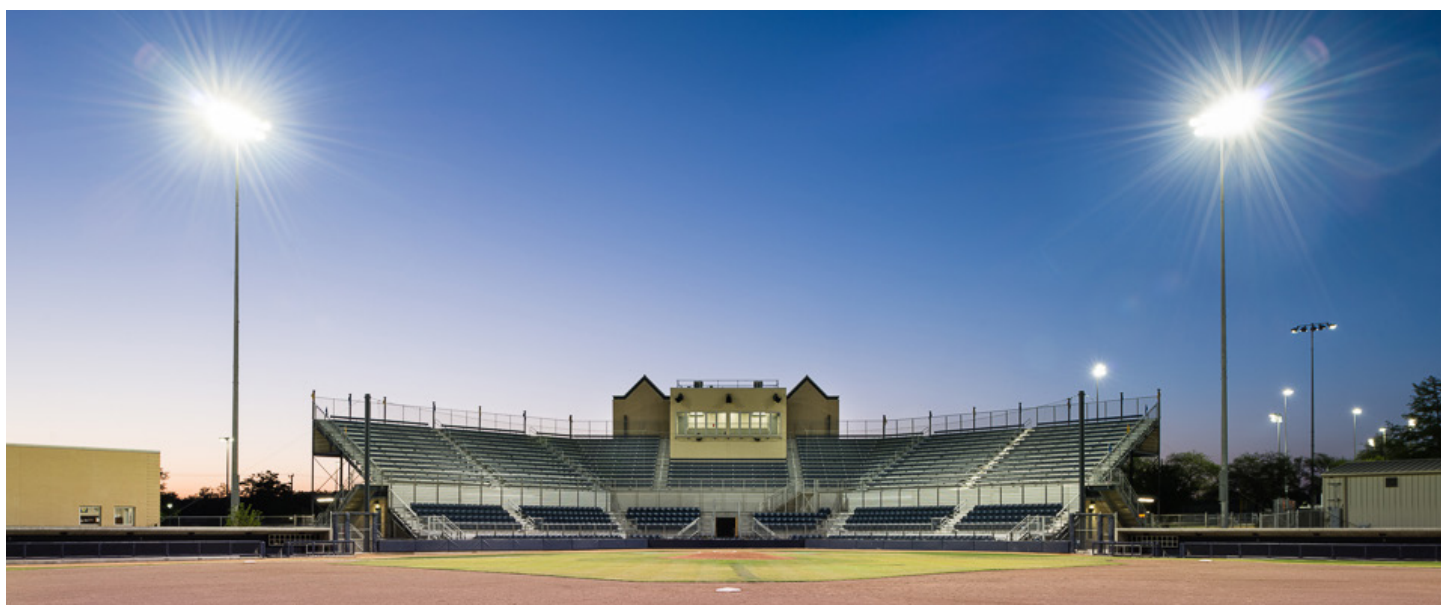


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Dickson Stadium at dusk

John Tomaszewski, J.D., Houston, is a senior counsel in the International Data Protection Practice Group of Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

1999

Christopher P. Lowe, M.B.A., Dublin, Calif., is a partner with consulting firm FLG Partners LLC.

Irene Chavez Maldonado, B.A., San Antonio, received the Community Spirit Award from the César E. Chavez Legacy & Education Foundation. The award recognizes an advocate in the community who embodies the spirit of Chavez.

Carl D. Michel, B.A., Harvey, La., an assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, is president of the Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend and chairman of the Young Alumni Committee for the Law Alumni Board at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Marcelino S. Rodriguez, M.B.A., Houston, is corporate controller and chief accounting officer for KMG Chemicals Inc.

Jay David Youngblood, M.A., McKinney, is vice president of communications for Texas Instruments Inc.

2000

Yvonne M. Aguirre, B.B.A., Houston, is a front desk supervisor with SpringHill Suites by Marriott.

J. Bradley Compere, J.D., Austin, founder of Compere Law PLLC, has launched Capstone Title, which provides both residential and commercial real estate services.

J. Javier Gutierrez, B.B.A., Alice, an attorney with the Gutierrez Law Firm, was named to *Texas Super Lawyers*' 2014 Rising Stars list. He practices personal injury law.

Benjamin S. Hart, B.B.A., M.P.A. '04, and **Cheyenna L. Villarreal, B.A. '06, M.B.A. '12**, Grapevine, married Feb. 22, 2014.

Timothy E. Hudson, B.A., Dallas, a partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, was named to *Texas Super Lawyers*' 2014 Rising Stars list.

Kana Tadokoro, B.A., Yokohama, Japan, is a public and corporate relations manager for McDonald's Co. (Japan), Ltd.

2001

Ricardo G. Benavides, J.D., McAllen, is a partner with Daw & Ray LLP.

Christopher R. Boone, B.B.A., M.B.A. '03, and wife **Melissa Sanchez Boone, B.S. '02**, San Antonio, welcome daughter Mila, born March 27, 2014.

Karla Gonzalez Kilmer, B.A., San Antonio, and husband Michael welcome son Jacob, born Aug. 19, 2013.



Chapter Spotlight

St. Louis

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— Kathleen "Leeny" Hoffmann (B.A. '87)
St. Louis Chapter President



Francisco Vara-Orta (B.A. '06)

Vara-Orta, an education reporter at the San Antonio Express-News, has received the Texas School Public Relations Associations' 2014 Media Award. This isn't the first time Vara-Orta has been honored for his superior education coverage. Current president of the San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists and a former editor of The Rattler, he also has received the Association of Texas Professional Educators' Alafair Hammett Media Award, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's Silver Apple Media Award, and the Texas State Teacher Association's School Bell Award for Outstanding Feature Story.

Monica M. Ramirez-Escamilla, B.A., San Antonio, and husband Jose welcome daughter Isabella, born March 3, 2014.

2002

Alyssa Vela Garcia, B.A., Edinburg, is an art teacher at Jimmy Carter Early College High School in the La Joya Independent School District.

2003

Julia Zuniga Alderete, B.S., Del Rio, and husband Ricardo welcome daughter Arianna, born Jan. 22, 2014.

Samuel V. Houston III, J.D., San Antonio, a name partner with Houston Dunn PLLC, is vice president of the Texas Young Lawyers' Association for 2014-2015.

Colin Murchison, J.D., Weatherford, a newly elected partner in the Fort Worth office of Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list.

Griselda Ponce, J.D., Austin, has opened Ponce Law Firm PC, a solo practice specializing in immigration law.

2004

Anish P. Michael, J.D., Denver, is a shareholder with Lewis Bess Williams & Weese PC.

2005

Lauren S. Ciminello, J.D., San Antonio, has been elected a partner at Jackson Walker LLP.

Danielle M. Copes, J.D., LL.M. '07, Helotes, is an attorney with Tinsman & Sciano Inc.

Matthew Lovell, J.D., San Antonio, is an attorney with McReynolds & Tye PC.

Stephanie Sánchez Sinclair, B.A. '05, M.A. '06, San Antonio, has been named executive director of the American Volkssport Association, an educational nonprofit dedicated to promoting fun, fitness and friendship through noncompetitive sports.

Jose Venero, LL.M., Lutz, Fla., is legal director of the Latin American division for Diebold Incorporated.

2006

Tory Cronin, J.D., Dallas, an attorney with Lackey Hershman LLP, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list.

Aldo Rene Cuellar, B.B.A., and **Alejandra Garcia, B.B.A. '09**, Dallas, married on Oct. 12, 2013.

Preston J. Dugas III, J.D., Fort Worth, is a senior associate with the McDonald Law Firm.

Robert D. Dunlap, B.A., M.A./J.D. '11, San Antonio, is an import and customs compliance specialist for SAS Shoemakers.

Kristina Fuentes Hernandez, B.A., Eagle Pass, and husband Armando welcome daughter Mandy, born Feb. 10, 2014.

Sean P. Milligan, J.D., Houston, an associate with Winstead PC, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list.

Victoria Mora, J.D., and **Guillermo J. Ortiz, J.D. '10**, Houston, have opened a new firm, the Mora Ortiz Law Firm.

Justin B. Morley, J.D., New Braunfels, an attorney with Brazle & Pfeuffer LLP, has received board certification in family law from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

José M. Rocha, B.A., El Paso, has opened Rocha | Mediation, a mediation and dispute resolution firm.

John W. Shaw, J.D., Fort Worth, an associate with Whitaker Chalk Swindle & Schwartz PLLC and treasurer of the Texas Young Lawyers Association for 2014-2015, has been elected as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

J.P. B. Vogel, J.D., Southlake, is of counsel in the Dallas office of the Coats Rose Law Firm.

Jennifer E. Wright, J.D., Dallas, an attorney with Holmes Diggs & Eames PLLC, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list and recently became board certified in family law.

2007

Eric Ashley, J.D., San Antonio, is an attorney with Blomquist Collins & Beever PC.

James Reese Campbell, J.D., Houston, has opened a solo practice, the Law Office of Reese Campbell PLLC.

Brian R. Carter, J.D., La Marque, is general counsel for TriStar Global Energy Solutions Inc.

John R. Childers, J.D., Dallas, is president of Energy Production Corporation.

R. Porter Corrigan II, J.D., San Antonio, an associate with McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing LLP, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list.

Andrew L. Johnson, J.D., Kingwood, a staff attorney with the Texas 14th Court of Appeals in Houston, has been board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Kimberly P. Mabel, J.D., Dallas, an associate with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list.

David Moreno, B.B.A., Jarrell, is customer service and logistics manager for AJ Brauer Stone Inc.

Bruce A. Moseley, J.D., Krum, coordinator of the Legal Studies Program and chairman of the Business Department at Amarillo College, received a Pro Bono Award from the Legal Services Corporation and the Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

Kathryn Flowers Samler, J.D., Southlake, an associate with Goranson Bain PLLC, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list.

William Schroeder IV, M.A., Austin, is founder of Just Mind, a mental health services clinic.

Vanessa M. Torres, B.A., M.P.A. '09, Arlington, Va., and Juan Martinez married on Sept. 21, 2013. She is a youth program analyst with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

2008

Bianca Hernandez, B.A., Pharm.D., San Antonio, who graduated from the University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy in 2013, is a staff pharmacist with Walgreens.

Dawn E. Norman, J.D., Austin, an associate with Winstead PC, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers'* 2014 Rising Star list.

Matthew J. Obermeier, J.D., San Antonio, is an associate with Oliva Saks Garcia & Curiel LLP.

Elizabeth Ruiz-Ashby, B.A., El Paso, is a social communications specialist for evolve Federal Credit Union.



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Alum Represents America to the World, One Person at a Time

by Nicolette Good

Being a Foreign Service Officer means representing the United States abroad for diplomatic purposes. But Anne Claire Andaya-Nauts (M.A. '06) knows it's much more than that.

Today, Andaya-Nauts is the Vice Consul at the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou, China, a city of 8 million people.

"When doing visa interviews, I may be the first American an applicant has ever met, and I want to make sure that I represent my country well," said Andaya-Nauts.

Her first Foreign Service assignment was in Chennai, India, an experience that challenged her to learn a new language and to be flexible at all times.

"As much as we plan for our lives in another country, there is always something new or different that we did not think of."

She and her husband, along with their three young children, know well what it's like to be an American living in a foreign country, which makes assisting other Americans abroad one of the most rewarding parts of Andaya-Nauts' job. The consulate's American Citizen Services unit

helps Americans abroad with a variety of situations, from reporting lost passports to completing paperwork for American babies born abroad.

"I once helped a grieving American whose wife had passed. Situations like that remind me that one of our priorities is assisting U.S. citizens overseas," she said. "I love helping our citizens and being a friendly face."

Andaya-Nauts first considered joining the Foreign Service as a high school student, in part because living overseas sounded exciting. And it is. She knows that as a Foreign Service Officer, she could end up just about anywhere.

"You must be worldwide available." ■



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Wanted: Educated Workforce

by Anndria Flores (B.A. '12)

As vice president of education policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Cheryl Oldham (J.D. '93) influences U.S. education policy on behalf of the nation's business interests from her office in Washington, D.C.

She is also vice president of education and workforce programs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, its nonprofit arm. There, she focuses on engaging the business community, championing business reform, promoting policies, and developing programs that will lead to an educated and skilled workforce.

She is passionate about the education of our nation's children, and she sees her role as critical to their cause.

"I want to see every child, every student in the United States have access to a quality education with high, rigorous standards that set them up for success in college, or whatever path they choose beyond high school."

Oldham is proud of the education policy improvements she's seen in her career, particularly those related to higher ed. While working at the Department of Education with the Commission on the Future of

Higher Education, Oldham said they were successful in changing the conversation to one centered on outcomes and accountability.

"That was pretty significant in terms of the movement of policy."

But she realizes the future will bring more challenges as the cost of earning a degree rises. She predicts this will require colleges and universities to have an even greater focus on accountability.

"We shouldn't be afraid of data, and we should be willing and able to stand by our outcomes," Oldham said.

"There has been a lot of innovation in higher education, a lot of new players and ways to deliver higher education to a lot more people, and I think that is amazing and exciting." ■

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2009

Celia E. Garcia, J.D., San Antonio, is an attorney with Brock Person Guerra Reyna PC.

Barrett C. Leshner, J.D., Dallas, an associate with Hallett & Perrin, PC, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers*' 2014 Rising Star list.

Brother Nich R.L. Perez, C.S.C., M.A., Notre Dame, Ind., an adjunct instructor of Communications at Holy Cross College, professed final vows as a religious brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Jessica F. Perroni, J.D., Dallas, is an attorney with the Law Office of Natalie Gregg.

Alfredo Saenz, B.A., M.P.A. '11, Moose, Wyo., is an administrative assistant with the National Park Service.

Shana Metteauer Smith, J.D., Houston, has joined the energy practice group of Leech Tishman as an associate.

Christopher B. Wood, J.D., Dallas, an associate with Godwin Lewis PC, was named to the *Texas Super Lawyers*' 2014 Rising Star list. He practices civil litigation defense.

2010

Michael M. Burke, J.D., Austin, an attorney with Peek & Toland LLP, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the OneStar National Service Commission, which works with the OneStar Foundation to further national service initiatives in Texas and to administer the AmeriCorps Texas program.

Colin A. Caleb, J.D., Washington, D.C., is an attorney and adviser with the United States Department of the Treasury.

Bonnie K. Kirkland, J.D., San Antonio, is an associate with Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated.

Alyssa M. Turrieta, B.B.A., San Antonio, is a franchise partnership activation associate with Spurs Sports & Entertainment.

2011

2nd Lt. Michael T. Dela Cruz, B.S., Quincy, Mass., was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force in March 2014.

Joseph S. Madrid, B.B.A., Bristol, Conn., is a technical operator at ESPN.

Stefanie Ransom-Becker, B.B.A., Dallas, is a financial analyst with Allstate.

Christine Le Taylor, B.A., M.A. '11, San Antonio, and husband Joshua, who married April 27, 2013, welcome son Luke, born Jan. 25, 2014. She is a cost/price analyst with the Defense Contract Management Agency.

2012

Shermeen Abdullah, M.A., San Antonio, is a recruiter for CST Brands Inc., the largest independent retailer of transportation fuels and convenience goods in North America.

Ashley R. Enriquez, M.A., San Antonio, who is in private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist associate, and husband Roland welcome daughter Liliana, born Sept. 1, 2013.

Christine Khong, B.S., San Antonio, is a medical student at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine where she is vice president of the class of 2017.

Francis Nathan, J.D., Hurst, has opened his own firm, Nathan Law Firm PLLC, practicing real estate litigation.

Erin J. Oglesby, J.D., San Antonio, has joined Tom Rhodes Law Firm PC as an associate.

Haley O'Neill, J.D., Kemah, is an associate with Daw & Ray LLP.

Anne Marie Swenson, B.A., Wichita, Kan., and Corey Targos married Nov. 9, 2013 in St. Mary's University's Assumption Chapel. She is a resident manager at Catholic Charities of Wichita.

Natalie E. Zertuche, J.D., San Antonio, has been promoted to compliance coordinator at Acción Texas Inc.

2013

Kellie Anderson, J.D., San Antonio, is an associate with Ecke & Poling PLLC.

Malerie T. Anderson, J.D., Amarillo, is an associate with Sprouse Shrader Smith.

Eric J. Escamilla II, B.S., Dallas, is a big data applications developer with AT&T Inc.

Rachel Marie Hernandez, B.B.A., San Antonio, is a marketing specialist with Aramark.

Brendan C. Holm, J.D., San Antonio, is an attorney with Hornberger Sheehan Fuller Beiter Wittenberg & Garza Inc.

Omar Magana, B.A., B.S., McAllen, is a product engineer with Texas Instruments Inc.

Joseph Nathaniel O'Hare, B.B.A., El Paso, is an underwriter with Travelers Insurance.

Kevin D. Rayford, B.B.A., Greeley, Colo., is a budget analyst with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

Christina L. Schwensen, J.D., San Antonio, is an associate with Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen, Benson & Jones LLP.

Meagan T. Scott, J.D., Cypress, is an assistant district attorney with the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Julie K. Staffel, J.D., Lubbock, is a land and legal agent with RAW Oil & Gas Inc.

In Memoriam

1940s

1948 Jean Ann Martin, M.A., Corpus Christi, died Jan. 31, 2014.

1949 Richard J. Tamez, M.D., B.S., San Antonio, died March 22, 2014.

1950s

1950 William H. Hunter Jr., CL, San Antonio, died Feb. 22, 2014.

1951 Edward P. Fahey, LL.B., San Antonio, died Jan. 12, 2014. **Paul E. Gonzales, CL**, Rosenberg, died Feb. 16, 2014.

1952 Pepos S. Dounson, LL.B., San Antonio, died Feb. 16, 2014. **Darwell E. Stowe, B.S.**, Schertz, died March 15, 2014. **Retired U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Edward R. Zuniga, CL**, San Antonio, died April 7, 2014.

1953 Harold Lamarr Mackie, CL, San Antonio, died Jan. 25, 2014. **Retired U.S. Army Col. Thomas H. Pfeiffer, B.B.A.**, Lockhart, died Feb. 9, 2014.

1954 James E. Sullivan, CL, San Antonio, died Feb. 7, 2014. **Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Oscar T. Vale Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 27, 2014.

1955 Janice Morgan, B.A., San Antonio, died Jan. 15, 2014. **Leo F. Naeger, Ph.D., B.A.**, Hot Springs Village, Ark., died May 22, 2013. **Charles H. Newson Jr., CL**, San Antonio, died Jan. 23, 2014.

1957 Willard L. Doyle, CL, Garden Ridge, died March 14, 2014. **Retired U.S. Army Maj. Max C. Petri Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, died March 27, 2014.

1958 Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Peter Lagutchik Jr., B.A., San Antonio, died Jan. 12, 2014. **Deacon Samuel J. Shippen, Ph.D., B.A.**, Prattville, Ala., died April 12, 2013.

1959 Jimmy Reindl, CL, Shiner, died Dec. 11, 2013.

1960s

1960 Clarence V. Hathaway, B.B.A., San Antonio, died April 6, 2014.

1961 Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jesse J. Witte Jr., CL, San Antonio, died Feb. 28, 2014.

1963 Luis Alvarado Sr., B.A., San Antonio, died March 16, 2014.

1964 The Hon. James H. Clack, LL.B., Ballinger, died Jan. 27, 2014. **David L. Combs, B.A.**, San Antonio, died Jan. 4, 2014. **Robert B. Gross, B.B.A.**, Conroe, died March 6, 2014.

1965 Ruben Dario Flores, B.A., San Antonio, died March 25, 2014.

1966 Deacon Raymond H. Smith Jr., M.A., Frisco, died Feb. 11, 2014.

1967 Catherine M. Anderson, B.A., Hendersonville, N.C., died Jan. 1, 2014. **Emmett O. Burrows, B.A.**, Gonzales, died March 22, 2014.

1968 Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Eli L. Beeding Jr., M.A., Marble, Colo., died Dec. 21, 2013. **Robert F. Estrada, LL.B.**, San Antonio, died April 15, 2014. **Raymond E. Taylor, B.A., J.D. '69**, San Antonio, died Feb. 15, 2014.

1969 Donald J. Mach, B.A., J.D. '73, San Antonio, died Feb. 11, 2014. **N. Stewart "Sonny" Vaughan Jr., B.B.A.**, Tulsa, Okla., died Jan. 12, 2014.

1970s

1970 Thomas G. Ehlinger, B.S., San Antonio, died Feb. 12, 2014. **Winnie Jensey McGraw, M.A.**, Kapaa, Hawaii, died Feb. 5, 2014. **Donald L. Modrick, B.A.**, San Antonio, died Jan. 3, 2014. **Richard "Rick" Stencel, B.A.**, Elm Grove, Wis., died April 9, 2014.

1971 Peter A. Canga, M.A., Pflugerville, died Dec. 26, 2013. **David Chuan-Wen Chang, M.B.A.**, Bellaire, died March 3, 2014. **Roger J. Hernandez, B.A.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 4, 2014.

1972 Harry L. Stout, J.D., Houston, died Jan. 22, 2013.

1974 Guillermo Garcia, B.A., Lytle, died Feb. 20, 2014. **Walter T. Lee, B.A.**, Panama City, Fla., died Jan. 22, 2014.

1976 Deacon Mike R. Muñoz Sr., B.A., M.A. '98, San Antonio, died Feb. 17, 2014. **Paul T. Wendland Jr., M.B.A.**, San Antonio, died Feb. 26, 2014.

1977 Roland E. Leal, B.A., San Antonio, died March 10, 2014.

1980s

1986 Deacon Bill J. Simmonds Sr., M.A., San Antonio, died March 4, 2014.

1990s

1990 Maria E. Whalen, M.A., Universal City, died Feb. 13, 2014.

2000s

2004 Norbert A. Phalen, B.A.M., San Antonio, died April 14, 2014.

Fondest Farewell

DONALD COLGETT CUTTER SR., PH.D.

Donald Colgett Cutter Sr., Ph.D., who was the first to hold the O'Connor Chair in the History of Hispanic Texas and the Southwest at St. Mary's University, died April 4, 2014 at the age of 92.

Cutter was also Professor Emeritus of History at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Upon retiring from UNM, Cutter held the O'Connor Chair from 1982 to 1987. His research and teaching took him to Spain and Mexico, which became the foundation of numerous books and articles.

He was best known for *The Writings of Mariano Payeras*, published by the Academy of American Franciscan History (1995), for which he received the Norman Neuberg Award for Distinguished Research and Writing in Early California History.



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— Madel Robles (B.B.A. '99)
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Rackspace Hosting



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The St. Mary's softball team celebrates as Katie Nichols, a junior from San Marcos, crosses home plate during their 4-3 win over West Texas A&M in the Division II Super Regional. West Texas A&M came back to win the next two games, ending the Rattlers' hopes of moving on to the College World Series. Still, the Rattlers enjoyed their best season in a decade.