

THE VIEW FROM OLD MAN'S TREE

Alumni News

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Class of 1992



Milana Rossi Hogan gave birth to her first child, Holly, on March 14, 2011. Milana, her husband Phil, and Holly live in Manhattan.

Aerlyn Pfeil writes, “I am off to South Sudan to work in Aweil at a small hospital. I am working for Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières. I have a blog (touche-femme.wordpress.com) if people want to follow my journey!”

Class of 1994



Micah Holtzman lives in Seoul, Korea, where he is serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He’s pictured here with his daughter, Luna.

Karen Shimizu writes, “My husband and I welcomed our first daughter, Akiko, into our family on October 22, 2010. We’re living in Brooklyn, and I’m working as an editor at *Saveur* magazine.”



Class of 1995



Adria Reed married Mark Osgood in August 2010. In May, they happily celebrated the birth of their daughter, Opal. Now along with her two stepdaughters—Ayla, 11, and Ari, 9—they make a family of five. Adria is loving motherhood.

Class of 1996

Lucian Schloss received his undergraduate degree from Eugene Lang College at the New School in Manhattan, where he majored in education and writing. After college, he worked at several Waldorf schools before deciding to pursue a master’s degree in counseling psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies. Lucian now lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife Sonja and their two daughters, Ava Moon and Flora Mae. He has a private practice specializing in relationship counseling and works part-time at the Portland Waldorf School as the high school counselor.

Class of 1997

Bailey DiIoia and his wife Erica announced the birth of their daughter Amelia Mae on June 29, 2010. They live in Southern California.

Katie Rosenthal is a certified ayurvedic health counselor and is pursuing yoga teacher training.



Class of 1998 at the Alumni Holiday Open House: Dave Martin, Ale Schneider, class teacher Elan Leibner, Nathan Schofield, Sara Wolfe, Janine Slanina, and Gui Nelessen.

Class of 1998

Liv Carrow writes that she is beginning Foundation Studies at the Alkion Center this fall and recently completed an art course through the Free Columbia School with artist and musician Manfred Bleffert. This summer was her second summer working at the Hawthorne Valley Summer Camp.

Sarah Elmaleh wrote over the summer, “I’ve started freelancing with two fantastic agencies for commercial voiceover here in the city, and doing theater when I get the chance. I’m currently in a show with a very

cool, up-and-coming theater collective called Exit, Pursued by a Bear (with fellow Waldorf alum John Gareth Stoker). I’m also passionately involved in the video game community here in the city and beyond, and work part-time with a wonderful games magazine called Kill Screen. We’re curating MoMA’s first-ever video game party.”

Class of 2000

Emily McDonough writes, “I started a new job! I’m currently working for VaynerMedia doing community management on Facebook and Twitter. We’ve got some really fun clients including the NY Jets and NJ Nets. Even though the commute from Hillsborough to NYC is tough, it’s a great opportunity for a company that I admire and doing work that I am passionate about. I found out about the job through Twitter! I had been following Gary Vaynerchuk, one of the co-founders, and he tweeted the opportunity, and after sending an e-mail with my resume, I went to their 23rd Street office for an interview. A bit of a lifestyle shift as I’m completing a lot more tasks online or by phone on the train!”

Class of 2001

Michael Antoniotti continues his work in music and wrote (and sings) a song that is being used as a promotional piece for Immaculata University that has been playing on Philadelphia radio stations. He’s also in the running for a possible contract with Island Def Jam.

Joie Golomb writes that she is currently residing in Brooklyn and serving as the artistic director for Literacy Takes a Bow (LTAB), an innovative literacy-based, arts education program that strengthens writing, and oral and creative expression, through hip-hop, spoken-word poetry, and the performing arts. Joie is hoping to expand LTAB by working toward a performing arts center to be located on the upper east side of Manhattan.



Class of 2001 at the Alumni Holiday Open House: Matt Traylor, Joie Golomb, Christa Bruneau-Flynn, and Alex Yoffe.

Andrea Schofield completed her eurythmy training with impulse.eurythmy, International Eurythmy Studies program this spring. The nine students, four American and five Brazilian, were exposed to many eurythmy teachers in the world, each with his or her own unique background, life experience, and concentration. In reflecting on eurythmy classes at WSP, Andrea writes, “When looking back, I realize that I have always had a love for eurythmy. It brings me such joy thinking about the times following Mrs. Gale around the room skipping and stamping to music, working with rods, moving to poetry ... always filled with life and excitement. It’s funny, even in second grade I knew eurythmy would play an important role in my life. Even knowing this, I am still surprised at where I am now and the amazing journey I have taken that has brought me here.”

Alex Broder was married in August 2011 and lives in Portland, Oregon.

Class of 2002

Kevin Antoniotti is living and working as a paralegal in Manhattan.

Katie Burns recently moved to Boston to take a position at Tufts University as the program assistant for the Institute for Global Leadership.

Gwen Shockey writes, “I just returned from a wonderful and incredibly inspiring, yet far too short, trip to Peru! During my month teaching art in the detention centers in Lima and Cusco, I realized how tangible of an effect art-making has on young people. I reflected a great deal on my own education at the Waldorf School [of Princeton] and the incredible manner in which it integrated art into every part of my being as a child and now as an adult. Returning to NYC after my experience in Peru, I am so thankful to have art in my life, to have passed a little bit of it on to the girls I taught in South America, and to have a further desire to teach in a creative setting.” Gwen traveled to



Class of 2004 at the Alumni Holiday Open House: Natalie Moran, Jenna Glass, Danielle Gershkovich, Johanna Schneider, Justin Wiggins, Tom Dethlefs, and Gil Censits.

Peru in July in collaboration with NYC-based non-profit Art in a Box and the U.S. Embassy in Peru to initiate an empowerment project for under-served girls through art. Art in a Box conducts training programs to help at-risk women and girls generate their own income through art and design.

Class of 2003

Philip Millner is in the U.S. Army serving in Afghanistan.

Sarah Pearson graduated from St. Olaf College with a degree in psychology and is now living in Minneapolis and working with Minnesota Reading Corps in a preschool program for disadvantaged students.

Elena Bridgers graduated from Stanford University with a major in human biology, a minor in Swahili language and culture, and a concentration in international women’s health. She designed a study to assess the impact of microcredit on women’s empowerment in India, and spent three months traveling in rural south India interviewing women. She’s now in Paris teaching English at a high school academy. She plans to work on development issues in Africa and globally.



Class of 2005 at the Alumni Holiday Open House: Colin McDonough, class teacher Peter Sciarretta, Margaret Parish, Audrey Rose, and Anna Fasano.

Class of 2005

Colin McDonough is working in the service department for Baker Chrysler in Princeton.

Class of 2006

Robert Kerr is attending University of Vermont and skiing on two ski teams.

Soren Rubin is currently taking a gap year from university and traveling in Europe.

Ryan Warriar is attending Lehigh University, where he received the Excel Scholar Award for research he's doing between the math and science departments. He's developed a math program there, and Easton Middle School has approved this program for use by the county.

Class of 2004

Jackson Boyar completed his junior year of studies in China, spending the first semester at Nanjing University and the second semester in a Mandarin-speaking internship.

Thomas Dethlefs

returned for his senior year at Yale University, where he will serve as captain of the school's heavyweight crew team. This summer he helped the U.S. men capture a gold medal in the World Rowing Under-23



Championships in Amsterdam, where they also set a new world record for the U23 Championships by six seconds. Sixty-three nations were represented in this competition.

Johanna Schneider recently returned from studying abroad in Mali, Africa, where in addition to taking classes, she completed independent research in Malian traditional health beliefs. After a summer interning at the Center for Development and Population Activities in Washington, D.C., she is now in her final year at GWU, where besides her studies, she works for the study abroad office and Peace Corps and competes in ballroom dancing. Johanna plans to gain more work and research experience abroad after she graduates next spring.

Class of 2007

George Boyar is a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis. He spent his junior year of high school in Beijing, China, and can now speak Mandarin with Ning Yuan Yu, WSP's first Chinese teacher.

Matt Harisiades writes, "I am currently attending Mercer County Community College and am taking English, college algebra, modern art history, and psychology. I intend to transfer next year or the year after and



Johanna with her village home-stay family.

eventually get a degree in music business. Outside of school, I am working at Ten Thousand Villages in Princeton and playing music with friends.”

Carrick Porter writes, “I am at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken in a four-year bachelor’s-master’s program in whatever subject I choose. I am currently on track for a bachelor of engineering in biomedical engineering and a master’s degree (subject still to be determined). At school I am on the varsity cross-country team, as well as the club triathlon, crew, and ice hockey teams, and I am riding track, cyclo-cross, and road cycling. I am also part of the cyber-security defense team.”

Kevin Yacker is a freshman at Duquesne University and became an Eagle Scout in January 2011.

Class of 2008

Mikey Gray is completing her senior year at Princeton Day School. She performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer with her high school theatre group. They received great reviews and had an awesome experience.

Conor Jones worked over the summer at Princeton Friends School as a camp counselor. As he begins his senior year at Kimberton Waldorf School, he’s involved in SATs, ACTs, college visits, and considering his future. Conor is a starter on the varsity soccer team at school. The senior year is exciting at KWS with a marine biology block held on an island in Maine with seniors from other Waldorf schools, a social entrepreneur mentorship, an internship, and a week of meditation and sharing during a “transcendental” trip in late spring. Conor has been involved in several service experiences, most recently working with developmentally challenged individuals at Camphill Village, Kimberton Hills, PA.



Priscilla Wiggins is a senior at George School, where she participates in three varsity sports: soccer, winter track, and spring track. Last spring she was the winner of the 1600-meter run at the Pennsylvania Independent School Championships. Her GS track teammates include WSP alumni Bhavani Jai-karia ’10 and Megan McGahren ’10.

Class of 2009

Chris Ciccodicola, now in his junior year at Solebury School, is part of the creation of a Solebury Waldorf Club. Solebury students and faculty who attended Waldorf schools are sharing their experiences with each other and with the wider school community. Club projects will include installing a library display of main lesson books and handcrafted creations, plus offering an activity for the entire school such as watercolor painting, drawing, eurythmy, or gardening.

Elliot Wasem is a junior at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, anticipating going on tour in Europe in the spring with the concert choir.

Class of 2010

Katie Leigh Cirianni-Jones had a successful first year at Hopewell Valley Central High School. She transitioned beautifully both socially and academically, earning honor role grades. The living pictures she carries from her Waldorf School of Princeton’s history, math, science, and English classes continue to feed her imagination and provide her with a



Alumni parent Heide Ratliff and teacher Herb Saperstein greeting Arielle Giegerich '94, Elizabeth Tanner '99, and Alice Tanner '94 during the annual Alumni Holiday Open House in December.

wellspring to draw from when participating in class discussions, solving problems, and writing essays. She continues to find joy in movement and music in a social setting by playing the bass drum in the school marching band. Hopewell Valley's Marching Black and Gold supports the football team and represents the region in statewide and national competitions. This year Katie will be traveling and marching in Disney World, Florida.

Corrie Gray is a sophomore at The Pennington School. She worked as a junior lifeguard instructor over the summer and is playing varsity water polo and basketball this year. Last year Corrie hosted a basketball clinic at the Princeton YMCA for the WSP girls and hopes to do this again for our school's team.

Megan McGahren went on a three week mountaineering trip in the Sierra Nevadas with Outward Bound after working as a counselor at the Waldorf Summer Camp. She described the trip as incredibly challenging and deeply rewarding. Megan is happy to be back at George School for her sophomore year where her studies include painting and drawing and sports include running on the cross-country team.

Class of 2011

Annie Jones began high school at Kimberton Waldorf School this year, where she's attended since sixth grade. Annie's been providing childcare this summer and has enjoyed vacations to Ocean City and West Virginia. She's delighted to be training two Westie puppies that she adopted. In August, Annie begins varsity field hockey, and she plans on playing basketball and lacrosse. After exposure to French, German, Chinese, Greek, and Latin, Annie is now planning to study Spanish and hopes to participate in an exchange to a Spanish-speaking country next year.

Former Faculty News

Nancy Kay Anderson still resides in Lambertville, New Jersey, where she is in the process of restoring an 1832 house. Her holistic horticulture business, Midnight Sun Designs, is growing, and she plans to include biodynamic gardens and a native, edible landscape to her home property.

Elizabeth Lombardi and her husband Alan are involved in the success of the Great Barrington Waldorf High School, which grew to over 30 students last year. Elizabeth is the art teacher, and Alan serves on the board. Alan is heading the initiative on developing a strategic plan for the school. Elizabeth's children's book, *Jonathan's Journey*, will be published next year.



Members of the Class of 2007 were joined by class teacher David Heberlein during their reunion at the beach house of parents Donna Krebsbach and Bill Yacker last summer.

CLASS OF 2007: Where are they now?

- George BoyarWashington University, Sr. Louis
- Molly Broder The Art Institute of Portland
- Ben Burwell..... Muhlenberg College
- Eva Ciccodicola * Boston University
- Ulrika Doederlein University of Texas, Austin
- Ilaria Elli *Michigan State University, Broad College of Business
- Daniel Fasano * taking business classes and getting his real estate license
- Ryan Fredericks * Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Yiorgos Georgeson *University of Virginia
- Matthew Harisiades *Mercer County Community College
- Jonathan Hashmonay *living in Israel
- Brian Hillman * Rutgers University
- Solana Hoffman-Carter * University of the Arts for dance
- Brandon Huang * Tulane University
- Melissa Jeng Berkeley College
- Laura Lacy * Auburn University
- Tessa Mania * School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Carrick Porter *Stevens Institute of Technology
- Heather SandlerElon University
- Sara Sauer * McGill University
- Lyndsay SchaeferRollins College
- Alice Shockey * Oberlin College
- Matthew Thors-Waples *Ryerson University, Toronto
for BFA in photography
- Geneva Torsilieri..... The College of New Jersey
- Robert Wiggs Wesley College
- Kevin Yacker * Duquesne University

* Members of the graduating class

In February 2011, our school hosted Dr. Stuart Brown, on behalf of Common Ground. Dr. Brown, a pioneer in the field of play research, gave an engaging talk about the importance of play in all of our lives. Drawing from his research, he confirmed the importance of so much of the Waldorf curriculum—play, storytelling, movement, and handwork were all elements he cited as being important to the development of a healthy human being. The audience of approximately sixty people included WSP parents, staff, and faculty as well as parents and teachers from other schools.



Development Associate Marla Hanan and School Administrator Nancy Lemmo met with Dr. Stuart Brown during his visit.



Alumni parent and owner of CoolVines Mark Censits (pictured on right) offered a biodynamic wine tasting to the community at the Phinneys' farm in September. Prior to the tasting, biodynamic farmer Hugh Williams of Threshold Farm in New York (pictured on left) and WSP gardening teacher Suzanne Cunningham spoke to guests at the school. Threshold Farm's Hanna Bail (second from left) joins alumni parent Kathey Piedl and current parent Lauren Hornung, who donated a selection of cheeses for this special event.

Summer Camp 2011

Continuing the annual tradition, our beautiful Princeton campus once again bloomed both a lovely garden and another healthy camp season!

We welcomed a record number of volunteers in addition to our staff, comprising WSP faculty, Waldorf school alumni, and WSP camp alumni. Fortunate to be at full capacity this year, we hosted approximately 100 campers in each of three sessions. During those six weeks, we enjoyed campers from at least eight distant lands, including Taiwan, India, Tajikistan, Israel, Sweden, France, Denmark, and Germany.

The specialty camp offerings this year included sports and circus activities, naturalist activities, theater, sculptural arts, woodworking, and art. In addition to plenty of time outdoors, our general campers enjoyed making crafts such as paper boats, painted butterflies, fairy wands, tie-dyed T-shirts, clay sculptures, beeswax figures, Native American dolls, necklaces, bracelets, sun-painted pillows, treasurer bags, and parachutes, to name a few!



WSP alum Joseph McLean '92, father of Anna McLean in the Lilac early childhood class, offered a woodworking class during Waldorf Summer Camp. He's pictured here with his campers and their finished projects. Joseph teaches woodworking at the Hillsborough Middle School.



Alumni Working at WSP Summer Camp 2011:

Jacquelyn Berkowitz '03	Jonah Mania '09
Michelle Burger '09	Julia Martin '01
Chris Ciccodicola '09	Sarah Lily Martin '06
Eva Ciccodicola '07	Megan McGahren '10
Gareth Cuniff '11	Joseph McLean '92
Asaf Davidov '09	Eliza Meneghin '08
Nicola Faas '10	Sasha Mesaros '08
Alora Hillman '09	Amanda Mullen '06
Noah Hillman '11	Walker Soyen '09
Bhavani Jaikaria '10	Michael Sheehan '09
Dylan Karchere-Sun '10	Nora Sheehan '04
Lily MacGregor '08	

Also, this summer our campers had plenty of opportunities to help with food preparation. They helped to bake bread, squeeze lemons for lemonade, form watermelon pops, melt s'mores, bake pizza in the outdoor oven, and churn homemade ice cream on Festival Days! Best of all and despite the heat, we were blessed with water in the creek for the entire duration of camp!

With much thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers, we helped to create summer memories that will last for years to come.

Jean Alexander, camp health director and WSP parent