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Sarah Ovies ’01

Your cover article “Murder, Marriage, and a Mission” was shocking to find in USF Magazine. … It was a one-sided story that did not seem to respect the life that he chose to take. … I think you have romanticized that he horrifically killed a young woman. Should we really be making him a hero?

Rubio’s remorse over the senseless and violent killing of his former girlfriend. … Absent the full restoration of the memory of the victim, restorative justice is an exercise in feel-good therapy at best, and an added insult to the victim at worst.

Sylvia Wasson EdD ’93

I have to admit that when I first started reading the story of Leonard and Aouie Rubio I had a lot of mixed emotions. I was sickened, repulsed, and deeply troubled by the brutal murder. I was also intrigued by the idea of restorative justice. … I was able to track down Leonard and talk to him on the phone. I was impressed with him and his journey. … I felt that Leonard and Aouie had an incredible story to share, so I invited them to be speakers at our local Rotary Club lunch. … I’m looking forward to meeting them in person and to hearing more of their story.

Bob Canepa ’69

As someone who has been an advocate for restorative justice work in our community, I was impressed by the Rubios’ openness, honesty, and courage in sharing their personal story. … They helped me to understand that only in recognizing our common humanity, and in realizing that we are all capable of doing terrible harm as well as profound good, can we really get anywhere toward building communities of peace and nonviolence.

Julia Dowd MA ’00, MNA ’03

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Monica Villavicencio’s piece on Leonard Rubio and “restorative justice” left me anything but inspired. The focus is solely on Mr. Rubio, his wife Aouie, and their efforts to make us question our “retributive ideas about crime and punishment.” Perhaps this account of change would have been more credible—and the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award bestowed on Mr. Rubio by USF more deserved—had there been any mention of Mr.
Officers and cadets from USF’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) joined a crowd of 250 at the Lone Mountain flag court on Oct. 9 to honor 1st Lt. Jennifer M. Moreno ’10. A suicide bomber killed her and three other U.S. Army soldiers in Afghanistan just three days earlier. Their deaths made national headlines when the federal government shutdown prevented their families from receiving compensation for burial and other expenses.

“She died living her mission of service to her country and to the global community, and we honor her sacrifice,” said USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., during the flag-lowering ceremony and memorial service. “We are extraordinarily proud and forever grateful to Jennifer for the difference she made at such a young age.”

Moreno, 25, was the first member of USF’s ROTC to die in action since the Vietnam War, and the first female from the program killed in battle. She was also one of the few U.S. women to serve on the frontlines in Afghanistan. California Gov. Jerry Brown ordered the flags at the state Capitol in Sacramento lowered to half-staff in her honor.

Veterans groups called it “a disgrace” when the federal government couldn’t pay traditional death benefits to the soldiers’ grieving families.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel echoed the nation’s growing anger in a written statement: “I am offended, outraged, and embarrassed that the government shutdown had [sic] prevented the Department of Defense from fulfilling this most sacred responsibility in a timely manner.”

President Barack Obama publicly acknowledged the outrage and ordered his administration to find a solution. Fisher House, a private foundation, agreed to pay the benefits until the government could find a solution.

Moreno was on a mission to gather intelligence from Afghan women. She volunteered for the dangerous assignment because she believed it was the right thing to do, said Lt. Col. Derek K. Reeve, who led USF’s ROTC when Moreno was a student. She graduated three years ago from the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

“I think that Jenny never really knew how good she was,” said Susan Prion, associate professor of nursing and adviser to Lt. Jennifer Moreno ’10, remembers the nursing alumna at a memorial on USF’s Lone Mountain Campus on Oct. 9. Moreno was killed in action in Afghanistan three days earlier.

Posthumously, the U.S. Army promoted Moreno to captain and awarded her a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Susan Prion, associate professor of nursing and adviser to Lt. Jennifer Moreno ’10, remembers the nursing alumna at a memorial on USF’s Lone Mountain Campus on Oct. 9. Moreno was killed in action in Afghanistan three days earlier.
Doctors’ Labor of Love Wins Top USF Award

USF has awarded one of its highest honors to the San Francisco Free Clinic, which has provided free medical care to more than 70,000 uninsured patients.

Doctors Richard and Tricia Gibbs accepted the 2013 University of San Francisco California Prize for Service and the Common Good at an Oct. 29 gala dinner on campus.

“Along with everyone at the San Francisco Free Clinic, we are honored and grateful to USF for the California Prize,” said Dr. Richard Gibbs. "The prize not only rewards all the wonderful folks who have helped with the Free Clinic over the years, but it allows us to tell the clinic’s story and especially the continuing need to provide all people the opportunity for a healthy life.”

The Gibbses celebrate the Free Clinic’s 20th anniversary this year. In 1993, the couple closed their successful private medical practice to open the clinic in San Francisco’s Richmond District. Since its founding, the clinic has offered free primary care, preventative care, and medication to those who couldn’t afford it. It has connected patients to hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of care through its extensive network of volunteer specialists, at no cost to the patient.

It has also provided clinical placements for medical students.

"Richard and Tricia have selflessly devoted themselves to caring for those who otherwise would not have access to the high-quality health care that the Free Clinic delivers," said USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. "In honoring their work, the university draws attention to this nation’s failure to provide universal health care."

USF awards the California Prize to recognize an organization or individuals whose efforts benefit Californians, especially the poor and marginalized. Past recipients include the San Francisco Giants Foundation, Daniel Lurie of Tipping Point Community, One PacificCoast Bank (formerly OneCalifornia Bank and Foundation), chef Alice Waters, and social entrepreneur Lynn Fritz.

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Dean Appointed To San Francisco Health Commission

School of Nursing and Health Professions Dean Judith Karshmer is a new member of the San Francisco Health Commission. The commission regulates the city’s hospitals and sets overall health and mental health care priorities through the Public Health Department.

Karshmer was sworn in at City Hall by Mayor Ed Lee on June 12. She’ll serve a four-year term and be eligible for reappointment. Her selection comes as the school expands its educational mission to include public health and behavioral health courses in specialties such as infectious disease control, mental health, and geriatric care.

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Healthy Ranking for Nursing School

GraduatePrograms.com ranks the School of Nursing and Health Professions No. 20 out of 1,300 nursing schools nationwide, based on student surveys that assess the quality of education, faculty accessibility, and career support.
‘I HAVE A DREAM’
SPEECH WRITER, USF SCHOLAR, HONORED

A USF scholar and civil rights leader who helped draft Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech was honored as a hero during a campus celebration of the 50th anniversary of the historic civil rights March on Washington.

Clarence B. Jones was King’s confidant, legal counsel, and speechwriter and is now an adjunct professor and diversity scholar at USF. At the celebration in McLaren Conference Center on Sept. 3, representatives from the San Francisco Human Rights Commission gave him a lifetime “Hero” award and Mayor Ed Lee presented him with a commemorative plaque.

Jones accepted the honors on behalf of all civil rights activists, and then grasped the lectern with both hands, bowed his head, and filled the conference hall with a baritone rendition of the civil rights hymn “Oh Freedom.” Many in the audience of 500 were moved to tears.

Pausing a moment, he then spoke proudly of USF and connected the university’s educational mission to King’s vision, telling the audience about a university memorial that honors Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, S.J., who was assassinated in 1980 to silence his support for his country’s poor and oppressed—not unlike King. “That memorial is a reflection of the soul of the University of San Francisco,” Jones said. “When you celebrate the March on Washington 50 years later as an institution, you are reconnecting the moral line that goes from King’s extraordinary leadership of this country to the sacrifice made by Archbishop Oscar Romero and what you are seeking to do today as an institution.”

Jones later urged the crowd to work for social justice. “We can choose to be bystanders, to cover our eyes and ears,” he said, “or become proactive to meet the challenge that Dr. King’s legacy and commitment to nonviolence presents to us.”

The August 1963 March on Washington drew 250,000 participants to the nation’s capital and was the largest public gathering in U.S. history to that point in time. It culminated with King’s iconic speech at the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall.

Now 82, Jones teaches classes at USF on speech writing and the history of U.S. civil rights and has recorded an audio version of his book, “Behind the Dream: The Making of the Speech That Transformed a Nation” (2011). The University of San Francisco funded the recording project.

Jones says he remains committed to telling his story far and wide. “Fable has it, if the surviving lions do not tell their story, then the hunters will get all the credit,” Jones said. “So part of what I do everywhere I go is to tell the story, as a surviving lion, about one of the most extraordinary lions that ever lived in our pride — the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.”

USF Diversity Scholar Clarence B. Jones receives a commemorative plaque from Mayor Ed Lee, recognizing the civil rights leader’s pivotal role in the March on Washington.

Martin Luther King Jr. speaks to the media, as a young Clarence B. Jones stands over his shoulder taking notes.

Watch as Clarence B. Jones is honored at www.usfca.edu/magazine/marchwashington
International Child Sponsorship: Do Your Dollars Make a Difference?

You’ve seen the TV commercials asking you to sponsor a child in the developing world, but does the $3 billion spent every year to sponsor those children do any good? That’s the question USF Professor Bruce Wydick asked, and the answer shocked him and other experts.

“It has always been very difficult for donors and nonprofits to make the case that child sponsorship works. Here we have research that shows it does,” Wydick said.

He found that sponsored children earned 15 percent higher incomes, lived in better-constructed homes, and were more likely to be leaders in their church and community than their non-sponsored siblings. They were also 27 to 40 percent more likely to finish secondary school and 50 to 80 percent more likely to complete college.

“As a development economist, I am used to seeing very modest outcomes from aid programs,” said Wydick. “But we were amazed at the size of the impacts on these kids.”

The five-year study is among the most definitive yet in the long-standing debate over the effectiveness of child sponsorship.

The findings were published in the Journal of Political Economy and have attracted international attention, including coverage by the BBC and other media.

Wydick was the lead researcher on the project, which he conducted with colleagues Paul Glewwe (University of Minnesota) and Laine Rurledge (University of Washington).

Follow-up studies by Wydick’s group suggest that sponsored children also have higher self-esteem and are more optimistic and productive than non-sponsored children.

Best in Business

Peggy Takahashi, associate professor in the School of Management, is ranked among the Top 20 Women Professors in California by StateStats.org, a San Francisco nonprofit that builds and aggregates free web tools for educators.

The organization announced its list after weighing educators’ publications, conference presentations, and recent awards and recognitions, as well as their classroom adoption of Internet-based educational tools.
Gerardo Marín, senior vice provost for academic affairs, has been named to the 100 Colombians 2013 list for his academic achievements and contributions to higher education.

“I am humbled by being selected to join a group that includes past recipients such as (painter and sculptor) Fernando Botero, (novelist) Gabriel García Márquez, (pop musician) Shakira, and others who have contributed so much to the country’s future and shown that Colombia is about much more than the press reports on violence and drugs,” Marín said.

The Fusionarte Association compiles the list, which honors Colombians living abroad who excel in business, education, the arts, or government.

Marín has published more than 140 articles and eight books on psychology and served as president of the Inter-American Society of Psychology. At USF he has developed and coordinated international study programs and campus diversity initiatives.

Disgraced super lobbyist Jack Abramoff—the man at the center of one of the biggest government corruption scandals in recent history—told a USF audience that his crimes were business as usual in Washington.

Abramoff spent 43 months in federal prison for conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and tax evasion. He is now a vocal advocate for lobbying reform.

During his talk in June, Abramoff recounted his exploits as one of Washington’s highest-paid power-brokers.

“Government is broken because of unethical practices, compromised politicians, and special interests and their lobbyists who use money to game the system,” said Abramoff, who is author of “Capitol Punishment: The Hard Truth About Washington Corruption From America’s Most Notorious Lobbyist.”

Abramoff, who’s been the subject of intense media scrutiny, said he’d been asked every question imaginable—until Davi Lang MoPA ’13 asked if female lobbyists faced obstacles that men don’t.

“I’ve never been asked that. That’s an interesting question,” he said. “I never thought about this before and shame on me for not thinking about it, but I think women are at an immense disadvantage in the lobbying game.”

The lecture was eye opening for Lang. “I had no idea the extent to which money was involved, with sporting events and schmoozing,” she said.
USF ‘Most Underrated University’

USF is the 23rd most underrated university in the country, according to the website Business Insider.

The business and finance news site compared university rankings from U.S. News and World Report’s best college rankings to the salaries graduates earn (as reported by PayScale, an annual college salary reporting agency) and concluded that USF outperforms and is underrated.

“USF’s inclusion on the Business Insider’s list underscores what we already know. The university graduates students who are well educated and prepared to succeed. In fact, USF should be more recognized nationally and internationally for how good we are,” said USF Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Jennifer Turpin.

“A USF education not only provides the very best, most rigorous curricula and teaching, it also develops graduates’ capacities to lead and to work well with others. Some ranking systems, unfortunately, don’t measure these less quantifiable, but still critical aspects of student development,” she said.

USF’s School of Management ranked 22nd worldwide on the Corporate Knights Global Green MBA Survey, for incorporating sustainability into its curriculum.

The university was named to the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third time in four years. The award is the highest federal recognition for strengthening community.

Affordable Colleges Online ranks USF sixth in the country for the return on investment (ROI) that computer science majors receive from their college education.

The website also ranked USF 21 out of 767 California universities for all undergraduate majors, in terms of ROI.
Andy Liu MA ’14 danced his way across USF’s Gleeson Plaza and into the hearts of his high school sweetheart and YouTube viewers worldwide. He and several dozen friends surprised his would-be fiancée with a four-minute flash mob dance choreographed to Bruno Mars’ “I think I want to marry you,” just before Liu dropped to one knee, pulled out a ring, and proposed. “She said, ‘Yes!’” Liu shouted to the crowd. Even his parents in China have watched the video. “My mom told me she wants my father to propose to her again,” Liu laughed. “But this time with a flash mob.”

The couple married at San Francisco City Hall in September. The new bride is Lu Gao, a violin student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Both are from Beijing.

WATCH THE VIDEO
www.usfca.edu/magazine/flashmob
Who Made BREAKING BAD So Good?
Breaking Bad’s road to success reads like a modern day Cinderella story. It begins with an impossible premise and is rejected by every network in town—except one. It starts slowly but grows into a cultural phenomenon and then catapults into the Guinness World Records as the most critically acclaimed show on TV.
One person behind that astonishing success is USF’s Gennifer Hutchison ’98, a Breaking Bad writer whose very first episode was nominated for a Writer’s Guild Award.

Hutchison talked to USF Magazine about the smash hit, and how her USF education helped her get inside the head of Walter White, a high school chemistry teacher turned drug kingpin.

The characters of “Breaking Bad” live in a world of meth addiction, drug dealing, and violence. How did you write about a world that you weren’t a part of?

We did a lot of research, and we had consultants, like the DEA, who helped us. Even though it’s a world I wasn’t familiar with, the characters felt like real people. Walt got into this business because he felt desperate and trapped. I’ve felt desperate and trapped. The way I got into the show was by thinking about how I would feel if I were in this position. You get into the emotion of it. The most important thing is making sure it’s emotionally true.

What was it like working with lead actors Bryan Cranston (Walter White) and Aaron Paul (Jesse Pinkman)?

They’re amazing actors, and they were really respectful of the material. If they had a question about a scene or an alternate pitch, they’d come to you and say, “I’m not sure about this one. Can it be more like this?” But they were mostly just asking questions like, “What am I thinking right now? Why are we going in this direction as opposed to that direction?” Then you’d have a conversation about it. It was great to have a dialogue because they had insights into their characters that we didn’t.

Describe a typical day in the writing room.

There were seven writers on the show. We would start around 10 in the morning. Usually the first few weeks in the room, we would talk about the season as a whole and map out different plot points we’d want to hit: We want Walt to be here by this episode, and we think this and this will come to a head. So you get a general sense of where the season is going.

Then we would do each episode in turn and try to put it together organically. We would use a large corkboard and write down everything that happens in an episode, every beat—we call them beats—on 3x5 index cards and pin them to the board and slowly build the episode: teaser, act one, act two, act three, and four. It would take two to three weeks to map out an episode. Then someone would take that board and write an outline off of it, and then one of the writers would write the script.

Which of the episodes you’ve written are you most proud of?

I’m really proud of my first episode, “I See You.” That’s episode eight, season three, right after Walt’s brother-in-law, Hank, gets shot. [Series Creator] Vince [Gilligan] let me go on set and produce it. It’s very unusual for someone who’s never written an episode before to actually be on set to supervise. It was nominated for a Writer’s Guild Award, and having my very first episode get nominated was just amazing.

How did you break into television writing?
It’s notoriously difficult.

It took me a long time to break in. I moved from show to show getting assistant jobs, and I’d get to the point where I’d be ready to pitch an idea or write an episode and the show would be canceled. I was definitely in a place where I thought I was never going to make it. It takes a lot of patience. Also, as a writer you need to always be working on your own material. You have to be ready when the opportunity comes up.
‘My USF education
OPENED MY MIND A LOT
& made me less fearful of new things.’

Did USF prepare you for a writing career?

My USF education opened my mind a lot and made me less fearful of new things. I took media theory and production and took a lot of classes about gender and race portrayals in the media. I always try to take that with me into the writing room. I think about what being inclusive actually means, not just by having women characters and characters of color, but actually having them be fully realized human beings and not fall into stereotypical traps. I always ask myself, “Would Professor [Bernadette] Barker-Plummer [chair of the Media Studies Department at USF] be disappointed in me?”

Do you think the show is a sign of the times?

I think part of the reason Breaking Bad resonated with people is because they recognized some of themselves in it. We’re constantly told that everyone can achieve the American dream, and I think a lot of people feel like they’ve been promised something that wasn’t really delivered. With the economic downturn, a lot of people have been strapped for money, and there’s an element of wish fulfillment in this guy rejecting the status quo and taking control in his life, even though he made a terrible decision. And Walt did get punished for what he did. So you get the thrill of his taking control, but he got what he deserved, so it’s moral too. ////

Breaking Bad’s series finale aired in late September. Hutchison is working on a new show for FX called “The Strain,” based on a trilogy of vampire novels by Guillermo del Toro and Chuck Hogan. The pilot will air next year.

WATCH A CLIP FROM HUTCHISON’S FIRST EPISODE, “I SEE YOU,” AT www.usfca.edu/magazine/breakbad
STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GARY MCDONALD

Photography by Barbara Ries
USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., believes the time has come for new leadership at the university. Now in his 14th year as president—one of the longest tenures in USF history—he has formally announced that he will not renew his contract.

This decision is not a surprise. When he renewed his contract in 2009, the USF Board of Trustees reluctantly agreed that his third five-year term would also be his last. The board has launched a search for Fr. Privett’s successor. (See page 23)

Fr. Privett is a man of conviction, and he says what he thinks. That was on full display in his three-hour interview with USF Magazine.
On Nov. 15, the San Francisco Business Times named Fr. Privett the “Most Admired CEO” of a large nonprofit.

It’s easy to see why. During his tenure he expanded the university’s presence and influence in San Francisco by opening a downtown campus; he raised academic standards, making student admission the most competitive in USF history; and he inspired countless students with his unwavering commitment to educating for justice.

In our interview, Fr. Privett answered every question we asked—including what he thought about his three-day houseguest, the Dalai Lama.

Here are 24 questions for the president.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE JESUIT EDUCATION?

Jesuit education is probably best known for its academic rigor, as well as its emphasis on moral, spiritual, and social development. Its goal is to help students become more fully human and to develop the compassion and empathy to act humanely in an inhumane world. Or, as is often said, Jesuit education is about graduating “individuals with the brains to make a difference and the hearts to want to do so.” That’s not a bad shorthand summary.

Jesuit education has immense potential to effect positive change in society. I don’t see any other enterprise with such potential for creating a better world.

WHAT ARE USF’S GREATEST STRENGTHS?

Its San Francisco location, its diversity, its Jesuit-Catholic tradition, and its outstanding faculty and staff. Taken together, these constitute USF’s strengths and distinctiveness among American universities.
HOW DO YOU CHARACTERIZE USF’S ACADEMIC QUALITY?

Stronger than ever! USF has become significantly more selective in admitting students, and it has also dramatically increased the number of full-time faculty, from 256 to 400. This faculty has won more national awards and grants than at any other period in university history. Three faculty members won Guggenheim Fellowships in 2011. In 2009, four won Fulbright scholarships, placing USF in the top 10 nationwide among research universities.

Just weeks ago, we opened the John Lo Schiavo, S.J. Center for Science and Innovation in the heart of campus, which is a significant investment in academic quality. I marvel at the opportunities our undergraduates have to work closely with leading faculty scientists on significant research projects, an opportunity that students at other universities don’t usually enjoy until graduate school.

I’m especially proud to note that while USF was strengthening its academics, it was also receiving increased recognition for its contributions to the community. Last year, we were one of only five universities in the U.S. to receive the Higher Education Civic Engagement Award, which recognizes universities whose academic programs promote a strong sense of social responsibility for the community.

### USF’S SELECTIVITY

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Total enrollment

**2000-2013**
Up 37.5%

*Jumped to 10,130 from 7,366, including branch campuses*
IN THEIR WORDS

“I’ve always said that if you want to challenge Steve on something controversial, you had better do your homework. He has shown strong leadership when making tough decisions, and he was willing to put his presidency on the line.”

TOM MALLOY
Chair, USF Board of Trustees

“It was a personal honor to invite Fr. Privett to deliver the invocation at the opening of the 110th Congress. His prayer for us to focus our time on ‘those who need us the most’ still echoes in the service of many members of Congress and still inspires us to work toward a future of fairness and to pursue the common good.”

NANCY PELOSI
House Democratic Leader

“Fr. Privett’s ability to encourage honest and open discussion of complex issues is extraordinary. He listens extremely well and articulates his vision and perspective with great insight and precision. Steve is one special administrator, Jesuit, and human being.”

MARIO J. PRIETTO, S.J.
Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows Church

“He brought to life the university’s Jesuit mission for me. He gave us a common sense of purpose around our shared mission and values.”

ELENA FLORES
Associate Dean, USF School of Education
Professor, Counseling Psychology

“Fr. Privett has made USF a bigger part of the city. His vision for the university’s engaging the city coincides with the city’s vision for a greater role for USF.”

JOSEPH MARSHALL ’68
Executive Director, Omega Boys Club/Street Soldiers

“What is inspiring about Steve Privett is the way he treats students and donors the same way. If a student wants to meet with him, he takes the time to do so, in the same way he would with a big donor.”

SARA SUMAN ’03

DOES USF OVEREMPHASIZE EDUCATING FOR JUSTICE?

There’s a vague sense that emphasizing social responsibility somehow “waters down” USF’s commitment to academic excellence. I think the university has demonstrated beyond question that the pursuit of justice and the acquisition of knowledge complement each other and, together, create the highest quality learning experience.

People need to understand that 60 percent of the world goes to bed hungry. We want our students to look at the world through the eyes of the people at the bottom not just their own. Those people are no more lazy, stupid, or unmotivated than the rest of us. They’re there because the world is put together poorly. Our economic, social, and political structures are created entirely by humans. They are not God-given. Justice is about restructuring these systems so that they provide equal opportunities for all people.

WHAT IS USF’S GREATEST CHALLENGE?

I think the continuously rising cost of higher education, which is putting it out of reach for many families, is virtually every college’s biggest challenge. Higher education is labor intensive, and compensation is our largest cost—about 65 percent of USF’s budget. We could easily cut costs by putting hundreds of students in a classroom with one lecturer. But that’s not a USF education. We offer relatively small classes, easy access to faculty, and strong academic support. The challenge is controlling costs without compromising quality.

No university can solve this problem alone. This is a national policy issue, and there are consequences for minimizing support for higher education, especially when other countries like China are investing heavily. The result? Only a wealthy few will enjoy a college education, and the U.S. will deny itself the brainpower, creativity, and entrepreneurial initiative that help to secure the nation’s future.
DO USF STUDENTS GET A GOOD RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION (ROI)?

We want our students to be successful, of course, and they are, and their degrees often earn them higher salaries than would otherwise be possible.

But this is the wrong question. Ultimately, the value of a college degree isn’t how much money it helps you earn, it is the quality of life it allows you to live. If the only metric of a good life is the size of a paycheck, critical questions may go unanswered, like “What is my passion?” and “How can I satisfy the deepest desires of my heart?” Answering these questions is key to realizing the fullness of our humanity.

The real question students must ask themselves is whether they seek only to develop a set of skills that will earn them a big salary, or do they also desire a full, rich, and satisfying life.

DOES THE GROWING POPULARITY OF ONLINE LEARNING THREATEN THE FUTURE OF TRADITIONAL COLLEGE CAMPUSES?

I don’t think so. Technology greatly enhances the learning environment, and our faculty uses technology in amazing ways. But technology, in and of itself, is not a full college experience. I don’t think earning a degree entirely online is the experience that traditional students are looking for between high school and their careers.

Learning isn’t just about putting information in students’ heads. It is about character and community. USF describes itself as a learning community in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. Bringing students together in real time and space offers a powerful learning environment that can’t be matched by sitting alone in front of a computer.

WHY DO YOU REQUIRE ALL UNDERGRADUATES TO TAKE A SERVICE-LEARNING COURSE?

USF was one of the first universities to require service learning of every student. Let’s be clear: service learning is not about volunteering. It’s about learning problem-solving skills and, most important, shifting perspectives. If you’re at the top of the mountain looking over Rio, it’s a beautiful city. But if you’re living in a favela at the bottom of the hill, it’s harsh and ugly.

Through service learning, students begin to realize that what they see depends on where they stand, and what they hear depends on whom they listen to. They begin to understand the complexities that make creating a more just and humane world so challenging. A student working at St. Anthony’s kitchen might ask, “Why does the wealthiest nation in the world have so many hungry people?”; “Are soup kitchens the answer to hunger in America?”; and, “Will more shelters solve homelessness?” They learn a lot about what’s wrong with our political and economic structures by standing with and listening to the poor.

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Fromm Hall (formerly Xavier Hall) opens after 18 months of renovation, made possible by a $10 million gift from the Friends of the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning

JAN. 4, 2007
Fr. Privett gives the invocation at the opening of the 110th Congress, where U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) is sworn in as Speaker of the House

JUNE 2007
The Campaign for USF: Educating Minds and Hearts to Change the World raises $178.4 million, the most in university history

OCT. 17, 2008
USF takes first steps to respond to the global economic crisis with a hiring freeze; university eliminates pay raises for executive officers

DEC. 11, 2008
President of Ireland Mary McAleese speaks at USF
YOU’VE SAID THAT DIVERSITY IS A VITAL PART OF USF’S EDUCATION.

Some people regard diversity as responsive to a political agenda. At USF, diversity is about education, not politics. The more varied the backgrounds and the experiences in the classroom, the richer the learning.

I like to use this example: If there are four birds on a wire, and you hit one with a rock, how many are left? A city kid says three; a rural kid says none, because they know when you hit one bird, they all fly away. There is not a right or wrong answer, and it’s important to understand how each individual’s perspective colors the way he or she sees the world.

At USF, diversity allows students to learn from each other in and out of the classroom. Our students are surrounded by differences, and they work with them every day, learning to collaborate, communicate, and solve problems. These are skills that employers value highly. The USF experience gives our students the education they need to succeed in the global workplace.

DO TODAY’S STUDENTS SURPRISE YOU IN ANY WAY?

I’m surprised by how technodependent they are. I walked down the hallway the other day and virtually every student was so absorbed with an iPhone and earplugs that they appeared oblivious to their surroundings.

I wonder if they ever unplug to reflect on what’s going on in their lives. They’re exposed to huge amounts of information, but are they better informed? Does this virtual interaction arrest the development of social skills that are essential for the human relationships that build community and society? I have a lot of questions and no answers.

WHAT VALUES DO YOU HOPE USF GRADUATES TAKE WITH THEM?

I want our students to have a moral compass that guides them through passionate, purposeful lives with commitment and integrity. I want them to become substantive persons who are not easily seduced by the vapid messages of popular culture.

I hope they will be critical and reflective enough to discover who they are, and judge success not only by their professional careers, but also by how effectively they address the world’s deepening inequities. I don’t think you can lead a satisfying life if you’re not concerned about others.

HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE A TYPICAL USF STUDENT?

I don’t think there is a typical USF student. USF is one of the nation’s most diverse universities in terms of ethnic background, socioeconomic status, religious practice, and sexual orientation—whatever lens you use, you’ll see it at USF.

I do think USF students share some common traits, however. They want the energy of the city, not the quiet of the suburbs. They come prepared to rub shoulders with people who are different from themselves, and they welcome challenges. Our students are adventurous, outgoing, engaging, and friendly. I think these qualities are more common than not across the student body.

JUNE 2009
The School of Business and Management and the College of Professional Studies merge to form the School of Business and Professional Studies, now the School of Management

JUNE 1, 2010
Dean of Arts and Sciences Jennifer Turpin is promoted to provost and vice president of academic affairs

APRIL 7, 2011
Three USF faculty members win Guggenheim Fellowships: Richard Leo (law), D.A. Powell (English), and David Vann (MFA in writing)

FALL 2011/SPRING 2012
Three USF athletic teams take home West Coast Conference titles: Baseball, Women’s Cross Country, and Men’s Golf
WHAT IS THE STORY YOU TELL ABOUT THE VILLAGE WITH 100 PEOPLE?

If the world were reduced to a village of 100 people, only one person would have a college education. Every student at USF is part of that 1 percent, and we educate them not only for their personal success, but also for what they do can for the other 99 percent. I agree with USF alum Joe Marshall ’68, a MacArthur genius and trustee emeritus, who says, “The more you know, the more you owe.”

Many of our students come from low-income families. They may not think of themselves as privileged, but, in a global context, they really are. They’re one in a hundred, and they have an opportunity that is denied to 99 percent of the world.

I’m proud that we are the sixth most successful university in the nation at graduating students from low-income families. This is compelling evidence that USF is an engine of social mobility. We move students up the ladder and create futures for them and their families that they would otherwise not have.

WHY DOES USF STAGE THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES WHEN OTHER CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES HAVE BANNED IT?

As I tell our students, the Vagina Monologues has all the appeal of the annual grammar school Christmas pageant. It’s the same old thing year after year.

But, as educators, we shouldn’t be afraid of ideas we don’t agree with. The answer to a bad idea is a better one. Censorship is antithetical to the goals of our university, and only generates more attention—exactly what “censors” want to avoid.

When USF students stage the production, it is followed by a faculty-led discussion so that issues can be addressed and clarified, and a controversial presentation is thereby transformed into an educational moment.

ARE ATHLETICS IMPORTANT AT USF?

Athletics play a more important role than many people realize. About 25 percent of our undergraduates engage in athletics at one level or another.

Of our student-athletes, 235 are competing this year in NCAA Division I athletics in the West Coast Conference, and our intercollegiate teams continue to be important catalysts for student pride, school spirit, positive local and national media exposure, and support from alums and fans. We expect to see more WCC championships and post-season play Women’s Cross Country, for example, just won the WCC, placed fourth in the region, and is competing for the national championship.

USF’s student-athletes excel in the classroom as well, and last year posted a 3.33 cumulative grade-point average. More than 400 USF students also compete on one of our 22 club teams, and another 700 play every semester in one of 17 intramural leagues. In every sport, and at every level, USF is committed to ensuring that our student-athletes have a rewarding experience.

WHY DID YOU SELL KUSF RADIO?

KUSF was originally student run and operated, and a valuable learning laboratory. It morphed over time into a community enterprise where only 10 percent of the workers were USF students, while USF remained 100 percent responsible for its operation and costs.

Our mission is to educate in the Jesuit Catholic tradition, not to provide opportunities largely for non-students. I am obligated to spend tuition dollars to support student learning, and that’s how the proceeds were used: to fund scholarships and academic programs.

USF continues to offer students solid learning opportunities at KUSF.org, which is entirely student-staffed and streamed live on the Internet.

SEPT. 19, 2012
USF dedicates its Downtown Campus in the historic Folger Coffee Building

SEPT. 19, 2012
The School of Law celebrates its 100th anniversary

SEPT. 29, 2012
Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma (1991) speaks at USF

SEPT. 27, 2013
USF celebrates the opening of the John Lo Schiavo, S.J. Center for Science and Innovation

NOV. 15, 2013
The San Francisco Business Times names Fr. Privett “Most Admired CEO” of the Year for a large nonprofit
HOW DO YOU MOTIVATE DONORS TO SUPPORT USF?

Let me be clear: This university exists because of the generosity of people who believe in USF. They built our campus, and they grew our endowment. To everyone who has supported the University of San Francisco—from alumni and trustees to parents and foundations—please know that I am deeply grateful.

With continued support, we hope to double USF’s endowment over the next five to seven years, so that we can continue to provide a USF education to students who otherwise could not afford it.

When I talk with donors, I explain how any gift to USF has positive effects that reach far beyond The Hilltop. An investment in USF is also an investment in shaping the city of San Francisco and the world. We partner with them in creating opportunities, and they help us create a better world through education.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF POPE FRANCIS, THE FIRST JESUIT POPE?

I think his focus on the marginalized—the poor, aged, sick, imprisoned—is exactly what we need. Bringing people who are on the periphery to the center of our consciousness is a necessary corrective for a church leadership that has fixated on a few issues to the neglect of others, such as the increasingly disproportionate distribution of wealth, immigration reform, the devastating impact of sequestration on the poor, and an ideologically frozen legislative system.

Pope Francis’ simple lifestyle and human warmth resonates with people, increasing his effectiveness as a leader and the likelihood that people will listen to him.
ITS NOT WIDELY KNOWN, BUT WHEN THE DALAI LAMA VISITED USF IN 2003, HE STAYED WITH YOU AT LOYOLA HOUSE. WHAT WAS HE LIKE?

He was a delightful guest. He's very comfortable in his own skin and doesn't take himself too seriously. It's unusual for someone of his stature to be as low key, unassuming, and gracious as he is. He's not unlike Pope Francis, who also has a down-home way about him and likes to mix with people.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AS PRESIDENT?

I don't feel qualified, or even think it is appropriate, to say anything about that. I can honestly say that the development and growth of USF is the result of many people: outstanding faculty, a committed staff, increasingly talented and engaged students, generous benefactors, dedicated trustees, and remarkable leadership from deans and vice presidents.

ARE YOU PAID?

I receive a salary, but I never see a paycheck. Every USF Jesuit's compensation goes directly to the Jesuit community, and that money collectively funds the budget for the Loyola House Jesuit community. I honestly don't know what my salary is. Obviously, a paycheck is not what motivates a Jesuit.

I have two funding sources, though, unlike most Jesuits. The university covers those expenses I incur as president. The Jesuit community covers my personal expenses, like books, pharmaceuticals, and movies with friends.

AS PRESIDENT, YOU HOSTED EVERYONE FROM MOVIE STARS TO HEADS OF STATE. WHO IMPRESSED YOU THE MOST?

(Nobel Peace Prize laureate) Aung San Suu Kyi. There was an air of dignity and strength to her. She is of slight stature but made of steel. I asked her what sustained her during the 20 years she spent under house arrest, and she said she read a great deal, listened to news on the radio, and meditated. I found her to be reflective, substantive, and strong.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS ABOUT THE JOB?

That's a good question. Certainly my colleagues and most particularly my immediate staff: Jaki Neesam, Grace Sanchez, and Chitchi Tabora. I'll have to learn how to do all the things that they do for me. USF is a uniquely wonderful collection of people, and I feel privileged to have had an opportunity to work with them.

WHAT’S NEXT FOR YOU?

Actually, I haven’t allowed myself to think much about what I’m going to do after USF. I won’t be president, but I’m not retiring. There’s always more work for Jesuits. I’ll get some time off, catch up on beach reading, and recharge a bit. Then, I’ll be in conversation with my Jesuit superior about what’s next for me. ////

THE SEARCH FOR USF’S NEXT PRESIDENT

A comprehensive, national search for USF’s next president is underway. Selecting the university’s president is the most important responsibility of the USF Board of Trustees, and it has formed two committees to lead the effort:

The Presidential Search Committee (PSC) is coordinating the selection process. Its members, current and former trustees, will interview candidates and recommend a finalist to the full board of trustees for a vote. The PSC is chaired by Charles H. Smith, president and CEO (retired) of AT&T West, who is also vice chair of the USF Board of Trustees.

The Search Advisory Committee (SAC) is gathering input from the USF community to help define the qualifications and personal attributes the trustees should consider when making their decision. Members include faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Once the new president is selected, this committee will coordinate “meet and greet” sessions with USF’s new leader. The SAC is chaired by Teresa Win ’85, investment consultant (retired) and trustee emerita. She also serves as vice chair of the PSC.

The board of trustees hopes to name USF’s new president prior to the beginning of the 2014-15 academic year.

You can give us your opinion on the presidential search, and get the latest news on its progress at: www.usfca.edu/presidentialsearch.
THE FUTURE IS HERE
The new John Lo Schiavo, S.J. Center for Science and Innovation ushers in a new era of scientific exploration at USF and nearly doubles the amount of space devoted to science education. It physically transforms the heart of campus, and its signature two-tiered outdoor plaza has quickly become a prime gathering spot for the entire university community.

by Edward Carpenter and Monica Villavicencio
INTRODUCING

The John Lo Schiavo, S.J. Center for Science and Innovation

It’s no accident that Lo Schiavo Science is located at the center of campus—it is a bold statement about the university’s support for science education in the 21st century.

It is also a $54 million commitment to academic excellence and a harbinger of change. Gone are the days when science departments were isolated on different floors. In Lo Schiavo Science, all departments share classrooms, laboratories, and breakout areas throughout the building, exposing both faculty and students to new perspectives and unleashing creative potential.

This cross-disciplinary approach is critical for new fields of scientific study, such as nanotechnology, which borrows from multiple disciplines, including computer science, physics, and biology.

In Lo Schiavo Science, undergraduates enjoy a distinct USF advantage: an opportunity to work closely with top scientists on substantive research. This is a privilege reserved exclusively for graduate students at most other universities.

A number of green features, such as temperature-driven automatic windows, put Lo Schiavo Science on track to receive LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Building Council. “This is not just a building, it’s an incubator of knowledge,” said Jennifer Turpin, USF provost and vice president for academic affairs. “Lo Schiavo Science shouts: science is critical, science is important, and science is exciting!”

WATCH THE LO SCHIAVO SCIENCE RIBBON CUTTING AT
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600 DAYS OF CONSTRUCTION
59,000 SQUARE FEET
17 LABS & CLASSROOMS
LANDSCAPING WITH DROUGHT RESISTANT NATIVE PLANTS
28,000 GALLON CISTERN TO COLLECT RAINWATER
1,215 SCIENCE MAJORS
BIOLOGY MOST POPULAR UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

A BELOVED NAMESAKE

The John Lo Schiavo, S.J. Center for Science and Innovation is named for one of the university’s most beloved figures—Chancellor John Lo Schiavo, S.J. But almost everyone calls him "Father Lo."

Fr. Lo began his 14-year tenure as USF’s president in 1977, following a difficult period of declining enrollment and fiscal challenges. He ushered in an era of unprecedented enrollment growth, balanced budgets, and successful fund-raising that set the university on firm financial footing.

His greatest legacy, however, may be the acquisition of Lone Mountain College, which is now USF’s iconic 23-acre Lone Mountain campus. Also during his tenure, the Koret Health and Recreation Center was built, the College of Professional Studies was established (now part of the School of Management), and the Center for the Pacific Rim was founded.

A native San Franciscan, Fr. Lo first came to USF as a professor of philosophy and theology in 1950. He also served as dean of students, vice president for student affairs, chairman of the board of trustees, and rector of USF’s Jesuit community.
‘LO SCHIAVO SCIENCE SHOUTS: SCIENCE IS CRITICAL, SCIENCE IS IMPORTANT, AND SCIENCE IS EXCITING!’

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USF PROFESSORS TACKLE BIG QUESTIONS IN SCIENCE
Can CANCER be CURED?

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the U.S., estimated to kill 580,000 Americans in 2013 alone. Early diagnosis and novel treatments have made great strides in saving lives. But are we any closer to knowing what causes it and developing a cure? USF’s Christina Tzagarakis-Foster discusses what might be our best chance to kill cancer.

Can science develop a cure for cancer?

It will be difficult, if not impossible, to completely stop cancer, which is caused by cell mutation that results in uncontrolled cell growth. As long as there are cells, there will be cell growth and cell mutations. Some of those mutations will inevitably lead to cancers.

We already have therapies that successfully “kill” some cancers, but those treatments also affect surrounding “good” cells and make patients sick. Developing more targeted therapies will require a better understanding of how specific cell mutations lead to cancer, and that will require a better understanding of how normal cells function.

Is a one-size-fits-all cancer treatment possible?

I don’t think a silver bullet exists to treat all cancers. Effective treatment will vary from one cancer to another, because each is genetically different.

What’s the most promising approach to treating specific cancers?

More and more research focuses on cancer profiling. This will allow us to genetically map and treat cancers according to both the type of mutation and the type of tissue the cancer is located in—the latter being the focus of current chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

But before therapies based on cancer profiling can begin in earnest, we need a database of cancer cells’ DNA mutations. We need to know what went wrong in a cell in order to treat it. A good example of this is the work being done by scientists at the Cancer Genome Atlas.

So cancer profiling is promising but a ways off?

There are major challenges, including cost and the technical know-how. The good news is that the technology needed to map mutations in tumor cells is improving and will become more cost effective. So, profiling will be used more and more. Eventually, we should be able to target the specific genetic mutations that led to a tumor—treating it, and perhaps even reversing it.

Are there any low-tech solutions?

Improving health and nutrition, minimizing exposure to carcinogens, developing better screenings for early detection, and new cancer treatment therapies are likely to dramatically reduce the number of cancer deaths in the future. ////

Christina Tzagarakis-Foster

associate professor, biology: Studies the DAX-1 protein in stem cells and breast cancer cells, on the theory that it functions like a “brake” on cell growth. When disrupted, uncontrolled cell growth can occur—a tumor.
Dramatic advances in the fight against HIV/AIDS could produce a vaccine in the next 10 to 20 years, saving 1.5 million lives worldwide annually, according to USF’s Juliet Spencer.

One discovery by researchers at Oregon Health and Science University led to the development of the first vaccine capable of preventing and, in some cases, eliminating the monkey variant of HIV in infected rhesus monkeys. The study was published in the September issue of Nature journal and made headlines around the world.

Spencer was especially excited by the breakthrough because it was made possible by Cytomegalovirus (CMV), a member of the herpes family she has studied for more than 15 years. Researchers used a modified form of CMV to transport an SIV vaccine into the monkeys and then exposed them to an aggressive strain of SIV. The vaccine prevented a substantial number of the monkeys from ever contracting SIV. In other cases, it was able to fight off developing SIV and eliminate it. It’s an approach scientists hope can be adapted for humans infected with HIV.

The discovery could be the “Goldilocks” vaccine researchers have been looking for. Earlier vaccines were either too weak and had no effect on the virus, or too strong and infected the subject. “For 25 years, researchers have tried to develop a vaccine that is neither too cold nor too hot but just right,” Spencer says. “This shows it can be done.”

“Scientifically, it’s enthralling,” she says. “It’s further evidence that a better understanding of human CMV could have broad health implications.”

It could also lead to more interest and research funding in the field, Spencer says. ///

SEARCHING FOR BIG ANSWERS IN LITTLE THINGS

USF research just took a quantum leap with the recent opening of the half-million-dollar Fletcher Jones Microscopy Lab. It features three latest-generation microscopes that each work in a different way:

- **Scanning confocal microscope**: Uses a laser to examine cells at various depths, and renders images in 3D
- **Scanning electron microscope**: Uses electrons instead of light to form an image. It has many advantages over traditional microscopes, including a larger depth of field, higher resolution, and more control over the degree of magnification
- **Flow cytometer**: Uses a laser to examine the quantity, size, and shape of microscopic particles like cells and chromosomes by suspending them in a stream of fluid and detecting them electronically

“This equipment is 20 years ahead of what we were working with before. By having the chance to work with these new instruments, our students will be able to walk into research labs like those at Genentech, UCSF Medical Center, or the EPA and feel confident they know what they’re doing,” says Juliet Spencer, associate professor of biology. She won a grant to build the lab from the Fletcher Jones Foundation, which supports private education at California universities.

Watch to learn more about the microscopes at www.usfca.edu/magazine/microscope2013
Can HUMANS REGENERATE body parts?

Starfish can do it. So can spiders and salamanders. They can regrow their arms, legs, and tails.

Humans can too—to a small extent and only for a very short while. A baby can regrow an entire fingertip until the age of 2 or 3. But then the ability disappears.

What if humans could recover that ability to regenerate? The idea’s not as crazy as you might think, says USF Assistant Professor of Biology James Sikes.

He studies flatworms because flatworms regenerate like no other creature. Cut one into 275 pieces and, within a week, you’ll have 275 completely formed, brand new worms.

To discover their regenerative secret, Sikes focused on a type of flatworm that has lost virtually all of its ability to regenerate, the Procotyla fluviatilis. He sequenced its genes and compared them to those in flatworms that can regenerate. By doing that, he discovered the gene responsible for inhibiting regeneration. He decided to investigate what would happen if he turned off the gene’s signaling pathway.

“I couldn’t believe it,” Sikes recalls. “I looked at these animals, and said, ‘I think they’re regenerating heads.’”

It was the first time a scientist anywhere had reawakened a creature’s ability to regrow a body part.

Of course, humans are infinitely more complex than flatworms. Still, Sikes believes the discovery could have tremendous implications for humans.

“The idea that there is an underlying ability to regenerate, that maybe you’re still holding onto it, and that maybe you can turn that ability back on gives a boost to research on regenerative medicine,” Sikes says. Medical researchers are already training adult stem cells to regenerate damaged tissue.

“The biggest effects would be in neural diseases, if we can reverse brain damage or heart damage after a heart attack,” says Sikes. “If we can replace a damaged nerve cell and get circuitry back perfectly, paralysis would not happen.”

And as for regenerating fingertips?

“Can we do it today? No. Tomorrow? Probably not,” he says. “But we probably have more underlying abilities in our bodies than we realize.”

James Sikes, assistant professor, biology. Researches the evolution and development of regeneration in invertebrates, particularly marine and freshwater flatworms. His paper on regeneration in the Procotyla fluviatilis was published in Nature, one of the world’s most prominent scientific journals, in July.
What will power
CARS OF THE FUTURE?

Henry Ford bet on biofuels. In fact, he built the Model T to run on both gas and ethanol.

Nearly a century later, USF Associate Professor of Chemistry Giovanni Meloni agrees that biofuels are probably the easiest replacement for oil. And if we can get the recipe just right, maybe we can make the switch, without having to change the internal combustion engines in most cars.

But perfecting that recipe has been tricky. Early biofuels were primarily made from corn and soybeans and drove up food prices. Second-generation biofuels are made from the stems, leaves, and husks of food crops, and also switchgrass, wood chips, and other biomass.

Meloni studies these fuels, looking at their reactions during combustion in order to see how efficient and clean they are. He says that some second-generation biofuels are promising, but the biggest challenge is producing them in large quantities, cheaply.

“The main problem is always mass production,” Meloni says. “We can make the stuff, but if it’s going to cost $100 a gallon, who’s going to use it?”

Researchers are searching for cheaper ways to convert plant leftovers into fuel, but Meloni insists that powering our cars will require a variety of energy sources.

Electric cars could gain traction, for example, but the technology is still developing. Most of those now on the market can only go about 100 miles before they need an overnight charge. Researchers are looking into ways to store more energy in electric car batteries. If they can design higher-performing, more efficient batteries—that can also be produced cheaply—we could soon see more electric cars on the road.

Meloni says the most promising source of energy for those cars is our most plentiful and renewable: the sun.

“I think solar power is going to be most important. Maybe we’ll have an electric car that you can drive for 400 miles and maybe it recharges itself while you’re driving because it has solar panels.”

What scientists will need in order to discover and fine tune these technologies is time.

“If everyone was driving less, that would buy time for technology to advance,” he says. “We need to change the way that we drive and use our resources in a smarter way—car sharing and not driving just to go buy milk. Walk instead. It should be a technology shift, but also a cultural shift.”

‘I THINK SOLAR POWER IS GOING TO BE MOST IMPORTANT. MAYBE WE’LL HAVE AN ELECTRIC CAR THAT YOU CAN DRIVE FOR 400 MILES AND MAYBE IT RECHARGES ITSELF.’

Giovanni Meloni, associate professor, chemistry. Studies the combustion and atmospheric reactions of biofuel molecules. His research has been funded by the American Chemical Society-Petroleum Research Funds, the Advanced Light Source at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Swiss Light Source in Villigen, Switzerland.
Melting glaciers and a warming climate will raise ocean levels between one and three feet by the end of the century, scientists predict. Will San Franciscans be left scrambling for cover? USF’s John Callaway explores what higher oceans would mean for life in the City by the Bay.

If sea levels rise as predicted, what will flood?
Hundreds of thousands of houses, roads, and hospitals around the edge of the Bay would be affected. San Francisco and Oakland airports, the ports, the Great Highway along the edge of Ocean Beach, and the city’s sewage treatment plant would all likely flood. Foster City and Treasure Island are also very close to sea level. Unfortunately, sea-level rise would have a disproportionate impact on low-income communities. Those communities tend to develop on land closer to sea level because, except for property directly on the water, it’s often cheaper.

Can we build walls to keep the water out?
Certainly, a large part of the response will be engineering solutions. Many areas already have levees and sea walls to protect them from flooding, and there will likely be additional sea walls and levees to protect the really high-value areas, such as downtown San Francisco. But the cost will be substantial.

What we really need to think about is a longer-term solution, like a “managed retreat”—the use of the lowest areas adjacent to the coast for farming or other things that are easily relocated, rather than for high-value development. Then, as sea level rises, we can move back.

Scientists warn that the Bay Area’s wetlands could be wiped out by the end of the century, possibly sooner. Why does this matter?
The wetlands around the Bay protect us from the effects of storms and remove contaminants from water. Think of them as sponges, absorbing water so it doesn’t flood adjacent areas. The concern is that as we close in on really high sea-level estimates, many wetlands will slowly start to lose elevation. Plants will die out, and we’ll lose many of the benefits that those healthy ecosystems provide. Unfortunately, about 95 percent of Bay Area wetlands have already been lost due to agricultural, urban, and suburban development.

Any good news?
Luckily, over the last few decades there’s been a big push to restore the Bay’s wetlands. If all the salt pond areas currently slated for restoration are converted back to tidal marsh, we would more than double the acreage of wetlands within the South Bay, thus more than doubling the benefits those wetlands provide.
San Francisco’s Mexican Museum is small, but thanks to Executive Director David de la Torre ’70 its cultural footprint isn’t.

The five-room museum boasts a collection of 14,000 ancient, colonial, folk, and fine art pieces from Mexico, the U.S., and other parts of Latin America—one of the largest on the West Coast—and is the city’s only affiliate to the Smithsonian Institution.

But de la Torre has a far grander vision.

He is overseeing one of the 40-year-old museum’s biggest projects to date: a move from a modest space tucked away at Fort Mason Center to four floors in a new building in the city’s Yerba Buena Arts District, where it’ll be in good company. The area is home to renowned museums like the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Contemporary Jewish Museum. Construction is slated for completion in 2017.

De la Torre has enlisted the help of some fellow Dons to achieve his vision. Sofía Treviño ’13 oversees membership and administration, and students in USF’s new Master of Museum Studies Program will help curate exhibits, including two that will be hosted by USF next year.

Fellow alumna and wife Georgianna Lagoria de la Torre MA ’78, whom David met at USF, will also lend her expertise. She’s run museums like the Contemporary Art Museum, Honolulu, and the Palo Alto Arts Center.

And USF School of Law Dean John Trasviña serves on the museum’s International Advisory Board.

With the help of so many in the USF community, de la Torre is confident that the Mexican Museum will become one of the city’s most vibrant cultural institutions.

“My vision is that the museum will become a major center for the serious study of Latino art, history, and culture, and will promote an appreciation and understanding of what Latino culture means to us as Americans,” he said.
DON RAMATICI was honored as this year’s recipient of the Gene and Evelyn Benedetti Leadership Award from Petaluma Valley Hospital. The award recognizes individuals within the community for lifelong dedication to acts of generosity, leadership, and community involvement. Don has a passion for supporting youth sports and activities as well as community organizations.

James P. Smith is a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in solution-oriented therapy that uses both cognitive/behavioral and psychoanalytic processes, including guided imagery, to treat mental and emotional disorders among adults, couples, adolescents, and the elderly. His hobbies are writing, BMW motorcycle touring, and photography.

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The Rev. John William Egan retired after 58 years of court reporting. He and his wife of 61 years, Jeanette, are enjoying retirement at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek. They enjoy spending time with their three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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Rick Rochford visited the USF campus at the end of August to watch his grandson’s soccer game. His grandson is a student at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Young Stewart reports that he is still active, despite using a cane and a walker. He’s a member of the USF Sacramento Regional Council and regularly attends an informal monthly breakfast with other USF alumni at Annie’s Diner in Orangevale. He’s active in the Knights of Columbus, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Citrus Heights Lions Club. This past April, he and his wife

Dear USF,
In 1941, students Gene Dunn and Frank Ford walked under the iron arch through your main gateway on Fulton Street. Welch Hall (in the background) was demolished in 1950, but 2130 Fulton Street remains the university’s main address to this day.

“DEAR USF” MATCHES ARCHIVAL PHOTOS WITH PHOTOS OF TODAY’S USF. SEE MORE “DEAR USF” PHOTOS AND SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AT www.usfca.edu/magazine/dearUSF13
of 56 years, Eunice, took a river cruise on the waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium, two countries they had never visited before.

AL TWYFORD retired last April after 55 years of working in the trucking and chemical industry. He still gets together with former USF classmates, BOB KING, CARL PIMENTEL, and ED THIEDE ’58.

Now 80, JOHN E. POPOVICH had a successful career as a diplomat with the U.S. Foreign Service, retiring as assistant inspector general for resource management of the agency.

JAMES T. WALT and wife, Marilyn, live in Lake Oswego, Ore., and have a second home near Bend. They enjoy riding horses, playing golf, and fishing.

‘57 After 50 years of teaching law, JEREMY T. HARRISON is enjoying retirement, which has given him more time to spend with his wife, 12 children, and 22 grandchildren. He welcomed his 23rd grandchild in September and will celebrate the wedding of his youngest daughter this year. He writes, “Now I also have time for long walks, singing in two choirs, and reading books unrelated to law.”

JAMES SKIDMORE and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in January. They have three children and seven grandchildren. He’s happy to report that his granddaughter, Alison, was accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy, Class of 2017. She will be playing soccer there. “Slowing down somewhat since the Fash Fandango days but still fly fishing a lot and enjoying regular workouts at the Olympic Club,” he writes.

‘58 MICHAEL D. JOHNSON writes, “Still alive and kicking! Where do the years go? My best to all my classmates of 1958!”

‘62 After teaching nursing for 50 years at Sonoma State University, SANDRA DEBELLA BOLDEY retired and spends her time traveling. She and her family spent three weeks in Iceland this past summer.

Since his years at USF, KEVIN STARR has kept busy with an extensive professional timeline as a historian, librarian, author, and educator. He received the Robert Kirsch Award for lifetime achievement and an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University. Kevin is also a member of the California Hall of Fame and received the National Medal for Humanities and the Centennial Medal from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University.

ROY TULLE MS ’70 and wife, Ellen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August.

‘63 MARY SCHMIDT PRATT MILLER works in a private clinical counseling practice in Northville, Mich. She also serves on the board of the Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association, providing ethics workshops for other mental health professionals. She and her husband are building a new home for their eight children and 15 grandchildren. She writes, “I miss the soft and downy fog of San Francisco, and I’m hoping to experience lots of it when I come for our reunion.”

‘64 BRUCE CORNBLUM published the 19th edition of his three-volume work, “California Insurance Law Dictionary and Desk Reference,” this year. It’s widely used by lawyers and judges in the state as a standard legal reference. He continues to practice civil law and is now in his 49th year of practice.

‘65 PETE COMERFORD was elected president of the Northern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus for 2013-14. The chapter covers the Diocese of Sacramento, from Vallejo and South Lake Tahoe to Yreka.

In 2012, IRENE DANIELS LEWIS retired after 30 years at the San Jose State University Valley Foundation School of Nursing, where she was chair of community health and psychiatric nursing. Since retiring, she has visited Beijing and taken a cruise to Mexico with her husband, Norris.

‘66 RITA JANE (CORRIEA) WIDERGREN retired from her position as supervising public health nurse for Marin County. She and her husband, Bob, celebrated by taking their six children, their children’s spouses, and 10 grandchildren to Kauai for a week.

‘67 SISTER M. TIMOTHY GALLAGHER continues her mission work at St. Mary’s Medical Center three days a week. She works with the congestive heart failure team, following up on patient compliance to diet and medication.

‘68 DENNIS P. COLLIN is happily retired into a part-time guest services position at Longwood Gardens in the western suburbs of Philadelphia.

EDDIE CASTORIA has recently moved from California back to Albuquerque, N.M. He continues to serve as president and CEO of his San Diego-based company.

BOWMAN OLDS MA ’74 just completed 20 years as the corporate emergency operations manager for Science Applications International Corporation. He is responsible for responding to all man-made and natural disasters impacting the company’s 41,000 employees and their families across the U.S. and in 37 countries.

‘69 Having lived in the Bay Area his entire life, GARY ANDREGG retired and moved to Las Vegas. He married his longtime partner in July, and they look forward to their new life in the Silver State.

WILLIAM F. KIDD recently retired from the San Francisco Police Department in 2005 and currently works as a court deputy for the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office.

HARRY YOUNG won an Emmy for his audio work on the NBC series “Days of Our Lives.”

HOWARD HACK ’62

A USF LANDMARK ON CANVAS

In 1960, philosophy student Howard Hack ’62 painted the university’s most famous landmark. Half a century later, that painting is hanging at USF’s Downtown Campus, a recent gift of the noted artist.

“My time at USF followed three years painting oils in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where I was surrounded by magnificent churches,” he recalls. “St. Ignatius Church reminded me of these motifs. It seemed like a natural subject.”

Hack’s work is in the permanent collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Smithsonian, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Los Angeles County Museum, among others. His studio is in Oakland.
JEANNE ZARKA ‘73 is preparing to walk 450 miles across Spain, from Pamplona to Santiago de Compostela, on a 33-day pilgrimage. She writes, “I survived brain cancer and want to complete this challenge while healthy enough to do so.”

Since retiring from a 41-year career with the U.S. Postal Service, PETER H. DEUTSCH has kept busy managing a shift of volunteers at SFO and giving walking tours for www.sfcityguides.org. He also served on a grand jury in San Mateo County. Peter plays golf at least once a week. He and wife, Cathy, recently became proud grandparents to Abigale Louise.

PAUL COOL JD ’74 gave the plenary address on the El Paso Salt War at the 2013 Arizona/New Mexico Joint History Conference in Las Cruces, N.M. Paul is the author of “Salt Warriors: Insurgency on the Rio Grande.”

DENNIS A. MARTIN completed the second edition of his book, “Celulibrous,” which is available in bookstores.

ANTONIO ALVAREZ URRIOLA lives in David, Panama. She and her son own and operate an insurance brokerage firm.

MICHELE ORGAS (THOMAS) POSTAL has been busy! She got married last December, retired in August, and moved to Eugene, Ore., in September.

SHEILA THOMPSON is technology coordinator for St. Paul Catholic School in New Iber, N.C., where she also teaches technology to 11th graders. Her youngest grandson just graduated from high school, and her great-granddaughter is entering the second grade at St. Paul.

STEPHEN M. BOREMAN is a partner in the San Francisco law firm, Slote, Links & Boreman.

ROSAIRO MIRANDA MARTIN lives in San Francisco, working at the West Campus of California Pacific Medical Center. She would love to get in touch with MARGARET CONTI, DEBBIE GAYLORD, DEBBI GRAFF, and others from the Class of ’74.

JUDY C. MINER (LM), MA ’77, EdD ’82 serves as president of Football College. She was recently honored as one of Silicon Valley’s Women of Influence in Education for her instrumental role in overseeing the school’s advances in instruction and academic achievement.

BARRY STENGER was recently named executive director of St. Anthony Foundation in San Francisco, a nonprofit that provides services for the homeless.

JENNIFER SULLIVAN CALIFORNIA ELEMENTARY CREDENTIAL ’74, EDUCATION SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL ’79 was recently recognized for her work as executive director of the Morgan Autism Center, where she developed the Adult Program and expanded outreach initiatives to community organizations, school districts, and other agencies. She has since stepped down as executive director but continues her involvement with the organization as a consultant.

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DOLORES GOMEZ is COO of Mills Peninsula Health Services in Burlingame.

After sailing around the world, CATHERINE CLEMENS LONGWELL and her husband moved to the beautiful hill country of Texas, where they enjoy the diverse wildlife. She has also completed her book, “44,000 Miles Under Sail.”

Congratulations to MICHAEL BOLAND JD ’80, who was elected to the American Board of Trial Lawyers in the summer. He has been practicing law in San Francisco since 1981.

LESLIE HULBUS HUMMEL’s new book, “Shebug Diva” is now available on Kindle, Amazon, and iTunes. It’s the fourth and final book in the “Shebug” series.

BOB ACKERMANN is founder and managing director of Allegis Capital, a venture capital firm with offices in San Francisco and Palo Alto. Bob launched Allegis in 1996 after leading two successful start-up technology companies. In his spare time, he oversees Ackerman, Family Vineyards, his family winery in Napa, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.

After more than 36 years with Lockheed Martin, FLOYD FERGUSON JR. is retired. He travels, works in the garden, and visits with many friends.

THERESA HULL-NYE is a registered nurse at Kaiser Permanente and Alta Bates Summit Medical Center. She also serves as an associate of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. She and her husband have three beautiful children: Justin, Katelin, and Dylan. The family has a vacation home in Tahoe.

KELLY MARIS-WEISSBURG works as an orthopedic nurse practitioner in Oakland. She has three daughters. The eldest just married and is in a nurse midwife program at the University of Michigan. Kelly stays active as part of a women’s multi-sport team in the East Bay.

PETER CULLEN, who is a graduate student in film technology, is managing director of The Mehigan Company, a corporate real estate advisory firm that specializes in customized and cost-effective real estate and facilities solutions. He is also co-founder of The Dante Benedetti Foundation, which provides meaningful financial support to organizations that facilitate active participation in sports for underserved youth.

MARY ROCCA is opening a new tasting salon as part of her vineyard, Rocha Family Vineyards, in Napa Valley. She writes, “We look forward to seeing fellow USF grads and their friends. On a separate note, we’ve enjoyed getting to know some of the men’s tennis team members—so talented!”

JOSEPH SCHUNK celebrates 30 years of marriage to MICHELLE MARIN ’81. He was re-elected to the Napa Valley Unified School Board last year.

KATHRYN CARPENTER TOTAH and her parents, SAMUEL CARPENTER ’52 and PATRICIA FRANKS CARPENTER ’52, are proud of their third generation Don daughter and granddaughter, LAUREN TOTAH, who is a graduate student in the counseling psychology program.

MIHOKO TOKORD works in Los Angeles for Deluxe Media Entertainment, a top film technology company serving major Hollywood movie companies such as Disney, Paramount, Fox, and DreamWorks. She manages film conversions for worldwide distribution formats such as DVD, Blu-ray, 3D, and digital cinema.

MICHELLE GRIFFIN serves as strategy adviser to various nonprofit and early stage venture clients. She also volunteers with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a nonprofit...
CARLOS MENCHACA ’04
MAKING HISTORY IN THE BIG APPLE

Six months ago, Carlos Menchaca ’04 was a political underdog. Today, he is the first Mexican American elected to the New York City Council, and Brooklyn’s first openly gay legislator.

Starting in January, Menchaca will represent the 38th District, an industrial area of Brooklyn that has a large immigrant population. About two-thirds of the residents live in public housing.

Menchaca is perfectly suited to be their voice at City Hall. He and his six siblings were raised in a public housing complex in El Paso, Texas, by their single, immigrant mother. For almost a decade, he worked as an aide to Brooklyn’s borough president and as LGBT and HIV/AIDS liaison to the New York City Council speaker.

Menchaca makes an annual pilgrimage to the city and the university that helped cultivate his commitment to public service.

“San Francisco is my place for rejuvenation. It’s where I developed so many of the skills I use now. It’s important for me to go back to recharge the values in the place that I learned them,” he says. “I’m a public servant, and that’s what I inject into everything I’m doing.”

Menchaca double-majored in politics and performing arts + social justice at USF.

committed to funding research to cure Type 1 diabetes, a condition her younger son was diagnosed with at age 9. This fall, she and her eldest son traveled to Boston to move him into his freshman residence hall.

CAROL SHEPPARD works as a contracts specialist at Western Washington University. Prints of her award-winning nature photography are now sold in multiple stores in the Pacific Northwest.

BENJAMIN JOE and wife, Tracy, have been in theology and permanent diaconate formation studies for the past five years. Benjamin was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Stockton in September. They ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Stockton in September. They have two sons and six children.

In October, RITA MARIA PARATORE (Sister Michael Teresa) celebrated her Silver Jubilee with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Chicago.

Benjamin has worked in media and public relations for athletic programs all over the Bay Area, including Santa Clara University, University of California, Berkeley, and the Oakland Athletics. He lives in Novato with his wife, Jody, and his daughter, Grace.

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In June, Lawrence Patrick Lemos began his two-year term as president of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs, the professional association for nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is now enrolled in the USF Executive Leadership Doctor of Nursing Practice Program and expected to graduate in December 2014.

MONA KATRINE AXELSEN is self-employed in Oslo, Norway.

ANGE LICIA C. ARCE is an RN in Connecticut. She has two children, a daughter in college and a son in eighth grade. She would love to hear from fellow alumni from the Class of ’89.

After a long career in high tech, CORA A. MCLAUGHLIN is an independent broker in the health insurance marketplace, working under Insphere Insurance Solutions. She lives in the Palm Springs area.

DAMIAN BACICH was elected Chair of the World Languages and Literatures Department at San José State University. He also earned tenure and a promotion to associate professor.

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SUSAN PEACOCK works in northern Nevada as a speech and language pathologist, focused primarily on

CORRECTION
Lily L. Chow ’80, EdD ’11 reports that she is alive and well. She was accidentally listed in ‘In Memoriam’ in USF Magazine’s summer 2011 issue. We apologize for the error.
NEENA (GOKLI) BRAMMER ’01 AND HER HUSBAND, ADAM, ADOPTED A BABY GIRL, CHLOE, IN APRIL. NEENA AND ADAM ARE ENJOYING PARENTHOOD AND LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH THEIR NEW DAUGHTER.

MICHIEL DUNCAN ’05
OPERATION RAINBOW

Michelle Duncan ’05 is struggling with her luggage at San Francisco International Airport. Forget about a carry-on—she has 60 bags—each stuffed with surgical equipment that will change lives.

Duncan is the associate director for Operation Rainbow, a Bay Area nonprofit that provides free orthopedic surgery to children and young adults in developing countries like Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Haiti.

Many patients will travel for days and line up for hours for a chance to see a volunteer surgeon; the treatment they receive for conditions like bilateral clubfoot and deformities caused by polio can be transformative.

“We had a four-year-old girl in Ecuador who was born with severe congenital deformities,” Duncan said. “She couldn’t walk or use her hands, and every year over four years we did surgeries on her. The last time we were there, we got to see her walk out of the hospital.”

Duncan organizes up to a dozen medical missions every year and builds the teams of volunteer surgeons who will perform as many as 60 surgeries during each weeklong trip. She is also the organization’s fundraiser, with a goal of $1 million dollars a year.

Duncan is one of only two employees at Operation Rainbow and has been there for eight years. It’s a big job, but there’s no big salary. In fact, there’s no salary at all. Duncan is a volunteer and supports herself working as a marketing consultant and yoga teacher.

Operation Rainbow has treated more than 12,000 children since it started 35 years ago. It is now training medical staff in the countries it visits to perform surgeries on their own.

For more information, visit www.operationrainbow.org.


CHRIS SEEMAN teaches theology at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.

‘92 JAMES SPEER YERRICK will celebrate five years of marriage this October. Of his three children, two are in college and one is a high school senior.

‘93 MARK FENNEELL published “Introduction to Electrical Power,” a book that explains essential concepts behind electrical power for readers with little background on the subject.

MICHAEL GROSS MURRAY started a new position at Sage Electronics Inc. as Northern California/Northern Nevada business development representative.

ALMAZ NEGASH serves as managing director of Step Up Silicon Valley, a campaign to cut poverty in the area. She is also the founder of the African Diaspora Network, which is supported and run by USF alumni and interns.

‘94 WILLIAM J. CALLAGHAN is senior vice president and chief technology officer at Xenith Inc., which builds the teams of volunteer surgeons who will perform as many as 60 surgeries during each weeklong trip.

‘96 KELLY TURNER was promoted to engineering administrator at AT&T. She keeps active and young by spending lots of time with her 6-year-old niece and 3-year-old nephew.

‘97 DONALD “SCOTT” MEANS is currently the Americans with Disabilities Act specialist for the City of Oakland.

RAYNE SORIANO and his wife welcomed the birth of their first baby, Regen, in July.

‘98 RAMON M. TOVAR lives with his wife and two daughters in Van Nuys, where he teaches English and is the head wrestling coach at Van Nuys High School.

‘99 BOB KING was inducted into the National Association of Music Merchants’ Oral History Library. His interview can be viewed at www.namm.org/library/oral-history/ bob-king. He also works as a sales manager at Mighty Bright, an LED lighting vendor.

‘00 JELENA RENEE CRONE owns a company called Bridevine & Branches, which specializes in providing plush floral designs, comprehensive event design and décor, and event planning for weddings and social and corporate events. Jelena has been featured in Ceremony magazine and Mira Bridal Couture magazine. She is happily married to her husband, Chris, and has three beautiful daughters.

TRACI M. HONDA LAFLower and her husband, Adam, welcomed the birth of their son, Wyatt Takeshi, in February.

‘01 NEENA (GOKLI) BRAMMER and her husband, Adam, adopted a baby girl, Chloe, in April. Neena and Adam are enjoying parenthood and love spending time with their new daughter.

‘02 PAUL APPLEGATE is the founder of charity capitalism startup, Synced Smiles, which donates toothbrushes to people in need based on a “buy one, give ten” model. Applegate invites his fellow alumni to learn more at www.syncedsmiles.com.

BRIAN M. DAVIS JD ’05 and his wife, Megan, welcomed the birth of their son, Nolan Bradley Davis, in April. At the beginning of the year, he opened a four-attorney business and commercial real estate law firm in Newport Beach and was also appointed to serve on the board for Big Brothers Big Sisters. He also founded and serves as CEO for Orange County Young Executives, a nonprofit that raises funds for local children’s charities. They raised more than $100,000 in their first year.

TAMARA (GEIGER) FURMAN is vice president of human resources at Hunter Industries, an international manufac-
turing company. In 2005, she married fellow Don, CHARLES FURMAN ‘94, MS ’03.

JAMIE JENNIFER UNANDER writes from Hawaii, where she has been living for the last eight years. She offers web development services for small businesses and writes for 808ink magazine. She also provides social support services to disadvantaged teens and has immersed herself in the local culture, learning to play and sing traditional Hawaiian music. She reports that during the last Pacific Ink and Art Expo, she received a traditional “batik” (tattoo) ceremony during a very special cultural “tapping” ceremony by the esteemed Manbatek Lane Wilcken, author of “Filipino Tattoos: Ancient to Modern.” She says, “My batik ceremony was a beautifully spiritual experience. As my Philippine ancestors bled in honor of their ancestors, so, too, have I.”

JOSEPH WING SANG TSANG successfully completed the first phase of the new University of Hong Kong Shenzhen Hospital in Shenzhen, China, over the last two years. He is currently working as a real estate broker in California.

BRIDGETTE DAVIS received a master’s degree in social work in 2008 and is now a child welfare worker who serves foster youth in Alameda County. She is married and has two children, Bri and Myles Prisom.

JENNIFER GEESSLIN is working toward her master’s degree in psychology at The New School for Social Research in New York. She also works for the ERA Education Project, a nonprofit national media campaign that educates people about the need to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

In December, JAMIE LEARY MEDINA ZAPANTA will celebrate three years of marriage to Johnmyre Zapanta. They live on the beautiful island of Guam, where she works as a guidance counselor to 630 students at Astumbo Middle School.

KELLYL TARY is a proud grandmother to two boys, one born in 2010 and the other this year.

MARK S. SMITH is a probation officer in Colorado. He writes, “I was in the Organizational Behavior cohort that met weekly in Gilroy back in the mid-1990s. The other folks in my cohort likely graduated around 1997. Is anyone out there from my cohort?”

JESSICA DIAZ recently accepted a position as a mental health practitioner with the County of Marin’s Mental Health and Substance Use Services.

DEBBIE NGAI is catering and convention services manager at the Vdara Hotel in Las Vegas. She recently became a certified meeting planner.

ROBERT STANLEY moved to South Africa to work on the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

MIYE NADYA TOM is finishing up a doctoral program at the University of Coimbra in Portugal. Her thesis, which she will defend in the fall, explores cultural manifestations of hip-hop in Native American and African communities in Portugal. She is pursuing an academic career in the U.S.

JAMES KILTON is taking a temporary break from his work as a film and television editor to travel with his fiancee, visiting some of the world’s poorest countries. He writes, “The last year has been an eye-opening experience and has certainly given me a broader perspective on the world and the struggles people face today.”
He writes about his travels at www.breannaroundtheworld.com.

NICOLAS MAROUIN cofounded www.wedid.it, an online and mobile fundraising platform for nonprofits. The company was one of 24 startups featured in the Wall Street Journal’s Startup of the Year competition.

MONICA MURILLO-CHINCHILLA married fellow USFer JONATHAN CHINCHILLA, and the couple will be celebrating their five-year anniversary in the fall. She currently works at an employment law firm in San Francisco while pursuing her passion for music. She will be releasing her first EP this year.

This summer, MARY Beth WHALEN summited Mount Katahdin, the second tallest mountain in New England, which sits at the northern end of the Appalachian Trail. She is currently working on a master’s degree in gastronomy with a concentration in food policy at Boston University.

JOHN DIZDA joined Stanford Federal Credit Union in Palo Alto as senior commercial banking officer.

After graduating with a fine arts degree, KEN KIM went on to dental school. He writes, “Dentistry is basically a form of art that also happens to be a branch of medicine. Preparing and restoring a decayed tooth with instruments is very much like creating a functional sculpture that restores quality to one’s healthy life. There is no piece of artwork that could be more rewarding than this.”

FRANK MALIFRANDO founded the Mad Hatter Holiday Festival, Parade, and Tree Lighting Ceremony, which has become a main attraction for the city of Vallejo.

In May, STEPHEN WAYNE CRAMER graduated from St. Mary’s College of California with a Master of Arts in leadership.

MOHAMMAD ALGHARIB writes, “I really miss USF. For sure I’m coming back one day.”

EMILY HARBOURNE moved to Chicago to pursue a master’s degree in journalism at the Medill School at Northwestern University.

After six months as a counselor working with severely emotionally disturbed youth, NICOLE STEINBERG was hired as the project associate at Council for Strong America.

After traveling to Spain over the summer, DAVID A. DULLY now works at Dolby Laboratories. All his spare time goes toward developing new lines for SimpleMinded Clothing, which was started by fellow classmates ALEX SHAW and STEVEN CALDERON during their time at USF.

NICK GOULTAS recently became employed as a fitness specialist and personal trainer for BaySport, which specializes in corporate fitness. He is also pursuing a master’s degree in public health at USF.

CARLY SMITH works for a nonprofit organization that builds affordable housing in Sacramento through AmeriCorps VISTA.

EVAN VAUGHN works as a youth minister with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and Island Parish in Portland, Maine. He writes, “It’s fantastic how this city is like a miniature version of San Francisco in lots of ways; though, some major differences are that I’m looking forward to trying the lobster and having fun in the snow!”

ROBERT STANLEY ’07 MOVED TO SOUTH AFRICA TO WORK ON THE PRESIDENT’S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF.
DANIEL PHILIP ZARO EdD
92 DEVELOPED A LEARNING-KIT FOR PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE DURING AND AFTER INCARCERATION. THE KIT, INNER JOURNEYS, IS THE RESULT OF HIS TIME SPENT WORKING IN JAILS AND PRISONS. TO DATE, TWO TRIAL RUNS HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL.

MATTHEW WINTER
96 VERONICA HUNNICUTT EdD spent 45 years in various public education positions. She is now a businesswoman and consultant.

['72 RICHARD C. VALERIAN JD retired after 37 years as a trial attorney for Farmers Insurance. He now works as a mediator with Valerian Mediation in Oakland.

['73 FLORENCE FEE JD is executive director of No Health Without Mental Health (NHWM), a social marketing and communications organization with a mission to encourage an understanding of health that encompasses both physical and mental aspects. Fee is proud to announce that important information on how behavioral health interacts with heart disease has been posted on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) Million Hearts website (www.millionhearts.hhs.gov). This initiative is a partnership of the CDC, the Department of Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, and Dr. Wayne Katon of the University of Washington’s AIMS Center for Integrated Mental Health Solutions.

['76 PATRICIA A. BURGESS JD and her husband relocated to Austin, Texas, in January. Her husband is CFO for an e-commerce company, and she joined the board of Impact Austin, a women’s philanthropy organization, while continuing as general counsel to a California-based investment advisory startup.

['77 DALE BRODSKY JD was recently appointed to the Fair Employment and Housing Council. She also serves as a partner at Beeson, Tayer & Bodine in Oakland, where she has worked since 2002.

['79 CAROLYN ROSENBATT JD is having a great season with sprint distance triathlons, completing five and coming in first among women in her age group. She and her husband, MIKOL DAVIS EdD ’80, enjoy their work together at www.AgingParents.com, consulting families with aging parents and doing family conflict resolution. She writes, “We’ve spent some great vacation time at Avila Beach and Lake Tahoe recently. Our two great kids are both in CA, and we’re happy!”

['81 STEPHEN M. MURPHY JD was named one of Northern California’s top 100 attorneys in 2013 by Super Lawyers magazine.

['82 JOAN E. STERN MPA published a book of poetry, “Pieces of Her Mind,” with 16 other female poets from all over the world.

['83 PAUL HUNT JD transitioned his legal practice from civil litigation to estate planning a few years ago. His firm, the Law Offices of Paul D. Hunt, is located in Alameda.

['84 ROBERT C. LA MONT JD serves as country director in the Philippines for the American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative. He directs a five-year, $20 million program to pilot court automation. In February, he married David Jones. They have made Honolulu their permanent home.

['87 ERIC LUCAS MBA is vice president of sales for Latin America and the Caribbean for Flexera Software. He’s based in Johns Creek, Ga.

['88 LAST NOVEMBER, GONZALO “SAL” TORRES JD won his fifth straight four-year term to the City Council of Daly City. This past January, he also became director of commercial transactions (Americas) at Equinix Inc., the world’s leading data center and colocation services company.

['89 JAMES A. KOWALSKI JR. JD was named executive director of Jacksonville Area Legal Aid last December.

The National Career Development Association honored MARK POPE EdD as one of the nine most extraordinary leaders in the 100-year history of the career counseling profession. Mark served as president of the National Career Development Association and the American Counseling Association and previously received the Eminent Career Award, the profession’s most prestigious honor.

['90 ELEN BRANDT JD lives in the low Sierras and practices law in northern California. She is also actively painting and showing her work, which can be viewed at www.elenbrandt.com.

SCOTT PATTON JD was appointed Alameda County Superior Court judge. He is enjoying his new role.

['91 In May, MIRIAM SUE ZIMMERMAN EdD was honored by the Shinnyo-en Foundation for her work in multifaith and Jewish-Palestinian dialogue. She also participated in the foundation’s 2013 Floating Lantern Ceremony in Honolulu.

KEITH ARCHULETA MNA and his wife, Iris, founded Emerald HPC International LLC, which provides strategic planning and community development consulting services on projects such as the Antioch Youth Intervention Network (YIN), the Richmond/North Richmond Economic Revitalization Initiative, and elementary arts education efforts in San Francisco schools. The U.S. Department of Justice’s Project Safe Neighborhoods and the U.N. University for Peace in The Hague recently recognized their work with YIN as one of four community engagement and youth violence mitigation best practices in the world. Keith and Iris have three grandchildren, Nayan, Viva, and Donacio, and many godchildren.

After a 10-year stint as the managing attorney for Legal Services of Northern California in Ukiah, LISA HILLEGAS JD recently established a private practice focused on family law and general civil matters in Ukiah and the Bay Area.

DENNIS PHILIP ZARO EdD developed a learning kit for people recovering from substance abuse during and after incarceration. The kit, Inner Journeys, is the result of his time spent working in jails and prisons. To date, two trial runs have been very successful. After further field trials and refinement, Dennis hopes to have his kit published.

KATHERINE INGRAM MA published her first book, “Washing the Bones: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Transformation.” She also writes a monthly column, “Soul Matters,” for The Jacksonville Review and is a contributor to a variety of online journals. She lives in southern Oregon with her husband and two children.

WENDY JAMESON MA, co-founded a nanotechnology R&D and manufacturing company in Arizona in 2009. She was named a White House Champion of Change in 2011 and a Phoenix Business Journal Tech Titan in February of this year. The Arizona Business Magazine also named her one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona Business. She travels frequently to Asia and Europe for business.

MARK KELLER MSEM is a LEED green associate and environmental, health, safety, and facilities manager at Honeywell in Urbana, Ohio. He and his wife, Catherine, who is an elementary...
school teacher, have three daughters and enjoy spending time outdoors.

DANA M. NEWMAN JD runs her own literary agency in Los Angeles. Her agency focuses on narrative and practical nonfiction books as well as literary and historical fiction. She also works as an attorney, advising authors, publishers, content creators, and entrepreneurs on contracts, licensing, trademarks, and copyright.


JULIANA GUERRIERO JD is a certified specialist in workers’ compensation law with Cantrell, Green, Pekich, Cruz & McCort in Long Beach. She volunteers as chair of a food and wine-tasting fundraiser for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. She recently bought a new house and is in the process of remodeling it. Juliana enjoys practicing yoga, spending time with her boyfriend of almost 12 years, Stephen, and preparing fresh meals with ingredients from her garden. She writes, “We have a lot of ‘wanna-be’ chefs in the family—last weekend we even made goat cheese!” Juliana would love to hear from classmates in Long Beach at julianaguerriero@hotmail.com.

After being re-elected to the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education, RONALD LEE KNECHT JD was again named chairman of the Audit Committee. A consulting economist in Carson City, he is also a columnist for the Nevada Appeal and a speaker on economic and financial matters.

The REV. CYRIL APASSA ED D is recovering from a stroke. He is making progress, but remains in a wheelchair and is paralyzed on his left side.

JOANNE ESCOBAR MA is general manager of the Rockefeller Group Business Center, which provides fully furnished office space.

LENORE REBECCA HARRIS MA is the proud parent of a beautiful 2-year-old boy. Becoming a parent has inspired her to pursue her writing career with more vigor, and this past May she completed one year as a John Steinbeck fellow. She plans to complete her novel by the end of the year.

PATRICIA MAHER MPA is associate professor and assistant chair of the Emergency Medical Services Program at Daytona State College in Daytona Beach, Fla.

KANDIS A. WESTMORE JD was appointed magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for

CARLOS MUELA ’09 SAN FRANCISCO’S MOVEABLE FEAST

Carlos Muela ’09 was chewing over an idea: If one food truck is good, he thought, then a bunch of trucks with a bunch of different cuisines, all in one place, must be great.

Boy, was he right. His SoMa StrEAT Food Park is booming, hosting 26 trucks and about 1,500 diners every day.

“This business isn’t going anywhere but up,” Muela says proudly. Since opening last June, sales have jumped 70 percent, and truck owners who are lucky enough to score a spot at the food park are thrilled; there’s a waitlist 90-trucks strong. Word has spread quickly among tastemakers and high-profile clientele, too. The Food Network stopped by, and Muela’s food park has served CEOs Marc Benioff (Salesforce), Jeremy Stoppelman (Yelp), and Max Levchin (PayPal).

It’s a win-win-win: Muela profits by renting space to the truck owners; truck owners no longer have to jostle for scarce parking spaces on city streets; and customers enjoy mouth-watering diversity because he switches out the entire lunch bunch for a new set of trucks at night.

The food park draws many more customers than the trucks would draw individually, and diners love the bar. Bay Area sports-viewing parties, and musical entertainment Muela has added.

But things don’t always start well when you’re a visionary entrepreneur. City officials didn’t understand the idea when Muela started pitching it in 2009. Others were perplexed by the location: the corner of 11th and Harrison, then a gritty, abandoned U-Haul lot and homeless camp.

“It was a complete eyesore,” Muela remembers. “But I loved the location for its proximity to many different neighborhoods, its visibility and sunny microclimate.” Perhaps the only thing sunnier was Muela’s visionary outlook, and now, his future. Muela put himself through college working at his parents’ two restaurants in the Mission District, Picaro and Esperanto. He currently manages them both, in addition to the food park, but he doesn’t run an actual truck.

“The last thing I need is another restaurant,” he said.
Anna Bretan ’06 started running marathons two years ago on a whim. The former Dons cross country standout has now won four of the five marathons she’s competed in and set three records along the way. In June, she won the toughest so far, the San Francisco Marathon, beating the all-time women’s record with a 2:42:26 run. That was 10 minutes faster than her closest female competitor, and trumped the old record by more than a minute.

“I surprised myself,” said Bretan, a mother of three and a delivery nurse at St. Luke’s Hospital in San Francisco’s Mission District. “At one point, I looked at my watch and saw that I was on pace to beat the record; but as a marathoner, you’re always worried about hitting a wall in the last three miles.”

She had an advantage. “I knew every incline and turn and hole in the road,” she says. Bretan trained all over San Francisco when she ran for the Dons’ cross country team, and especially loved running in Golden Gate Park.

Her first marathon was also her first win and first course record: the Oakland Marathon in 2011. A year later, and only six months after her daughter was born, she won the Oakland Marathon a second time. She also won the Modesto Marathon, setting a course record earlier this year. Now, Bretan is tackling a new challenge: long distance off-road racing. In September, she entered the Berkeley Trail Adventure 35K in Tilden Park and finished in first place with a time of 2:48:44. That’s first overall, beating even the top male runners.

“It was definitely a race where I had to work hard and push myself in ways I haven’t had to in other races,” Bretan said. “But I loved everything about it, the challenge, the beautiful landscape, the endless hill climbs.”

Bretan lives in Berkeley with her husband, fellow nursing alumnus John Mullen ’06.

IN MAY, JASON KENJI P. HIGA MS ’08 RECEIVED HIS PHD IN CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII’S JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

CRIS CHATER MNA left her position as executive director of Senior Access, a nonprofit that supports seniors with dementia, to help run the Mt. Williamson Motel and Base Camp at the foot of the eastern Sierra Nevada. A passion for hiking was a major motivator for this change. In her effort to share this passion with others, she has also developed women’s fitness retreats—backpacking through the wilderness of the Sierra Nevada.

CRYS JOHNSON JD marked 10 years as a private practice attorney. He is the founder of Lafayette Law of Lafayette, which serves individual, venture, corporate, and private foundation clients.

JOSE R. MICHEL EdD retired from a 32-year public service career in California higher education. He was named an associate faculty of liberal arts and science at DeVry University in Sacramento. His wife, Diana Fuentes-Michel, is executive director of the California Student Aid Commission.

MIJIZA MALANE SANCHEZ was an instructional designer with Save Mart Supermarkets in Modesto.

LINDA LEWELLYN MS is celebrating her seventh year in her private psychotherapy practice in Brentwood. She provides treatment to adults, children, and couples, enjoying the freedom to serve a diverse population of clients.
first- and second-generation Mexican immigrant children and their families.

’06 
ABHAY GUPTA JD was appointed to the Dublin City Council in February.

MARINA SMERLING JD left her law career to found Shameless Heart Coaching, a practice in counseling and relationship coaching to help people heal shame in their lives. She has also co-founded Wise Heart Lawyering, a consulting firm that offers communication skill building.

’07 
JUAN CARLOS ARAIZ EdD is the founding executive director of E3: Education, Excellence & Equity, a nonprofit focused on educational achievement among at-risk youth. Using inspiration from their life experiences, the organization’s youth recently collaborated with artist Jen Bloomer to create a community mural in San Rafael.

JOHN H. CORCORAN JD was selected as a Super Lawyer Rising Star for northern California. September marks the two-year anniversary of his firm, Corcoran Law Firm, P.C.

LINDSAY TAM HOLLAND MFA celebrated the publication of her debut young adult novel, “The Counterfeit Family Tree of Vee Crawford-Wong.”

SAM KANG JD recently declared her candidacy for the California State Assembly. She will be running in the 15th Assembly District in the East Bay. After her daughter underwent open-heart surgery at 6 months old, she plans to help increase access to cardiac care in low- and middle-income countries. She lives in Marin County and works at Meyers Nave Foundation, where she provides coaching to help people heal shame in their lives. She has also co-founded Wise Heart Lawyering, a consulting firm that offers communication skill building.

MARIE YOUNG MA is enjoying watching her children blossom. Her oldest daughter will be starting her graduate program at the University of California, San Francisco. Her youngest daughter will be starting kindergarten.

XU YUYU MS is working on the environmental management of an urban river in Hangzhou in eastern China.

’08 
JENNIFER APPLEGATE JD is pleased to announce the launch of Parranto & Applegate, LLP in October. She writes, “I will be on vacation in Ireland, but I’m sure I’ll find a way to toast the partnership in a nearby pub.”

RACHEL BALDINO JD and husband, Jeff, welcomed their daughter, Anabel, in April 2012. Rachel is a professor at USC’s Gould School of Law, where she teaches legal writing, research, and advocacy.

CATHY FRANCES CORCORAN EdD is vice president of accreditation compliance at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. A chapter based on her dissertation, “Women College Presidents: Leading With Authenticity,” was recently published in the 20th anniversary edition of “Cracking the Wall: Women in Higher Education Administration.” On a personal note, Cathy will marry her partner of 17 years, Noelle Hynes, in January 2014.

In May, JASON KENJI P. HIGA MS received his PhD in cell and molecular biology from the University of Hawai’i’s John A. Burns School of Medicine.

ANNA TERUEL MCDONALD EdD is associate director for the Learning Resources Department at the Center for Student Success at Sacred Heart Preparyatory in Atherton. She is also a curriculum coach for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

ANNETTE POLIWKA MSEM lives in New York, where she serves as special assistant and adviser on zero waste to the regional administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

DANA ALAN SHOCKLEY MS recently completed her master’s degree in vocational counseling. She now works as a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Saginaw, Mich.

’09 
ELLIOTT MICHAEL CHELSKY MAT is currently a teacher at Vallejo High School.

ANA HOMAYOUN MA has published two books on her work with teens and young adults: “That Crumpled Paper Was Due Last Week” and “The Myth of the Perfect Girl.” She travels to high schools and colleges around the U.S. and abroad to speak about the intersection of technology, socialization, and learning.

In July, SARIBA POURMAND MNA became the director of programs at World Vision, overseeing its humanitarian response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

SILVIA RAMIREZ EdD co-edited a collection of multidisciplinary articles from West Coast scholars for the book, “Collaboration and Peak Performance: A Multi-disciplinary Perspective for Emerging Leaders.” Silvia is an adjunct faculty member at USF and also serves as a consultant and teacher trainer. She’s trained more than 1,000 teachers at the Sonoma County Office of Education for the California Teachers of English Learners exam.

’10 
JOHN DIZDA MBA, MA married AMANDA HUFFMAN ‘02, MA ’06 in August 2011 in San Juan Capistrano. John and Amanda live in San Francisco and work in the Bay Area.

LUCIE FAULKNER MFA is producing a documentary film and new media project called “Tree for All: Inside the Public Library.” The project will look at the history of the free public library movement and contemporary issues facing public libraries today.

Author and photographer CALI GILBERT MA announces the publication of her fifth book, “It’s Simply Serendipity: Four Steps to Manifesting a Life of Bliss.”

LESLIE KRONOLD EdD is outreach director for the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation, where she provides training for individuals launching support groups and organizes monthly webinars.

After her daughter underwent open-heart surgery at 6 months old, ANNALE BILY KLEIN MFA founded the Global Heart Network. Its mission is to help increase access to cardiac care in low- and middle-income countries. The network helps coordinate, improve, and manage services. She welcomes the opportunity to engage with MNA alumni working in global health.

MATTHEW LEWIS JD lives in Marin County and works at Meyers Nave in Oakland. He and wife, JESSICA BARTOLINI ’06, welcomed the birth of their baby boy, Jack.

This fall, SARAH OLSON MA will travel on the 50th anniversary voyage of Semester at Sea. Over the course of 115 days, Sarah will visit 15 countries.

DEANNA TOVAR EdD still enjoys her work at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey. She recently gave a presentation on teacher evaluation at the 2013 meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Francisco. She also presented at the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese on foreign language students’ immersion experiences.

ALUMNI EVENTS

DECEMBER 2013
5 Holiday Networking Night, Oala, San Francisco
8 Big Data Symposium Brunch With the President, Los Angeles
12 Evening With the President, North Bay

JANUARY 2014
30 De Acosta Lecture: Chairman Mary Nichols, California Air Resources Board

FEBRUARY 2014
6 University of San Diego Pregame Reception
19 Dons Helping Dons Mentorship Event
27 Alumni Authors Event

MARCH 2014
1 Loyola Marymount University Pregame Reception
2 President’s Ambassadors Brunch
5 Ash Wednesday Mass & Supper
6-11 WCC Basketball Championship, Las Vegas
15 St. Patrick’s Day Parade, San Francisco
22 Spring Gala, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco

For more information about the events listed, please contact: Bridget Lane Special Events Manager (415) 422-2553 bclane@usfca.edu
ANNA DAPELO-GARCIA MPA is administrative director of patient access financial services at Stanford University Medical Center. Anna was recently appointed to the California Senate Advisory Commission on Cost Control in State Government. She was also recognized as one of Silicon Valley's Women of Influence in Healthcare for her dynamic role in a $2 billion revenue cycle operation for Stanford University Medical Center. She remains very active in the community as advisory board member for USF’s MPA Program and as board member and education outreach committee member of the Northern California Chapter of the Health Financial Management Association.

After spending two years at a patent prosecution firm, GIULIANA GARCIA JD has transitioned to an in-house position with Amazon.com, where she works for Lab126 in the legal department and helps the company protect its developing technologies.

JACOB GELFAND MBA, JD ’12 launched Inclusiva Strategies, a business coaching company that helps small businesses get on their feet.

MICHELLE HENNING MAT works as an English language support teacher at the Korea International School in Seoul, South Korea.

RUDDLES LEGKA LLB was elected president of the Czech national affiliate of the International Literary and Artistic Association, a worldwide society dedicated to studying and discussing copyright law.

JENNIFER MCGUIRE JD is an associate at Corey, Lusiaich, de Ghetaldi, Nastari & Riddle LLP in Millbrae, where AMANDA L. RIDGE JD ’01 is a partner. Jennifer and Amanda are part of the firm’s litigation team, which handles business lawsuits, class actions, securities cases, wrongful death suits, personal injury cases, real estate matters, employment cases, and probate and trust litigation.

KEITH POWELL MFA and KAREN BISCOPINK MFA, along with Stephen Beachy, who teaches in the MFA in Writing Program at USF, founded a new literary journal called Your Impossible Voice. The online journal’s first issue features works by authors such as Horacio Castellanos Moya, Pattie McCarthy, Stacey Levine, Peter Kline, Alejandra Costamagna, and Jessica Hagedorn. It can be read at www.yourimpossiblevoice.com.

SPENCER THEODORE WILLIAMS MA works in football operations for the Kansas City Chiefs.

TERRY HOLLOWELL MS and his wife moved to San Diego and have enjoyed a year filled with travels, from all along the West Coast to Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Wyoming, and Idaho. Terry works as an RN for Scripps Mercy Hospital in Chula Vista and will start a family nurse practitioner degree this fall.

Appointed superintendent of Lasallian Education for the Midwest Province of the De La Salle Christian brothers in June, SCOTT KIER EdD oversees three universities, 15 high schools, six charter schools, and three retreat centers. He works in the Provincial Office in Burr Ridge, Ill.

After substitute teaching for the last year, NORA PETERSON MAT was hired as a fifth grade teacher in Santa Rosa. She is transitioning to teaching full time as she wraps up her duties as owner of her equestrian business, Counterpoint Training Stables.

Since April, RANDALL MARCUS RIGALI MA has been working as a national teams coordinator for the U.S. Soccer Federation.

YNEZ LIZARRAGA MA is associate director of youth ministry and catechesis in the Office of Religious Education and Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. She has also served as a confirmation teacher, retreat director, and youth minister at St. Andrew Parish in Daly City.

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It’s unsettling to learn that our government is spying on us. How extensive is the surveillance? The scope of information that is being captured and stored is fairly mind-blowing. The U.S. government has access to the fiber optic cables that carry information across the world as well as the networks of Google, Yahoo!, Facebook, Skype, and more. The government has apparently accessed our emails and telephone calls, video and voice chats, online pictures, and online browsing histories.

The NSA has admitted to collecting information on every telephone call coming into, going out of, and made within the U.S. beginning in 2004 and continuing up to today. The collected information includes who made the calls to whom, when they were made, how long the calls lasted, and each phones’ unique subscriber identification information. The same type of information was collected for all Internet communications from 2004 until 2011.

The NSA claims that the actual contents of the communications were not collected. There is much more we don’t know and that the government has refused to provide details on, such as what else has been collected and stored.

Is this surveillance illegal? I believe the Federal Bureau of Investigations and NSA have violated privacy laws and Americans’ constitutional rights to speak and associate freely (First Amendment), and our right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures (Fourth Amendment). The U.S. intelligence community rightfully collects information on those it believes have some association to terrorism. But it also collects information on all of those suspects’ contacts and all of the suspects’ contacts’ contacts, using an approach called “three hops” out. That amounts to millions of innocent people’s information being swept up illegally in a government dragnet. It’s wrong for the government to have this much information and to be storing it indefinitely.

Don’t we need government surveillance to stop terrorist attacks? I think every American agrees the government needs to do whatever it can to combat terrorism. But when the government uses surveillance powers that our courts have long recognized and history has shown are subject to abuse, they need to make a case that it is effective and worth the cost. It hasn’t done that for the programs we are now learning about. The terrorism rationale can’t be a blank check to collect any and all information.

The government should be using surveillance in a targeted way to focus on individuals who it has ample reason to suspect are engaged in terrorist activities, not to vacuum up the information of millions of people.

Is the data that’s collected safe? I worry a lot about the security of the data. When a government has this much data about people, there is a great risk that it can be misused by hackers or by people interested in consolidating power. Once you know people’s private secrets you can use them to silence your critics, harass those you disagree with, and expose journalists’ sources. It’s anathema to democracy.

I think the Snowden revelations show that the information is not secure. Since Sept. 11, 2001, tens of thousand of contractors have been hired and 1.4 million people now have top-secret security clearance; many of these contractors’ security background checks were done by other contractors. There is every opportunity for abuse.

The government says Snowden’s leaks severely damaged American intelligence interests. Do you see an upside? Yes. Snowden’s leaked documents are exceptionally valuable because they have provided irrefutable proof of potentially illegal programs that we suspected existed and had heard rumors of. The leaked documents led the executive branch to provide more information, they spurred the legislative branch and oversight groups to hold hearings, and they sparked a much-needed public conversation that I hope will lead to meaningful reforms. ////
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