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Thank you for embarking on this adventure with us that is the new USF Magazine. Not only does the magazine have a sharper, more eye-catching look; it literally feels different. That’s because we’ve invested in heavier paper that is more environmentally friendly. We’re now using paper that contains 30 percent post-consumer recycled content rather than 10 percent.

And, thanks to you, we’ve doubled the number of Class Notes. From news about marriages to births to the expansion of a frozen yogurt business in Mumbai, India, the notes are a joyous read. Please keep them coming.

We’ve also aimed for more provocative features. The cover story, “Back to the Future” (page 12), takes the reader on the university’s 150-year geographic journey throughout the city, ending, for now, with the purchase of our new Downtown Campus in the shadow of our original one-room schoolhouse. Also part of the feature is an interview with politics professor Corey Cook about the state of the city with which our university is so intertwined.

“Justice for the Jesuits” (page 32) has the latest on the international legal battle to bring to trial the accused perpetrators of the 1989 murders of six Jesuits and two women in El Salvador.

Of course, we’re also here to have some fun. For that, turn to page 24, where you will find photos and stories of alumni who were married in St. Ignatius Church.

In addition, we’ve revamped the online version of the magazine with numerous Web Extras, including videos, photographs, and articles. Just visit www.usfca.edu/magazine, or see the back cover of this issue for links to specific features.

Now we’d like to hear what you think. Please send your letters to the editor to the postal or email address listed to the left of this column.

During my first nine months as editor of USF Magazine, I have enjoyed learning about USF and all that it has to offer. As a graduate of and former magazine editor for a Jesuit school just down the Peninsula, this is a home-coming of sorts for me.

Elise Banducci
Editor
The University of San Francisco is re-introducing itself to the city it has called home for more than 150 years with a visibility advertising campaign meant to set San Franciscans on their collective ear.

Kicked off April 2 with slogans such as “University of the Best City Ever” and “Academics More Challenging Than Finding a Parking Spot in North Beach,” the campaign consists of 14 provocative headlines that emphasize the university’s commitment to academic excellence, a culture of service, and a passion for social justice, as well as its deep ties to San Francisco.

The effort is called the Higher Standard Campaign, a reference to USF’s distinct brand of education that joins critical thought with purposed action.

The bold ads blanketed downtown San Francisco in April and May and will do so again in September and October.

“The University of San Francisco is deliberately, loudly, and finally tooting its own horn,” said USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. “It’s past time for the world to know the great stuff we are doing with and for our students, our city, and the entire global village.”

The campaign follows the university’s launch of a new logo and tagline. The new tagline, “Change the World From Here,” is a call to action that is contemporary, urgent, and personal. The new logo, a cross formed from arrows pointing both outward and inward, reflects the ongoing dialogue and exchange between the university and an increasingly interconnected world.

“IT’S PAST TIME FOR THE WORLD TO KNOW THE GREAT STUFF WE ARE DOING WITH AND FOR OUR STUDENTS, OUR CITY, AND THE ENTIRE GLOBAL VILLAGE.”

—USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J.
PILOT PARTNERSHIP
UNIVERSITY SELECTED TO HELP CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ADVANCE SOCIAL JUSTICE

USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., travelled with other Catholic university presidents to Rwanda and Burundi in January prior to the launch of a new initiative led by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. The program, Scholars in Global Solidarity, is a pilot that aims to cultivate faculty expertise on international social justice issues, create curriculum focusing on social justice as part of college courses, and develop social justice-related research.

(Left) Women from the village of Busekera in Burundi dancing for visitors; (above) Fr. Privett as part of a delegation of Catholic college presidents who travelled to Burundi and Rwanda.

(Above) Sr. Anne Munley, I.H.M., president of Marywood University, saying goodbye to villagers in Busekera, Burundi; (right) Fr. Privett discussing income-generating projects with Veronique Kayoya, a resident of Busekera village.

Hours of community service work performed by 6,940 USF graduate and undergraduate students during the 2010–2011 academic year:

331,352
NEW MASTER’S PROGRAM

SCHOOL OF NURSING ADDS PUBLIC HEALTH

The School of Nursing has changed its name to the School of Nursing and Health Professions, reflecting the school’s recent expansion to include a master of public health (MPH) degree. The MPH program is attracting recent graduates and professionals interested in careers in fields such as health promotion, community organizing, and healthy lifestyle leadership, allowing them to choose an emphasis in community health, global health, or health promotion education.

“Advancing health professions programming at USF has become a university priority,” said Judith Karshmer, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions. “Our goal is to expand health professions options that are mission-centric and built upon the strategic goals of USF 2028.”

The move, bolstered by President Stephen A. Privett, SJ’s appointment of a 35-member commission to study how the university can best grow its health professions education at the graduate level, takes into account projections for rapid growth in the health care industry in coming years.

The committee, made up of Bay Area leaders in health care and a wide array of other industries, was charged with expanding the scope and depth of USF’s health professions education at the graduate level to best serve students and meet community needs. Much of the focus was on emerging fields, high demand areas for local, national and global health priorities, and areas that link education and health-related services in innovative and sustainable patterns of outreach, Karshmer said.

Faculty Achievement

WHITE HOUSE HONORS CHAMPION OF CHANGE

Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, assistant professor of politics, has been honored by the White House as one of its Champions of Change—part of President Barack Obama’s Winning the Future initiative.

The Kenyan native was honored this year as one of 14 Champions of Change who are leaders in American diaspora communities with roots in the Horn of Africa.

“These men and women are American leaders we want to celebrate,” said Denis McDonough, deputy national security adviser. “We commend the innovative practices, achievements, and leadership these change-makers bring not only to their communities around this country— but also to the development of and diplomacy with their countries of origin.”

Kamau-Rutenberg is the founder and executive director of the international nonprofit Akili Dada, a leadership incubator that pairs prominent female Kenyan business people, politicians, educators, and activists with underprivileged high school girls as mentors and provides the girls with scholarships to stay in school.

Previously honored by the United Nations for her work with Akili Dada, and the recipient of the Foundations for Change Thomas I. Yamashita Prize and the African International Achievers Award, Kamau-Rutenberg was selected as a Champion of Change because of her passion for promoting a synergy between rigorous academic analysis and social entrepreneurship, the White House said.

Kia James (left), USF assistant professor and MPH coordinator, talks with Barbara Garcia (right), San Francisco public health director, during the MPH launch event at USF.

Among the new programs recommended by the commission, which concluded its work in May, were nutrition, lifestyle medicine and integrated health care; and health care management and clinical analytics.

The school also expanded its student base when it began to offer its popular RN-to-MSN program online in January, allowing registered nurses from across the country to earn master’s degrees in their field.
DESIGN HONORS
A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS

Two architecture professors recently won national and state awards for their design of a flood-proof house that was built to withstand hurricanes and tsunamis. Designed by Matt Peek and Renata Ancona, adjunct professors of art + architecture, the house in Stinson Beach, about 45 minutes northwest of San Francisco, won the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s best practice award and a 2011 American Institute of Architects, California Council Merit Award for Small Projects.

“The Japanese tsunami occurred just one year after the flood-proof home’s construction and demonstrated how high-strength buildings, typically commercial, resisted the flood waters while under-designed structures succumbed to the flooding,” Peek said.

For the Stinson Beach house, Peek and Ancona added on to an existing mid-century beach house in a designated flood zone, constructing an attached master bedroom, bathroom, and four balconies on concrete stilts. The stilts connect below ground to individual concrete foundations. The addition’s frame is made of steel. The flood-proof house was built to resist tsunami-force waves up to 12 feet high, Peek said.

The house design also incorporates sustainable elements throughout, including drought-tolerant landscaping, cedar walls, and bamboo flooring—components that helped it achieve the highest sustainable design certification, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum, from Marin County’s green building program.

Many of the design techniques and technologies used in the Stinson Beach house have found their way into Peek and Ancona’s curriculum, particularly classes on building technology.

Matt Peek and Renata Ancona, adjunct professors of art + architecture at USF, designed this flood-proof house in Stinson Beach.
COMMENCEMENT 2012
USF CELEBRATES GRADUATES

At press time, commencement exercises celebrating newly minted graduates were scheduled to take place on the University of San Francisco campus, with a number of high-profile leaders speaking at the ceremonies.

BILL COSBY, comedian, actor, and educator, was scheduled to speak May 18 at the College of Arts and Sciences ceremonies for undergraduates in the arts and social sciences.

San Francisco Mayor ED LEE was scheduled to speak May 18 at the College of Arts and Sciences ceremonies for humanities and sciences undergraduates.

HOLLY PETRAEUS, the assistant director of the Office of Servicemember Affairs in the Treasury Department’s Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, was scheduled to speak to College of Arts and Sciences graduate students May 18. Petraeus is the wife of retired U.S. Army general and CIA director David Petraeus.

U.S. Under Secretary of Education MARTHA KANTER EdD ’89 was scheduled to speak to School of Education graduates during the school’s exercises, also on May 18.

KEN HACKETT, former president of Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S., was scheduled to speak to School of Management undergraduates on May 19.

Other scheduled speakers included:
• U.S. Rep. Lynn Woolsey;
• Goodwin Liu, associate justice of the California Supreme Court;
• Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., Regis University president; and
• Ralf Hotchkiss, director and chief engineer of Whirlwind Wheelchair International Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at San Francisco State University.

ECO AWARENESS
TAKING ON ENVIRONMENTAL INEQUALITIES

Sonam Gill MSEM ’13, MBA ’13 didn’t think twice about giving up her summer vacation last year to research San Joaquin Valley towns that showed high rates of health defects in children, poor air quality, and pesticide-contaminated water.

For Gill, the research was more than theoretical—she has relatives in the San Joaquin Valley. Environmental inequalities associated with such factors as geography, race, and ethnicity can lead to increased cases of asthma, cancer, and birth defects, Gill said. She saw her research, part of an internship with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as a steppingstone to a career in raising awareness about low-income, minority, and child populations living in polluted and toxic areas.

“Exposures to insufferable conditions endured on a daily basis are not normal and are a breach of justice,” Gill said. “Many of these environmental issues have a synergistic effect on the health of the communities in the valley.”

Gill was part of a select cohort of 40 university students chosen from across the nation to intern with experts from the EPA and NASA’s Ames Research Center. Students worked on projects to improve environmental and earth science research, as well as environmental decision-making by politicians and policymakers, by applying earth science data and technology to local problems.

After the internship, Gill landed a part-time position with the EPA as a research assistant for the environmental justice program.

“Before the internship, I worked at a biotech consulting firm, and I would stare at the clock waiting for it to hit 3, 4, and, finally, 5 o’clock,” Gill said. “At the EPA, I often get so wrapped up in my projects that I lose track of time.”
What began for Kristen Dyer ’12 as a quick $5 donation by text message two years ago has grown into a personal campaign to help children infected with HIV/AIDS in South Africa and has led to her being cast as a subject in a Showtime documentary about the effects of the disease.

The “thank you” text she received in reply to her donation invited her to enter a contest by visiting the nonprofit To Keep a Child Alive’s (KCA) website, where she was asked to describe what Africa meant to her in a word.

Dyer chose “strength.” It’s a term, as it turns out, that some use to describe Dyer herself, having been kicked out of her mother’s house at 17 (See the related story, below.)

From 24,000 people who submitted entries, Dyer and four others were chosen to spend a week traveling with KCA co-founder and R&B star Alicia Keys to see the nonprofit’s work in South Africa, where it provides antiviral drugs and care for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

For Dyer, an aspiring professional photographer, spending a week in South Africa the summer between her sophomore and junior years reaffirmed her belief that photography wasn’t just for galleries. It could change people’s lives.

Since her return, Dyer’s efforts have included using her photos in presentations to USF students, encouraging professors to broach the topic of HIV/AIDS in Africa in class, and hosting a USF screening on World AIDS Day 2011 of “Keep a Child Alive With Alicia Keys”—the Showtime documentary about the group’s trip to South Africa.

Photo Philanthropy, a nonprofit connecting photographers with causes, published some of Dyer’s South Africa images online. The same images helped lead to her recent acceptance as a freelancer for Cavan Images, an online stock photo site.

“South Africa changed everything for me. It’s still changing things, opening doors, reminding me of what’s important,” Dyer said. “I wouldn’t trade my time there for anything.”

In 2012 USF named to presidential honor roll for service for 6th year in a row

FROM PAIN, GREAT STRENGTH AND A BRIGHT FUTURE

Kristen Dyer ’12 flipped open her cell phone after soccer practice on her 17th birthday and found a picture of her belongings lined up on the sidewalk in front of her mom’s house. “Your stuff is ready for you,” read the text message from her stepfather.

There was Dyer’s guitar, carefully placed on its stand; there was one of her board games, Battleship, peaking out from a box; there was a pile of clothes, indignantly listing to one side—all in front of a neatly trimmed adobe home framed by a bright blue sky.

Dyer, a newly minted international studies graduate, keeps the photo as a reminder of the beginning of a new direction in her life.

After leaving home, an event Dyer avoids discussing, she lived in her best friend’s garage while she completed high school. Her aunt then moved Dyer to her San Francisco home and encouraged her niece to apply to college.

Dyer didn’t love the idea. “Hardly anyone from my high school goes to university. So, when my aunt had me start college applications, I was intent that no one would move me anywhere again,” Dyer recalled. “I looked at the college across the street and said, ‘I’ll apply there and that’s it.’”

The college across the street turned out to be USF. Dyer was accepted on scholarship, a turn of events that felt foreign to her—having grown up so much an outsider. She took the opportunity to remake herself, a way of taking control in her eyes. Upon enrolling, she changed her name (not legally) to Isa, short for Isabella, instead of Kristen. It’s now the name that her family and others know her by.

“In a way, I guess this transition helped me keep the past in the past,” Dyer said.

Dyer became a standout student, earning straight A’s last fall while taking six courses. During her time at USF, Dyer worked multiple jobs, traveled to Brazil and South Africa, and gained the confidence to overcome obstacles that might have stopped others in their tracks, all without parental support. She is the first in her family to graduate from college.

Laleh Shahideh, USF associate vice provost and dean of student academic services, whose office reception area Dyer staffed since her freshman year, sees a bright future ahead for Dyer: “She’s one of the strongest people that I have met.”

WEB EXTRA To watch an interview with Dyer and view a clip of the Showtime documentary, as well as some of Dyer’s photography, visit: www.usfca.edu/magazine/keys.
COMPUTER DETECTIVES
USF PROGRAMMERS HELP HUNT ONLINE CRIMINALS

New software applications created by computer science students forgo the “gotcha” moment of Dateline NBC’s “To Catch a Predator,” but are designed to help police capture child sex predators just the same.

Three programs, developed by Chaoyi Du MS ’12, Chengzhi (Calvin) Liang MS ’12, and Xinli Feng MS ’11, crawl the Web hunting for child pornography. The programs then track the files and compile dossiers on suspects.

A fourth program, a wireless network analysis application developed by Simon Piel ’12, uses information gathered by the three-program suite to more closely link culprit computers to specific individuals who share such files over peer-to-peer networks.

The programs were designed with guidance from the Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (SVICAC) Task Force, which includes the 11 Bay Area counties, the FBI, and others.

“As a CS professor at USF, I believe we should be utilizing technology in the service of humanity,” said Patricia Francis-Lyon, assistant professor of computer science, who advised the three graduate students.

SVICAC plans to fine-tune the programs through beta testing in the coming months and then, hopefully, share them with similar task forces throughout the nation, said SVICAC commander Sgt. Greg Lombardo.

CULINARY SCIENCE
YUM, CHEMISTRY!

In a city of tweeting food trucks and Michelin-star restaurants, it was only a matter of time before San Francisco’s fusion-food culture found a way into a chemistry class.

After all, chemistry is what we taste when we bite into a chocolate-drizzled double scoop of destabilized fat globules and Fragaria ananassa. We just call it a strawberry ice cream sundae.

Tami Spector, professor of chemistry, introduced the class, called Molecular Gastronomy, in spring 2011. It focuses on the physical and chemical processes of food and drink preparation.

The idea of the course is to introduce non-science students, many of whom find memorizing chemical formulas and reactions mind-numbing, to the intricacies of molecular chemistry using an accessible and interactive approach. Michelle Cancellier ’12, an English major, said the class helped her and other humanities majors understand the abstract concepts that underlie chemistry—such as polymers, ionic charge, and chemical bonds—which can make the subject so challenging.

Spector incorporates common foods into the science lessons, including an in-class experiment that separates caffeine from tea to illustrate solubility and extraction. Another lesson has students whip up a batch of mayonnaise to learn about emulsions. Working with a palette of flavors from sweet to savory, students have isolated clove oil, created ice cream, pickled vegetables, and baked soufflés.

And they walk away from the course with a scientifically educated palate.
**RESEARCH GRANT**

**DOES A COMMON VIRUS AID THE SPREAD OF CANCER?**

Juliet Spencer, associate professor of biology, has been awarded a $412,000 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant for cancer research. Spencer’s latest research expands on earlier work that examined a variant of the herpes virus (HCMV), determining how it is able to lay dormant and go undetected in humans, sometimes for decades, before attacking the immune system.

Using the three-year NIH grant, Spencer will study the effect of the HCMV virus, which infects up to 80 percent of Americans, on cancer cells. Specifically, she’ll examine whether a substance that HCMV cells secrete weakens healthy cells’ defenses—thereby opening the door for pre-cancerous cells to grow.

“We don’t think the virus needs to infect the cells to cause cancer,” Spencer explained. “We think that infected cells may produce a substance that causes healthy cells to be more likely to become cancerous.”

If Spencer is able to demonstrate the connection between HCMV and breast cancer tumors, the discovery could lead to changes in the treatment of cancer to include antiviral medicines in addition to chemotherapy.

“There’s still a lot of work to do,” Spencer said. “But the potential for human health benefits is tremendous.”

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**Evolving University**

**Introducing New School Names, Campuses, Programs**

In addition to launching its first-ever visibility campaign and a new logo and tagline, the University of San Francisco has been busy remaking itself in more fundamental ways.

In July 2011, the School of Business and Professional Studies became the School of Management (SOM), followed in September by the School of Nursing expanding its mission and becoming the School of Nursing and Health Professions. (See story, page 5.)

In August, USF purchased the historic Folger Coffee Building at 101 Howard in San Francisco’s Financial District, creating the Downtown Campus, where graduate management courses will be held beginning this summer. (See story, page 12.)Shortly afterward, USF’s Cupertino Campus relocated to downtown San Jose. The university also relocated a campus from San Ramon to Pleasanton.

The moves are intended to bolster USF’s success at delivering a high-quality education in urban settings that invite partnerships and draw on the sites’ proximity to visionary leaders, pioneering nonprofits, and cutting-edge businesses.

“The changes reflect innovation in our educational programs and delivery,” said Jennifer Turpin, USF provost and vice president of academic affairs. “USF is determined to offer the highest quality, most relevant educational programs in locations where we can best leverage the dynamic resources of the Bay Area as part of our curriculum.”

The SOM name change responds to the fact that management careers today run the gamut from for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations to the government sector.

In more SOM news, the school’s master of public administration is now also being offered as an online program and is accepting applications for fall 2012.
PITCHING FOR A CAUSE
DIAMOND DONTS STEP UP TO ‘STRIKE OUT MALARIA’

It’s typical for a pitcher to aim for a high strikeout total, but Bob Mott ’12 set a target for himself and the rest of the 2012 season’s pitching staff—400 strikeouts—for an unusual reason.

The goal is part of a campaign that business major Mott started last year to raise awareness and funds to purchase bed nets to help prevent malaria, which kills nearly one million people a year worldwide. Mott and USF teammates Cameron Love ’12, Nik Balog ’12, and Jared Denham ’12 created “Home Runs for Health” as part of a service-learning project for their Management and Organizational Dynamics class.

Through donations from USF baseball players and pledges from other sources, the USF baseball team raised $10 for every home run hit during the 2011 season, enough to purchase one insecticide-treated net through Nothing But Nets, a global grassroots campaign that purchases bed nets for families in malaria-risk areas of Africa.

Last year’s campaign was a success; after just one season, the USF baseball team was able to help purchase 110 nets.

Now in its second year, Mott’s campaign has been renamed “Strike Out Malaria” because “there are more strikeouts than home runs in baseball,” Mott noted. This year, the Dons set a goal of raising $3 every time a USF pitcher strikes out a batter, estimating that USF pitchers would log 400 strikeouts by the end of the season and raise $1200—enough to purchase 120 nets. At the time of writing, the team was averaging more than $4 per strikeout and had raised enough to purchase 150 nets with weeks left in the season.

Hung above beds, insecticide-treated nets are an effective way to stop the spread of malaria by protecting people from malaria-carrying mosquitoes while they sleep and preventing the mosquitoes from flying on to infect others.

JAIME DIAZ ’75
PGA’S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN JOURNALISM GOES TO USF ALUM

Writer Jaime Diaz ’75 recently won the 2012 PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism after nearly three decades covering sports for some of the nation’s most prestigious publications.

The San Francisco native earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of San Francisco, where he also played for the men’s golf team all four years.

“I’m one of the lucky people who has been able to do what he’s loved for a living,” Diaz said. In March, Diaz became editor-in-chief of Golf World magazine. He has been writing for Golf World and its sister publication, Golf Digest, since 2001. Diaz has covered more than 100 major golf championships. He previously wrote for Sports Illustrated, where he launched the Golf Plus section. Before that, Diaz covered golf for The New York Times. He started in newspapers working as a copy boy at the Oakland Tribune in the 1970s.

He is a six-time winner of the Golf Writers Association of America writing contest. “My heroes, even more than the golfers, have been the journalists whose work continues to both humble and inspire me,” Diaz said. “Following them has been an honor, and following many of them as a recipient of this award has been the biggest honor of all.”

Diaz collaborated with golf coach Hank Haney on “The Big Miss: My Years Coaching Tiger Woods,” which was published in March and quickly climbed to No. 1 on The New York Times Best Sellers list.

He is the author of the book “An Enduring Passion: The Legends and Lore of Golf” and the co-author of several others.
In the century and a half since its founding, the University of San Francisco has established itself as an educational institution of and for the city—through times of bounty, transformation, and disaster. The recent purchase of the Folger Coffee Building, which will house graduate management programs and comprise USF’s Downtown Campus, is just a short walk from the site of USF’s first schoolhouse and marks a new chapter for the university and the city. Moving into an area with neighbors like Twitter, Google, and Salesforce.com places USF at the center of downtown’s high-tech renaissance and deepens ties between the city of San Francisco and its oldest university.
There’s an old Latin saying about the saints who founded four of the Catholic Church’s long-standing orders: “Bernard loved the valleys, and Benedict loved the hills, Francis the towns, Ignatius the great cities.”

It’s no accident that St. Bernard and the Cistercians and St. Benedict and the Benedictine monks elected to live in the valleys and hills, the ideal backdrop for their lives of contemplation. The Franciscans traveled from town to town, serving the poor from the peripheries. But for St. Ignatius, the Jesuit mission of social and pastoral outreach was best carried out in the heart of 16th-century Rome. Close to the center of power, as well as the disempowered, the ministry extended to hospitals, prisons, orphanages, and schools throughout the flourishing metropolis.

That distinct brand of engagement brought St. Ignatius’ followers to the boomtown of San Francisco during the Gold Rush. The academy they established, the city’s first, bore his name and embodied his ideals. St. Ignatius Academy has had a handful of homes in the city with which it would eventually share a name. In that time, San Francisco transformed from a fledgling port of arrival for fortune seekers to one of the world’s most dynamic, entrepreneurial urban centers. USF has contributed to and been shaped by the city’s metamorphosis, enabling the two to form a symbiotic bond that continues to evolve.

**DOWNTOWN ROOTS IN THE HEART OF A GREAT CITY**

When gold was discovered near Sacramento in 1848, thousands left their homes throughout the U.S., and from as far away as Europe, Asia, and Latin America, in hopes of striking it rich. Many docked in San Francisco, fueling an unprecedented population boom that saw the city’s ranks swell from fewer than 1,000 people to almost 35,000 in just five years.

The frenzied growth brought chaos, with the city’s streets and saloons rife with gambling, brawling, prostitution, murder, and thievery. “The Jesuits said early on, ‘We want to be where the action is. We want to be where the cities are,’” said Alan Ziajka, author of “Legacy & Promise: 150 Years of Jesuit Education at the University of San Francisco” and director of institutional research at USF. “So the Jesuits came to San Francisco because that was their mission; that was their philosophy.”

The Jesuits believed there was a place for education in the midst of the disorder and sent Anthony Maraschi, S.J., to build a school. When he selected a patch of sand dunes on Market and Fourth streets, he proclaimed, “Here, in time, will be the heart of a great city.”

St. Ignatius Academy opened in 1855. The small wooden schoolhouse provided more than enough space for the three students who enrolled. It was the city’s first institution of higher education.

In little more than five years, the college outgrew the space, as student enrollment approached 150. The recently renamed St. Ignatius College built a three-story, state-of-the-art brick structure adjacent to its original site. Equipped with large classrooms and a theater, the college was one of the city’s largest when it opened in 1862. Its scientific labs, added later, were renowned throughout the city, and in 1874, Joseph Neri, S.J., a professor of natural philosophy, staged the city’s first demonstration of electric light before an amazed audience. The college’s student body, largely Irish and Italian Catholic immigrants, was very much a reflection of the city it educated.

**WEB EXTRA** To watch a video of a presentation by Thomas Lucas, S.J., on Jesuits in the cities, visit www.usfca.edu/magazine/city_2012.
THE “GOLDEN AGE OF OLD ST. IGNUATIUS” ▶ Rising property taxes and enrollment pushed the Jesuits to search for their third home in less than three decades, and, in 1880, the college reopened at the corner of Hayes and Van Ness, the current site of Davies Symphony Hall. One block from the present-day City Hall, the building was a major civic landmark, serving as a center for community outreach. The move marked the beginning of the “Golden Age of Old St. Ignatius.”

“St. Ignatius College produced many of the people who occupied key positions—the movers and shakers of the city,” Ziajka said. “They were the group that wanted to build parks around the city, end corruption, bring more social services, and increase outreach to the community.”

Strong ties between the city and the college were further cemented throughout the early 20th century, first when the great earthquake of 1906 decimated much of the city, including St. Ignatius College. Speaking at the dedication of the college’s new site at Shrader and Hayes less than three months later, College President John Frieden, S.J., said, “Three months ago, no one would have thought that we would be ready to build a new St. Ignatius upon this site, but, undaunted by disaster, we are ready for the new work. We have never lost courage, for we know that it is God’s work and He has provided. If San Francisco is to live, we live with it; if it passes, we pass with it—but not before.”

Six years later, St. Ignatius’ first law school opened in the Grant Building at Market and Seventh—an elevator ride away from the courts, where many alumni would have successful careers.

EXPANDING WESTWARD ▶ In 1927, the entire college moved to present-day Kalmanovitz Hall and within a few years became the University of San Francisco. Being near Golden Gate Park boosted its athletics programs and broadened its student base, then entirely commuters, to include residents of the suburban western neighborhoods.

Over the following decades, USF expanded throughout the area. The School of Law got a new home with the construction of Kendrick Hall in 1962. The 1978 purchase of the former all-women’s Lone Mountain College, with its picture-perfect views of the city and the bay, almost doubled the size of the campus. In 1991, the School of Education took over the Presentation High School complex. Nine years later, the 49,000-square-foot, three-story Dorraince Zief Law Library was built. That same year, USF leased 281 Masonic Ave., formerly Lincoln University, where some university offices and the Fine and Performing Arts Program are housed. In 2011, USF relocated several graduate programs to the Presidio.

Concentrating much of its academic and extracurricular programming and residence halls on a 55-acre site enabled USF to nurture a rich campus life—but some of the urban immediacy conferred by a downtown address was lost.

“It wasn’t like you could walk across the street to City Hall or walk two blocks to a major business,” Ziajka said. “With the Folger Building, for internships, job interviews, for getting a sense of what’s going on, you can cross the street. Despite the rapid communication of our age, there’s something to be said for being right across the street.”

COREY COOK: The State of Our City

As USF readies for its downtown return, so, too, is the city of San Francisco embarking on a new chapter with the election of its first Asian American mayor, the largest surge in technology jobs since the dot-com boom of the late ‘90s, and crushing budget woes. Corey Cook, USF associate professor of politics and director of the Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good, is an expert on urban politics and public policy. He sat down with USF Magazine to discuss the challenges and possibilities that lie ahead for San Francisco. The following is adapted from that discussion.
USF Magazine: Let’s start with the San Francisco mayoral election. Can you talk about the ways in which it was significant?

CC: Obviously, the election of the city’s first Chinese American mayor is historic, particularly given the history of Chinese exclusion and discrimination in San Francisco and California. Mayor Ed Lee’s election is the culmination of decades of activism and organizing in the Chinese American community.

But there was an historic field of candidates. Among the top-tier candidates you might have had a lot of firsts—the first Latino mayor, the first openly gay mayor, the first Japanese American mayor. USF hosted the first of the many mayoral forums in 2011, and, in May, well before then-acting Mayor Lee jumped into the race, you could sense that this might be an historic election.

USF Magazine: What accounts for such a diversity of candidates?

CC: Part of that is the growing diversity of the city—in particular the increasing proportion of the population identified as Asian and Asian Pacific Islander and Latino. But part of it is the result of institutional and political changes. The city has undergone some fairly dramatic political shifts.

In the wake of the dot-com boom, and growing public concerns about rising housing prices and gentrification in the South of Market neighborhoods, the city adopted district elections for the board of supervisors. Not only have district elections helped ensure that neighborhood interests are represented on the board of supervisors; they have also diversified the board and helped bring about what has been called the progressive movement in the city.

We’ve had about 10 years of conflict over land-use issues, social services, and the city budget between these two broad camps—a moderate mayor and a progressive board of supervisors. But with Mayor Gavin Newsom heading to Sacramento and a complete turnover of the board of supervisors because of term limits, I think there was a sense that this election marked a new political era in the city.

So you had nine or 10 serious candidates running for mayor reflective of various neighborhood interests, the socio-economic diversity of the city, and also this ideological conflict between progressives and moderates. It was a pretty remarkable election.

USF Magazine: What are some of the other ways San Francisco has changed during the past 20 years?

CC: Well, you’ve seen some significant changes in how people live and work in the city: the decline of the middle class and the precipitous decline in the African American population, and also changes in the primary economic drivers in the city. Just in the past decade we’ve experienced a dot-com boom and bust and a housing boom and bust, and more recently a tech boom.

And the leading industries in the city have changed. Aside from construction, we don’t make things in San Francisco very much. The leading industries are typically talked about as knowledge generation and experience generation. Knowledge generation includes things like information technology, biotech, and digital media. Experience generation includes things like arts, retail, tourism, and hospitality. So much of what people do in San Francisco falls into these broad categories.

The challenge is that there isn’t much “middle” in either of these areas. There are a lot of high-paying jobs and a lot of low-paying jobs. So you see these growing disparities in the city and in the region, which has become one of the most disparate regions in the country in terms of income.

USF Magazine: What are the biggest challenges and opportunities for Lee’s administration?

CC: As I mentioned, San Francisco has gone through a period of divisiveness in City Hall. I think the mayor was elected, in part, because he has worked effectively across the political spectrum—as a civil rights leader and as city administrator. And as acting mayor, he dialed down the rhetoric and worked collaboratively. That’s not to say there aren’t still significant disagreements over a range of issues, but in his year as
there are a lot of high-paying jobs and a lot of low-paying jobs. So you see these growing disparities in the city and in the region.’

USF MAGAZINE: What are some of the issues the city will face in the next few years?

CC: I think many of the issues this administration will tackle are connected to land use, economic development, and the improvement of the city’s public schools. There are some big development projects like California Pacific Medical Center, the Central Subway, and Bayview redevelopment. And, of course, the budget, particularly this year as public employee contracts are renewed.

These are complex issues that oftentimes become highly divisive and can pit neighborhoods against each other, different ethnic communities against each other, and economic interests against each other. The challenge for the mayor is to try to maintain a broad coalition, and that’s remarkably difficult in a city as diverse and politically sophisticated as San Francisco.

USF MAGAZINE: Relative to other American cities, San Francisco has a very small population of residents under 18, and the school district has lost almost 7,000 students over the last decade. Is San Francisco a family-friendly city?

CC: I think so. But in full disclosure: My family just moved to San Francisco from Oakland several months ago, in part because we think San Francisco is a great city to raise a family.

If you look at the Census data, one of the things that I think would surprise a lot of people is that there are more households with children under 18 in San Francisco today than there were a decade ago. But the average household size has shrunk. So people are having fewer children, and that’s part of a broader national demographic phenomenon, but it’s not the case that families with children are fleeing the city in droves.

That said, it’s certainly the case that San Francisco has far fewer children and youth than other large cities, and it’s a topic that was much discussed during the last election. And the consensus is that in addition to employment, the key determinants of the number of children and youth who live in the city are the quality of schools and the affordability (or lack thereof) of housing.

The McCarthy Center did a Bay Area Regional Survey last June, and one of the questions we asked was, “How would you rate the schools in your city?” We asked this of everybody and aggregated the responses by county, and San Francisco was rated abysmally in comparison to the others—something like 4.9 on a scale of one to 10; much lower than other counties. But later in the same survey, we asked people with children in the schools how they rate their own child’s school. And it turns out that people in San Francisco rate their own schools more highly than do folks in Marin County. So part of it is perception.

Still, there are significant disparities in student opportunity and achievement in the schools. African American and Latino students are less likely to graduate and have access to the courses needed to be eligible for college admission. There was a great panel at USF this spring that addressed this, and there are some innovative solutions being proposed, including creating community schools to focus local resources, like wrap-around services [individualized community-based intervention services], directly in these school settings. One community school plan is being implemented in the form of a federal Promise Neighborhood grant in the Mission District, a cradle-to-
A lot of people, including several faculty members in the School of Education at USF, and many of the organizations we work with at the McCarthy Center, are working with the school district to ensure that the schools are effectively preparing all students.

I'm less optimistic about affordable family housing. Rental prices are increasing in San Francisco and across the state. And there has been a profound loss of federal and state funding for affordable housing. In addition, the bursting of the housing bubble has affected housing developments that were in the pipeline and decreased the viability of affordable projects. In one of his first acts, the mayor initiated a task force to develop an Affordable Housing Trust Fund proposal. They are developing a proposal for the November ballot to fund affordable projects. It's complicated policy and an early test of his political skill to hold together this coalition.

**USF Magazine**: What should businesses expect from Lee's administration?

**CC**: When he was running for mayor, he proposed a 17-point jobs plan that was balanced between business recruitment, small business assistance, lowering payroll taxes, and cutting regulations, and a focus on workforce development and enforcing the local hiring ordinance, which suggests that he has a more nuanced view than the "pro-business" or "pro-worker" archetypes. That said, I think the first 100 days or so have seen a focus on the Mid-Market area and trying to nurture a high-tech cluster there, and we've seen that business interests have a strong voice within the administration.

**USF Magazine**: How seriously are California's budget woes affecting San Francisco?

**CC**: It would be hard to overstate the effects. The UCs and the CSUs have been ravaged, and San Francisco State University, like USF, is one of the anchors of San Francisco socially and economically. So far, the state legislature and the governor have been able to insulate K-12 education from significant cuts, and the governor is putting some proposals on the ballot this upcoming year for revenue increases that, if enacted, will forestall further budget cuts.

However, if these measures do not pass, we will see massive cuts in K-12 education, including cancelling parts of the school year, which will have enormous consequences in San Francisco. There are also a whole host of cutbacks in the social safety net that have directly affected people living in the city, like seniors dependent on in-home supportive services, and a substantial number of nonprofits in San Francisco have gone out of business because of these cutbacks.

The consequence of eliminating the Redevelopment Agency has been profound. About half of the city's affordable housing budget disappeared with the stroke of a pen when the Redevelopment Agency was eliminated in California. And the state is returning formerly incarcerated persons to their home counties, which ultimately means that San Francisco is facing an influx of ex-offenders. Supporting these individuals as they search for job opportunities and reintegrate into society will be a significant challenge absent adequate state funding.

At the same time, that McCarthy Center survey found that people in the Bay Area were, on the whole, far more optimistic about how things were going in their localities than in the state, and San Franciscans were much more likely to perceive that the city is headed in the right direction than the state as a whole. I think people's perceptions are pretty much in line with the objective indicators.

**USF Magazine**: There's a lot of buzz in the city about the latest tech boom. Is it actually a boom or a bubble?

**CC**: In many ways, that's the million-dollar question. On the one hand, this period seems like a replay of the tech boom of the late '90s. It's been reported that there are more tech jobs in San Francisco today than at the height of the boom in the '90s. But I think people around here remember how so many ideas that seemed so good at the time went bust.

So while the city is very much attempting to nurture a tech revival in the city, and build on its highly educated and creative workforce and physical advantages on the Pacific Rim, at the same time, there is some wariness. There are many economic lessons from the last dot-com boom. For policymakers, one lesson is that when there was enormous wealth being produced in the city, if you don’t figure out ways of having that wealth broadly shared, you’ll have considerable gentrification and displacement in neighborhoods and the loss of vital community, arts, and nonprofit organizations that can’t afford to stay.

While the city has certainly invested a lot in trying to create a tech cluster around companies like Twitter, Airbnb, Zynga, and Salesforce, at the same time there is concern about building a strong and innovative workforce and in creating vibrant, stable communities, rather than just attracting a transient workforce to the city. So you have the local hiring ordinance and a variety of proposals emanating from San Francisco's state and federal office-holders to invest in primary, secondary, and higher education—in private, independent colleges, in Cal grants, and in public institutions like the California State University system and the community college system—to ensure greater sustainability than we saw a decade ago. ////

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STUDENTS LEARN FROM Gritty Reality

Returning to the Philippines to study this past spring, Teresa Cariño '13 anticipated a kind of homecoming. The Philippines is her parents’ homeland, after all. She had visited many times. What she found were families crowded into shanties and children living on the streets—scenes she had previously only glimpsed from the security of her family’s car.

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INJUSTICE IN THE BLUES

Looking out the window of the Revolution Café on Seventh Street recently, Patrick Duffey '14 studied a trash-filled lot surrounded by graffiti-tattooed fences. It was hard to imagine that the area, near the West Oakland BART station, was once a center of the West Coast blues and jazz scene.

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With understanding

by Edward Carpenter
“It’s been intense. There is no other way to describe it,” Cariño, a theology and religious studies major at the University of San Francisco, wrote in an email from Manila. For Cariño, Casa Bayanihan has thrown back the curtain on a world of injustice that she knew little about from family vacations.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, six other USF students were with Cariño during the spring semester—all studying tuition-free and accompanying members of underprivileged communities as part of the Casa Bayanihan program.

The study abroad and immersion program—jointly administered by USF, Santa Clara University, and Ateneo de Manila University in Manila—just completed its second semester. Unlike other study abroad programs, Casa teaches by immersing students in marginalized communities and pairing those students with residents or nonprofits working for change. The pillars of the program are accompanying residents of marginalized communities; rigorous academic study; community living, including eating simple meals, washing clothes by hand, and taking cold showers; and spiritual formation.

Students study the Philippine economy, culture, and society; gender equality, Tagalog, and more. Two days a week, and occasionally on weekends, students take what they’ve learned in the classroom into the field at praxis sites, learning from locals about the realities on the ground. The richness of the program lies in the combination of what students learn in the community and in the classroom, and the dialogue that ensues.

Indeed, Casa isn’t about students “parachuting” in to aid needy Filipinos. Historically, that approach has damaged cultures. Students are taught to resist that impulse and reminded that, prior to using the benefits of privilege and power to help others, they must walk humbly with them, and be instructed by their daily reality, said Mark Ravizza, S.J., the Jesuit-in-residence at Casa Bayanihan.
(Left to right) Kyla Santana ’13 helps prepare a meal in Sitio Payong, a farming community in Manila; J.L. Osh sits in the window of a house; Teresa Carriño ’13 tutors students in English.

“We aren’t here to help. We are here to learn,” said Carriño, recalling a quote that was recited during her Casa orientation: “If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.” (Lila Watson)

For Carriño, accompaniment meant building friendships with disabled Filipinos, who often face discrimination, and learning how they manage daily tasks such as cleaning, cooking, and traveling around town. Carriño also tutored special education students and packaged medications from a local pharmaceutical company. For other students, accompaniment meant improving the construction of shanty homes in squatter communities, helping nonprofits educate street children, or learning how micro-loans are administered to small business owners.

Class assignments, community-based research, films, and weekly discussion groups all relate to students’ experiences in local communities. The program’s integration of classroom, real-world, and spiritual lessons are key to students developing an awareness of and compassion for those who experience harsh realities, to advancing a deeper knowledge of themselves, and to living more justly with others, said Grace Carlson, Casa co-director.

Casa challenges students’ thinking about poverty and privilege, the role of faith, the factors that give rise to the suffering they see, and what it means to “help” people. Students stepping outside of their comfort zones is what Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., the 29th superior general of the Society of Jesus, had in mind in 2000 when he issued a new imperative for Jesuit higher education: “Students,” he said, “must let the gritty reality of this world into their lives, so that they can learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to its suffering, and engage it constructively.”

Colleen Curry ’13, who completed Casa in fall 2011, said the realities she encountered in the Philippines broke down barriers that let her close herself off from others’ problems. “It exposed me to a new way of living,” said Curry, an English major. “No longer do I just exist in my California bubble, but in the greater world reality.”

Filipina American Tara Peithman ’12, who also completed Casa in 2011, called the program the most valuable part of her USF experience. “It changed what I want to do after graduation,” said Peithman, who accompanied families living in a squatter community, helping to build homes, teaching art to children, and painting church pews.

Peithman plans to apply for work as an advocate for the Asian community. She’s also pursuing opportunities for development work in the Philippines. “Living in community with others in solidarity and developing a spiritual dimension has completely empowered me,” Peithman said.

Peithman’s experience illustrates Casa’s transformative power. The “gritty reality,” Fr. Ravizza said, students witness the beauty, hope, and faith that, in spite of immense struggles, can remain strong in a broken world.

‘NO LONGER DO I JUST EXIST IN MY CALIFORNIA BUBBLE, BUT IN THE GREATER WORLD REALITY.’

Colleen Curry ’13

(Left to right) Hazel Calaycay, Angela John, and Jhon Christian pose under an umbrella in the squatter community of Tribu-Gawad Kalonga.
Injustice (continued)

"It was called the Harlem of the West," said guitarist Ronnie Stewart, executive director of the nonprofit Bay Area Blues Society, who has devoted himself to preserving Seventh Street's history as a mecca of the blues and its outgrowth, jazz.

How the Seventh Street scene disappeared and where the Oakland musicians who performed there went was the subject of a recent two-week service-learning immersion course—Injustice, Healing, and the Blues—at the University of San Francisco. The philosophy course is one of dozens that USF undergraduates can choose from to fulfill their service-learning class requirement of spending 20 hours learning from and giving back to a community organization or the disadvantaged.

Working with the Blues Society, Duffey, an English and philosophy double major, and the rest of the class mapped out the clubs, recording studios, and restaurants that once made up the Seventh Street scene. In the '40s, '50s, and '60s, the Seventh Street strip was home to famous clubs such as Esther's Orbit Room and Slim Jenkins Supper Club, where Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday played, as did Oakland-born blues stars Saunders King and "Terrible" Tom Bowden.

The students also visited musicians’ homes, interviewing the performers with the idea of preserving their oral histories.

Abrol Fairweather, the adjunct professor who developed the course as part of USF's Arrupe Justice immersion program, called the class a two-week glimpse into the roots of the blues—a unique musical form closely tied to a specific historical injustice.

"The blues came up from field hollers, call-and-response, and Bible spirituals sung in the fields during slavery in the South," Fairweather said. "Slaves weren’t allowed to speak to each other so they communicated by singing."

Meeting and interviewing musicians who grew up in the scene put a human face on one of America’s greatest injustices, said Maria Peeples '15, a politics major. "Before the class, I only thought about the blues as
before class, I only thought about the blues as a form of music. Now, I see the blues as a beautiful cultural expression that came out of a dark time in American history and helped people cope.”

Peeples, Duffey, and other students interviewed Stewart, vocalist Bowden, and saxophonists Geneo Landry and Carl Green at their homes and in cafes in West Oakland, hosted them and their band mates for performances at USF’s Crossroads Café, and invited them to speak in class. The performers grew up during the time of Jim Crow laws and the Civil Rights Movement, so who better to tell students about the blues? Fairweather asked.

Bowden—in a tailored suit, a giant of a man carrying a bead-emblazoned cane—recalled sneaking out of the house on weekend nights when he was 9 years old to shine shoes, hustle for a buck, and sing on Seventh Street corners. “The blues is a way of life, not just 12 musical bars on a keyboard,” said Bowden, who played on the same stages as the legendary Count Basie, B.B. King, and Aretha Franklin.

The musicians told students about white nightclub owners who tried to stiff them, record label tricks that cut them out of a lifetime of royalties, and their own hometown, under the guise of redevelopment, turning against them. Seventh Street, once the center of so much musical culture and an economic engine, was knocked down in the name of progress.

For some students, the class stirred feelings of guilt or responsibility. What could they do? And yet, just asking that question was a signal that the course’s approach worked.

“Arrupe Justice immersions are not about sending students into a community to offer a quick fix—to feed the hungry, or build homes for the homeless. It’s not about students feeling good about themselves for helping others,” said Enrique Bazan, associate director of social justice and community action for USF’s University Ministry and the director of the Arrupe Justice program. “It’s about students walking in someone’s shoes that has been a victim of injustice; it’s about students grappling with fairness, right and wrong, privilege and poverty, hope and hopelessness.”

Indeed. “Even taking this class, where there wasn’t a single person of color enrolled, caused a lot of conflict for me when exploring injustice within a Jesuit context,” Peeples said.

Stewart nominated Injustice, Healing, and the Blues for a West Coast Blues Hall of Fame education award—which it won. “We need more classes like this that shed light on the injustices,” he said, “and bring attention to the institutions that caused them.”

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From Its Fifth Home at a Hilltop Corner of Fulton and Parker Streets, St. Ignatius Church Has Established Itself as a San Francisco and University of San Francisco Landmark. Dedicated in 1914, the Church Was the City’s Largest for More than Half a Century—Its 213-Foot Twin Spires Visible from Many Corners of San Francisco. USF Students Mark the Beginning and End of Their Studies with Convocation and Commencement at St. Ignatius, and Some Even Return to Celebrate Another Important Milestone: Hundreds of Alumni Have Been Pronounced Husband and Wife at Its Altar.

USF Magazine Invited Those Alumni to Share Photos and Stories from Their Special Day at St. Ignatius.

WEB EXTRA To view more photographs of alumni married in St. Ignatius Church, visit www.usfca.edu/magazine/married_2012.
The timing of Matthew ’85, MS ’95 and Joyce McCarron’s wedding was exceptional on several fronts. Theirs was the church’s first wedding in 49 years, three days before the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Matthew McCarron writes, “We got married, and the earth shook.”

Tim ’83 and Ellen Kelly Daley were married in a private ceremony, where their daughter Patricia was also baptized. Ellen Kelly Daley writes, “We felt so blessed to celebrate two sacraments in the same Mass. We had waited a long time for this day and there was much to celebrate!”
Voltaire Villanueva MA ’06 and Jeanes Luna Villanueva, April 18, 2009

Voltaire Villanueva MA ’06 and his new wife, Jeanes, were already walking back down the aisle after their wedding ceremony when they realized that Jeanes had left her bouquet at the altar. “I had to run back and get it and eventually walked down the aisle with it,” Voltaire Villanueva writes.

Janelle Bones Dilsaver ’06 and John Dilsaver Jr. ’06 met in Professor Horacio Camblong’s astronomy class. Bones Dilsaver writes that her one-day husband “was always ditching, so I’d take notes, hoping he’d ask for them.” Her roommate introduced them, and they started dating during their junior year, right before Halloween. Six years later, they were married.

Kellene (Johnson) JD ’96 and Matthew P. McMillan JD ’96, Oct. 23, 1999

Terri (Moore) ’98 and Eric Mozilo ’99, Sept. 28, 2002

Taryn (Torgersen) ’06, MA ’08 and Greg Moore ’99, MA ’00, Aug. 1, 2009

Terri (Moore) ’98 and Eric Mozilo ’99, Sept. 28, 2002
Mae Brana-Reyes MBA '07 and her husband, Robby, officially became a couple on USF’s sesquicentennial anniversary and married almost four years later. Brana-Reyes writes, “On the day of our wedding, my girl-friends said we should take a picture of us carrying the groom, but it turned out that I was the only one who was really carrying the groom—and boy was he heavy!”

Mikee Gildea ’92 and Sean Beatty sealed their wedding with more than a simple kiss. Gildea writes, “Our kiss was scandalously long. And here you can see Alison Richardson MA ’94 (left) and Anita Gildea-Phillips ’81 laughing with relief that the kiss has finally ended.”

Janelle Bones Dilsaver ’06 and John Dilsaver Jr. ’06, Oct. 30, 2010

Jolivette Enriquez-Leano ’01 and Albert Leano, Aug. 19, 2006

Charlene Lobo Soriano EdD ’01 and Cary Soriano, Dec. 4, 2004

Ces-Marie Benitez Hilo ’07 and Narciso Hilo, Dec. 16, 2007
David Vann’s life has not gone the way he planned it. Raised in Ketchikan, Alaska, and educated at Stanford and Cornell universities, Vann had a story in the Atlantic Monthly by the time he was 25. It was a promising start for a young writer, and it gave him confidence that he would soon find a publisher for the novella and short story collection he had been working on, “Legend of a Suicide.” But its unconventional style and dark title made it anathema to publishers, and the manuscript sat untouched for years. Broke and dejected, Vann borrowed money and bought a sailboat, planning to build a charter business that combined afternoon cruises with morning tutorials in creative writing.

Ten years after his story ran in the Atlantic, he still hadn’t found a publisher for his book, but things were going relatively well. His charter business took him to beautiful places and still left time to write every day. He was even working on a memoir about his idyllic life in the Caribbean. But then, as if cued by fate, a freak storm sank his 90-foot ketch, which happened to be loaded with most of his belongings—while he happened to be on his honeymoon.

The event, of course, had a significant impact on his memoir. “It made for a much more interesting ending,” Vann, 45, muses. It also made a compelling enough story for publishers to finally bite. “A Mile Down: The True Story of a Disastrous Career at Sea,” as it came to be titled, was Vann’s first published book and a best seller. After spending years just trying to get by, stressed about finances, and haunted by a painful past, he has become a rising star in the international literary scene and a professor in the University of San Francisco’s MFA in writing program.

A SINKING LEGACY ▶ Vann comes from a family of sinkers. His grandfather sank one boat; his uncle, the same boat twice. His father forgot to put the drain plugs in a brand new fishing boat on the night of its launch, and the next morning it lay 30 feet below the surface. It might appear that Vann was simply reenacting the poor decisions of his forebears, but the colossal failure of his boat sinking liberated Vann from the weight of another family legacy—suicide.

Five members of Vann’s extended family have taken their own lives, including his father, when Vann was 13. For years, Vann felt certain he’d meet a similar end. But when his...
boat sank, he was surprised to find his will to live still very much intact. And though he is inclined to dwell on the morose—“Even if things are improving, I’m still closer to death than I was last year”—his tone and manner reveal unflagging cheer. For who but the most ardent optimist could pursue a career at sea with such a foreboding family history? Or wake up to write each day after years of rejection?

“I’m resistant to learning,” Vann said of his tendency to repeat the same mistakes. His doggedness may not have served him well at sea, but it’s essential to his writing. Much of his work draws inspiration from the mistakes and misfortunes of his past, using literary form to turn trauma into beauty. “Legend of a Suicide,” which was finally published in 2008 to critical acclaim, builds its narrative arc around the loss of Vann’s father. The book has won ten prizes, including the Grace Paley Prize, a California Book Award, and awards in
France and Spain for best foreign novel (the Prix Médicis étranger and Premi Llibreter). It was selected for The New Yorker Book Club by Lorrie Moore, who called its writing “heart-wrenching and gorgeous”—and recognized by the New York Times and 40 other newspapers and magazines as one of the notable books of the year. His first novel, “Caribou Island,” was an international best seller and short-listed for the Flaherty-Dunnan First Novel Prize. Both books are being published in 18 languages.

His much anticipated recently released novel, “Dirt,” centers on 22-year-old Galen, a New Age enthusiast with bulimic tendencies. Vann wrote “Dirt” with the help of a Guggenheim Fellowship, which allows mid-career professionals to work for a year with as much creative freedom as possible. Vann chose to spend his year in New Zealand, where he and his wife, Nancy Flores, are building a house together. At the same time, he finished not only “Dirt,” but a second novel as well. That book, “Goat Mountain,” is scheduled to be published in 2013.

Vann has a protestant work ethic when it comes to writing: He’s produced a book a year for the past four years, moving expertly between fiction and non-fiction. (His book “Last Day On Earth: A Portrait of the NIU School Shooter,” about the Northern Illinois University student who, on Valentine’s Day 2008, killed five and wounded more than a dozen before killing himself, was published in 2011 and won the AWP Award Series in Creative Nonfiction.)

Vann writes for two hours every morning, whether he’s windsurfing in New Zealand, teaching in San Francisco, or touring through Europe to promote his books. The daily practice is an essential part of his process, and one of the most important lessons he believes he can convey to his students in the MFA program. “Any activity that feels like a gift actually comes from structure,” he said.

The lesson isn’t lost on his students. “He was at times brutally honest about what it takes to be a ‘successful’ writer in today’s current publishing climate, which can be disconcerting to a bunch of new MFA students,” said Jenny Chu ’12. “But at the same time, against all...
Vann's fiction and non-fiction writing has garnered literary prizes in the United States and in Europe. He is the author of 8 books, three still forthcoming, which have been published in 18 languages. In addition, he has authored dozens of short stories, essays, and magazine features.

odds, he reminded us about the possibility of it as well."

That possibility is something that USF has been investing in through its overhaul and professionalization of the MFA program over the past decade. Vann, who has also taught at Cornell and Stanford, was hired in 2009 as a recent step in the program's dramatic transformation, which includes an increase in the number of full-time faculty, more publishing success among graduates and faculty, and the ability to attract top student applicants from across the country. One such student, Donna Laemmlen ’12, appreciated Vann's presence in the classroom. "One might expect David to be a bit morose, but one of the great surprises about him is that he is consistently upbeat," she said. "I think his attitude is a direct reflection of how much his craft has provided catharsis for him."

DRAWN TO TRAGEDY ➤ That catharsis is a formal element of much of Vann’s fiction. He’s drawn to tragedy, he said, for the way it allows him to explore not just his own life, but “whether we’re good or bad as people.” In “Dirt,” Vann explores what’s most basic—and base—about human nature, especially where the two intertwine. The book follows the relationship between a mother and son, rewriting Vann’s own history in the process. Galen’s world is composed of details drawn from Vann’s mother’s side of the family—and the book is Vann’s first time writing about them. Vann doesn’t just air family secrets; he exaggerates them, creating something that looks like his own history, only more shameful and scandalous.

Galen, Vann said, is a version of himself—the worst possible version of himself. Like Galen, Vann considered himself part of the New Age movement as a teenager. Drawn by the way it emphasized detachment from the physical world, Vann became so intoxicated by the religion that he wound up believing he could walk on water. Galen shares this belief, and in one memorable scene, he makes an attempt that leaves him wet and disappointed. Vann used to seek out mountain lakes or even hot tubs to test himself. He would take step after hopeful first step, plunging into not just water, but his family’s legacy of sinking.

WRITING AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE ➤ Today, Vann has long since eschewed religion of any kind. The problem with New Age spirituality, he says, is its selfishness. It preaches that other people aren’t real, and that their sole purpose is to teach the believer a cosmic lesson. But “Dirt” isn’t simply a diatribe against the New Age movement. It’s also a work that tells us something about Vann’s own form of religion: writing. “When everything in real life feels incidental and unconnected, writing puts it all together in a way that feels redeemed,” Vann said. Real life blindly metes out pain and misfortune, and trying to make sense of it is as hopeless as trying to walk on water. But with fiction, Vann can weave the events of his life into an underlying structure that supports him as he walks across the surface. In this sense, writing gives Vann the same thing that New Age gives Galen: a story. “Fiction,” Vann said, “lives the fantasy of the New Age that everything in the world is there for you alone.”

When Galen falls prey to this belief system, it enables him to commit an unthinkable atrocity against his mother. Vann, on the other hand, is all too aware that his mother is real. Midway through writing “Dirt,” he realized that she might be less than thrilled about having her family history exposed in such unflattering light. "I got really depressed," Vann said, “because this thing I hadn’t even planned on writing was going to get published, and my mother would read it and never talk to me again."

In the end, it’s not clear whether “Dirt” is meant as an allegory or a mirror. That tension is probably fine by Vann, who says that the best writing advice he ever got, from his former teacher Grace Paley, is that every good story is at least two stories. Meaning, he elaborated, always comes from two things in collision with one another—past with present, allegory with mirror, or man with water. 

FELLOWSHIPS:
• GUGGENHEIM FELLOW, 2011
• NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, LITERATURE FELLOW (PROSE), 2008
• JOHN L’Hvreux FELLOW, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 1995-96
• WALLACE STEGNER FELLOW, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 1994-95

PRIZES AND AWARDS:
• PRIX MÉDICIS ÉTRANGER (FRENCH PRIZE FOR BEST FOREIGN NOVEL), 2011
• PREMI LlibreT (SPANISH PRIZE FOR BEST FOREIGN NOVEL), 2011
• AWP PRIZE FOR CREATIVE NONFICTION, 2009
• CALIFORNIA BOOK AWARD, 2008
• GRACE PAlEy PRIZE FOR SHORT FICTION, 2007
• PRIX DES LECTEURS DE L’EXPRESS (NATIONAL READERS’ PRIZE IN FRANCE), 2010
• PRIX DU MARAIS (READERS’ PRIZE IN LILLE), 2011
• HENFIELD/ TRANSATLANTIC REVIEW AWARD
• 1ST PLACE, RSH STORIES BEST FICTION CONTEST
• 1ST PRIZE, RIVER CITY WRITING AWARDS
• ESQUIRE CONTRIBUTOR’S AWARD, 2008
• PRIX DES LECTEURS DE LA MAISON DU LIVRE DE RODEZ (LOCAL BOOKSTORE PRIZE), 2010
• PRIX DE LA LIBRAIRE NOUVELLE DE VOIRON (LOCAL BOOKSTORE PRIZE), 2011
JUSTICE FOR THE JESUITS

(Top row left to right) Amando López, S.J.; Joaquín López y López, S.J.; Celina Ramos; and Julia Elba Ramos
(Bottom row) Segundo Montes, S.J.; Juan Ramón Moreno, S.J.; Ignacio Martín-Baró, S.J.; and Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J.
On Aug. 7, 2011, nine former senior Salvadoran military officers turned themselves in at an army base outside San Salvador, rather than face the humiliating prospect of being arrested in public. They did so after Interpol, acting at the behest of a Spanish court, issued an international warrant for their arrest as alleged perpetrators of one of the most shocking human rights atrocities ever committed in Latin America: the assassination of six Jesuit priests, their cook, and her daughter in November 1989.

The officers expected that their former military institution would protect them. But instead they were kept in custody at the garrison for 20 days while civilian authorities processed their case. The Salvadoran Supreme Court eventually ordered the officers to be released pending a formal extradition request from Spain. But even their temporary detention marks a major milestone in the continuing pursuit of justice for this crime against humanity—as well as countless other atrocities committed by the Salvadoran military during the civil war between 1980 and 1992.

The crime, the cover-up, and the pursuit of justice extend as far away as the Spanish court in Madrid that indicted the alleged perpetrators and as close to home as San Francisco, where a legal advocacy group is building the case against them and where one of the accused, until recently, had worked for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

The Jesuits and the two women were among the 70,000 victims of a brutal era of repression, during which the military government, backed by billions in U.S. monetary and military aid, waged a deadly counterinsurgency campaign against a leftist guerrilla movement, known as the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN). Thousands, mostly the poor and activists pressing for economic and political justice, lost their lives at the hands of paramilitary death squads and in military massacres.

But in the two decades since the U.N. brokered a peace agreement, almost no one has been prosecuted for the military’s rampant human rights violations, which included the rape and execution of four American nuns and the assassination of Archbishop Óscar Romero. Behind the courageous effort to break through that wall of immunity is a San Francisco-based legal rights organization called the Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) and the Jesuit order...
THE CRIME

The Jesuits and the two women were murdered in the early morning hours of Nov. 16, 1989. The decision to eliminate them came amidst a forceful offensive in San Salvador by the FMLN. Embarrassed by the strength of the insurgency, senior Salvadoran military officers decided to kill as many activists, labor leaders, and “subversive elements” as they could find, according to a U.N. investigation.

Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., a Spaniard who had gone to El Salvador at age 19 and risen to become rector of the Jesuit-run University of Central America (UCA) in San Salvador, topped the Salvadoran military’s enemies list. With his fellow Jesuits at UCA, Fr. Ellacuría had established himself and the university as a leading voice of the poor, advocate of social justice, and mediator for civil peace. Indeed, in 1989 he was quietly meeting with right-wing Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani and leaders of the FMLN in an attempt to broker an end to the bloody civil strife.

Often denounced by the Salvadoran right as a Marxist-Leninist, Fr. Ellacuría was fond of pointing out, “I’m a Christian, and a Christian is much more radical than any communist.”

According to the report of the U.N. Truth Commission, “From Madness to Hope: The 12-Year War in El Salvador,” the order to kill Fr. Ellacuría “and leave no witnesses” came from the chief of staff of the Salvadoran Armed Forces, Col. René Emilio Ponce, during a meeting of the high command on Nov. 15, 1989.

Ponce ordered Col. Guillermo Alfredo Benavides Moreno to use a military unit from the U.S.-trained Atlacatl Battalion for the assassinations, the Truth Commission found. At 2:30 a.m., some 30 soldiers forced their way into UCA’s Jesuit residence. “The soldiers searched the building and ordered the priests to go out into the back garden and lie face down on the ground,” according to the Truth Commission report. There, five of them were executed, one by one, with a shot to the head, another was shot inside. Their cook and her daughter were killed lying with their arms around each other in their bedroom.

Besides Fr. Ellacuría, the Jesuit community lost Ignacio Martín-Baró, S.J., head of UCA’s psychology department and polling institute; Segundo Montes, S.J., head of UCA’s sociology department and human rights institute; Amando López, S.J., and Juan Ramón Moreno, S.J., both theology professors; Joaquín López y López, S.J., the director of UCA’s low-income children’s education project; Julia Elba Ramos, the cook; and Celina Ramos, Julia’s 16-year-old daughter.

THE COVER-UP

Almost immediately, the military initiated a cover-up, destroying weapons, shredding meeting log books, intimidating legal authorities, and killing potential witnesses. “All these officers...took steps to conceal the truth,” states the U.N. report, “in order to conceal the responsibility of senior officers for the murders.”

Their obstruction forestalled any real legal accounting. But international outrage prompted a U.N. investigation. In addition, congressional demands for answers about how the George H.W. Bush administration...
could use U.S. tax dollars to support such cold-blooded killers forced the U.S. Embassy to reluctantly file almost daily cables on the fallout from the assassinations. Years later, those cables would become evidence against the accused.

But the U.S. defense and state departments withheld explosive, damaging evidence from Congress—including videotaped testimony by a U.S. military officer implicating senior members of the Salvadoran military.

Faced with growing pressure to hold someone accountable, the Salvadoran military hierarchy offered up some scapegoats: Benavides, as well as 13 soldiers from the Atlacatl Battalion. In what was widely perceived as a sham trial in 1991, all of the soldiers were acquitted because they had just been following orders. In late January 1992, Benavides and one other military officer were convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison. They served only 15 months, however. In April 1993, the Cristiani government pushed an amnesty law through the right-wing National Assembly, the only two mid-level officers judged accountable for the Jesuit massacre were then released.

**Pursuing Justice**

“Their situation is not ours,” Fr. Privett noted in a poignant eulogy for his colleagues the day after they were killed. “But the mission is the same.” One American Jesuit to go to UCA to sustain that mission was Fr. Brackley, then a professor of theology at Fordham University in the Bronx. (See story, page 37) The late Charles Bierne, S.J., of Santa Clara University became academic vice-president. The new leadership at UCA renewed the commitment of the murdered priests to speak the truth in the face of economic and political injustices and human rights violations.

Fr. Privett, along with Fr. Brackley and Fr. Bierne, also began to focus on the mission of justice for the Jesuits and the two women. They quietly helped to relocate two witnesses to the crime, the Jesuits’ housekeeper and her husband, to San Jose. They worked closely with a U.S. congressional task force and with U.N. Truth Commission investigators. Along with their fellow Jesuit members of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, they pressured the first Bush administration to change U.S. policy in El Salvador, and the Clinton administration to investigate the U.S. role in supporting atrocities there.

But no real progress was made in prosecuting the killers until a tenacious Spanish lawyer named Almudena Bernabeu began traveling to El Salvador in 2004. There she met repeatedly with Fr. Brackley about the case; she also made contact with Fr. Privett at USF—which is located not far from CJA, her office in San Francisco.

CJA is a unique human rights legal organization; its litigation team, led by Bernabeu, specializes in identifying and locating human rights violators who have managed to make it into the United States and filing civil suits against them on behalf of their victims.

As a Spaniard, Bernabeu also has established close ties to prosecutors and judges in Madrid, which, in the wake of the famous case against Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet in the late 1990s, has

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**In El Salvador, Almost No One Has Been Prosecuted For The Military’s Egregious, Rampant Human Rights Violations.**
emerged as ground zero for international human rights litigation. In 2006, Bernabeu filed briefs in Madrid to indict Guatemala’s former military dictator, Efraim Rios Montt, for crimes of genocide—proceedings abroad that recently led to a stunning decision by a Guatemalan judge to charge Rios Montt in his own country. At age 39, Bernabeu has emerged as arguably the most dynamic international human rights lawyer of the 21st century.

“How would it be if we do the case?” Bernabeu recalls asking during her early conversations with Fr. Brackley and Fr. Privett. The Salvadoran military’s immunity, bolstered by the amnesty law, made it difficult to prosecute members of the high command in El Salvador. So why not bring the case in Spain?

Initially the Jesuits “were not positive about taking the litigation out of El Salvador,” she remembers. “They hoped the rule of law would someday prevail there.” But she soon persuaded them. Five of the slain Jesuits were Spaniards; that gave Spain legitimate grounds to hear the case under its “universal jurisdiction” statute—which allows Spain to prosecute crimes against humanity committed beyond its borders. Moreover, proceedings in Spain could influence the legal situation in El Salvador. “You have to do it the best way you can outside,” she argued, “with the hope that it will work inside.”

With the support of Fr. Brackley, Fr. Privett, and others, in 2005 Bernabeu began to compile a case for prosecuting the Salvadoran military high command. The first hurdle she had to overcome was the law against double jeopardy, which forbids defendants convicted or acquitted of a crime from being tried for that same crime again. In a gutsy move, Bernabeu used the original trial in El Salvador to her advantage. Rather than being a legitimate trial, it was part of the cover-up, she argued in court papers.

The Jesuits put Bernabeu in touch with the housekeeper, Lucia Barrera de Cerna, and her husband, Jorge Cerna, in San Jose and an additional “very important” witness whose identity continues to be protected. “They handed me three witnesses on a silver platter,” she recalls.

For additional evidence, she drew on the meticulous research of Stanford scholar Terry Karl, who has written widely about the Jesuit case, as well as thousands of pages of formerly top-secret U.S. intelligence records compiled by the National Security Archive, a nonprofit research group that specializes in obtaining declassified documents. “That treasure trove of information on the Jesuits was central to building the case,” said Kate Doyle, the archive analyst who has traveled to Madrid to authenticate the documents for the Spanish court.

On Nov. 13, 2008, CJA, in association with the Spanish Human Rights Association, filed a 126-page complaint with the Spanish National Court. It identified 14 former members of the Salvadoran Military Command and the Atlacatl Battalion as responsible for executing the Jesuits. The complaint also named former President Cristiani, in his capacity as civilian commander of the armed forces, as responsible.

For the next 18 months, the CJA team continued its investigation, finding new evidence to bolster and expand the case. In June 2010, Bernabeu presented Spanish National Court Judge Eloy Velasco with a secret witness—later identified as Maj. Carlos Camilo Hernández Barahona, the former deputy director of El Salvador’s military academy and, according to the U.N. report, a lead operative in the murders—who named specific members of the high command as having participated in the conspiracy.

On May 30, 2011, Velasco issued a 77-page indictment—and arrest warrants for those indicted. His ruling excluded Cristiani, pending further evidence, but accepted six additional defendants, who, the new evidence presented by CJA suggested, had engaged in a conspiracy to murder the Jesuits that reached to the highest levels of the Salvadoran military.

The case took another dramatic step forward when Bernabeu’s sources in El Salvador gave her an important tip: Two of the defendants resided in the United States. One of them, Lt. Hector Ulises Cuencía Ocampo, was living in San Francisco and working for the TSA. In the wake of the court filing, he went underground. But Bernabeu’s investigators located the other, Col. Inocente Orlando Montano, in Everett, Mass.

Working quietly with a special team of lawyers and agents from the U.S. Department of Justice and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, CJA determined that Montano...
had lied repeatedly on immigration documents, falsely claiming he had never served in the Salvadoran military. In fact, he had spent 31 years there. In February 2012, Montano was indicted in a federal court in Massachusetts on charges of perjury and falsifying immigration documents. It is possible that the U.S. could extradite him to Spain.

**HISTORICAL AND JUDICIAL JUSTICE**

Whether the rest of the defendants will ever be extradited from El Salvador, where they are still protected from prosecution, remains to be seen. But their brief detention last year offers great hope and a degree of satisfaction that justice is moving forward, slowly but steadily. “The victims’ side of the story is getting told,” says Fr. Privett, referring to the “historical justice” being advanced by the case. “We have had a significant vindication of the truth. That is a major achievement.”

And more judicial achievements are expected. In the coming months, Bernabeu plans to produce a new witness for the judge who will bolster the evidence against the high command and conceivably implicate former President Cristiani as well. CJA is also working hard to press the United States to eventually extradite Montano to Spain, after his immigration fraud case runs its course, which would make a full trial on the Jesuit murders a reality.

And Bernabeu holds out the hope that the case in El Salvador itself “is still very much active” and could someday result in a trial there. Even if the Salvadoran Supreme Court denies Spain’s petition for extradition, she says, pressure from the Spanish proceedings could force the Salvadoran judiciary to indict the former high-ranking military officers in their home country.

“That would be a victory to me, to be honest,” Bernabeu says, even if in the end the defendants are not found guilty. Any form of legal proceedings would have a “transformative effect” on El Salvador. “There is never a way back after these cases go forward,” she notes. “There is a strength, a sense of freedom, that comes from overcoming the impunity of these crimes.”

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**REMEMBERING DEAN BRACKLEY, S.J.**

**MOVED TO EL SALVADOR AFTER 1989 MASSACRE TO SUSTAIN UCA’S MISSION**

Dean Brackley, S.J., had been teaching theology at Fordham University and working at a community center in the Bronx in 1989 when the six priests and two women were killed at the University of Central America (UCA).

The murders sent shock waves throughout the Jesuit community, but the atrocity also strengthened Jesuit resolve around the world to continue the moral mission of the murdered brother Jesuits, says University of San Francisco President Stephen A. Privett, S.J.

“It really heightened our sensitivity to our responsibility to educate our students about the realities of our world, to tell them the truth, and to challenge them to inform themselves about the prevalence of injustice at home and abroad.”

Fr. Brackley felt called to continue his slain colleagues’ work at UCA: educating students by opening their eyes to the economic, political, and social injustices around them, and serving as a voice for the marginalized in civil war-ridden El Salvador.

In early 1990, he moved to San Salvador and joined the faculty at UCA.

“They wanted a Jesuit. They wanted someone who had a PhD in theology. They wanted someone who spoke Spanish,” The New York Times quoted Fr. Brackley telling a friend. “I started looking around and realized there weren’t that many of us.”

Although he promised his colleagues in New York that he would return in a few years, Fr. Brackley spent the final two decades of his life in El Salvador, where he died of pancreatic cancer Oct. 16, 2011, at the age of 65.

“El Salvador did for him what he hoped it would do for his students,” Fr. Privett says. “It broke his heart and put it back together.”

Fr. Brackley did continue to travel to the United States. In 2003, he became a USF trustee. "He was the conscience of the board," Fr. Privett remembers. “His was a gentle, persistent, strong voice on behalf of the poor and vulnerable.”

Fr. Brackley was also a champion of what he called “higher standards” in Jesuit education, marrying rigorous scholarship, social analysis, and service. In a widely read article published in America magazine in February 2006, Fr. Brackley argued that speaking uncomfortable truths to persons of influence and pursuing justice were critical for Catholic colleges and universities. He wrote that UCA’s slain rector, Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., “used to insist that reality is the primary object of study.” Promoting justice for those deprived of it, Fr. Brackley wrote, was a central component of the heritage of Catholic higher education.

His legacy remains a powerful reminder of the central mission of Jesuit universities like USF, which established a scholarship in Fr. Brackley’s name last year.

Fr. Brackley “really did walk the talk,” says Fr. Privett. “There was an absolute congruity between what he said, what he wrote, and who he was. He stood with the poor and listened to the poor. That is why his was such a powerfully persuasive voice.”

—Peter Kombluh

**WEB EXTRA** To read the full text of Fr. Brackley’s “Higher Standards” article, published in February 2006 by America magazine, visit www.usfca.edu/magazine/brackley_2012.
The Face of USF’s Alumni Association Retires After Decades of Service

Whether negotiating a room of half-remembered faces at a reunion or milling about before a Dons game, University of San Francisco alumni searching for a familiar face at events over the past two decades could count on one above all others—that of Alumni Relations Director Annette Anton ’69, MA ’83.

With an inquiring “Hiya. How’s it going?” or a “Hey there, stranger. I haven’t seen you in a while,” Anton had a way of putting USFers at ease and making them feel welcome.

Anton retired from USF in February after more than 20 years of service. She will be dearly missed.

“Annette is second only to Chancellor John Lo Schiavo, S.J., as the face and the heart of USF for countless alums,” USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., said during Anton’s retirement reception, acknowledging the magnitude of her role at the university.

How apropos then that it was with Fr. Lo Schiavo that Anton formed one of her earliest, closest, and longest-lasting USF relationships. By Fr. Lo Schiavo’s recollection, he met Anton on the first day of her freshman year, 1965. As USF’s dean of students at the time, Fr. Lo Schiavo was charged with providing students with IDs. As he prepared to open the door to a snaking line of students waiting to have their photos snapped, he realized that he needed help reconciling the list of students’ names with those who had already been photographed.

“I looked around and I saw this young lady sitting there kind of watching me,” Fr. Lo Schiavo said. “So, I went over and I asked her, ‘Would you mind helping me?’

Anton graciously agreed. After that, Fr. Lo Schiavo received a phone call from Anton the day before registration every year volunteering to help. It was the beginning of a friendship now in its 46th year. “She always puts herself out there for everyone,” Fr. Lo Schiavo said.

A native San Franciscan, Anton has lived, studied, worshipped, and worked within sight of St. Ignatius Church for much of her life. She was born at St. Mary’s Medical Center, across the street from what is now the School of Law, and raised in the Haight. She attended Presentation High School (later purchased by the university), earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master’s degree in education from USF; then returned to Presentation High School to teach social studies for 22 years, the final 10 of which she was also an assistant principal.

Fr. Lo Schiavo and others often benefited from Anton’s encyclopedic knowledge of USF’s 93,000 living alumni. “She’s a walking, talking alumni directory,” Fr. Lo Schiavo joked.

Anton’s list of accomplishments as alumni director is too long to spell out. Just as examples, she and her staff established the Alumni Association’s Thanksgiving Food Drive, helped to develop USF’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2005, led USF’s award-winning St. Patrick’s Day Parade trolley float tradition, and produced the popular Spring Gala—which honors alumni, including the alumnus of the year.

She also expanded USF’s seven regional councils and supported the councils’ efforts to increase local alumni engagement through events, service projects, and the establishment of scholarships for USF students.

Anton is so well liked that it is impossible to go out on the town with her and not be approached, said DeDee Sammut ’74, past Alumni Association board president and Anton’s friend of 20 years. "At any bar or restaurant in San Francisco, somebody would always come up and talk to her—a student who worked for her, an alum she mentored, a professor, an athlete, a golden alum,” Sammut said.

Sammut, who attends Dons basketball games with her husband, Joseph Sammut ’75, and often joins Anton in the bleachers, can testify that Anton isn’t shy about getting her “Go Dons!” on. “She will definitely cheer, boo the referees, wave her green and gold scarf, whatever it takes,” Sammut said. “She’s definitely not a timid fan.”

Anton is also a regular at volleyball, soccer, baseball, and other athletic matches. She even went on the road with the USF’s women’s basketball team twice, most recently in 2009 for a summer European tour.

So how did Anton do it? It can best be summed up in the words, “She gets it,” Sammut said. “As an alum, as a USF neighbor (Anton lives in University Terrace, between upper and lower campus), as somebody who bleeds green and gold, she brought her love of USF into everything she did for the Alumni Association. And we love her for it.”

Former Alumni Relations Director Annette Anton ’69, MA ’83 (right) with Gail Callan at the President’s Ambassadors Brunch in recognition of donors.
GRANT UTE co-wrote “San Francisco’s Municipal Railway,” a book that cel-
brates Muni’s centennial. He and his 
wife, JANICE CANU ’70, have established an 
endowed scholarship at USF.

CARLOS CARL writes, “I am now a 
71-year-old retired widower who 
had been living large in Las Vegas 
for the past 15 years. I make two an-
nual trips to San Francisco to attend 
retiree luncheons given by my former 
employer, the California State Automo-
tible Association (AAA) and always visit 
the USF campus.”

KEVIN DOWLING and his wife, 
Kathy, are mostly retired and 
living abroad Penny Lane on the 
waters of the San Francisco Bay. He 
writes, “It’s tight quarters, but at least 
the kids finally moved out. Three grand-
dogs, so far, and the clock is ticking.”

BILL GABRIEL has joined McGuire Real 
Estate as a broker associate and also 
coaches basketball at the San Fran-
cisco Olympic Club.

RANDOLPH GUTHRIE is retired after 
serving as managing director of the 
Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts and 
president worldwide and chairman of 
the Americas at Le Méridien Hotels 
and Resorts.

TIMOTHY HANNAH is a lawyer based in 
Santa Rosa. He and his wife, Mary 
Gavin, have a 17-year-old son at 
Marin Academy.

BARBARA MENARD was awarded the 
National Association of Perinatal 
Social Workers (NAPSW) Award for 
Excellence in May 2011. She plans to 
present a workshop on “Issues in At-
tachment” at the 36th annual NAPSW 
Conference in Little Rock, Ark., in May 
and will receive the Loyola Univer-
sity Chicago’s Damen Award as the 
Outstanding Alumna of the School of 
Social Work in June.

MAUREEN MOLLOY TILLEY is a professor of 
teology at Fordham University and 
was named a St. Augustine Fellow at 
Villanova University for the fall of 2011.
VICKI (CHAPPELL) VIERRA recently completed a PhD in education with an emphasis in teaching and learning and a specialization in mathematics education at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is a K-12 math specialist for the Ventura County Office of Education and teaches math methods courses in the School of Education at California State University Channel Islands.

'71 PAUL COOL, JR. ’71 was awarded the Barry M. Goldwater Prize for the best paper presented at the 2011 Arizona History Convention.

MAUREEN JOHNSON-GUBERNATH and her husband, Lawrence, live in the town of Paradise. They recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary.

GERDENIO MANUEL, S.J., writes, “After many wonderful years at Santa Clara University, I began a new assignment teaching psychology at the University of San Francisco. I return home to USF after 40 years!”


CAROL ROSENBLETT JD ’72 writes: “After a great nursing career and a satisfying legal career, it’s never too late to reinvent ourselves once again.” She and her psychologist husband, MIKOL DAVIS ESQ ’80, started AgingParents.com, “a consulting, mediation, and coaching practice for those of us with problematic aging parents, located in San Rafael.”

REUNION YEAR

'72 TOM HALIA lives in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico, with his wife. Now retired, he volunteers as vice president of the International Society for Philosophical Enquiry and foreign language editor, as well as poetry and prose editor, for its journal, Telicom. Since May 2007, he has been writing a regular monthly column on intelligence for The Mensa International Journal. His first book, “Concepts of Intelligence,” is being translated into Spanish.

After many years as a professor at the Texas Medical Center and Rice University in Houston, ANDREW LUSTIG is the inaugural holder of the Holmes Rolston III Chair in Religion and Science at Davidson College in North Carolina. He continues his research and writing on bioethics, with several recent publications on ethical issues posed by developments in synthetic biology.

MAUREEN O’HARA has been an oncology nurse at Stanford University Hospital for the past 40 years. She serves on Dean Judith Karshmer’s USF School of Nursing and Health Professions Advisory Board and on the USF Peninsula Silicon Valley Regional Council. She was awarded the 2011 National Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year.

After retiring as a nurse practitioner six years ago, NANETTE MAGRATH SAGASTUME has maintained a private practice in holistic healing in Chico and published a book, “We Also Serve: A Family Goes to War,” last year. She and her husband, Mario, will celebrate their 40th anniversary later this year. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

'73 DANIEL BONNET retired in January as chief deputy district attorney in San Joaquin County, where he enjoyed a 34-year career. He writes, “Since my wife, NANCY (FREEMAN) BONNETT, ’73, MA ’75 retired in June 2011 from her position as director of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Stockton, we will have time to visit Scandinavia, spend more time at our mountain house in the Sierras, and unexpectedly pop in to annoy our children.”

JOHN DONOHUE will be inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame in May. He is now in his 10th year as Lowell High School’s varsity baseball coach, with more than 650 wins.

ROBERT D. HICKOK retired after 28 years of service with the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. He lives with his wife, Mary, in Eugene, Ore., and has two children, Jeffrey and Sandra.

DENISE SALISBURY retired from the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in 2004 and is now living happily on Whidbey Island in Washington. Salisbury writes, “I remember my USF years with great fun and fondness. It was my first great adventure, and I have no plans of stopping!”

'74 THOMAS ALKAZIN has been married for 32 years and has three children: Chris, 28; Brad, 26; and Amy, 22. He is the owner of Alkazin and Associates, a sales and marketing company in the nutritional supplement industry.

PATTY O’GRADY is an author and professor of psychology and education living in the Tampa Bay area. Her book, “Positive Psychology in the Elementary School Classroom,” will be published in August.

'75 TIMOTHY KAY will celebrate 35 years of marriage to Marianne Henning in August. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who has two children, 4-year-old Hazel and 1-year-old Emmett, and they all live in Orange County. He works as an estate planning lawyer, and his wife is an artist.

MAURA LOUGHLIN CARLEY is president and CEO of Healthcare Navigation, a patient advocacy and consulting firm. She recently published a book, “Health Insurance: Navigating Traps & Gaps.”

'76 VANDA KOLODZIEJCZAK-HIGH lives in Manhattan, where she owns an event-planning company that specializes in private events. She has two daughters and two grandchildren.

CHARLES MORTON and his wife, Veronica Pisani Morton, are the parents of five and grandparents of five. After retiring from the U.S. Air Force as a colonel in 2006, he was appointed head of pediatrics at Carle Foundation Hospital and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign.

After 22 years flying helicopters, COPPERS around the U.S. and Europe, DAVID FARLEY retired from the U.S. Army. He now works as operations manager for Warrior Hall, the world’s largest helicopter simulation facility, outside Fort Rucker, Ala.

PATRICIA FROST was appointed director of emergency medical services for Contra Costa County and is working on efforts to support pediatric and neonatal disaster and medical surge preparedness. She and her husband, DOUGLAS AMIS ’71, live in Danville.

DEBORAH (SKALKO) MORRISON retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves after 23 years of service and is now chief nurse anesthetist at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara. She is also a proud grandmother of three.

CHRISTOPHER T. VON HOLT retired from the U.S. Secret Service and is now proprietor of Von Holt Wines in San Francisco.

'78 JACK BOLAND was recently appointed chairman of the annual Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl.

CHARLES “SKIP” GOULD joined the San Mateo Daily Journal in 2011 as business development manager.

MITCH KIM retired from the San Jose Fire Department in June 2011 and is now a substitute teacher, a public address announcer, and a baseball and football coach.

HUANG-AN LU (NOW HIROYOSHI MORIYAMA) is the international marketing and technical consultant of MTL, Inc., which he established in 1992. The company specializes in the development of functional food and cosmeceutical.
STEMFELD, a leader in the field of bioengineering, has made significant contributions to the development of new medical devices and technologies. His research has focused on the design and testing of prosthetic limbs and orthotic devices, with a particular emphasis on improving the functionality and user experience for individuals with disabilities. Stemfeld's work has led to the creation of innovative products that are now used by patients worldwide.

Stemfeld's dedication to his field is evident in his numerous contributions to the scientific community. He has published extensively in top-tier journals and has received numerous awards and recognitions for his contributions to bioengineering. His commitment to education is also noteworthy, as he has mentored numerous students and has been instrumental in developing new programs to foster the next generation of bioengineers.

In addition to his research and teaching, Stemfeld is an active member of professional organizations and has served on various committees to advance the field of bioengineering. His leadership and expertise have earned him respect from his peers and students alike.

As Stemfeld prepares to retire, he looks forward to spending more time with his family and pursuing new hobbies. He also expresses gratitude to his colleagues and students for their support and encouragement throughout his career. His legacy in the field of bioengineering is sure to continue to inspire future generations.
ALUMNI EVENTS Calendar

JUNE 2012
3 Alumni Day at AT&T Park
9 Parent Leadership Council Event, Greenwich, Conn.
23-24 Alumni Board Retreat

JULY 2012
14 Student Send-Off, Santa Rosa, Peninsular, Beverly Hills
15 Student Send-Off, Hawaii
21 National Jesuit Alumni Event, Chicago
29 Student Send-Off, Seattle, Sacramento

AUGUST 2012
4 Student Send-Off, Orange County
5 Student Send-Off, San Francisco
18 Student Move-In Day
TBD South Bay Wine Tasting

SEPTEMBER 2012
28 Nursing Reunion Cocktail Reception
29 Nursing Reunion Brunch
TBD Afternoon with the President, North Bay
TBD Evening with the President, Menlo Circus Club
TBD East Bay Regional Scholarship Event

OCTOBER 2012
5-7 Parents and Family Weekend
6 Golden Reunion, Class Reunions
21 Lone Mountain Reunion

NOVEMBER 2012
12 California Prize Dinner

For more information about the events listed, please contact:
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'MAGNUS LOFTSSON completed his MBA at Reykjavik University in 2008. After 20 years as the managing director/partner in a large advertising agency in Iceland, he started his own marketing and design agency, Ord & Myndir, in March."

'ERNEST KENT JONES JR. received a doctorate in education from Walden University in Minneapolis in February and married Renee Martinez in March in Mendocino County."

'CAROLINE McARDLE Jones Jr., recently welcomed the birth of their son, Jose lei chenhauus.

'KATHLEEN McARDLE Davina Doherty is pursuing her doctorate as a superior court judge."

'JUDITH MCMANUS expects to be promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army and graduate from the U.S. Army War College with a master's degree in national security studies. He has served tours in Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq and remains on active duty. He and his wife, Lori Groover, have two sons: David, who is 6, and Noah, who is 2."

'AL PARS0 has been elected to the Board of Directors of San Francisco Community Agencies Responding to Disaster (SF CARD) and is serving as secretary/treasurer. SF CARD provides free disaster preparedness services and resources to San Francisco human services nonprofit agencies and faith-based organizations."

'VIRGINIA TOMASIAN is an associate transportation planner in the California Department of Transportation’s Division of Mass Transportation and remembers her time at USF fondly. She writes, “One of the most memorable moments for me was upon my graduation from the USF School of Management, I had the opportunity to sing the national anthem at the St. Ignatius Church at my actual graduation ceremony. I will cherish this memory forever. USF made an indelible mark on my view of organizational development and my role in managing change within my own organization.”"

'BRENDAN BARTH MAT '00 published a children's book, “Andrew’s Christmas.”"

'WILLIAM BECKETT is entering his 10th year in business for himself after retiring from Hewlett-Packard in 2002. He writes, “It has been great! Nothing has really changed except that I have another granddaughter. They still live in Ireland, but the new granddaughter will be visiting in May and June.”"

'DAVID BONACC1 opeNed California's first FirstLight HomeCare office in Walnut Creek. The company provides in-home caregiving for seniors."

'ELAINE AMO KAFL1 is pursuing a PhD in education, specializing in adult/post-secondary education, at Capella University. She writes, “It’s been an amazing journey thus far. I recently completed my first residency in Atlanta, and I’ve also been working as full-time faculty and coordinator for Evergreen Valley College’s nurse assistant training program in San Jose for the past two years. I thoroughly LOVE my job! Between work, school, my husband, and two toddlers, life is extremely busy!”"

'EVAR KLETTER and his wife, Alicia, recently welcomed the birth of their daughter, Talia.

'DAN BRAKE runs a private investigation business specializing in U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission cases and teaches human resources and management at two universities. He writes, “The latest campaign that USF is rolling out on the ‘University of the Best City Ever’ makes me sick!”

'CHRIS CARDOZA recently moved back to California and accepted a position as vice president of quality and continuous improvement at Composite Engineering."

'MELINDA COMBS co-wrote “In Service to the Mouse,” a memoir by former Disney executive Jack Lindquist."

'PURIFICACION P. GARCIA retired in 1997 as systems analyst from Pacific Bell in Northern California after 26 years. She moved to Las Vegas in 2003 and worked as a Realtor in residential sales, but quit the business in 2008. She was recently hired as a licensed guest teacher by the Clark County School District in Northern Nevada and now enjoys working as a substitute teacher with a concentration in grades K-5. She writes, “I am now in my sixties, but I am (still) aspiring to earn a master of arts degree (or equivalent) in education within the next two years, God willing!”

'After 28 years in law enforcement, MIKE GUERRA MIRDO '95, Esq '01 retired as chief of the Atherton Police Department in April. He is now the dean of faculty at Lincoln University in Oakland, where he has been an associate professor of business administration for the last 11 years. He also remains involved with USF as an advisory board member of the School of Management’s International Institute of Criminal Justice Leadership."

'KEVIN MULLIN is a councilmember in the City of South San Francisco and served as the city’s mayor in 2011. He and his wife, Jessica, were married in November 2011.

'KEVIN REILLY is pursuing his doctorate in education at Pepperdine University. His cohort will meet in Beijing and Shanghai in May.

'KENNERLY CLAY lives in Wayne, Pa., with her husband, Kirk, and two kids, 7-year-old Cooper and 4-year-old Ro. She works as a digital editor at Lincoln Financial Group, leading a team of editors on a massive web content migration effort. She also has an anti-aging business and has been an independent representative for Nu Skin Enterprises since 2005.

'DIANA LYNN KAYSEN has met the 2011 requirements set by the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals for the credential National Certified Activity Director with Specialization Designations in Assisted Living Facilities, Memory Care, Adult Day Programs, and Educator."

'For the past 10 years, MICHAEL NGUYEN has been with Winston & Strawn’s San Francisco office, currently as attorney resources and compliance manager. In April, he was a panelist on social media and legal recruiting at the annual Association for Legal Career Professionals Education Conference, moderated by Martina Sarmiento.
Catherine Mozingo has been appointed to the faculty of the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine as an instructor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Emergency Medicine. She will continue her clinical practice in pediatric emergency medicine in the Network of Care at Children’s Hospital Colorado in Denver.

Tara (Forkum) Patanian and her husband, Wayne, were married in August 2011.

Melissa Tomocalis was appointed director of economic development for the town of Lexington, Mass.

After working nine years at Barclays Global Investors and three years at Alger Coldiron Investors, both in a client relationship role, Valerie Gorostegui Montalvo is now a stay-at-home mother to her 3-year-old daughter, Madeleine, and 1-year-old triplets, Violet, Sophie, and Juliette.

Kristin Nelson M50 ’09 is starting a new position as director of leadership giving and events at the Committee for the Shelterless in Petaluma.

Brian Philip JD ’03 is a sergeant with the Palo Alto Police Department and supervises a midnight patrol team and the regional SWAT team. In July, he plans to return to the Investigative Services Division, where he will manage property crimes detectives and the evidence department. He and his wife, Bridget, who is a pediatric anesthesiologist, live in Burlingame with their two daughters, 6-year-old Sabrina and 3-year-old Olivia.

Mike Roberts completed the requirements for his FINRA Series 65 license in 2008 and began working as an investment adviser representative with PGR Solutions. He also earned his FINRA Series 63 license.

Katherine Shumate MPA ’10 started a new position as director of scientific programs administration at the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center in October 2011 and is the mother of Owen Quade Shumate Strongheart, born in January.

Catherine Miskow completed her PhD in French at the University of California, Davis and published an e-book translation of Pierre Loti’s “The Third Youth of Madame Plum.” She returned to USF in March to give a presentation sponsored by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages titled, “What Do Language Majors Do After Graduation?”


LT. Michael J. Quigley recently accepted an assignment to the Pentagon on the Joint Staff as an intelligence and policy analyst on the Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force. He also purchased his first home in Arlington, Va., after serving overseas in Stuttgart, Germany, and embarked aboard the USS Mount Whitney, the command ship of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, during combat operations in Libya last year.

Donnalucia Williams lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Carlos Gonzalez earned an American Bar Association Paralegal Certificate from John F. Kennedy University in Pleasant Hill and is now a member of the San Francisco Paralegal Association. This May marks his fifth year running the Bay to Breakers race and his son and daughter’s second run. “We hope to make this a lifelong tradition in our family,” he writes.

Angela Savin Majic married Tomislav Majic at St. Gregory’s Church in San Mateo in July 2009 and is a full-time yoga instructor in Los Gatos.


In April, Laura Morrill Di Giovine and her husband, Michael, welcomed their second son, Sebastian Matteo Di Giovine, in Chicago.

Matthew Koch has relocated back to San Francisco from New York City with his wife, Brianne, to join Wells Fargo’s principal investing team as a credit analyst. He also completed his MBA at Columbia University. After three years as director of campus ministry at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, Catherine Miskow plans to begin a new position as director of campus ministry and service learning at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans this August. As a member of the school’s administration, she will oversee the service-learning program for grades eight to 12, integrating Catholic Social Teaching into the curriculum.

Feehan, assistant director for employer relations at the USF School of Law.

After living in San Francisco for almost 20 years, Tommy Morahan returned to Ireland with his wife, Anna, and their two young children. They set up an online store for gifts with an Irish twist, www.IrishThings.com.

Classes of ’72, ’82, ’87, ’92, ’02, and ’07

To participate in the planning for the above reunions, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (415) 422-6431, (800) 449-4873, or alumni@usfca.edu.
**REUNION YEAR**

**’02 JASMINE (DEFIELD) BERJKLY** is a tax manager at a regional accounting firm, working mostly with entrepreneurs, executives, and others in San Francisco and Silicon Valley. She married Armen Berjikly in May 2011.

**ALSTON LAWRENCE LEE** is a candidate to receive a doctor of jurisprudence at Golden Gate University School of Law this May.

**STEVEN D. ROBINSON** has relocated to Antwerp, Belgium, with CEVA Logistics to become global director of supply chain architecture.

**LARNI DOMAGAS RUSSELL** lives in Louisville, Ky., with her husband and 3-year-old daughter. She works as a clinical informatics analyst and expects to complete a master’s degree in clinical informatics analyst and expand out-of-school learning opportunities for low-income youths.

**’03 ALEXANDER AYZNER** finished his PhD in physical chemistry at UCLA at the end of 2010 and is doing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource.

**COLIN MCCUSKER** recently started a new position as beverage manager at the Ritz-Carlton in Doha, Qatar.

After eight years as a cheese monger in San Francisco and London, **COLIN SHAFF** moved with his wife, **JULIANNA LASSLEBEN ’04** to Los Angeles. He is a law student at the University of Southern California and president of the American Constitution Society. This summer, he has an externship with a magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court.

**’04 In January, ALICIA AUGSBURGER became president of the Green County Bar in Wisconsin, the youngest person to hold that position in the county’s history. She is engaged to marry Michael Parsons in October.**

**PRINTACE ANNE BROUGHTON-CLARK** is doing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource, and looking forward to vacationing in Barbados this summer.”

**APRIL ACTION DAY**

(Two left photos) USF students weeded, planted, and turned over compost and mulch at a teaching garden at the June Jordan School for Equity with the San Francisco Urban Sprouts program; (right photo) Josh Altieri MA ’02 and girlfriend Brittany Rae were part of a contingent of East Bay alumni who packaged food at the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

CAROLINE (TUBAN) CONWAY married her husband, Jay, last year and recently started a new position as manager of marketing projects at USF’s Office of Communications and Marketing. After receiving a master’s in public administration and NGO management from New York University, **JESSICA GUNDERSON** worked as a senior planner at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York before returning to the Bay Area. Now at the Partnership for Children and Youth, she oversees policy efforts to expand out-of-school learning opportunities for low-income youths.

**ERIC HEMEDES** works in New York as an account supervisor at an ad agency, where he and his colleagues recently shot a documentary on HIV with an Academy Award-winning director. His agency is working on publicity for the International AIDS Conference in July, which will be hosted in the U.S. for the first time in 22 years. He writes, “Besides work, I’m just enjoying NYC, traveling, and meeting new people and looking forward to vacationing in Barbados this summer.”

**APRIL MADDY** was accepted to Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education to complete a master’s degree in mind, brain, and education.

JOSEPH HARRIS’ ’09 Signature Yoyo, “Unleashed,” was released in April 2011 by his sponsor, YoyoJam. In the past year, he has used the yoyos in competition to win back-to-back California state titles, a regional title, and his second national yoyo championship title.
ELENA DIAZ MICALPINE has worked in the ski industry in Lake Tahoe since graduation. She is currently running Snowbomb.com, a Lake Tahoe skiing and snowboarding guide, with her husband for five years, and she is expecting her second daughter this June.

After six years as a legislative aide to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for District 1, CASSANDRA (COSTELLO) MCGOLDRICK now works as a property manager at San Francisco’s Recreation and Parks Department. She lives in San Francisco with her young son and husband.

ERSINAN MOHAMMED joined Jones IT Consulting, a start-up offering outsourced information technology consulting services, in 2009. He writes, “We went from two guys working in the garage of a friend’s house to a six-person team in Dogpatch, S.F., serving the entire Bay Area with several clients throughout the West Coast and even in China.” He has traveled all over Europe in the last couple of years and spent last summer in Hungary, Turkey, Armenia, and the Republic of Georgia.

After graduating from USF, TYLER RENAGHAN played one season of professional soccer with the Italian team Sampdoria. He now lives in Chicago with his wife and has been working at Groupon since August 2010.

EAMON SYLVESTER is director of fitness at CrossFit KXD, the top-ranked fitness studio in Orange County.

JESSE VASQUEZ was recently promoted to senior public relations specialist at Expedia Inc. He also was appointed marketing chair for the San Francisco LGBT Community Center’s 10th anniversary.

05 After 26 years at UCSF, MARY DICKOW MPH ’07 retired to take on a new role as statewide director of the California Action Coalition, part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Future of Nursing Initiative at the Institute of Medicine. “It’s a great job and one I am very passionate about,” she writes. “In addition, I have been enjoying time with my husband, Tod, and our three beautiful grandchildren!”

PHOEBE EUSTIS received her JD from Santa Clara University in 2010 and now works as an assistant district attorney in the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office, currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. She lives in Potrero Hill.

After graduation, NILMINI KUMARI FERREIRA ’00 returned to Colombo, Sri Lanka, to help her father with the group of companies he founded there. She writes, “Seven years down the line, I am running two companies and two departments in the group. It’s been a journey full of ups and downs and many, many trying times. The most memorable moment thus far was when I was featured in the Wall Street Journal write-up, ‘Dynasty Daughters,’ which was published in late summer 2005. It was all thanks to my USF professors Lucanacci and the assistant dean in the School of Business, the late Eugene Muscat.”

This fall, JENNIFER GEESSL plans to begin her master’s degree in psychology at The New School in New York.

LESLIE (MUELLER) GRUETTNER married her husband, Jim, earlier this month at Mission Ranch in Carmel. She is pursuing a career in nursing and works with Jim at his San Francisco restaurant, Marengo on Union.

06 MICHAELA MCDONAGH has been working at Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco as a neonatal/pediatric nurse. She is pursuing her lactation consultant certification and plans to return to school for a graduate nursing degree.

ELAINE (BALBIN) NEUFELD ’06 and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, Ava Grace, into their family in February.

ANDREW SMITH is playing his second season of professional baseball in Heidenheim, Germany.

07 JESSICA DIAZ expects to graduate in May with a master’s degree in social work from San Francisco State University. She is the recipient of the Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement for her academic work and service to the community.

JAMES HAN completed a joint DDS/MBA program through the UCSF School of Dentistry and the USF School of Management. He is pursuing postdoctoral residency training in pediatric dentistry at New York University.

CHELSEA HUNT has been working as a marketing manger for Internet kiosks for Pacific Telemanagement Services and, along with her fiancé, has been very active in the Denver sports scene, playing soccer, softball, dodge ball, and volleyball for coed competitive teams. The couple planned to move in early May to Manhattan, where her fiancé has accepted a new job. “This is rather exciting and scary at the same time, but it’s the perfect opportunity for me to become a full-time student and begin making connections with schools in NYC. I am extremely excited for what the future holds and really feel like I’m following my dream now,” she writes.

DANNY MA started a new career promoting Vixalus’ 90-Day Body by Vi Challenge, a program that helps participants lose weight and achieve their fitness goals. He writes, “I was overweight before so I understand how difficult it is for people to get their health back on track.”

EDWARD SAMAYOA was recently appointed assistant director of awards in the Financial Aid Office of Stanford University.

08 LEONARDO BURGUIENO received his MBA from Golden Gate University.

KANISHA CHHABRA is an assistant general manager for the Hyatt Place Fremont/Silicon Valley and expects to complete a master’s degree in nutrition and food-service management at San Jose State University in May.

After graduating, ADAM GRANT went into the Israeli army for two years and is now in his first year of law school.

KENNETH HAN is pursuing his dental doctorate at New York University.

JASON KENJ P. HIGA co-wrote two articles published in the peer-reviewed journals Cytokine and the British Journal of Nutrition. Last year, he received the Ellen M. Koenig Award in Medicine and was named the 2011 Achievement Awards in the Financial Aid Office of DePaul University in Chicago.

09 OSCAR ARAUJO moved to New York to work for the production company NBTV.

BENJI CANNING-PEREIRA is pursuing a master’s in interaction design at New York University’s Interactive Telecommunications Program.

JOSEPH HARRIS’ signature yoyo, “Unleashed,” was released in April 2011 by his sponsor, YoYoJam. In the past year, he has used the yoyos in competition to win back-to-back California state titles, a regional title, and his second National YoYo Championship title.

DANAE MOORE is completing her MFA in design at California Institute of the Arts in Los Angeles.

CAROLYN REILLEY is a public relations and advertising graduate student at DePaul University in Chicago.

STEPHANIE WHITNEY moved to Los Angeles, where she became part-creator of a new Internet start-up company and worked on iPhone apps and for several talent agencies.

10 In the fall of 2011, JAMES BARELA started graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin, where he received a fellowship to the MFA program.

New Peace Corps volunteer KATIE BOWEN-WILLIAMS is moving to Mongolia to work in community and youth development.

JONATHAN GARCIA celebrated his recent employment with Moody’s Investors Service with a trip to Los Angeles. He has been living in New York since graduating.

MORGAN HENDERSON combined her interests in design, science, and nonprofit organizations to work at the Discovery Science Center in Orange County. She is also an AS3 developer and designer for an online educational game set for PBS.

FRANK MALIFRANDO is chief development and public affairs officer at Catholic Charities of the East Bay and was named Alcade of Vallejo (honorary mayor of Vallejo) by the Vallejo Tribune.

CATHERINE MONDY works as a graphic design and production assistant to Tori Richard Ltd. in Honolulu. As assistant to the head art director, she provides graphic and marketing support through print and web, tailoring each of their projects from head to toe.

As a Teach for America participant, NATALIE NAKAI is incorporating art and design into second-grade classrooms in Hawaii.

LINDA BELLA O’HARA works in the mobile apps development industry at Copper Mobile Inc.

JAMIE REY writes, “Although San Francisco has my heart, I just finished my first year as a mother-baby nurse at Cedars-Sinai Hospital [in Los Angeles] and [am] loving every minute of it.”

MOHSEN ZAVIEH SALEMI is executive vice president of corporate develop-
SARA RECTOR MA ‘89 is a marriage and family therapist at the circle of life center in thousand oaks, a counseling center she founded in 2008.

GRADUATE

’62 James Riesser JD recently completed a nine-year term on the board of directors, including two years as president, of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Ashland, Ore. He is a retired newspaper journalist and former director of the John S. Knight Fellowships for Professional Journalists at Stanford University.

’66 A professor of nursing for 22 years, Mary Anne Anderson Bailey MA recently retired. She remains active in the nursing community and has been published in the June 2011 edition of the All-in-One Care Planning Resource.

RUSs Martin MBA works for the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls, S.D.

’68 G. Martin Lively JD and his wife, Jean Ivins Lively, live in Atenas, Costa Rica, where they raise coffee beans, black pepper, and vanilla orchids and enjoy visits from friends and from their four children, George, Corine, Geoffrey, and Jonathan.

’71 Since July 2011, Joseph Shahpar MBA has been enjoying retirement. He was recently elected a board member of his community’s homeowner’s association.

’73 Philip Borowsky JD has an active litigation and appellate practice based in San Francisco, handling complex civil litigation in state and federal courts throughout California. He’s been designated a Northern California Super Lawyer for 20 years and is provincial superior for the U.S.A. Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection. He writes, “I think of my USF classmates frequently and fondly.”

’75 Don Papa MA teaches economics, politics, and U.S. history at Galileo Academy in San Francisco, where he also coaches varsity baseball and basketball.

’76 Sr. Barbara Dawson, R.S.C.J., JD will be the next provincial of the U.S. Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Previously, she served as president of St. Martin de Porres School in Oakland.

’79 Lynn Duryee JD recently published her fourth book, “Mastering Mediation: 50 Essential Tools for the Advanced Practitioner.” She has served as a judge in Marin County for 19 years, where she has successfully implemented settlement programs in her civil, family, and criminal assignments.

’81 Jayne Kelly (Roberts) Nordstrom JD is the sole proprietor of a San Francisco law firm focusing on family law. She and her husband, John, have six children and nine grandchildren.

’82 Rob Lansley MBA joined MYCOM-USA as a program manager.

’83 John Sekse MPA is chief financial officer of Positive Education Program, a nonprofit that provides alternative, therapeutic education for more than 600 children and youths in northeast Ohio who are severely emotionally disturbed and often the victims of trauma. In 2009, he was named Cleveland’s Chief Financial Officer of the Year in the category of nonprofit agencies. He writes, “My wife, Mary Jane, and children, Sam (attending Oberlin College) and Sarah (Cleveland State), are the joys of my life. I enjoy commuting to work by bike through the industrial landscape of Cleveland.”

’84 Bradley Sage JD was recently selected to join the American Board of Trial Advocates and has been chosen as a Southern California Super Lawyer seven years in a row. He has three kids, the eldest of whom hopes to attend the USF School of Law.

’85 Carl Bozzo MS is a retired dentist and retired CEO of
AARON HORN EdD ‘08
TEACHING ACCOUNTABILITY

Aaron Horn’s accountability chart—a multi-page matrix outlining goals, tasks, and an hourly schedule—would make all but the most hyper-organized a little nervous. But Horn EdD ’08, MFT ’12 is convinced that his chart is exactly what the youths at San Francisco’s Youth Guidance Center, the city’s juvenile detention facility, need. A therapist trainee for the Youth Justice Institute and student in USF’s Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Horn works primarily with male youths at the Youth Guidance Center.

“They always tell me, ‘My father’s in jail’ or, ‘My father died.’ A lot of these boys don’t have reliable men in their lives. There’s a lack of integrity, consistency, and organization,” Horn said. “What I try to do is bring consistency to their lives.”

As part of the exercise, Horn has the youths identify accountability partners—people who check in and make sure they do what they say. For many of the youths, Horn plays a hybrid role as accountability partner and therapist, a delicate balancing act, but one to which he is particularly well suited.

Like many of his clients, Horn grew up in Bayview-Hunters Point, a predominantly African American neighborhood plagued by violence and poverty, and was raised solely by his mother and grandmother. That shared background, he says, has been key to nurturing the youths.

“When they see me come into therapy and I say I grew up in Bayview, that trust almost builds automatically,” he said.

For Horn, the path to becoming a therapist has been circuitous, with stops at local nonprofits and public schools and a five-year stint as an airborne ranger in the U.S. military, which, he says, taught him his signature focus and attention to detail.

It was his passion for educating underserved youth that brought him to USF, where he completed a doctorate in international and multicultural education. His research on the importance of father-like care in the education of young black males underscored what he had observed during his years in the classroom—the lack of available black men to serve as tutors and mentors.

Horn will graduate from USF’s MFT program in July with a new set of tools to serve the youth of his community on a one-on-one level.

“And that’s where I really want to be—working with youth of color as a black male therapist, teaching them to hold each other accountable,” Horn said. //

National Health Care Systems. In 2011, he was awarded the Alumni Merit Award from Saint Louis University’s School of Dentistry.

After 28 years at the same firm, STEPHEN JUDSON JD has joined the Ramsey Law Group. He writes, “I look forward to working in this veteran law firm environment, with litigation, corporate, and business expertise. Contacts welcome at sjudson@ramseylawgroup.com.

Let’s get back in touch!”

ALAN WILHELMY JD was elected managing shareholder of Rogers Joseph O’Donnell in San Francisco, emphasizing construction and real estate law. He serves as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and is married to LINDA YEE BSN ’81, JD ’84, a Kaiser critical care nurse and consultant to Gordon & Rees.

1978 FRANCISCO J. GRIJALVA EdD plans to retire this July after 17 years as head of The Overlake School in Redmond, Wash. He and his wife, Susan, plan to return to San Francisco. This year, CAROL M. LANGFORD JD will publish the fourth edition of her nationally adopted textbook, “Legal Ethics in the Practice of Law.” She continues to specialize in attorney conduct matters.

1987 RACHEL (RALSTON) BAXTER practices environmental law with the Department of Justice in Ottawa, Canada. She and her husband, who practices civil litigation, have two daughters.

1986 PJ HUSACK MA launched the Workshops At Work staff development series and recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Lead Life Now leadership workshops for women, which she plans to facilitate in Spain in 2013.

1989 At the end of the school year, WAYNE MADDEN MA plans to retire from teaching but continue to do volunteer work, helping students with reading and math and teachers with field trips. He writes, “This winter I spent all of March in sunny, warm Palm Springs, enjoying the company of several friends I made while studying at USF in the 1980s.”

1991 JOEL DAVIS MBA is in his 19th year of marriage to Lisa Goozin Davis. They live in San Carlos and have a 6-year-old daughter, Jadyne. For the past five years, he has been working at Open-Silicon Inc. in Milpitas.

1992 TERESA COOPER MBA is a professor at EMLYON, a leading business university in Europe.
GAYLE SOWLES LEPZ J D is a tenured faculty member at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich., and was promoted to professor of law this past academic year. She lives in Whitehall, Mich., with her husband, Jim, and her two children, Christopher, 17, and Lauren, 14.

STEVEN POMERantz ED has coordinated and taught in the MA in Counseling Psychology Program at the USF Sacramento Campus since 1992 and in May will complete 29 years as an adjunct faculty member at USF. Over the past 15 years, he has taught the required 80-hour supervisory training course to more than 3,000 state of California supervisors and managers and continues to teach and consult through CPS HR Consulting. He has been married to BARBARA L. POMERantz MHROD ’98 for 27 years.

‘93 GARY BAKER JD is completing his first year as owner and managing director of the Quine IP Law Group.

KEICHI OGAWA MA received a PhD in comparative international education and the economics of education from Columbia University. He teaches human capital development and development management at Kobe University in Japan.

HARRY TAGOMORI ED founded the Pacific Shoottokan Karate-Do in Hawaii, where he serves as director and chief instructor. He has also managed the fitness center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is the proud grandfather of 4-year-old Jayden and 1-year-old Maya, who live in New York.

‘94 Last fall, artist DIEGO MARCIAL RIOS, Certificate in Paralegal Studies, exhibited his latest collection of paintings, masks, and prints at a two-day Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) show at the NewPark Mall Cultural Corner in Newark. He is scheduled to have another show there in May.

LEONARD ENNIS MA lives in Ajo, Ariz. He writes, “Since my heart surgery, my main concern has been to try and regain my health. So I have adopted a less physically demanding lifestyle and have taken a much less stressful job, using my engineering skills as a field inspector on local infrastructure projects funded by Freport-McMoRan Americas Co. Of course I can’t stay away from ministry activities. I’ve been working with the Rev. Dr. Gary Stacy of Saint Titus Church here. I just finished writing my first book after a hiatus of more than 20 years, have started working on another book as well, and am trying to start a Bible-teaching ministry.”


‘96 JOANNE ESCOBAR MHROD is general manager of Rockefeller Group Business Centers, where she is responsible for sales and marketing, leasing offices to small and medium-size businesses, start-up companies, and other local, national, and international clients.

‘97 PAUL THOMPSON JD recently became managing partner in the Sacramento office of Fagen Friedman & Fulfrrost LLP. As vice president of people and operations at Primitive Logic, ANISHA WEBER MBA is charged with talent acquisition and management, mentoring, training and development, and people enablement. She also serves as president of the USF Alumni Association Board of Directors and is on the USF Board of Trustees as alumni representative.

‘98 VERONIKA BRIGGS BENION JD practices family, personal injury, and juvenile law at her private practice in Arizona. She is a mother and grandmother, and her niece, Tayannah, recently completed her first year at the USF School of Law.

IWAO HOSOKAI LLM is a lawyer at Hosokai Law Office in Niigata Prefecture in Japan.

HERVE THEVENET MBA and RACHANEE ROYER THEVENET MBA launched IT Localization LLC, a worldwide translation and localization services company offering high-quality multilingual services. They live in Madrid, Spain, with their two children and would love to hear from other USF alumni at Herrve@itlocalization.com or Rachanee@itlocalization.com.

‘99 CRAIG GEE MBA writes, “It is nice to touch bases! I hope everyone is doing well. My team and I at Chevron Energy Solutions in San Francisco just recently completed some pretty intense renewable and clean energy and smart grid work…. I am presently taking time away from the work world to focus on some other matters, but I look forward to re-engaging in the renewable and clean energy industry later this year!” He would like to hear from other USFers at cgeesf@pacbell.net.

YUMI MORISUCHI-MCMORRICK ED is an adjunct professor in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at USF.

‘00 GREG ANDERSON MA recently graduated from University of California, Los Angeles with a PhD in political science and is the owner of Pacific Rim Advisors, a political risk and business strategy consultancy. His book, “Designated Drivers: How China Plans to Dominate the Global Auto Industry,” will be published by John Wiley & Sons this spring.

After graduating from USF, RACHEL (GARCIA) HUVELDT MPA became a certified medical compliance officer and founded EMR Consulting Solutions in 2010.

RYAN JAMES ED is coordinator of the journalism and writing specialization at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary. Through the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, he has traveled to Macedonia and Bulgaria to conduct teacher trainings and has written travel guides on Hungary. He and his partner run a bed and breakfast called Budafik in Budapest.

‘01 DENNIS LANGHOFER ED’s lives in Spokane, Wash., where he is a faculty emeritus at Fresno Pacific University and teaches marketing at Whitworth University. He also enjoys his time with his granddaughter, Olivia.

RUSS WRIGHT MBA is vice president of sales at Zimmer Fegan & Maloney.

‘02 VIKKI LYNN (VAN HORN) ATKINSON MA, EdD ‘07 is a lecturer in sociolinguistics, applied linguistics, and teacher training at the Open University in Cambridge, Oxford, and Birmingham in the UK. She also plays the violin in three orchestras, including the Cambridge Philharmonic. She writes, “My husband and I are making our plans for our next visit to Ghana, where we will work to deliver instruction to teachers attempting to change from teacher-centered approaches to child-centered approaches. It’s always amazing to do our work down there, especially since we learn so much as well!”
Svetlana Fortner Henderson MS lives in Pasadena, where she is a stay-at-home mom to 11-year-old Jacob and 6-year-old Martin. She is expecting her third child, a girl, in July.

Lois Merriwether Moore EdD was elected vice president of the Gates Millennium Scholars Alumni Association. She writes, “The Gates Millennium Scholars Program came out of a $1 billion educational grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The intent of the grant was to fund historically underrepresented scholars to serve as Leaders for America’s Future.” There are currently 9,500 alumni members.

Noreen Scott MBA ended her working career as administrator at a center for developmentally disabled adults. She writes, “Reaching retirement, I began some serious travel, visiting Greece, Turkey, Asia Minor, Holland, South America, and almost all the islands in the Caribbean. During the last two years, I visited Thailand twice and spent a lot of time with nonprofit organizations that assist women and girls who have been trafficked. Because of that experience I have become a quasi-expert on trafficking and do a lot of presentations on that issue for churches, community groups, and others.”

'03 Pamela Andreata EdD is an associate professor of medical education and obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Kevin Graziano EdD was awarded the Regents’ Teaching Award for his work as associate professor of education at Nevada State College.

K. ALEXA Koenig JD was recently awarded a contract from the University of California Press to co-write “Hiding in Plain Sight: The Politics of Pursuing War Criminals in the 21st Century,” with Eric Stover and Victo Peskin. She was also awarded two fellowships: an American Fellowship from the American Association of University Women and a John Simon Graduate Research Fellowship from the Center for the Study of Representation, part of the In-stitute for Environmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. Both fellowships were awarded to support completion of her dissertation, which analyzes the definition of torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment, based on the experiences of former Guantanamo detainees.

Jong Ho Lee MA, EdD ’08 teaches at Anyang University in Anyangsi, Korea.

SPRING GALA HONORS USF ALUMS AND SUPPORTERS

The Alumni Association held its annual Spring Gala March 31, honoring outstanding alumni and supporters for their commitment to the university.

The awards ceremony and banquet were at the San Francisco Olympic Club, America’s oldest athletic club and host to the 2012 U.S. Open golf tournament in June. This year, the Alumni Association chose former USF Trustee Suzanne Giraudo ’71, EdD ’89 as Alumna of the Year. Giraudo, who was a trustee from 2002-11, is a psychologist at California Pacific Medical Center’s child development center, specializing in treating autism, and served on the USF President’s Commission on Health Professions Education. She—along with her husband, Louis Giraudo ’68, JD ’74, the Daughters of Charity, and the De La Salle Christian Brothers—founded San Francisco’s De Marillac Learning Academy, a tuition-free Catholic elementary and middle school.

The Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award went to California Public Utilities Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon ’79 and basketball great Mary Hile-Nepfel ’81, director of Student-Athlete Consulting.

Herman Papa ’58, a trial attorney and active member of the Alumni Association’s San Francisco Regional Council, and Matthew Lawrence ’94, founder and owner of Camp4040 Consulting, received the Alessandri Service Award, honoring alumni who have made a lasting impact on the university community.

The Cable Car Award, presented to USF supporters who didn’t attend the university, went to Bernard Orsi and Carol Williamson LM ’65. Orsi is a longtime supporter and a Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation trustee. Williamson, a Lone Mountain College alumna, has carried on a 50-year family connection to USF established by her late husband, Raymond Williamson ’59, JD ’63—a former San Francisco Superior Court judge, who was a member of the Dons baseball team and longtime supporter of the program.
KARAN BAHL MBA ’08 LAUNCHED A FROZEN YOGURT BUSINESS IN MUMBAI, INDIA, THAT HAS EXPANDED TO THREE STORES.

REGINA AGUILAR MA ’04 works part time for the Oakland Athletics and is homeschooling her son.

SONYA SMITH MFA plans to walk 13.1 miles in the Mayor’s Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, in June.

DANIEL J. BENDER Esq was promoted to assistant dean for academic affairs at the University of the Pacific’s Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco.

Last winter, CHARLIE COSTELLO MA spent three- and-a-half weeks traveling Myanmar (formerly Burma) as part of a trip organized by the Rural Development Society, which sponsors infrastructure and development projects in villages in Myanmar. He writes, “It was an auspicious and exciting time to be in Burma because the country is on the verge of democracy. I am hopeful that they will gain the freedoms we sometimes take for granted in this country.”

MARK GOODMAN JD is the founder of the Goodman Law Center, focusing on debt relief, patent and trademark counseling, and family law.

STACY MARTIN MBA married Justin Wood in September 2011 in Seattle, Wash. NIKKI THERESE MYRES MA is a certified sexual assault counselor at Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) in Sacramento. As a CARE (California Access to Recovery Effort) provider, she provides assessments and case management to youths and veterans in need of drug and alcohol early intervention and treatment. She expects to become a grandmother this June, when her daughter, Nicole, and her husband are due to deliver their son in Roseville.

At the end of 2011, RONDA COSTON EVANS MA and her husband, James Evans, moved to Richland, Wash., where he works at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. They enjoy golfing, cycling, salsa dancing, and quiet nights at home with their two dogs and hope to start a family soon. After years working as a construction attorney, KELLY KANG JD transitioned into a career in real estate and is excited to join the Paragon Real Estate Group in San Francisco.

SR. KATHRYN KLACKNER Esq serves as director of teacher education and chair of the Educational Studies Department at Silver Lake College of the Holy Family in Manitowoc, Wis. She was recently promoted to associate professor.

WOON JIN LEE MBA is pursuing a doctorate at the Graduate School of Entrepreneurial Management at Chung-Ang University in Seoul, Korea. He recently started his own business.

CRAIG SANTOS PEREZ MFA received the 2011 PEN Center USA Literary Award for his poetry collection, “from unincorporated territory [saina],” which was recently published by Omnidawn Publishing.

A wife and mother of four, MAKIA WHITE-BOINES MSN works at a labor and delivery department in the East Bay.

RUTH RAMSEY Esq is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy at Dominican University of California.

SHADAD YUSEM-SEGAL MA is a bilingual, Spanish-speaking psychotherapist with a private practice in downtown San Francisco specializing in cultural transitions, grief and loss, trauma recovery, and anger issues. She also provides clinical case consultation for licensed and pre-licensed therapists and is a clinical supervisor at the Fred Finch Youth Center in Oakland on issues relating to childhood trauma.

KARAN BAHL MBA launched a frozen yogurt business in Mumbai, India, that has expanded to three stores.

CHRISTINA GAGNIER JD and STEPHANIE MARGOSSIAN JD opened a new San Francisco headquarters for their law firm Gagnier Margossian LLP, an Internet law boutique firm. The pair recently spoke at the Southwest by Southwest Interactive Festival on cybersecurity.

In March, JESSE ZITRIN MA started a new job as sales manager at Market Metrix’s global headquarters in Larkspur. Market Metrix provides the hospitality industry with customer satisfaction strategies and tactics and other business intelligence solutions.

E. MICHAEL CHELSKY MA is a substitute teacher for the San Francisco Unified School District.

NANCY CAPPELLONI Esq works in private practice as an educational consultant and is an adjunct in the Teacher Education Department at the USF School of Education. She’s in the process of publishing a book based on her dissertation research on kindergarten readiness with Corwin Press. In her free time, she enjoys paddling in the Tamalpais Outrigger Canoe Club.

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1 In the book, you write that in some religious circles, there’s a belief that faith and a sense of humor are incompatible. Where did that belief come from? I think in Christian circles it comes from a belief that Jesus was primarily a man of sorrows. One of the reasons is that the Gospel spends so much time on the passion, death, and resurrection because they had to explain to their readers why Jesus had to have been crucified. That big part of the Gospel tends to overshadow the more joyful parts. ... What I’m trying to do is restore a little balance.

2 You also point out that the Bible is actually, at times, funny. Where are some of those humorous moments, and why are they often lost on contemporary readers? The one I always point to is the story of Nathaniel in the Gospel of John. Nathaniel is sitting around, and two of the disciples of Jesus come by and say, “We have found the Messiah. He is Jesus of Nazareth.” Nathaniel says, “Can anything good come of Nazareth?” That’s a little bit of a dig at Nazareth, which was a backwater. ... It’s like a joke [we’ve] heard over and over that we just sort of pass over and forget that it’s funny. So, the first reason is that we’re too familiar with the stories. The second reason is that we don’t understand some of the humor of first-century Palestine because we’re 21st-century Americans, and humor is very culture- and time-bound.

3 What is the difference between a secular and a religious understanding of joy? The secular idea of joy, if you look at dictionary usages or just common usages, would be an intensified happiness; joy as in “I’m really happy,” “I’m blissful,” or “I’m elated.” But in a religious context, joy is really about a relationship with God. Joy is happiness in God. That’s why people can actually maintain a sense of joy even though they’re in difficult situations. They might not be happy, but they still have that kind of Christian joy.

4 What would you say to someone who is struggling to find a sense of joy in the face of sadness or injustice? It’s natural to be sad from time to time; you would be a robot if you weren’t sad. Even Jesus Christ wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. So the idea that if you’re Christian or if you believe in God you’ll never have sadness is kind of false. So that’s the first thing—not to feel guilty about it, that you’re some sort of bad person or don’t have enough faith. I think, though, part of it is expressing your emotions to God, being honest with God in prayer about what you feel. But if you’re always sad and always negative, it may be a case of trying to look for things in your life that give you gratitude. So grounding yourself in gratitude, which is a very big Jesuit and Ignatian idea, sometimes jump-starts people and can move them out of their sadness.

5 What do you read, watch, or do when you need a good laugh? I find TV shows funny a lot of times. I find “Saturday Night Live” and “30 Rock” pretty funny. I read funny authors like David Sedaris, Fran Lebowitz, Jean Shepherd, and people like that. But mostly my friends make me laugh. Just looking at life’s absurdities, laughing at myself, and hanging out with funny people is a good way of regaining your sense of balance. /////

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