In 2016-2017, 56 percent of all four-year college students in the United States were women. That year, women earned 57 percent of all bachelor’s degrees, 59 percent of all master’s degrees, and 53 percent of all doctoral degrees.

For nearly 30 years now, women have outpaced men in attending and graduating from college. But that was not always the case. Just 30 years before the gender ratios flipped — in 1950 — a mere 32 percent of college students were women.

Pacific University was one of the first in the country, and likely in the world, to offer a co-educational higher education experience. Long before women in this country could own property, keep their own wages, or vote, they could earn bachelor’s degrees at Pacific. The first, Harriett Hoover Killin, graduated exactly 150 years ago.

At Pacific, one of the cornerstones of our mission is a commitment to justice in the world. Fundamental to that is the notion that education and opportunity are rights afforded to all — and we strive to ensure that Pacific is a place of equity, diversity and inclusion, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or any other demographic.

We as a people are not there yet. Even as women achieve more education, they remain underrepresented in science, in mathematics, in elected office, and positions of leadership and in earnings. And people of color, both women and men, remain woefully underrepresented in all of this and in higher education.

Yet I have hope. The women featured in this issue of Pacific magazine — and so many others not named here — were pioneers in their time. They helped build the Pacific we know today and open new doors to those who would follow.

I know that our alumni and our students today are walking in their footsteps. They are breaking new ground, they are lifting one another up, and they are, like the women in these pages, step by step creating a more just and equitable world for us all.
Editor’s Letter

Pop quiz: Name an influential woman in history.

Back to that in a minute.

My kids have this beautiful pop-up book called, “The Night Pirates.”

The artwork is gorgeous, and in reviews, it is often called out as a great children’s picture book with strong female characters. But you know what?

It’s not.

The short story is actually about a little boy who has an adventure with a gang of child pirates who take on a crew of adult pirates and win. The boy’s name is Tom, and he is the beginning and end of the tale. The villain is Captain Patch. The rest of the characters are simply “girl pirates.” It is supposed to be empowering and defy stereotypes — and yet, the girls don’t get names, identities, or dialogue. They are there to be cute.

So many of our stories — fiction and nonfiction alike — work this way.

Back to that pop quiz.

Did you answer Marie Curie?

I did.

But not necessarily because she was amazing (she was). It’s just that, throughout my education, she was heralded as the example of a female historical figure. As though she was the only one.

Women in history? We covered Madame Curie. Check.

(For what it’s worth, my education on influential people of color was shockingly lacking.)

The stories we tell matter. They reflect what we see — and don’t see. They teach us what to expect from the world and what we expect from ourselves.

I was deeply moved by the stories in this issue of Pacific magazine. We won’t pretend that this is a list of all the influential women in Pacific’s history, nor even of the most influential women.

But their names matter. Their words and actions matter. Together, their stories transcend time and culture to teach us what Pacific people can do — what we can do.

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Pacific students have a new place to make their ideas take shape — the Boxer Makerspace. It’s an inviting new area on the second floor of the Tim & Cathy Tran Library where students can use 3D printers, a laser engraver, a vacuum form box and other tools to create prototypes of their own design. The Makerspace is a collaboration between the Berglund Center for Innovation and the Pacific University Libraries.

events calendar

SEPTEMBER

21 Boxer Pre-Game Party at Cal Lutheran University
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

VISIT | Our revamped calendar is online and bursting with events.

OCTOBER

11-12 Optometry Class of 1989 Reunions
Portland & Forest Grove, Ore.

12 Performing Arts Series
An Evening with Jimmy Webb
Forest Grove, Ore.

18-20 Homecoming
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Forest Grove & Hillsboro Campuses

25 Student Teacher Alumni Reception
Eugene, Ore.

NOVEMBER

10 Friends of Pacific Lunch
Portland, Ore.

13 PUB Night with Professor Aaron Greer
Portland, Ore.

DECEMBER

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I am sending along my congratulations to Mike Francis for his superbly crafted article "A Tragic Collision of Cultures." The article is informative, educational, and superbly written. I have read it twice, and the second reading was as rich as the first.

JOHN MITCHELL, PHD
Former Professor, Pacific University; Professor Emeritus, University Alberta; Professor Emeritus, University British Columbia

Compliments to you for your courage and clout to approve and support the story "A Tragic Collision of Cultures" published in the Spring 2019 Pacific magazine.

Compliments to Mike Francis for his well-written, compelling, and honest account of a less than stellar piece of Pacific's history. Commendations to Eva Guggemos for her diligence in researching, documenting, and archiving the materials related to the Indian Training School. Eva’s insights and comments in the article were profound and worthy of serious reflection.

Finally, kudos to Pacific University for acknowledging its peripheral role in stripping the culture and history from local Native Americans. Hopefully, all in the Pacific family will learn, reflect, and take action to at least celebrate the history and contributions of all cultures represented at Pacific and in the country.

Well done!

ROGER L. CLOSE ’70
Former Professor, Pacific University; Professor Emeritus, University Alberta; Professor Emeritus, University British Columbia

Congratulations on a great edition. Stories, writing, graphics all excellent.

MINDY CAMERON ’85
Pacific University Board of Trustees

Three Degrees, No Separation

Breanne Davis ’16, OT ’19 completed a family hat trick on Aug. 10, when she became the third in a set of triplet sisters to earn a graduate degree from Pacific University.

Breanne earned her doctor of occupational therapy degree during the university’s August Commencement, which celebrated the achievements of more than 300 students in the College of Health Professions.

She was presented her degree by her sister, Carmel Nichol ’16, MSW ’17, who now works in Pacific’s Office of Graduate Admissions.

Carmel also surprised their third sister, Autumn Davis MBA ’19, by presenting her degree in May.

“Our whole family is a Boxer family,” Carmel said.

Their parents also attended Pacific, with their mom Lea Mourich-Davis ’90 studying teaching and their dad, Troy Davis ’86, attending for a semester before being called back to the family business.

Growing up in neighboring Gaston, Ore., the three women didn’t originally have their sights set on their parents’ alma mater. All three started college out of state, but after a year were ready to come home.

“Some of us changed majors, and our schools didn’t have what we wanted,” Carmel explained. “Then we discovered that everything we wanted was 10 minutes from home.”

Breanne and Carmel chose Pacific, studying exercise science and social work, respectively. After graduating in 2016, Carmel went on to the master of social work program at Pacific’s Eugene Campus, while Breanne entered the occupational therapy program at the Hillsboro Campus. Autumn joined the Boxer family for grad school, earning her MBA last spring.

“It’s like coming full circle,” Carmel said.
Hall of Fame

Pacific University will induct three individuals and one team into its Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. The Hall of Fame Class of 2019 will be celebrated during Homecoming with a ceremony Friday, Oct. 18.

“We are very proud to add these outstanding student-athletes, coach and team to a very distinctive list,” said Athletic Director Ken Schumann. Register to attend the ceremony and other Homecoming events pacificu.edu/homecoming

THE 1991-92 WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM under the direction of Hall of Fame Head Coach Dave Olmsted posted a 22-6 overall record and an 11-1 mark in the Northwest Conference, winning a national tournament by winning its first game against Tabor, the team achieved the only win in a national tournament and reaching the NAIA National Tournament. By and an 11-1 mark in the Northwest Conference, DAVE OLMSTED the direction of Hall of Fame Gentleman Grove News-Times, Group-owned newspaper was continuously publishing newspaper University’s Tim & Cathy Tran Library will be kept in the library’s archive-safe in Forest Grove. The Pamplin Media and other Homecoming events celebrated during Homecoming said Athletic Director Ken Schumann. Hall of Fame Class of 2019 will be individuals and one team into its comprehensive report on the university’s history of Forest Grove.” Campus with care, concern, and compassion for Pacific’s School of Pharmacy received in 1924. More about the landmarks pacificu.edu/landmarks

Line Up

PATRICK MCKEETHEN ’76 was a four-year member of the Pacific track and field program, becoming the 1976 Northwest Conference champion in the 880-yard run. He went on to finish second at the NAIA District Championships and fourth at the 1976 NAIA National Championships in the 800-meter run, where he set a school record that still stands. McKeethen also ran the leadoff leg of a school record 4x400-meter relay that also still stands.

GREG BRADLEY coached baseball at Pacific from 1996 to 2014. He was hired as an assistant baseball coach for Hall of Fame head coach Chuck Bafaro in 1990, became head coach prior to the 1996 season and served in that position until 2014. His teams recorded 328 wins, the third most among all Boxer coaches. His 12 team won the Northwest Conference Championship, which was Pacific’s first baseball title since 1979.

MIRANDA MCNEALY YANCY ’10 still holds five softball career records, including wins (59), complete games (55), shutouts (21), strikeouts (272) and innings pitched (472). In her career at Pacific, she pitched five one-hitters and two no-hitters en route to being a four-time all-Northwest Conference selection. As a senior, she was selected National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-West Region and the Pacific University Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Honors & Awards

J.P. Lowery OD ’93, MED ’96, has been inducted into the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Hall of Fame. He is a professor in the Pacific University College of Optometry. In addition to his teaching duties at Pacific, Lowery is currently chief of pediatrics for the Pacific EyeClinics. Lowery’s research interests include pediatric procedures, pediatric visual impairments, children with special needs and humanitarian vision care. He has served as director of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Low Vision Clinic since 1995.

Dr. Nada Lingel ’79, OD ’81, MS ’88, ’00 received the ninth annual Kamelia Massab Prize for a Distinguished Optometrist. Lingel is a Pacific University College of Optometry professor emerita and alumna. She worked with the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center to develop a full-time, in-house eye clinic staffed by the university’s College of Optometry. She and her husband, fellow Pacific professor emeritus Dr. Dennis Smith OD ’82, established the Drs. Dennis L. Smith and Nada J. Lingel Award for Excellence in Systemic Disease.

Kwame Dawes was honored for his poetry by the judges of the prestigious Windham-Campbell Prizes. The judges applauded Dawes for his entire body of work, which includes 20 books of poetry and multiple other publications. They described him as “a daring ventriloquist with a polymathic intelligence” Dawes, who was born in Ghana and grew up in Jamaica, is an instructor for Pacific’s Low-residency Masters of Fine Arts in Writing program and teaches full time at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Amanda Stead, associate professor, College of Education, School of Communications Sciences and Disorders, had a very good spring. First, she was awarded President’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching at the annual Faculty and Staff Honors and Awards Ceremony, then soon afterward was awarded the Dr. Thomas S. Thompson Distinguished Professorship in Education. Her project during her three-year distinguished professorship will focus on the emerging pedagogy around simulation and learning.

Heide Island, professor of psychology, has spent the past 10 months on Whidbey Island north of Seattle to continue extensive research she is conducting on the behavior of river otters. Her sabbatical research is the foundation for a five-year longitudinal study on Whidbey Island that will involve Pacific University students and local citizen scientists in the summer of 2020. She described river otters as an “indicator species,” signaling the ecological health in a habitat.

Briefly Noted

READ ALL ABOUT IT | The Forest Grove News-Times, the oldest continuously publishing newspaper in Washington County, Ore., recently moved its paper archive to Pacific University’s Tim & Cathy Tran Library in Forest Grove. The Pamplin Media Group-owned newspaper was downsizing its office but wanted to make sure that bound copies of its back issues — dating back more than 100 years and likely the only request for existence — survived. The newspapers will be kept in the library’s archive-safe climate-control conditions, and the most sensitive copies will be placed in boxes for protection and they will be available on the library’s first floor for library patrons to view without appointment.

ON THE MAP | Pacific University and the Architectural Resources Group, which together produced a comprehensive report on the university’s historic buildings, was honored by the Forest Grove Historic Landmarks Board. “Not only is it an accurate accounting and a valuable resource for cataloging these precious historic resources,” the board said of the report, “it is written with care, concern, and compassion for the history of Forest Grove.” Campus buildings designated as Forest Grove landmarks range from Old College Hall, built in 1850, to McCormick Hall, built in 1924. More about the landmarks pacificu.edu/landmarks

SCRIP THE FUTURE | Three students and two faculty members in Pacific’s School of Pharmacy received national recognition for their work in the Script Your Future campaign. Run by the National Consumers League, in partnership with four pharmacy organizations, Script Your Future challenges teams to create campaigns that tackle issues of health disparity and represent communities’ outreach, media/communications outreach, or interprofessional collaboration. Pacific’s pharmacy team partnered with the university’s School of Graduate Psychology, School of Audiology, School of Dental Hygiene, and College of Optometry, as well as local organizations, to promote adherence to prescribed medications through six local events and a continuing partnership at a local clinic.

“T he robust outreach the student teams conducted to promote medication adherence in their communities was not only impressive, but also highlighted the integral role the entire health professional team plays in achieving positive health outcomes,” said Sally Greenberg, executive director of the National Consumers League.

BON APPÊTIT | Pacific welcomed a new food service vendor to its Forest Grove and Hillsboro campuses this summer. Bon Appétit is lauded for its dedication to providing fresh, healthy, local fare for students and businesses all over the world. The dining hall in Forest Grove was updated as part of the transition, including the installation of a new pizza oven, and both the Hillsboro and Forest Grove market grocers fared well. Bon Appétit takes the lead in management of the Forest Grove Campus Starbucks, as well as catering at the university.
If it wasn’t for a hardy pioneer woman, Tabitha Brown, Pacific University might never have gotten off the ground in the mid-19th century. She was keenly interested in educating and caring for young people, and she was a partner in and contributor to the effort to start Tualatin Academy, which eventually became the university.

Since the beginning, Pacific has been a place where women could succeed, in one form or another. Pacific was one of the first colleges in the world to offer co-educational higher education.

As the university’s first president, Sidney Harper Marsh, told the Forest Grove Monthly in September 1868, “We believe it is best for both sexes that they should … be associated together. There is no sacrifice of anything valuable.” This was not a conventional view. That doesn’t mean that the playing field has been level through the decades. In general, though, women who attended and taught at Pacific during the first part of its existence were given space to succeed, at least in comparison to the standards of the time.

What follows is a sampling of women who attended or taught at Pacific during its 170-year history. It is not meant to be a collection of the most influential or prominent women, but rather an anthology of some of the remarkable people who have spent a portion of their lives here. Read about even more Pacific women, including Edna (Doar) Gehring ’70, MSEd ’72, Judy Sherman and others online. ➔ magazine.pacificu.edu

The Women Who Made Pacific

Tabitha Moffatt Brown was already an elderly woman when she came to the Oregon Territory in the late 1840s. She had been born in 1780 in Massachusetts, became a widow in 1817, then came with members of her family to the Oregon Territory, choosing to settle in the West Tualatin Plains, which she described as “the most beautiful of all” of the Oregon country.

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Tualatin Academy, the forerunner of Pacific University.

Mary Richardson Walker
MISSIONARY AND MISSIONARY’S WIFE, GIVER OF BOXER, AND FOREBEAR OF PIONEERING GRANDDAUGHTERS

In mid-19th century America, most married women were subordinate to their husbands. That’s why many of the early histories about the Tualatin Academy focus most sharply on the men who led their families into the mission field in the region; men like Henry Spalding, Cushing Eells, Elkanah Walker and Asa Smith.

But Mary Richardson Walker seems to have been a vigorous participant from the earliest days of what became Pacific University. She was born in Massachusetts in 1811, Elkanah Walker and Asa Smith. Notable among her survivors were her granddaughters, Elda and Leva Walker, born in 1877 and 1878, respectively, who both graduated from Pacific in 1901.

The Walkers donated a building and part of the land that became Pacific’s Forest Grove Campus. Elkanah Walker, who had been a pastor in Forest Grove, died in 1877. His widow Mary remained active in the early life of the school and the community of Forest Grove. In fact, the family of Mary Walker donated the original Boxer to Pacific sometime between 1896 and 1898. The qilin statue had been purchased in China and brought back to Forest Grove by missionary Joseph Elkanah Walker. Mary’s son, later, most accounts say, it was given to Pacific in her honor.

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ELDA & LEVA WALKER
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They are believed to be the first women from Forest Grove to earn doctorates: Elda from the University of Nebraska and Leva from Cornell University, both in biology. Each taught botany at the University of Nebraska. A May 19, 1919, journal from the Nebraska Academy Sciences noted a report from Elda Walker on “The algal flora of some of the sandhill lakes,” and one by Leva Walker on “The development of Cyathus and Crucibulum.”

Leva and Elda Walker lived together until their deaths in 1970 and 1971, respectively.

Mary Frances Farnham
TUALATIN ACADEMY PRINCIPAL, PACIFIC UNIVERSITY DEAN OF WOMEN

Mary Frances Farnham was an important bridge from Tualatin Academy, the original educational institution in Forest Grove, to Pacific University, which educated scholars of both genders from around the world. For a while they coexisted, but when Tualatin Academy closed in 1915, Farnham transitioned from principal of the Ladies Department at Tualatin Academy to become dean of women at Pacific, where she was an imposing presence until her retirement in 1924. She also was a professor of English language and literature. While at Pacific, she also earned her doctorate in English literature from Mount Holyoke.

At Pacific, she was a popular figure on campus. Pictures in the archives show her on picnics with students; always in good posture, with a faintly sardonic smile. As the Faculty Yearbook put it, apparently around 1907, “Miss Farnham is a woman of the highest culture and refinement and the high social standard of our institution is due at least in a large measure to her influence.” Other yearbook references through the years describe her as “ten o’clock extinguisher of Herrick Hall lights,” and “a jolly chaperone.”

Even after retiring, she remained engaged in the life of the university, joining in the annual Christmas Wassail and writing a profile of many Pacific alumni.

When she died in 1943 at the age of 96, Pacific University President Walter Giersbach paid tribute by saying “there was hardly a matter coming to Pacific. She was a superintendent of schools in her native Maine and became principal of the Bloomsbury School in what is now South Africa. You can still buy her books The Farnham Papers and Documentary History of the State of Maine, Vol. 8 on Amazon.

Harriet Hoover Killin
FIRST WOMAN GRADUATE

In 1869, when the nation was just beginning to heal from the Civil War, Harriet Hoover Killin became the first woman to graduate from Pacific, joining two men to make up the university’s fifth graduating class. While she illustrates the university’s pioneering commitment to providing a college education to both men and women, her experience at Pacific was different from her male classmates. She attended classes alongside men, but she earned a “ladies’ degree” instead of the “scientific” or “classical” degrees awarded to men. And at the graduation ceremony, she was not permitted to speak to the audience, as male graduates were expected to do.

After she graduated, she taught school and in 1873, she married Benton Killin and settled with him in Portland. She was active in the Oregon Pioneer Association and published an article on rose culture, “being quite an experimenter with roses,” according to a contemporary account. She died in 1937 at the age of 88.

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Andrew Noble

ALUMNA, PROFESSOR & MATHEMATICS PIONEER

In her college days at Pacific in the late 1920s, Andrew Noble was active in a range of activities, from debating on the proposition that “The modern woman is ephemeral” to serving as editor-in-chief of The Pacific Index. She also played volleyball and baseball, served as scholastic secretary for the Kappa Delta sorority, and was involved in the Drama Club.

After graduating, she went on to earn a PhD in mathematics in 1936 at the University of California, making her a rarity in that era. Her thesis was “On the Enumeration of Uniform Squares.”

In their book Pioneering Women in American Mathematics: The Pre-1940 PhD’s, authors Judy Green and Jeanne LaDuke trace Noble’s teaching career: She went from being a school superintendent in Colstrip, Mont., to a high school teacher in the state of Washington, to an instructor at San Francisco Junior College, where she ran a remedial math program, to an assistant professor at Montana State. Then she came back to Pacific, where she was an associate professor of mathematics. She left again to join the faculty of Mills College in Oakland, Calif., and Chico State in Chico, Calif., before returning for the last time to Pacific, where she taught six years, becoming chair of the Math Department before retiring in 1965. She was also chair of the chemistry, physics and math section of the Northwest Scientific Association.

Bill Turner ‘63 studied under Noble when he attended Pacific, and he calls her his “hero.”

“If you had questions,” he told Pacific magazine, “she always had office hours posted and she would be in her office all of those posted hours, whereas a lot of professors would post the hours and they wouldn’t be there. Dr. Noble was always there to help the students.

“Also, on Tuesday nights, she would have tea at her house, like at 7 o’clock, right after dinner. If you had problems you could go over there anytime, she’d have sort of an open time with them once in a while.”

Barbara (Williams) Crandall ’66, who went on to be an early software developer after studying math at Pacific, called Noble “a great advocate for her students.”

Noble died Nov. 21, 1993, in Placer County, Calif., at the age of 85.

Martha Rampton

HISTORY PROFESSOR, HEAD OF FEMINIST STUDIES, FOUNDER OF THE CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY

When Dr. Martha Rampton arrived at Pacific’s campus as a history professor in 1994, female professors still were sometimes treated like secretaries, being asked, for example, to fetch coffee for their male colleagues.

A year later, Pacific had its first Feminist Studies program. And six years later, it had its first women’s center, which now is known as the Center for Gender Equity, or CGE. Neither would have happened when they did if not for Rampton.

The CGE, said Dr. Sarah Phillips, dean of Pacific’s College of Arts & Sciences, came into being because of Rampton’s “unbelievably endless devotion to it.”

Phillips said the center has not only helped attract students to Pacific, but it has given them the balance and support they needed when they were evaluating their places in the world and felt confused or alienated.

“It’s absolutely not an exaggeration to say that some students are alive today because of the Center for Gender Equity,” she said.

Rampton helped guide the university’s efforts to become a more diverse, more inclusive, more broad-minded place. Now, she is turning it all over to the next generation as she and her husband step into retirement.

“It’s killing me,” she acknowledged in a conversation in a CGE meeting room in late July, her eyes filling. “It’s so hard to leave the students.”

Students are at the center of the CGE’s mission.

“I know how important it is to give students a place to talk, a place where they can push the envelope, where they can be outrageous,” Rampton said. “If not in college, when will they?”

This has meant, for example, students wearing penis-shaped suits, or massive strap-on breasts — initiatives intended to encourage screening for testicular and breast cancer, said Rampton.

The center started as a place devoted to women’s issues, but has expanded to cover orientations of all kinds, including bisexual, transgender, and lesbian and gay people. And it connects to the community, welcoming pre-college students and others from around the area.

The goal, Rampton said, has been to educate, not offend. And in the course of carving its own path, it has gained an international reputation. Rampton and Phillips said the CGE fields queries from around the world, asking for information or resources.

Of course, it took many like-minded people to help launch the era of gender equity at Pacific University — or, if not exactly like-minded, at least tolerant.

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 Pacifc’s current president, Dr. Lesley Hallick, credits Rampton and the CGE for making the university an increasingly safe space for LGBTQ+ students.

“Some students have said, ‘I wouldn’t have stayed here if not for the CGE,’ ” Hallick said. “It has played an incredibly important role in supporting diverse students who are marginalized.”

Over the years, the center’s budget and staff of student workers have grown, and Rampton was allowed to reduce her teaching load so that she could continue to pour her energy into the CGE. But there is one thing Rampton said she won’t miss. In retirement, she said, “I’m not going to have to carry heavy boxes around.”

Male students have joined women for CGE-sponsored “Stop in Her Shoe” events to call attention to the plague of sexual and domestic violence. As Rampton told the Yreka Grove News-Times in 2014, “The CGE position is always that men and women are allies in working against social injustice.”
**Anna Berliner**

**OBSERVER, ANALYST, RESEARCHER, WRITER AND TEACHER**

One of the most insightful thinkers and teachers ever to be employed at Pacific was Anna Berliner, a psychologist by title, but also an anthropologist, sociologist, optometrist and visual researcher.

“She made distinguished contributions to three different fields of knowledge and she reported them in three different languages,” noted M. Alpern, who delivered the first Anna Berliner Lecture at Pacific in 1978.

Born in 1888 in Halberstadt, Germany, Berliner lived a remarkable life. Her own typewritten CV covering the years up to 1946, which lists her student days at universities in Freiburg, Berlin, Leipzig, Tokyo, Berkeley, New York and Columbus, Ohio, along with professional experiences in Newark, New York, Tokyo, Columbus, Maywood, Ill., includes this note: “Interruptions in the chronological list of professional work are due to two wars, a revolution, the Japanese earthquake and research work.”

Among the interruptions were deportation from Japan to the United States in 1914, when her husband was interned as an enemy alien, and fleeing Germany in 1936 as the Nazis increasingly restricted and threatened Jews.

Some of her most noted papers and lectures included studies of the Japanese tea culture, perceptual issues that affect results of Rorschach tests, the aesthetic judgments of schoolchildren, the distortion of straight and curved lines in geometrical fields, the “atmospheric influence” of fonts in advertising, and “the psychological field as determinant factor in vision.”

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Berliner was named a Lifetime Fellow of the International Council of Psychologists in 1963 and received the Apollo Award, a high honor from the American Optometric Association, in 1971.

She came to Pacific as an associate professor in psychology in 1949, the university’s centennial year. She became a full professor and dean of the department before retiring in 1963. After retiring, she taught German to schoolchildren in Forest Grove.

Shockingly, she was murdered in her Forest Grove home in 1977 by a Cornelius teenager who had been going door to door to collect money in a fundraising scam. It appears from accounts that emerged from the murder trial that Berliner refused to give him money and threatened to call the police. He went inside her house and beat and stabbed her to death. The teenager was convicted of murder in 1979 and sentenced to life in prison, though he was later released.

“Always she taught,” Alpern said. “She taught by her example, by discussing what she had read and by how she responded to one’s reply to her discussion. Her criticisms were always sharp and hard, though never unkind, but her standards were high.”

Berliner, who also served on the College of Optometry’s Faculty Committee, taught College of Optometry Professor Emeritus Willard “Wid” Bleything ’51, OD ’52, MS ’54.

Berliner brought a valuable perspective to the study of optometry, Bleything said. She didn’t teach about the biology of the eye, nor the craft of optics; rather, she focused on the study of visual perception, or how the brain understands and processes the images delivered by the eyes.

“We learned a ton,” said Bleything, who recalled Berliner’s mind sometimes raced faster up to the Middle Age.”

She was a skilled pianist who appeared in many musical programs from the era, playing Chopin, Beethoven, Grieg, Rubinstein, Bach and other composers. Her playing was “splendid,” according to a letter to Pacific from Spanish maestro Alberto Jonas, under whom she studied for a year. Her senior thesis was titled “Early Church Hymns: The Latin Compositions up to the Middle Age.”

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Her desire always was to be a missionary, and she did it with her music, teaching in Japan through the first half of the 20th century. She was in Japan until war tensions arose, then went to Hawai’i, where she witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor. According to materials for a 2012 exhibit of Japanese art and artifacts at the Pettersson Museum of Intercultural Art, she was one of the first American civilians to return to Japan when the war ended.

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**Dr. Jennifer Coyle**

Pacific University’s College of Optometry is led today by Dr. Jennifer Coyle, herself a highly respected and much honored educator. She is connected to Berliner through College of Optometry Professor Emeritus Willard “Wid” Bleything ’51, OD ’52, MS ’54, who was one of Berliner’s students.

Coyle received the Clarence G. Carkener Oregon Optometrist of the Year award and a Thera Award of Excellence in Education from Women in Optometry. She was the first woman to become president of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, was chair of the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association Advocacy Committee and of the Association of Contact Lens Educators, and serves on the board of the American Academy of Optometry and Women in Optometry.

Dr. Coyle also established The Smythe Fund in 2008 to support optometry students faced with hardships while enrolled at Pacific. It has supported 11 students since that time. **

**Frances Clapp**

**MUSICIAN, TEACHER AND MISSIONARY**

Frances Clapp ‘08 — that is, 1908 — was a revered figure from the turn of the last century. She was a skilled pianist who appeared in many musical programs from the era, playing Chopin, Beethoven, Grieg, Rubinstein, Bach and other composers. Her playing was “splendid,” according to a letter to Pacific from Spanish maestro Alberto Jonas, under whom she studied for a year. Her senior thesis was titled “Early Church Hymns: The Latin Compositions up to the Middle Age.”

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The Oregon Statesman

Society also benefits when it treats a prisoner humanely. She paid hundreds of visits to people in the County (Ore.) Juvenile Detention Center, where she said the state to separate youthful offenders from adult criminals. She campaigned successfully for the repeal of the death penalty in Oregon in 1964, which drove the campaign to abolish the penalty. Officials, sent letters and gave speeches. She was well known for her work to abolish the penalty and reform the penal system. She had been active in crime prevention, psychology of prisoners, and social work in New York and Florida before coming to Oregon and spending 15 years as executive director of the Oregon Prison Association. In that role, she visited prisons, lobbied public officials, sent letters and gave speeches. She campaigned successfully for the repeal of the death penalty in Oregon in 1964, drove the state to separate youthful offenders from adults, and to establish separate prisons for women. Two wings of the Multnomah County ( Ore.) Juvenile Detention Center were named the Claire Argow Center.

She was driven by the belief that people convicted of crimes still deserve to be offered opportunities and treated humanely. Society also benefits when it treats a prisoner well, she told an interviewer in 1983. “If we do nothing for him in the prison, he’s going to come out worse and worse and worse than he was,” she said.

At Pacific, she was an associate professor in the Sociology Department. The university archives contain some of the term papers she graded, with titles like “The History of Capital Punishment in Oregon” and “Comparison of Capital Punishment with Homicide Rates in Multnomah County.” She even gave an A-minus to a student who submitted a paper on “Points for Capital Punishment.”

Claire Argow was one of the first women to graduate from Simmons College in 1925 and a law degree from Yale Law School.

In 1977 oral history online at the Oregon Historical Society, she explained that after attending law school and returning to what she called “psychological social work,” she was drawn to those who were犯罪。She was the first female faculty member and the first female department chair, not just at City College, but in the country. As German forces invaded the country, she fled to France, hiding and laboring on farms — an experience she acknowledged while telling an interviewer in New York, “You don’t want to hear about it and I don’t want to talk about it.”

Her prominence and her continuing experiences as the “first woman to …” made her an outspoken advocate for recruiting more women in the field. “In most instances,” she is quoted multiple times as saying, “no one bothers to tell female high school students about engineering careers. As a result, the girls frequently fail to elect adequate preparatory courses in mathematics and science. When they get to college, they find they don’t have the necessary qualifications to study engineering.”

At the same time, she bemoaned the lack of career opportunities for female engineers. She wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, saying the United States could address its much-discussed shortage of engineering talent by bringing more women into the field, a subject Roosevelt discussed on the radio. And as for the companies that employed engineers, Froehlich said, most hired women only as assistants.

“We are not an inferior breed. We don’t want to be secretaries. We want the same job for the same ability.”

— CECILIE FROEHLICH
Varina French
Alumna, Coach and Founding Athletic Director

Even if she had done nothing else at Pacific, Varina Heinrich French '56, MS '65 would have been remembered for her 17 years spent coaching women's volleyball, softball, track and field and gymnastics, and for becoming the first female physical education department chair in the West.

Beyond the university, she was a prominent advocate for the sport of women's volleyball, softball, track and field and gymnastics. She was a pioneer, said longtime colleague Judy Sherman, another of Pacific's notable women (see magazine.pacificu.edu). "She was an advocate for women in sports and women in education." French had "lots of energy" and was very forward-thinking.

Varina French and her husband Dan were both inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame; she as a coach and athletic director. She was honored with the Outstanding Alumna Service Award in 1986. She died this spring; Dan French died in 2012.

AN EDUCATIONAL LEGACY

French made another, longer-lasting contribution to Pacific — one that influences the university's direction to this day and into the future.

Her interest in athletics, and helping athletes recover from sports injuries, led her to help set in motion a plan to create a new school to train physical therapists. In the early 1970s, she, along with David Malcolm, PhD, then-dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, started planning for the program with the cooperation of the Oregon Physical Therapy Association.

The school was launched in 1975, a time when Oregon had no other programs to train physical therapists.

DR. JEAN BALDWIN

Heading the new program was Jean Baldwin, a physical therapist and PhD, who steered the program through its fledgling years. She oversaw the arrival of the first 16 physical therapy students in the fall of 1975 and their graduation two years later.

Baldwin retired in 1984. The next year, the program was redesigned to confer a master's degree following three years of undergraduate study and three years of professional work. And in 2000, Pacific became one of just 14 accredited physical therapy educational programs to offer the doctor of physical therapy degree.

Baldwin died in Idaho in 2010. The Dr. Jean Baldwin Physical Therapy Endowed Scholarship Fund was created in her memory in 2014 by a group of alumni to support students studying physical therapy.

The School of Physical Therapy became one of the initial members of Pacific's College of Health Professions, now located in Hillsboro. And last year, the school changed its name to the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, reflecting its growing master's program in athletic training.

Lillian Kurahara & Yukie Katayama Sumoge

JAPANESE-AMERICAN STUDENTS INTERNED DURING WORLD WAR II

Neither Lillian Kurahara nor Yukie Katayama Sumoge cut a wide swath when they were students in Forest Grove in the early 1940s. But, in 2007 they were awarded honorary degrees by the university because of the circumstances around their departures in 1942.

When President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which provided for secure military areas where Japanese-Americans were to be sequestered following the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, notices went out calling for “all Japanese persons” to report to civil authorities.

Sumoge’s family, who lived in Parkdale, Ore., and Kurahara’s, who farmed fruit orchards in Hood River, were both sent to assembly centers in Tule Lake, Calif. University records suggest that another student, Saka Yoneyama Noma, was also interned, but post-college records for her could not be found.

Kurahara, who still lives in Hood River at age 96, said her sophomore year at Pacific began promisingly. She said she was majoring in chemistry.

“It was such a wonderful start to the year,” she said. “I was thinking everything was wonderful, then kaboom,” she said.

Three days after the Kuraharas were shipped on a crowded train to the assembly center in Pinedale, Calif., her mother died. The rest of the family continued on to Tule Lake.

Nevertheless, Kurahara says she is not bitter, and she was concerned that this article would “glory” her as a victim. She said her family was luckier than many: Their orchards were looked after by kindly neighbors, and the family was able to return to them later. The belongings they left behind suffered some breakage and loss, but she noted she also met the man she married during her detention. He was also interned at Tule Lake.

The war interrupted college for both Kurahara and Sumoge, who hoped to follow Madeline Yamane Bose, the first Japanese-American woman to graduate from Pacific, in 1941. She had a “lovely singing voice,” Kurahara said.

Kurahara was unable to attend the 2007 Commencement ceremony in which she and Sumoge were awarded honorary bachelor’s degrees, but Sumoge was there. “There’s no way I can express my gratitude and appreciation and pride that Pacific has honored me,” Sumoge said at the time.

“I have no words to explain it. It was certainly the fulfillment of a dream.”

Kurahara said she was grateful, too. She said she encountered a great deal of kindness along the way, including gifts of furniture and books from her sisters in Kappa Delta Sorority. Nobody was angry with her, personally, she said.

“You couldn’t be bitter," she said this summer. "Life is too short to bear grudges." But, she added, “I hope it doesn’t happen again.”
Perhaps the most prominent improvement on the Forest Grove Campus this summer is the new Boxer Makerspace, where students will be able to use advanced equipment to design and build projects of their own. The glassed-in space on the second floor of the Tim & Cathy Tran Library includes open work areas and meeting rooms.

The Boxer Makerspace is made possible in part by a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.
In 2020, Pacific University celebrates milestones for members of classes ending in 0 and 5. Look for the flag designating your reunion year on the campus map to help you find the Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your 2020 reunion today!

Golden Guard Celebrations
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1966
Calvin Ryan Mosley '66 retired as vice president of admissions and financial aid at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. He started his career in the Pacific University Admissions Office and worked 22 years at Harvard University. At Pacific, he played baseball and football and is the Athletic Hall of Fame.

1970
Rick Hill '70 and his wife, Joyce, traveled from their home in Helena, Mont., this summer to visit Pacific’s Forest Grove Campus for the first time since he graduated. He holds the lifelong standing track and field record on the board at the Stoller Center — a 53-foot, three-and-a- half-inch shot put he achieved in a 1969 meet. Hill, a retired school superintendent, said he checked the Boxer website for a few years because he was curious if his record was still standing. When he hit the 50-year mark, he and his wife parked the car and drove to Forest Grove for what he called “a one-man celebration.” He is glad to still be the record holder, he says, but “it confuses me. Athletics today are so much bigger and stronger,” he said. He would have assumed someone on Pacific’s team would have surpassed him by now. “Records are made to be broken,” he said.

Edward Kane '70 retired in August 2018 from the University of Oregon, where he was Dean-Knight professor in the College of Education, as well as the founder of the Center on Teaching and Learning. Before teaching in Eugene, he taught at Purdue University and the University of Montana; co-wrote 20 college textbooks; published more than 200 articles including 100 refereed research publications and 50 book chapters; directed more than $80 million of federal and private research grants; worked for the U.S. Department of Education; and spoke at the White House. He also served on the original advisory boards for the Shriver Center and WETA’s Reading Rockets.

1971
Lea Wohrman Blackwood '71 was presented with the Albert Nelson Marqua Lifetime Achievement Award in January 2019 by Marquis Who, the publisher of biographical profiles, for her contributions to the teaching and consulting professions. Wohrman Blackwood has supervised several other teaching awards, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Teaching by the state of Colorado, the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by the Longmont Chapter of Colorado and a Sustained Superior Service Award from the U.S. Army in Frankfurt.

1988
Loren Cerdain '88 was featured on the "Primal Blueprint Podcast." He has been featured on Dateline NBC, The Wall Street Journal and USA Today as an expert on the evolutionary basis of diet and disease. He has written several books and has more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles and abstracts. He is a professor in the department of Health and Exercise Science at Colorado State University from 1982 to 2013.

1975
The Class of 1975 will celebrate its 45-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

1983
Frank Giardina ’83, OD '86 is the program director of Community Health Centers of the Central Coast. He also became the first certified optometrist in California to administer vaccinations.

1985
The Class of 1985 will celebrate its 35-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

1988
Karla Fox ’88 has published her third novel, Seconds Café. The book is intended to be part of a series of launching businesses that raise money to support foster care programs, homelessness and adoptions.

1993
Karl Eiben ’93 and Brian Harris ’93 earned biology degrees from Pacific’s School of Science and co-teach biology at Baldwin High School in Waialua, Hawaii. They have written several books and have more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles and abstracts. Harris is a professor in the department of health and exercise science at Colorado State University from 1982 to 2013.

1995
The Class of 1995 will celebrate its 25-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

1996
Kristen Woodhouse ‘96 was hired for Forest Grove High School as its wrestling coach after coaching for Hillsboro’s Century High School. She had held his tenure at Century, his teams produced multiple individual and team champions. He is in Pacific’s Athletic Hall of Fame and was a two-time NAIA All-American in the heavyweight wrestling class. He had a career record of 67-24. He will also teach physical education at Forest Grove.

1997
Bede (Lefore) Murphy '97, MAT ’00, is the program director of Between the Lions, a family-run nonprofit that works with children.

1999
Deedra (Trentman) Mitchell ’99 was the author of a podcast series discussing the role genetics play in health. She is a naturopathic physician who lectures around the world on weight loss, health and neurogutgut. She is the director of clinical education and research for nutraMetrix Custom Health Solutions, an organization that offers science-based supplementation and health programs.

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Guy Takeda-Hakahal, MA ’04, was hired for Forest Grove High School as its wrestling coach after coaching for Hillsboro’s Century High School. He had held his tenure at Century, his teams produced multiple individual and team champions. He is in Pacific’s Athletic Hall of Fame and was a two-time NAIA All-American in the heavyweight wrestling class. He had a career record of 67-24. He will also teach physical education at Forest Grove.

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2017
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2018
Bob Felix ’80, MAT ‘00 has completed his first year teaching high school physics at the Science and Math Institute in Tacoma, Wash. He is spending most of this summer in Park City, Utah, to participate in Teacher Leadership Program at USPARK City Math Institute. He taught middle school in Federal Way, Wash., for 15 years. Rob and his wife, Katie (Shields) Felix ’02, live in Tacoma with their two children.

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Michael Gable MD ’01, DPT ’03 is the author of Beyond Tape: The Guide to Climbing Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation, which was recently featured in Rock and Ice and was a magazine devoted to rock and ice climbing and mountaineering. He runs his own private practice, Eastern Sierra Physical Therapy Health and Wellness, in Bishop, Calif.

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Kathy Slidell Felix ’01 has finished her 17-year tenure as executive director for Tacoma Public Schools, where she has been recognized by Microsoft as a Microsoft Innovative Educator and as a Skype Master Teacher. She has presented at the annual conference of the National Council for Computer Education and was honored by Microsoft products and the Tacoma Public School student. She and her husband, Robert Felix ’80, MAT ’03, reside in Tacoma with their two children.

2000
Kim Kahlert ’00 is owner of the newly opened Fika Sisters Coffeehouse, a cafe in Sisters, Ore., inspired by Swedish coffee culture. She was trained at Limmni Coffee, a family-run business in Bradford, England, and she also spent time in Sweden before settling back in Oregon to open her own shop. In the past, she has taught at Sisters Christian Academy in Sisters, Ore., and Forest Hills Lutheran Middle School in Forest Grove.

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Katie Shields Felix ’01 has finished her 17-year tenure as executive director for Tacoma Public Schools, where she has been recognized by Microsoft as a Microsoft Innovative Educator and as a Skype Master Teacher. She has presented at the annual conference of the National Council for Computer Education and was honored by Microsoft products and the Tacoma Public School student. She and her husband, Robert Felix ’80, MAT ’03, reside in Tacoma with their two children.

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Davidson ‘16
Elliott ‘08

Schools’ Honolulu
Christopher Waldo
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Rob Hesia ‘03, MAT
‘04 was selected as the
coach of the year by
the Hawai’i Wrestling
Coaches Association. He
coaches the boys and
girls teams at the
Kamehameha Schools’
Honolulu campus. He led
the Warriors to state
team titles for both
the boys and the girls,
the first state sweep
by a single school in
four years. Hesia is
the second Pacific
alumnus coaching at
Kamehameha to be
honored as the state’s
wrestling coach of the
year.

Allison (Osterberg-
DeLisa) Huffman ‘03
and Isaac Huffman
‘03 live in Mount
Vernon, Wash. Allison
Huffman runs a
couple’s therapy
practice in Bellingham,
Wash. Isaac is the
library director at
the Mount Vernon
Library. They have
three children: Elliot,
Emmala, and Eliza.

Anahita (Nemat)
Renner ‘03 and
husband, Christopher,
welcomed their son,
Christopher Waldo
Renner, on
March 9, 2019.

2004
Sarah Brown Cowan
MAT ‘04 was featured in
KATU-TV’s “Leaders in
Learning,” a series
that recognizes
exceptional teachers.
She has taught at
North Salem (Ore.)
High School for 15
years and undertook
a new role this past
year in the school’s
pilot program that
helps at-risk students
graduate on time. The
goal of the program
was to increase the
graduation rate by 10
percent in four years
and it was achieved
in just one year. She
now has 22 freshmen
under her wing.

Amanda Paschall ‘04
and Tadrick Ferguson
welcomed their first
baby, Sadie Faith
Ferguson, on April
26, 2019.

2005
The Class of 2005 will
celebrate its 15-year
reunion in 2020.
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352-2057 to
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reunion today!

Paul Gutierrez MAT
‘05 was selected to
be the next principal
of Methow Valley
Elementary School in
Winthrop, Wash. He
has been assistant
principal at Mount
Baker High School in
Deming, Wash., and
was previously the
dean of students at
Wade King Elementary
School in Bellingham,
Wash.

Andretta (Journey)
Schallingue ‘05
published her most
recent book, The Men
Beyond the Stones, a
look into the lives of
the 14 service
members who are
imortalized at the
Maryhill Stonehenge
in Goldendale, Wash. She is also
the author of From
Knights to Skulls: The
Cultural Evolution of
Nose Artwork and
Airplane Nose Art:
American, French and
British Imagery and Its
Influences from
World War I through
the Vietnam War. She
lives near the Columbia
Gorge in Oregon with
her husband, daughter
and pets.

2006
Steve Abang ‘06 and
Amy (Fenton) Abang
‘08 welcomed son Elijah
Michael Abang on Oct.
5, 2018.

Loren Bullard
‘06 and Colin Hosking
‘06, both of Honolulu,
were married on
April 27, 2019, at the
Koikikahi YWCA in
Kāne‘ohe, Hawai‘i.
In attendance were
fellow Boxer alumni
Richard Guerrero ‘04,
Donald Guyer ‘05,
Nicole Goodrich Guyer
‘05, Michael Lee ‘05,
Cheryl (Isao) Lee ‘05,
Jake Lovell ‘05 and
Dun O’Malley ‘06.

Angela Mart OT ‘07
‘06 has worked at
Wallowa Memorial Hospital in
Enterprise, Ore., as an
occupational therapist
for the last three years.
She helped establish
the hospital’s first
ever occupational
therapy program and is
currently working to
add a pediatric
program.

Jayme (Iggi) Wong
‘06 and Jesse Wong
‘07 welcome son Jalon
Kapilalahapai Olei
Wong on April 2, 2018.

2008
Benjamin
Elliot ‘08 and his
wife, Michelle, moved
to Bellevue, Wash. He
has started a new
job as a software
engineer at Amazon,
where he works on
the Last Mile Team,
which develops ways
to optimize deliveries.
They are accompanied
by their cat, Hazel.

Samantha Frank
MFA ‘08 was
selected for an artist’s
residency at Mineral
(Wash.) School. Her
work has appeared in
Grow Northwest Magazine,
Ms. Magazine, Yes!,
and Cotton Xenomorph.
She is at work on her
first novel, Speaking
Rabbit, set in 1916
Everett, Wash.

Caitlyn Tateishi ‘08
is a 2020 Olympics
marathon trials
califier. She runs
marathons regularly,
placing first in both
the Hilo to Volcano
50k run and the
Hilo to Volcano
50k run and the
Baltimore Marathon in
2016. She ran cross
country and track
at Pacific, but took
a break when she
took English
in Japan through the
JET program. After
Japan, she lived in
Zambia as a Peace
Corp volunteer where
she began running again.
When she is not running,
she is either working as
a legal operations
business analyst or
exploring the outdoors
with her husband and
dog.

2009
Alissa (Nielson) Hattman
MFA ’09 was recently
featured in The Esphratic
Review, an online
journal, for her poem “Where
Do You Go?” She has
written five books and
her work has appeared
elsewhere in numerous
local and national
journals. She gives tours
in French and English at
the Memorial Art Gallery
in Rochester, N.Y., and
offers weekly poetry
appreciation courses at
the local public library.

Abby Murray MFA
‘09 was chosen by the
Tacoma (Wash.) Arts
Commission as the city’s
Poet Laureate of 2019
to 2021. Over the next
two years, she will
participate in and
host public poetry readings,
workshops and other
community events to
advance the literary arts
in Tacoma. She won the
2019 Peruga Press Prize
for her debut poetry
collection, Hail and
Farewell, forthcoming
in September 2019. She
also edits Collateral, a
literary journal focused
on the impact of violent
conflict and military
service.

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Zachary Isoma MS '10, PsyD '14 recently held an educational forum at the Sun City Center (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce dealing with loneliness and coping with a traumatic event.

2011 Mahalia Blackwel Belt
MFA '11 was recently invited to speak at a monthly café series for Witches Tea Flint in Flint, Mich. Afterwards she spoke and facilitated a workshop on “Poetry and Prase of the Divine.” Her writing has been featured in various publications and she serves as the president of Flint Area Writers. Douglas Nellig MALT '11 explains in words and pictures how he became one of a small number of skateboad enthusiasts on the Oregon coast.

2013 North Burkes MFA '13 is the recipient of the 2019 VW Rogers Humanitarian Award sponsored by the Fine Arts Society of the Portland Art Museum and supported by Arts for Humanity Oregon. He has written seven previous poetry collections. He is currently working on a collection of poetry titled “My Mother’s House.”

2016 Shannon Feuser '14 and Barack Obama '14 were married in March of 2017. Shannon is the author of the book “The End.” Barack is the President of the United States of America.

2017 Connie Scharfstein, a former instructor and current professor of English at Pacific University, died Nov. 28, 2017.

2018 Sherry Sutter, a retired vice president for Mindful Living, passed away on July 16, 2018.

2019 Dan Mattix, a former instructor of music at Pacific University, passed away on May 20, 2019.
in memoriam

in 2009. She was the first female member of Duke’s Academic Staff. She is survived by three children, Ben Reynolds, Deborah Jackson and Rebecca Newton; and by six grandchildren.

Ellaie Pritiken Smith '51 died May 6, 2019. From the age of 4, she took dance, eventually focusing on adagio. She excelled in school and left for Pacific University at the age of 17. There, she met the love of her life, Bernard Smith '50, a bass fiddle player and avid bridge player, a game that he taught her and that they shared a love of throughout their marriage. Within three months of meeting, they were married in the infantry in Europe in the Army and served in age of 19, Don joined the youngest of eight 1924 in Riceville, Iowa, at the age of 94. He passed away on March 21, 2019, Wash., passed away. Dr. Donald Behrends 1952 '51 Elaine Pritiken Smith died May 6, 2019. She was very active in the Vancouver Lions Club for more than 40 years. He loved hunting and was a member of Clark Rifle Range Club for many years. He is survived by his son, Dennis Behrends; daughter, Becky and Rick Morcom; and grandchildren, Brannre and Alex Behrends and Samantha and James Morcom. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Behrends in October 2017, after 71 years of marriage.

1959 Robert George Davidson '28 died peacefully at home in Prescott, Ariz., on April 28, 2019. He was born in Loma Linda, Calif., in 1935, grew up in Altamira, Calif., and graduated from Pacific University in 1959. He continued his education at Claremont School of Theology, where he earned a master’s degree in theology. He was ordained in the Congregational Church which later became the United Church of Christ. He served UCC churches in Riverside, Calif., Wellensies, Mass., Appleton, Wisc., and Lakeview, Ohio. He decided to leave the ministry and become a book publisher, forming Educational Ministries, Inc. (now EMI PrintWorks), which published Christian education materials for mainline Protestant churches for 35 years. He also published two monthly publications, "Church Educator" and "Church Worship" for many years. He leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Linda; his two children, Mark Davidson and Cheryl Uresti; and his granddaughter.

1960 Jennifer (Kommann) Wollman '60 died March 15, 2019, at age 80, surrounded by her family. She attended Pacific, where she met her future husband, Elias Wollman '52, OD '58, who was an optometry student at the time. They married and raised three children together, settling in Fort Bragg, Calif. She owned and operated The Bookstore on Redwood Avenue for 30 years while her husband operated a local optometry practice. She was a hardworking gardener and naturalist, world-class cook and loving mother, spouse and friend. She was preceded in death by her brother, John. She is survived by her children, Aaron, Melinda Posner, and Sonia; two grandchildren; siblings, Richard, Jim, Frances, Mary, and Lianne; and life partner, Tom Quinn.

1962 Rick Horn '62 died Feb. 10, 2019, at age 79, surrounded by his family. He was born in Eugene, Ore., and grew up on the family farm. He attended Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., before transferring to and graduating from Pacific. He pursued his graduate studies in biology at the University of Arizona. He worked summers at Crater Lake National Park in southern Oregon, where he met his wife, Beth. He was a biology teacher at Hepner (Ore.) High School, forest biologist for the Mount Hood National Forest, regional wildlife biologist in Portland, national threatened and endangered species coordinator in Washington D.C., and regional director of wildlife and fisheries in Missoula, Mont. He and Beth retired in 1999, and they spent their time hiking, camping, fishing and doing other outdoor activities together. Even after retirement, he served as president of the board of directors of the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center at Yellowstone. Mont. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Beth; daughter, Frances Malcolm (and Greg) Charnesky; and two grandsons.

1972 Willard Henry “Hal” Bulauff '72 died May 1, 2019, at the age of 84. After graduating high school in Wolf Point, Mont., he attended Pacific University for three years. He married in 1956. For the next 13 years, he worked for the Montana State Highway Department. In 1969, he packed up his family and moved to Forest Grove to finish school. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biology two years later, and then returned to work for the Highway Department in Helena, Mont. He retired in 1994 as supervisor of the Safety Division. He spent his retirement doing what he loved, golfing, sailing and traveling, visiting almost every country in the world. He is survived by his daughter Deborah and sons Michael (and Col fists), Ronald, and Dennis; three grandchildren and their spouses; five great-grandchildren; and former wife Thelma.

1993 Janet Hopkins PsyD '83 died Feb. 28, 2019, at age 69. After graduating from Pacific, she dedicated the following 24 years of her life to serving her patients as a member of Swedish Family Medicine in Seattle. She eventually became a sole practitioner in West Seattle, until her retirement in August 2018. One of her greatest accomplishments was her tireless advocacy of her son, Ben, as she confronted physical challenges during her last months. She is survived by her son, Benjamin Hopkins Parnass.

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