



Robert L. Nelson, MD '44



Warren Winkelstein, Jr, MD '47



Angel M. Yumet, Jr, MD '48



Aldona L. Baltch, MD '52, and her research group

**1944**

**Robert L. Nelson**, of Carlsbad, CA, has been living alone since his wife passed away in 1993. At present, Dr. Nelson is well situated in a very nice retirement complex. He has been legally blind for almost four years due to macular degeneration, but says he can get around fairly well and not bump into things. Dr. Nelson swims in an outdoor 25m pool every day year round and usually swims 30 to 40 laps. A great deal of his time is spent berating all politicians "regardless of stripe." He also spends a lot of time listening to books on tape, courtesy of the Braille Institute. Dr. Nelson thanks Mother Nature and Father Time for the longevity he has attained, as well as the salubrious southern California climate and the products of the grapes grown therein, of which he liberally partakes.

**1945**

**Brinton T. Darlington**, of Winthrop, ME, winters in Arizona and summers in Maine. Classmates are welcome to visit.

**1947**

**Warren Winkelstein, Jr.**, of Port Richmond, CA, has a 400-word column appearing under the title "Vignette" in each bimonthly issue of the *Journal of Epidemiology*.

**1948**

**Angel M. Yumet, Jr.**, of Humacao, PR, is still alive and kicking. "God bless you all," he writes.

**1952**

**Aldona L. Baltch**, of Menands, NY, writes that her infectious disease research laboratory at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, NY, is currently working on new anti-fungals echinocandins, their effect on candidiasis and human innate immunity, including cytokines "This is full-time research!" she says.

**1957**

**Bertram Warren**, of Fanwood, NJ, continues to see six to 10 patients per week in his part-time psychiatry practice.

**1959**

**Samuel J. Braun**, of Sedona, AZ, retired after 11 years working as a psychiatrist on the Navajo Reservation in Tuba City, Arizona, at a small Indian Health Service hospital. "It was a great learning experience integrating Western medicine with traditional healing," he writes.

**A. Bryon Collins**, of Canisteo, NY, writes that his youngest son, Craig J., is a third year general surgery resident at the University of Buffalo. Dr. Collins is still practicing general surgery full time and is chair of the department at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, NY.

**1960**

**Frank J. Weinstock**, of Canton, OH, is still practicing ophthalmology, writing articles, and spending time in Boca Raton, FL.

**1963**

**Richard F. Seidner**, of Fayetteville, NY, writes that his son **Adam Seidner, MD '88** is the National Medical Director of Travelers Insurance and resides in Old Lyme, CT, with his wife, Mary. His daughter, Andrea, changed careers and is now in the sales field, and his youngest child, Jacob, is a dentist, raising his two children in Madison and Woodbridge, CT.

**1966**

**Austin M. Pattner**, of Englewood, NJ, is interested in bringing another nephrologist into his six-person practice.

**1967**

**Bruce L. McClennan**, of Branford, CT, received two gold medals this past spring, one from the Society of Uroradiology, (SUR) and one from the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS). "It's been a great year!" he writes.

**1968**



**Richard Feinstein**, of Miami, FL, has written a memoir/novel, titled *Evrey Goodman*, which describes medical education in Syracuse in the late 1960's and the life of a young physician during that time in America.

The book can be found at

<http://www.buybooksontheweb.com/product.aspx?ISBN=0-7414-4615-4>.

**1971**

**Geoffrey M. Graeber** has left the faculty at West Virginia University School of Medicine to become professor of thoracic surgery at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine and chief of thoracic surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. His wife, **Janet Ellsworth Graeber, MD '72**, retired as chief of neonatology at West Virginia University School of Medicine.

**1975**

**Edmund D’Orazio** writes in January 2005 that he and Michele moved to Mooresville, NC. They live on Lake Norman. Dr. D’Orazio is still practicing emergency medicine at Davis Regional Medical Center in Statesville, NC. They are loving their new life and are near their three children and first grandson.

**James A. Terzian**, of Vestal, NY, is still in the active practice of pathology in Binghamton, NY. He has also been covering the Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s office on week-ends. His son, **Jim Terzian, MD ’07**, is a PGY-3 at Jefferson Medical Center, Philadelphia, in radiology. Dr. Terzian writes that he and Dolly were married 38 years in August.

**1977**

**Jody S. Bleier**, of Manlius, NY, is expecting his first grandchild in November 2009.

**1978**

**Dana Gage**, of New York, NY, is happy to report that she has been accepted to the first ever master’s degree program in Narrative Medicine at Columbia University. This program was developed to help physicians and caregivers enhance competency and compassion bridging the divide between physicians and patients, themselves, colleagues and society; it fosters fresh opportunities for respectful, empathic and nourishing medical care. Dr. Gage is both excited and thrilled to be part of a brand new aspect of medicine and hopes to bring some of her learning to Upstate as a seminar in the future.

**1979**

**Robert J. Balcom**, of Virginia Beach, VA, shares that his daughter, Sarah, a veterinarian practicing in Annapolis, MD, was married in November.

**1980**

**Michael D. Privitera**, of Cincinnati, OH, was elected treasurer of the American Epilepsy Society, the world’s largest society for professionals involved in research, education and care of people with epilepsy.

**Alexander E. Weingarten**, of Hollis, NY, writes his son, Mark, was accepted to Harvard University Class of 2013. His twin brother, Michael, was accepted into the honors program at Yeshiva University. Dr. Weingarten is

currently authoring a chapter entitled “The Physiology of Pain” to be published as part of a text titled *Proving Pain and Suffering*.

**1981**

**Sharon Brangman**, of Syracuse, NY, was inducted by the William Nottingham High School of the Syracuse City School District, along with its parent-teacher organization and alumni association, into its Alumni Wall of Fame. Dr. Brangman is a nationally recognized geriatrician.

**Elizabeth C. Henderson**, of Columbus, GA, is chief of inpatient psychiatry at Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, GA.

**Stephen A. Spaulding**, of Horseheads, NY, continues as a preceptor for the Upstate RMED program, having a student for eight to nine months about every other year. Dr. Spaulding and his wife, Terry Spaulding, MD (Temple ’81) share an office, now in their 17th year back in the Northeast. They are proud that their daughter, Laura, started Medical School this fall, Georgetown Class of 2013.

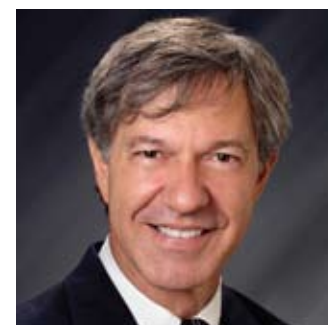
**Scott Syverud**, of Charlottesville, VA, a professor of emergency medicine at the University of Virginia was selected by his medical students as the 2009 UVA Faculty Inductee to the Gold Humanism in Medicine Society.

**1982**

**Robert C. Cupelo**, of Manlius, NY, writes that his daughter, **Emily Cupelo ’13**, has been accepted to the Upstate Medical University Class of 2013.

**Joseph A. Smith**, of Hillsborough, NJ, and Fern celebrated their 30th anniversary on August 5, 2009. Their daughter, Becky, 26, will be starting her fourth year as a NJ Nets dancer in addition to her finance job in New York City. Their daughter, Jennifer, 23, is managing a yogurt store in Princeton, NJ and Danny, 20, is a sports management major at Rutgers.

**Nicholas G. Tullo**, of Towaco, NJ, is currently practicing cardiac electrophysiology in West Orange, NJ. He and his wife, Lucy, and their three children returned to New Jersey after three years with the Chattanooga Heart Institute. Dr. Tullo started the NJ Center for Fainting ([www.njfaint.com](http://www.njfaint.com)). He still plays the guitar and enjoys spending time with his wonderful family.



Arthur P. Vercillo, MD '82



John R. Ayres, MD '84, and family

**Arthur P. Vercillo**, of Fayetteville, NY, was named the regional president of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for the company’s Central New York region. As regional president, Dr. Vercillo will be responsible for developing and maintaining quality health care provider networks and supporting the growth and retention of business in Central New York. Vercillo joined Excellus BCBS as a medical director in 2004 and was promoted to vice president and chief medical officer of the Central New York and Utica regions in 2006. Dr. Vercillo is the son of two alumni, **Arthur A. Vercillo, MD ’47** and **Margaret S. Vercillo, MD ’49**, and the father of a third year medical student, **Natalie Vercillo ’11**. Dr. Vercillo and his wife live in Fayetteville, NY and have three grown children.

**1984**

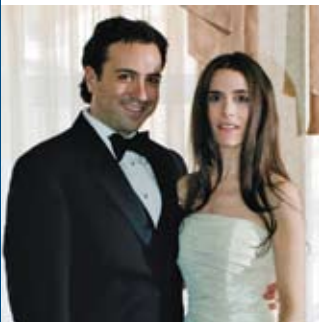
**John R. Ayres**, of Bradenton, FL, and his family returned from a great two-week cruise to Alaska to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary, his wife’s birthday, and to usher off their oldest daughter, Carly, to college. Carly is a National Merit Scholar attending Rhode Island School of Design to study art.



Kecia Gaither, MD '90



William H. Gans, MD '97



Alison L. Mitzner, MD '97



Joe Lasek, MD '01, and Carina Cartelli, MD '01

**Kevin O'Connor**, of Horseheads, NY, was recently elected to the New York American College of Emergency Physicians (NYACEP) Board of Directors. He was also recently appointed as a legacy fellow in the National American College of Emergency Physicians.

**1990**

**Kecia Gaither**, of Bronxville, NY, has been named vice chairman, department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, director of maternal fetal medicine at Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. The hospital is an affiliate of SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

**1993**

**Daniel Alley**, of Bath, NY, is serving as brigade surgeon for the 115th Fires Brigade from Wyoming. This deployment is for a year in Kuwait.

**Craig Burrows**, of Escondido, CA, is alive and well, living in San Diego with his wife, Jen, and three boys, Trever, Conner and Jacob.

**1997**

**William H. Gans**, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, recently left the realm of private practice to join Cleveland Clinic Florida.

**Alison L. Mitzner** married Marc B. Schulder on February 15, 2009. The couple lives in Manhattan, where Dr. Mitzner is a medical director at Pfizer, Inc. and Marc is an investment manager at Real Estate Capital Partners.

**1998**

**John M. Russo** and **Jennifer G. Summer '99** have two children, Jaclyn, four, and Jacob, two. Dr. Summer practices pediatrics and Dr. Russo practices internal medicine. They are all very happy in Greensboro, NC.

**1999**

**Beth A. Biggee** and **Andrew McQuide, MD '01** have relocated to Andover, MA. Dr. McQuide is a private practice anesthesiologist and Dr. Biggee is a private practice rheumatologist. They have three children, twins Margaret and Elliot, age four and Andrew James, two.

**2001**

**Joe Lasek** and **Carina Cartelli**, of Charlotte, VT, have been spending most of their free time helping start a co-housing community outside of Burlington, VT. Most of their work has been spent finding the last few families to join them. Their progress can be followed at [www.ChamplainValleyCohousing.org](http://www.ChamplainValleyCohousing.org). On the professional front, Dr. Lasek is working as associate medical director and staff psychiatrist at Burlington's Community Mental Health Center and is a clinical professor in the University of Vermont's department of psychiatry. In addition to raising their son and daughter full time, Dr. Cartelli is a lab director for a lab in Burlington and another in Virginia.

**Jamie Shutter**, of Tampa, FL, is an assistant professor, associate residency program director, and co-course director of pathology and lab medicine of the Department of Pathology and Cell Biology at the University of South Florida.

**2002**

**Rebecca L. Bagdonas**, of New York, NY, married Vineet S. Budhraj on June 26-27, 2009. They had a traditional Indian wedding on Friday and a Catholic ceremony and reception on Saturday. **Cynthia Bodkin, MD '02** was the maid of honor. Dr. Bagdonas practices pediatric anesthesia at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and Vineet works at Morgan Stanley in Global Wealth Management.

**Erika B. Johnston-MacAnanny** writes "new baby, new house, new town, new job!" She and her husband, Paul, welcomed Elizabeth

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Family of Beth A. Biggee, MD '99, and Andrew McQuide, MD '01

## Juan Sotomayor, MD, HS '84

### His Sister's Keeper

**Juan Sotomayor, MD, HS '84, is proud to serve as ambassador for his sister, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.**

For Juan Sotomayor, MD, HS '84, it was the first in a series of unforgettable moments.

Dr. Sotomayor and his family were at the White House, where President Barack Obama announced the nomination of his sister, Sonia Sotomayor, to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It was a great day in a series of great days," says Dr. Sotomayor, an allergy and asthma physician in suburban Syracuse. "It was so unbelievable as I was experiencing it, I didn't know how to attach an emotion to it. I'm still asking my family who said what because I was in total shell shock."

Then there was the Sonia's swearing-in ceremony in August. Sotomayor stood next to his sister during the five-minute ceremony, as Chief Justice John Roberts administered a pair of oaths that made her the third woman justice and first Hispanic to serve on the nation's highest court.

"I shed a few tears," Sotomayor said.

A month later he found himself at Yankee Stadium, looking on as his sister threw out the opening pitch to Puerto Rican catcher Jose Molina in a game against the Boston Red Sox.

"That was a gift from her to me, inviting me to experience that with her," he says.

Sotomayor says he knew there was always something special about his older sister. "She was tough as nails," he says of their childhood together in a South Bronx housing project.

Theirs is a story of self-made success. Juan and Sonia are the children of working-class Puerto Rican immigrants. Their father died when Juan was six and Sonia nine; their mother juggled two jobs to put herself through nursing school. Sonia

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Sonia Sotomayor is sworn in as a Supreme Court justice as brother Juan and mother Celia look on.

attended Princeton University and Yale Law School and worked as an assistant district attorney before being appointed a judge. Sotomayor earned his medical degree at the City University of New York in 1981. He completed his pediatric sub-specialty training at Upstate Medical University under Frank Oski, MD, and did a fellowship in Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania. Since 1988, he has been in private practice specializing in asthma diseases in the Syracuse area, where he also conducts clinical research studies on asthma, allergies and COPD medications and is an assistant professor in pediatrics and allergy at Upstate.

That inspiring story—which Sonia Sotomayor told in her nomination acceptance speech—unwittingly thrust her brother in the public eye as well. With

Sonia giving limited access to the press, reporters often turned to Juan.

"I'm so incredibly proud of her, I'm happy to be her ambassador, to promote her and her ideals," he says. "But I joke with her, 'How did your nomination make me so busy?'"

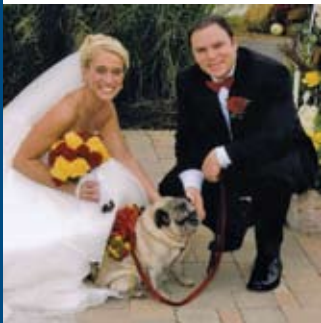
In the first two months after her swearing in, Dr. Sotomayor attended numerous awards ceremonies and events as his sister's representative. "She's the role model. I'm just the vehicle along side," he jokes.

"Believe it or not, I've always envisioned her in this spot," he says. "The Latino population is one of the most economically disadvantaged in the United States. We've got entertainers and sports figures, but what would really help promote educational aspiration—and that's what we're all about—is to have a role model at this level. Sonia is the perfect role model."

— Renée Gearhart Levy



Rebecca L. Bagdonas, MD '01



Kelly M. Willman, MD '05



Peter Kansas, MD, HS '67

Grace on May 27, 2009. They moved to Winston-Salem, NC, after she completed a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at UCONN. Dr. Johnston-MacAnanny started as assistant professor at Wake Forest Center for Reproductive Medicine in September. She looks forward to providing infertility treatment in the greater Piedmont-Triad Area.

**2003**

**Matthew C. Miller**, Bergen, NY, has joined the faculty at the University of Rochester and is currently practicing as a head and neck oncologic and microvascular reconstructive surgeon with the department of otolaryngology.

**Sean P. O'Malley**, of Clay, NY, got married on September 4, 2009, to Mary McDowell.

**2004**

**Kenar D. Jhaveri**, of Roslyn, NY, and his wife announce the birth of their child, Darsh Jhaveri, on July 8, 2009. Dr. Jhaveri is a faculty member in the nephrology and transplantation program at North Shore/Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York.

**2005**

**Jennifer A. Adair**, of Saint Simons Island, GA, is working in emergency medicine in Brunswick, GA. She and her husband, Bryon Haney, welcome their first child, Luke Haney, born in June 2009.

**Joby George** recently moved to Milwaukee, WI, to join a private practice OB/GYN group. Dr. George finished her residency at Emory University in June 2009. She and her husband, Steve Tilley, have two children, Madelyn, two, and Samuel, four months.

**Kelly M. Willman** married Adam Saad, MD, on October 4, 2008. They moved to New Orleans in June to begin fellowship.

**2006**

**Daniel Hayes** and **Lisa (Gitz) Hayes**, of New Hyde Park, NY, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Emma Hayes, born on August 28, weighing 8 lbs and 3 oz. Daniel is currently in his last year of ophthalmology residency at North Shore/Long Island Jewish Medical Center and plans to begin a glaucoma fellowship in July. Lisa is currently chief medical resident at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and will start an infectious disease fellowship in July.

**2007**

**Yvonne Ayew** and **Madison Cuffy, MD '02** of Greenbush, NY, were married on May 23, 2009.

**Ralph Milillo**, of New York, NY, is currently in his second year as a radiology resident at Lenox Hill Hospital.

**2008**

**Benjamin Bert**, of New York, NY, and Sara Barr were married on November 21, 2009. Classmates **Jonathan Brugger, MD '08**, **Roy Chen, MD '08** and **Jeffrey Stein, MD '08** served as groomsmen.

**House staff**

**Robert S. Wilkinson, Jr, MD, HS '62**, received the Alpha Omega Alpha Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award from the George Washington University Chapter on May 14, 2009 at the Annual Banquet and Inductee Ceremony.

**Peter Kansas, MD, HS '67**, was invited to lecture to the ophthalmology department faculty and ophthalmology residents at Yale University and participate in grand rounds. Dr. Kansas presented actual surgical cases on modern small incision no stitch cataract surgery, how it has evolved and represents an advanced surgical technique, complimentary to phacoemulsification. Kansas spoke to the adaptability of this technique to facilitate cataract surgery in the most modern health care facilities and it's adaptation to rural and under developed nations. He has been a guest speaker and/or invited guest surgeon at international meetings in Germany, Greece, France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, India, Ireland and Switzerland, as well as numerous locations in the United States. In 1982, Dr. Kansas was granted a *US Patent for Manual Small Incision Cataract Extraction Method and Instruments*. In 1992, his Phacosection technique was chosen as one of the Ten Best Surgical Techniques in the World by Ocular Surgery News. This procedure led the way to microscopic small incision cataract surgery which has eliminated the use of sutures in cataract surgery. Kansas is a clinical professor of Ophthalmology at Albany Medical College and is in private practice at Kansas Eye Surgery Associates in Latham, and is co-founder of Albany Regional Eye Center. He has authored two books on cataract surgery and is a contributing author to five other medical textbooks, as well as numerous published articles in the field of medical and surgical eye care.

**D. Peter Van Eenenaam, MD '89****Waiting for Snow**

**W**hen the 2010 Alpine Skiing World Cup circuit kicks off in Lake Louise, Canada, the eyes of the world will be on American Lindsey Vonn, who took gold medals in five out of eight races last year, including the World Championship.

Pete Van Eenenaam, MD '89, will be watching not just as a fan, but as a member of the U.S. Ski Team physician corps. For the last 15 years, Dr. Van Eenenaam has provided medical care for the team at venues ranging from the 2002 Olympics to World Cup events in Austria, Italy, France, Germany, Sweden, and Lake Placid.

It was in Lake Louise in 2001, in preparation for the next day's races, that the medical team simulated a helicopter rescue for practice. Van Eenenaam was chosen to play the injured skier and was tethered to a 300-foot rope and pulled up to the hovering helicopter during the rescue drill.

In a twist of fate, Vonn crashed during the race requiring an actual evacuation by helicopter with Van Eenenaam as the attending physician. "We had to do it live. It was definitely the most exciting experience I've had with the team."



Dr. Van Eenenaam in Cortina, Italy, for the World Cup.



Olympic ski racer Julia Mancuso and team doctor Pete Van Eenenaam, MD '89.

Van Eenenaam is a native of Watertown, New York, who attended Upstate after earning a master's in physiology from the University of Minnesota. After earning his MD in 1989, he completed residency training in orthopedic surgery at Harvard, then fellowships in knee and hip reconstruction at Massachusetts General Hospital and sports medicine at the Steadman and Hawkins Sports Medicine Clinic in Vail, Colorado.

It was in Vail that he had the opportunity to work with the nation's elite skiers. As a former ski racer himself, it was the marriage of two passions. "I love skiing and being in the mountains and tremendously enjoyed working with athletes on the U.S. ski team," he says. Upon completion of his fellowship, Van Eenenaam was asked to join the pool of physicians that care for the American team during competition. When on duty, he assists the ski patrol with issues ranging from minor aches and pains to dislocations, trauma, and fracture. "Fortunately, the more serious injuries are relatively uncommon," he says.

In his "day job," Van Eenenaam practices sports medicine and general orthopedics as a member of the North Country Orthopaedic Group in Watertown, a seven-physician group started by Van Eenenaam's father, David Van Eenenaam, MD. "It's been a great pleasure and honor to work with him and learn the pearls he has for me as well as share some of the newer things with him," he says.

Van Eenenaam traveled internationally with the ski team for eight years in a row, but since 2005 has covered World Cup events at Lake Placid. "I have limited time off and my kids (a 15-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son) are now at an age where we have to plan around the school vacation calendar," he says. "Right now my focus is on them."

Van Eenenaam still manages to carve out plenty of ski time for himself. "I got 57 ski days in last year," he says. "Not that I'm counting."

— Renée Gearhart Levy