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8 Family of Philanthropists

Douglas E. Goldman, MD, BA ’74, has been honored as the school’s Business Leader of the Year in recognition of his generous contributions to Haas, Berkeley, and the Bay Area. Goldman serves on the Haas Board and with his wife, Lisa, donated $10 million to Cal Athletics. He carries on a long tradition of giving passed down by his ancestors, including Levi Strauss and Walter A. Haas Sr.

11 Expanding the Menu

Alumnae Kristin Groos Richmond and Kirsten Saenz Tobey, both MBA ’06, have been recognized with the Haas School’s Leading Through Innovation Award for their bold efforts to serve healthy meals to schoolchildren across the county through their company, Revolution Foods.

13 A Close-Up Look at Real Estate

Led by Professor Nancy Wallace, the Haas School is building a more concrete understanding of complex real estate markets at both the local and national levels.
Colleagues and friends at Berkeley-Haas celebrated Professor Emeritus Janet Yellen’s nomination by President Barack Obama to become the first woman to head the Federal Reserve Board. If confirmed, Yellen will succeed current Fed Chair Ben Bernanke in January 2014.

Yellen taught macroeconomics to MBA and undergraduate students for more than two decades. Her research has focused on labor markets, monetary and fiscal policies, international trade, and investment policy.

Yellen has served as the Fed’s vice chair since 2010 and was CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco from 2004 until 2010. She has been a vocal advocate for transparency of Fed policies. Yellen also chaired the President’s Council of Economic Advisers during the Clinton administration.

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**2 Entrepreneurship From Science to Startup**
Dozens of scientists and engineers from around the country converged in Berkeley this summer for a new entrepreneurship program funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Haas Lecturer Steve Blank’s Lean LaunchPad framework, which focuses entrepreneurs on developing business models, rather than business plans, and iterating models quickly in response to feedback from more than 100 customers.

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Students & Alumni

Warm Welcome

Alumni in such diverse fields as technology, banking, and design welcomed hundreds of new students to campus. Greg Greeley, MBA 98, Amazon’s vice president of international expansion, stressed the value students bring to each other. “As you embark on this journey, it’s going to provide you a great opportunity to immerse yourselves with some of the most diverse, energized, dynamic people you will ever get a chance to work with,” Greeley told evening-and-weekend MBA students.

New full-time MBA students heard inspiring talks by Barbara Desoer, MBA 77, newly named chief operating officer of Citigroup’s consumer unit; Danae Ringelmann, MBA 08, co-founder of crowdfunding site Indiegogo; and Tom Kelley, MBA 83, general manager of design firm IDEO.

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Climbing in U.S. News

The Haas Undergraduate Program rose to second place in the U.S. News ranking of undergraduate business programs. Haas, which shared the #2 spot with MIT and Michigan, ranked #3 in the previous three years.

Real Estate

New Lab

Targets Indices

The Haas School’s new Fisher Center for Real Estate and Financial Markets Laboratory is using Big Data to create better metrics for the industry and regulators. One project launched by the lab involves building more accurate housing price indices. Another project is tapping data from 32 million fixed-rate loans issued in the U.S. to map the massive mortgage network from loan originators to brokers to branches to large bank holding companies.

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Entrepreneurship Professor Toby Stuart is leading a Silicon Valley Immersion Week in November for the Haas School’s new Berkeley MBA for Executives Program, including entrepreneurship coursework, company visits, talks by C-level executives, and a venture capital panel discussion.

The week features two days of coursework on entrepreneurship and innovation at the headquarters of Google and Airbnb. On another day, a diverse cast of C-level Silicon Valley executives will talk to students at Facebook headquarters. Students also will fan out across Silicon Valley and San Francisco to visit 25 of the area’s most innovative companies and hottest startups.

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Strong Faculty Lineup

Seven professors from around the globe join Haas this fall.

Two award-winning finance professors are among the seven new faculty members who joined Haas this fall. Professor Annette Vissing-Jørgensen, formerly a professor at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management, and Assistant Professor Adair Morse, formerly an associate professor at the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business, became permanent members of the Haas faculty after spending nearly a year here as visiting professors.

Vissing-Jørgensen is co-chairing the Haas Finance Group this fall. Her research was presented to the Federal Reserve Board at its annual conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., this summer. Morse, who introduced a popular new course called Global Entrepreneurial Finance in the spring, co-authored an award-winning paper on tax evasion in Greece that has shaped tax policy there.

Professor Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, who hails from France and studies international macroeconomics and finance, comes to Haas with a joint appointment in UC Berkeley’s Department of Economics, which he joined in 2003.

Haas faculty also welcomed four assistant professors. Aaron Bodoh-Creed, previously from Cornell, joins the Haas Economic Analysis and Policy Group. Amir Karmani, who grew up in Iran, and Victor Couture, who grew up in Canada, join the Haas Real Estate Group. Ruchiko Kama, a native of Japan, joins the Haas Marketing Group.

Breaking Bad

Haas Organizes first B-school fraud conference

Malfeasance of all kinds was the focus of the Haas Schools 2013 Fraud and Misconduct Conference, the first event of its type ever organized by a business school.

Forty scholars from around the country, presented papers about wrongdoing in corporations, nonprofits, and even the Catholic Church. The branch list of Assistant Professor Joe Elliot Peizer, the conference included a keynote talk by Mike Williams, of Rlington Capital Management, a short-biased hedge fund.
Bright Future
Promising Frontiers for Berkeley-Haas

Earlier this year, as part of my review by UC Berkeley Provost George Breslauer, I spent some time thinking hard about my second five-year term as dean and how I see Berkeley-Haas evolving. As I wrote in my self-assessment, three frontiers stand out as particularly promising opportunities for us to leap forward: technology in education; future facilities; and our global profile.

Technology is playing a much larger role in our classrooms than it did 10 years ago. The next 10 years will be the true phase change, however, and the next five will set the stage for it. This is not about translating existing courses into digital format. It’s about changing the course itself and the way we think about pedagogy. It’s about things like “game-ifying” content to engage students even more fully, adapting in real-time to an individual student’s needs, and letting students “test again” until they have truly mastered material. In five years, I want Berkeley-Haas to be viewed as a definer of what’s next at the confluence of technology and management education.

Future-leaning facilities are what ignited our school’s take-off in 1995. But management education has changed, and so have teaching methods. It’s time to re-imagine the Haas School’s facilities for the next 10 to 15 years. We need classrooms designed for expansion into digital education, more team-based study rooms, and flexible-use “laboratory-type” space for experiential learning. A new classroom building at the north edge of Haas will fulfill these needs while encouraging collaboration and community and supporting our unique culture. Until the building is built, the recently renovated courtyard is offering more opportunity for collaboration and the new Innovation Lab in Memorial Stadium, is providing space for team-based, experiential learning (see page 4).

International business and finance are my fields, so it should be no surprise that expanding Haas’ global footprint is one of my major goals. We will continue focusing on Asia, building on the international reputation and brand advantage that Berkeley-Haas has historically enjoyed there. The school’s efforts will include business development for non-degree executive education, alumni network investments, student and faculty exchange, and an Asia Board.

On a broader level, we will continue sharpening Haas’ unique story. I want Haas to be known as the school that has taken institutional culture more seriously than any other. Our Defining Principles—Question the Status Quo, Students Always, Confidence Without Attitude, and Beyond Yourself—capture our school’s unique essence, support leadership qualities we aim to deliver, and set us apart from our peers.

As always, I welcome feedback from you, our alumni, on the school’s direction during my second term. Please contact me directly or share your thoughts with the entire Haas community by writing a letter to BerkeleyHaas magazine at letters@haas.berkeley.edu.

Sincerely Yours,

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Number Crunching
New lab helps students master Big Data

Recognizing the growing importance of Big Data, the Berkeley Master of Financial Engineering (MFE) Program has opened new lab space that will support MFE, MBA, and other Berkeley graduate students in strengthening data science skills.

The lab is the manifestation of plans by the MFE Program to increase learning and collaboration opportunities around what is known as “Big Data,” or large data sets that are difficult for commonly used software to organize, manage, and process.

The high-tech laboratory gives students and faculty access to real-time financial data, professional research tools, and leading analytical software, all of which can be remotely accessed anytime and from anywhere in the world, keeping MFE students connected during internships and research projects.

“Acknowledging the importance of Big Data means we need to give students the ability to access and analyze data in real-time, creating new opportunities for learning and collaboration,” says MFE Executive Director Linda Kreitzman.

The lab also offers new opportunities for Haas students to collaborate with students across Berkeley, particularly those in Berkeley’s Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. “The vision for this lab is to make sure we give all students access to Big Data and the skills to use data science, which is changing the world of finance,” Kreitzman says.
Hiring Blunders
Ignoring situational context leads to poor choices

Have you ever applied for a job and wondered why it was offered to someone who appears to be less qualified than you? New research co-authored by Associate Professor Don Moore finds employment managers tend to ignore the context of past performances.

“We would like to believe that the people who are making judgments that affect our lives—where we get hired or what school we are admitted to—have the wisdom to understand who we are, what we are capable of, what shortcomings aren’t our fault,” says Moore. “But our research shows people evaluating us have a great deal of trouble considering situational factors or context.”

In Moore’s study, participants were asked to evaluate a situation similar to this hypothetical scenario:

John and Dave are applying for a senior management position at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). John works at the Oakland International Airport (OAK), and David works at San Francisco International (SFO). They offer comparable experience. One key measure of performance for the LAX job is the percentage of on-time departures. SFO is considered to be the more difficult airport to land planes, in part because it has more overcast days and only two of four runways in use. Therefore SFO rates lower in on-time departures, and John from OAK gets the job.

In addition to studying hiring decisions by human resource managers, Moore studied graduate school admissions decisions and found similar results. For example, applicants with higher GPAs from schools known for easier grading systems beat out applicants with lower GPAs from universities with stricter grading policies.

“Our results suggested that alumni from institutions with lenient grading had a leg up in admission to grad school,” says Moore. “The admissions decision makers mistakenly attributed their high grades to high abilities.”

Moore describes this behavior as “correspondence bias”—a social psychology term that describes when people have the tendency to draw inferences about a person’s disposition while ignoring the surrounding circumstances.

The study found that while the decision makers said they wanted to consider situational influences on performance, they failed to do so when given the opportunity.

Moore, however, remains hopeful that changing that behavior is possible on an individual and collective level. “If you are a hiring manager, ask for more information about other people in the applicant’s department and how the person you are considering is better or worse than others in the same situation,” says Moore. In addition, Moore says, applicants should offer more information about their performance.
Power Pose

How posture affects behavior, confidence

Nervous about a job interview, public presentation, or difficult conversation with your boss? By assuming two simple one-minute power poses, you can prepare for such challenging situations and perhaps actually improve confidence and performance, according to research co-authored by Assistant Professor Dana Carney that was recently featured in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and Time.

Carney’s research showed that by simply changing physical posture, an individual prepares his or her mental and physiological systems to endure difficult and stressful situations.

Carney performed a study with 26 females and 16 males who did not know they were being tested about power; instead they were told they were participating in a study about placement of electrodes. Each participant held a high-power and low-power pose for one minute each. The high-power poses involved expansive, open posture with arms spread wide; the low-power poses involved closed posture with arms touching the torso and minimal space occupied by the body. Participants’ risk taking was measured with a gambling task after the poses.

As Carney hypothesized, high-power poses caused an increase in testosterone, which reflects status and dominance, and a decrease in cortisol, which reflects stress, while low-power poses had the opposite effects. Moreover, high-power posers were more likely to focus on rewards—86 percent of high-power posers took the gambling risk compared with only 60 percent of low-power posers. And high-power posers reported feeling significantly more “powerful” and “in charge” than lower-power posers.

“A quick, free preparatory pose can significantly enhance your feelings of personal power and increase performance,” concludes Carney.

Truth or Consequences?

The effects of concealing who you are on the job

Most people know that hiding something from others can cause internal angst, but new research by Assistant Professor Clayton Critcher suggests the consequences go far beyond emotional strife. In research forthcoming in the Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Critcher found that having to conceal information about oneself (e.g., sexual orientation) disrupts one’s intellectual acuity, physical strength, and interpersonal grace—skills and abilities that are critical to workplace success.

“Our work suggests that the wisdom of non-discrimination laws should be debated not merely through a moral lens but also with an appreciation for the loss of economic productivity,” Critcher says. Critcher’s findings are based on four similar studies. Following a rigged drawing, all participants were assigned to be interviewed. Another supposed participant—who, in reality, was an actor—was the interviewer. In three of the four studies, some participants were told not to reveal their sexual orientation while answering questions. For example, participants were told that instead of saying “I tend to date men who …,” they could say, “I tend to date people who ….” After the interview, participants were measured on whether their intellectual, physical, or interpersonal skills were degraded by concealment.

In all cases, the willpower necessary to conceal sexual orientation left people with fewer resources to perform well on other tasks.

“Environments that explicitly or implicitly encourage people to conceal their sexual orientation may significantly harm workers,” says Critcher. “Establishing a workplace climate that encourages openness by supporting diversity may be one of the easiest ways to enhance productivity.”
Douglas E. Goldman (center), MD, BA ’74, with sons Jason (l.) and Matthew (r.), both BA ’10, at a concert at San Francisco’s Stern Grove, which was donated to the city by Goldman’s great-grandmother, Rosalie Stern.
Long before founding a successful software company and becoming involved in various philanthropies, Dr. Douglas E. Goldman, BA ’74, completed his residency at one of California’s busiest emergency rooms: Valley Medical Center in Fresno was a fulcrum of activity, thanks to “two major freeways passing through with their commensurate accidents and a very active knife-and-gun club,” Goldman recalls.

For a young resident it was an educational experience. The hospital served two distinct minority groups (Hispanic farm workers and members of the Hmong tribe who had emigrated from Laos), some of whom let certain diseases go a long time before seeking treatment. There were also drug seekers, people looking for disability diagnoses, and many who had dealt more with bureaucrats and cops than doctors. “One thing the experience emphasized to me is that I afford respect to others until they give me a reason not to,” he says. “Which I think is a very healthy way to interact with people.”

Decades later, Goldman still applies that lesson to his philanthropic work. From his corner office on the top floor of a skyscraper bordering San Francisco’s Financial District, Goldman can look out over much of the area that his family—Goldmans, Haases, Sterns, and Strausses—has given so tirelessly to over the course of six generations. At 61 he is fit and relaxed, seemingly surprised anyone would show much interest in his rather extraordinary life. His decision to leave medicine, like his early commitment to follow in the philanthropic footsteps of his parents, Richard and Rhoda Goldman, and his grandparents, Elise and Walter Haas Sr., seems unremarkable to him, and he’s cognizant of the many turns his life has taken.

Runs in the Genes

After earning his BA in philosophy from Cal and going to medical school in Israel, Goldman worked as an emergency physician at San Francisco’s Mt. Zion Hospital and became involved in developing software for the Museum of the Diaspora outside of Tel Aviv. “It started with setting up this repository for genealogies from all over the Jewish world,” he says, which became the seed for what is today the Douglas E. Goldman Jewish Genealogy Center.

“I’m my family’s genealogist. I started when I was 11 years old,” says Goldman. “The direct reason was that there was this fellow named Levi Strauss that I was related to. I had a sense that there was some sort of story there.” He recalls riding in a car with his mother through the streets of San Francisco, “and it seemed whenever we passed a white-haired woman she’d say, ‘There’s Aunt So-and-So,’ and she was never quite sure how we were related. I wanted a little more precision. It just seemed like something that somebody should write down.”

It was Goldman’s interest in the family history that cemented his relationship with his maternal grandfather, Walter A. Haas Sr. In the summers Goldman would walk over to his grandfather’s house next door in Atherton and quiz him about all manner of things. “One of the subjects we were fond of talking about was politics, in no small part because ours didn’t agree,” says Goldman. “He was much more conservative, a Republican—though today I’m not sure he would fit under the Republican umbrella.”

As the longest serving member on the board of PG&E, Haas was less than thrilled when Goldman, as an early member of the left-leaning Vanguard Foundation, was one of the first funders of the anti-utility organization TURN (Toward Utility Rate Normalization). On the top of TURN’s “enemies list” was PG&E, and no doubt vice versa.

“I got involved in philanthropy at a very early age,” says Goldman. “At 15, I was starting to give significant money away. My grandfather loved it if I was raising money for something that he could help with, which only happened once or twice. But it killed him that one piece of my philanthropy involved TURN, that was fighting an organization he believed in,” he adds with a smile.

Maternal Influence

As generous as his grandfather was, the biggest influence on Goldman was his mother, he says. In later years, they would become partners in their philanthropic work, with Goldman serving with her on the board of the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund (which in its 60 years gave $700 million to more than 2,500 grantees), as well as the Stern Grove Festival Association and the Walter and Elise Haas Fund. “My parents had already learned the idea that you can’t take it with you,” he says. “They had started their fund in 1951, the year before I was born.”

“Through my grandfather and my mother I understood very well that I was among the lucky few and that there was this great history of prior generations having been involved in bettering the
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2013 Business Leader of the Year

The Gates Foundation cannot say yes
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accountant at Ernst & Young does not allow her to do the homework that Goldman demands of his sons and every other board member, although he anticipates she will be able to join the board very soon. "I required my sons to show a serious interest in the work of the foundation," he says. The fund supports organizations that are making a contribution in a variety of areas, including democracy and civil liberties, education and literacy, and the environment.

"In the world of philanthropy, people ask me, 'How do I get started?" I tell them the first thing you need to do is akin to an asset allocation. It's a philosophical allocation. What are the things in the world you care about? And how much?" Goldman asks.

"You start with the simple truth that even the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation cannot say yes to everybody." Goldman says. "It's a very fascinating world of learning how to say no," by weighing the needs and goals of any number of worthy organizations.

"It's another form of respect," he continues, hardening back to the lessons of the ER. "These people are anticipating that you'll afford them the respect that means you'll be serious about what they're doing, that you'll have listened and understood what they are trying to do."

When he's not engaged in his philanthropic work, Goldman serves as chairman and founder of Certain Inc., a leading provider of event-management software solutions that allow companies (including "one of the biggest technology companies in the world, headquartered not far from here") to plan, promote, and manage events like shareholder meetings. His interest in finding solutions for event planning began with his first computer, decades ago: "I used it to set up information for my wedding to Lisa."

Community Spaces
"One day the plaza may be as important for the eastern portion of the campus as Sproul Plaza has been for decades: a place that represents the community coming together," Goldman says. His affection for public spaces, to say nothing of events, can also be seen in his work as chairman of the Stern Grove Festival Association. The city of San Francisco as a public park in 1931. The idea of free musical performances followed shortly after. "Then it went to her daughter (my grandmother, Elise Stern Haas), my mother, and then it went to me. I'm in the fourth generation but the first male. I'm the first in my family to break that glass ceiling," Goldman says with a chuckle.

Working with the late legendary landscape architect Lawrence Halprin, Goldman was instrumental in renovating the bucolic grove for a new generation of San Francisco citizens. "It ties in with what they are trying to do, respect that means you'll be serious about what they're doing, that you'll have listened and understood what they are trying to do."

Goldman also is a member of the Haas Board, which advises the dean, and a trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation. "Doug Goldman brings passion and insight to his role on our Haas Board," says Dean Rich Lyons. "We are privileged to have such a dedicated and generous supporter carrying on his family's long tradition of giving back to the community."
In a tiny kitchen in Emeryville, Calif., Revolution Foods co-founders Kristin Groos Richmond and Kirsten Saenz Tobey, both MBA 06, worked with four friends through the night prepping and packaging all-natural spaghetti and meatballs, carrots, and fresh peaches. “Six of us did everything,” Richmond said at a recent Berkeley-Haas Center for Responsible Business celebration. “We cooked the food, we packed the food, we counted fruit, we drove the truck. We got these first hundred, 200, 300 meals to schools so we could prove our concept, get our company funded, and scale from there.”

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“That mission is gaining traction. With a compound annual growth rate of 125 percent, Revolution Foods is now a $70 million business, providing jobs to 1,000 largely inner-city employees who prepare a million meals a week (breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper) in 10 states and Washington, D.C. About 85 percent of Revolution Foods’ meals reach children who are in free or reduced-price meal programs.

Accolades are pouring in. In September, Richmond and Tobey made Fortune’s “40 Under 40” list of “young hotshots who are rocking businesses.” CNN Money put Revolution Foods on its 2012 list of 100 fastest-growing inner-city companies, Inc. magazine named it the sixth fastest-growing food and beverage company, and Fast Company included it on a list of most-innovative food companies.

But “what we’re most proud of is that over 50 percent of our schools reported tangible academic improvements since starting with Revolution Foods,” Tobey says.
In recognition of their vision and accomplishments—including successfully scaling up their business—Haas is presenting Richmond and Tobey the school’s Leading Through Innovation Award at its annual gala in San Francisco in November.

“They are phenomenal. They were top-tier students, got married, had babies, got their MBAs, and started the company—all at the same time,” says mentor Kellie McClenahan, faculty director of Haas’ Center for Responsible Business. “They’re women in positions of true leadership and amazing role models.”

Feeding the Local Economy

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So Richmond went to talk to McClenahan from Haas’ Center for Responsible Business about her fears. “And I remember Kellie leaning across that desk and saying, ‘Whatever you do, do not quit. You can do this. If you go for this and follow your passion, you’re actually going to be a better parent in the long run because you’re going to be inspired and fulfilled, and you’re going to pass that on to your kids,’” Richmond recalls. “It’s one of those pivotal moments you remember as an entrepreneur, and it meant the world to me.”

More Haas Ingredients

For Revolution Foods’ co-founders, everything started at Haas, where Richmond and Tobey met. “This is going to help us sign a term sheet,” Richmond recalls Tobey telling her in Haas’ New Venture Finance class. A New Product Development class helped them define their product and align it with their values. In 2007, the pair won grand prize in the school’s Global Social Venture Competition. And their first funding from Bay Area Equity Fund also came through connections at Haas—along with a few of its leaders.

Ben Cain, MBA 06, a classmate and friend, showed up at 3 a.m. to help pack those first meals in Emeryville before heading to his day job at PayPal. He’s now the company’s vice president of financial strategy and analysis.

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A Close-Up Look at Real Estate

Led by Professor Nancy Wallace, the Haas School is building a more concrete understanding of complex real estate markets.
From building a better national housing index to advising on UC Berkeley’s Memorial Stadium, Professor Nancy Wallace has been playing a major role in real estate policy at the local and national levels in the past year. On campus, Wallace, co-chair of the school’s Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, has been instrumental in creating a new UC Berkeley real estate certificate and the Fisher Center Real Estate and Financial Markets Laboratory (see page 3). In the aftermath of the financial crisis, Wallace is also playing an important role in Washington, D.C., advising the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve on monitoring economic risk. Her work bridges public policy and the Fisher Center’s deep relationships with real estate leaders. In a recent interview, Wallace discussed everything from the industry, building on the Fisher Center’s deep relationships with real estate leaders.

A Close-Up Look at Real Estate

Interviewed by Ronna Kelly

Let’s start with the new Fisher Center Real Estate and Financial Markets Laboratory. Why was it created?

Our goal in creating the lab is to better understand what is happening in real estate asset and capital markets at a deep level. We hope to inform the policy debate on the risk channels associated with real estate and mortgage markets in the U.S. and to develop real estate and mortgage market risk management tools. We intend to share our knowledge so that everyone from regulators to large real estate developers has better information about real estate markets. I’ve hired a fantastic new director, Paolo Iacono, who has a PhD in finance and is very experienced in working with big data. We have vendors who have been incredibly generous with academic discounts on data sets because I’m training a lot of students here who will be going into industry.

And what will the lab do?

Right now our focus is on building housing price indices, which have been a great concern to me. I’ve been brought in to look at institutions forensically after they failed and realize the indices that they’re using for mortgage valuations and stress evaluations are not well designed.

It’s one thing to report in the newspaper that something’s going up and down, but it’s a whole other thing to feed a flawed index into a highly sensitive stress testing model.

Explain the flaws a little more.

Here’s an example. The Case-Shiller Index is what’s called a “repeat-sales index.” You need at least two transactions to build that index. The index assumes that the components of the house in the first period and the components of the house in the second period are the same. The only thing the index is based on is the differences in price, not controlling for what’s going on with the characteristics of the house.

But in the coastal states, remodeling expenditures are extremely high per capita. These repeat sales indices ignore that. We have spent four years now building proper data sets so that we can monitor the characteristics of the housing stock.

We’re working on San Francisco right now. We see houses double in size. And guess what? Not terribly surprising, the house prices double, but you would not attribute that to price increases. These indices are mixing price changes with quantity changes, which is the fatal flaw of a price index.

Did that flaw contribute to the financial crisis?

Yes, because it looked like price increases were astronomical. At least in the coastal markets, there was a huge amount of remodeling that was not being accounted for. The advantage of the repeat sales index is it’s really cheap, but as we’ve just seen, it leads to very big mistakes that we can’t afford.

The media is reporting that housing prices are going up again. Are we in another bubble?

Defining bubbles is very hard. We don’t really have the tools we need to measure and pinpoint this highly narrowly defined outcome. Prices are rising fast, but they’re rising from a really low base. On the other hand, we don’t really think they fall as far as the indices show they did. It all depends on how you think those things should be measured.

Can you give an example?

The East Bay, San Francisco, the South Bay. There was slowing down of transactions. Now about 30 percent of transactions are done with cash. That wasn’t happening before the crisis, and it slows down transactions. But prices did not really fall that far.

Any other projects planned for the lab?

The second thing we’re working on is the organization of the mortgage market and monitoring that. We have data on all the fixed-rate loans insured and secured by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. That’s 32 million loans.

We’re mapping those mortgages to people who actually originated the loans, at all levels, from the brokers who do not make the loan decision, to the bank branches, to the many independent mortgage companies under regulatory controls different from those governing the large bank holding companies.

We’re working on graph-based, or lattice, technologies to monitor how things come through this industrial network and how mortgages get funded. The question we are considering is how capital is sourced for mortgages that are originated by non-depository institutions, since much of this funding is part of the shadow banking industry. We have found that pre-crisis much of this capital was provided to the independent mortgage companies from loan commitment relationships with the large bank holding companies.

The accounting and capital requirements for this type of lending to independent mortgage originators was, and to a certain extent continues to be, extremely difficult to monitor.
It sounds as though you are applying your research to real-world situations every day. What about Memorial Stadium?

Professors Richard Stanton, William Fuchs, and I volunteered to help UC Berkeley Vice Chancellor John Wilton better understand the finances behind Cal’s Memorial Stadium. We’ve been working on a 100-page study analyzing what went wrong and outlining a strategy to manage this problem. We’ve spent a lot of time on it. Literally New Year’s Eve, Richard and I were emailing spreadsheets back and forth to make sure that we had signed off on every single detail. It’s informed by every detail of the debt contracts, the other contracts that could or should be in place, and the opportunities for raising money to pay the debt obligations.

What are the opportunities?

I’m now on an advisory committee to identify a viable tenant base for the stadium. We don’t have agreements yet, but there are very intriguing possibilities, which would enliven this part of campus with coffee shops, places to exercise, all kinds of music in the plaza space. Then when we look across the street from Haas, we will see people there every day of the week. The goal is to make this a really exciting public place that also generates fee income for the campus.

One of the things we’re considering is this becoming the visitation gateway to campus. Every new student who comes to campus with their parents, or every prospective student, would start there. There will be an amazing new center where student services can reach out to new students. People will have a place to park under Maxwell Field next to the stadium.

Shifting gears, what do you want Berkeley-Haas students to learn about real estate?

Our real estate faculty is in the business of giving Berkeley MBA students an understanding of the drivers of supply and demand and how supply and demand in real estate markets evolve over time. My goal is to get our graduating students into the major real estate companies of the United States. They need to understand a lot of the most sophisticated, iconic deals in the United States. That’s cases, and understanding the most sophisticated, iconic deals in the United States.

I’m also very concerned that our students understand the interdisciplinary nature of real estate. For senior decision makers, real estate is about contracts and law. All the cash flows are generated through leases, which are contracts that are then collateralized and securitized through mortgages, which are another set of contracts. Students need to have an understanding of securities law and law that governs what you may and may not do with a property—state and local zoning laws.

They also have to understand the design components of buildings, which is, of course, what makes them into a wonderful asset class. They’re physical assets that people can admire. Our MBA students need to understand design, from site planning to construction.

The new UC Berkeley real estate certificate for graduate students recognizes that real estate is an interdisciplinary activity—whether you are a Berkeley MBA law student, or CED (College of Environmental Design) student. All three units on campus are training each other’s students for successful real estate careers.

And undergraduates?

I have very similar expectations. The courses are simpler, not in the economics or the finance that we’re teaching, but in terms of how much experience students need to really tackle difficult cases. But we are doing cases with undergraduates.

We run a very successful Bay Area undergraduate internship program that places 15 students each year. We’ve also placing our graduates as analysts in the top firms in the country—the major investment banks, commercial banks, pension funds, and insurance companies. They go to work for the big builders. These are very successful people. That’s what I expect.

How about placing MBA students?

The Fisher Center has very close working relationships with the principals of the major real estate operating companies, from home builders to brokerage and private equity firms. We’re very focused on giving our students—MBA students and undergrads—access to those people, and we do that in a couple of ways.

First, we need to make our students interesting and attractive. That’s why we run those MBA case competitions, two focused on assets and one focused on the capital market. I supervise our Haas teams, which have six students each. We also support the MBA students’ Berkeley Real Estate Club by providing connections to professionals in San Francisco.

That’s all intended to support MBA students’ job placement needs. Real estate is a very fragmented labor market. Many people don’t realize this but real estate is also very entrepreneurial. There’s enormous need for innovation in all kinds of areas, from managing energy to creating new financial instruments. It’s not static. Real estate by its nature is extremely risky, that’s why the returns are so high.

But it’s not like consulting or technology, where recruiters come to Haas and hire eight students. Real estate companies come here to hire expensive partner-track people whom they intend to invest in heavily because the expectation is that they’re going to eventually run these operating companies. We also help students meet and work with members of our Fisher Center Policy Advisory Board. It’s a who’s-who group of about 250 real estate leaders that’s existed for more than 30 years. Our advisory board meets twice a year for a two-day retreat, and we bring 10 students there to observe high-level strategic meetings and meet one-on-one with members. The Policy Advisory Board retreat has been hugely successful. Our members love it, and it’s been abso- lutely crucial for putting our MBA students on track for successful real estate careers.
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CONFIDENCE WITHOUT ATTITUDE

Dad-in-Chief
Leading a company committed to kids

Mark Breitbard, MBA 97
CEO, Gymboree
San Francisco

Before Gymboree CEO Mark Breitbard rolled out the company’s new branding platform this year, he filmed the first take of an internal corporate video at a San Francisco mall.

Dissatisfied with the formal tone, he scrapped the video and asked his 7-year-old daughter, Davis, to interview him instead. “Why can’t kids run Gymboree? Do you have fun here?” she asked. Breitbard was much happier with the playful, personal results.

“I’ve never been a super corporate kind of leader,” he says in his sleek downtown San Francisco office. “Everything’s had my own personality on it.”

Founded by Marin County mom Joan Barnes in 1976 to create places for parents and children to play together, Gymboree has grown into a $1.2 billion business. Breitbard oversees 850 Gymboree Play & Music centers, 531 Gymboree children’s clothing stores, 133 upscale Janie and Jack retail shops, and 532 budget-priced Crazy 8 shops.

Despite growth, Gymboree has retained its focus on family. Nearly 96 percent of Gymboree’s workers are women, and flexible hours and parent support groups are part of the culture.

“This is a culture that refers to itself as a family,” Breitbard says. “We’re committed to caring about kids in everything we do.”

Drawn to fashion as an undergrad working in the UK, Breitbard says the industry beckoned during business school. “At Haas, I reached out to Levi’s, Gap, and Tommy Hilfiger,” he says. “It was so clear to me that this was a language I spoke.”

Breitbard spent more than a decade at Gap Inc. after graduation, rising to Gap president of North America. He also has held leadership posts at Levi’s and Abercrombie & Fitch. His experiences have spanned everything from sourcing to marketing, real estate to Web commerce.

In January, Breitbard accepted the CEO job at Gymboree, where he is often called “dad-in-chief.” Since taking over, he has been busy building his management team and charting the company’s course for the next three to five years. What he learned in economics, branding, and finance classes at Haas helps him every day, Breitbard says.

“Now that we’re in 40 countries I think of Dean Rich Lyons’ International Finance class often because we’re dealing with currency and all sorts of issues,” he says.

With the long hours of a first-year CEO, Breitbard admits getting quality time with his three kids, ages 4 to 9, requires meticulous planning. He coaches his daughter’s soccer team and catches all their performances at school. “I am very vocal about times I leave the office to go to parent-teacher conferences,” he says. “I try to make every moment with my family count.” – Kim Girard

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Taking Risks in Academia

William H. Glick, PhD
Dean, Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University, Houston, Texas

William Glick was drawn to research at a young age, inspired by his aunt, a professor at Penn and researcher well into her 80s who was constantly examining big questions and thinking critically about why and how things work. Glick, too, began asking questions, but over time his career evolved from studying organizations to leading them.

Glick’s first academic paper was published while he was still a University of Michigan undergrad. Berkeley only fueled his passion for research. Glick credits his work on job design and multilevel organizational research with mentor Professor Emeritus Karlene Roberts for sustaining him in his early career.

Several years after his first faculty appointment at the University of Texas–Austin, Glick’s transition to administration was set in motion when he became director of the school’s business honors program. In 1995, he became chair of Arizona State’s Department of Management.

“Part of the transition was risk taking—never saying never,” says Glick. “And part of it was having fun and making an impact on an organization. You have to be able to see things that could be different. How do we create that vision, and how to get people excited about it?”

In 2005, Glick became dean of the Jones School. Under his watch Jones has launched an MBA for Professionals Program, undergraduate business minor, PhD, and K-12 leadership program. A source of pride for Glick is the school’s increased efforts to attract and prepare military veterans for careers.

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Jack of All Trades at Yelp

Wendy Lim, BS 99
Head of Investor Relations, Yelp, San Francisco

After climbing in a creaky elevator to a top floor, Wendy Lim is jockeying for a meeting room at Yelp’s bustling Mission Street office. Rock music blares and ping pong balls fly as co-workers chat and head off for lunch.

Lim, Yelp’s head of investor relations, remembers the early days at the business reviews website, which she joined in 2007 as employee number 40–something. Lim’s held on tight as Yelp swelled to 1,500 employees, pulled off a successful IPO in 2012 and growing expected annual sales to about $223 million.

“It’s fairly tough to operate at 1,500,” Lim acknowledges. “You’re managing big teams.” She credits her success to promoting from within, trusting her colleagues, pushing her team, developing new talent, and flexibility.

A Haas undergrad who earned her MBA at Harvard, Lim penned her own reviews on Yelp months before the company’s COO lured her from Clorox.

In her first role, Lim focused on opening new geographic markets. “The company was so small then,” she says. “It was important to be a good athlete, someone who could do a lot of things.” Such as temporarily managing public relations, followed by jobs fielding business owners’ questions as head of user operations and supporting a customer relationship software rollout as director of revenue operations.

That kept Lim challenged and gave her the deep, “nitty-gritty” experience to handle “astronomical growth.” Yet Lim appreciates that Yelp’s culture has remained unchanged. “What keeps me here are the people and the exciting things we do,” she says. “It’s a really supportive environment. When you walk in, you don’t have to be a different person professionally. You can bring your whole self to work.”
After more than 12 years at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, John Olson recently moved to Manhattan to join an arm of Goldman Sachs that focuses on social impact investing—producing a financial return while making a positive difference in low-income communities.

Olson became a vice president at the firm’s Urban Investment Group, which makes loans and investments that benefit urban communities. One recent project: using social impact bonds to bring cognitive behavioral therapy to Rikers Island.

“I’m delighted to be on the team that has pioneered this financial instrument in the U.S. and is on the cutting edge of social impact investing,” says Olson.

The concept driving the social impact bond is simple: A financial institution invests in a social program, and the government pays it back when the program meets specific goals. If Rikers Island recidivism drops, everyone wins.

Olson’s main responsibility is ensuring that Goldman Sachs Bank USA complies with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) of 1977. The CRA encourages banks to lend to communities around them, rather than “redlining,” or discriminating against borrowers in particular neighborhoods.

One neighborhood in which Goldman invests, Harlem, is near Olson’s Morningside Heights home. He lives there with his wife, Kathy Kagan, BCEMBA 12, a classmate whom he met on his first day at Haas, and their 1-year-old son, Elijah. “We’re in a moment where needs are great,” Olson says, “and it’s amazing to be part of a team that is thinking creatively about how financial capital can be used to address pressing social issues.”

Banking Beyond Japan

Koji Asada, MBA 94

General Manager, Investment Banking Division for the Americas
Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi

Although Koji Asada has spent his entire career at one company, he can’t stay in one place too long. Since earning his Berkeley MBA, he has worked on three continents in several investment banking roles, all at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi.

“Life’s appointment is still very common in Japan,” Asada says. But “I like living abroad and doing business in different cultures. It’s always fun to learn new things.”

After earning a BA in economics in Japan, Asada didn’t even have a title in his first job, working with mid-sized Japanese companies at a small bank branch in Tokyo. His Berkeley MBA led him to learning the ropes of international finance for five years in London before returning to Tokyo and more recently settling in New York. There he oversees 140 employees who work on investment banking deals worth as much as a few billion dollars with clients from Canada to Chile.

Asada caught the travel bug from his father, whose international banking career took his family to Sydney, London, and New York when Asada was a boy. “Because of my childhood, moving every three years, I probably become a bit bored if I stay in one place for a long time,” admits Asada.

Asada has spent half his career in M&A, half in relationship management with large corporate clients. In addition to travel, Asada’s contact with clients in a wide variety of industries, from steel to solar, “keeps things interesting,” he says.

Asada’s long-term goal is to serve as the go-to adviser for customers’ top management as they face major decisions, such as an acquisition or large capital investment. Asada explains, “The sense of accomplishment after closing these deals is very rewarding.”
A Leader in Unconventionals

Powering up a career in alternative energy

Melissa Stark, BS ‘93
Managing Director, New Energy,
Accenture, London

When Melissa Stark asked Accenture to transfer her from San Francisco to London in 1994 so that she could join her Cambridge-bound husband, the newlywed analyst didn’t expect to swap her Levi Strauss project for supply boats, waves, and platforms.

“My first UK project was for an offshore logistics company in Peterhead, Scotland,” says Stark, now managing director of Accenture’s New Energy group, which helps organizations make business decisions about alternative energy sources, transport technologies, carbon/water management, and unconventional fuel production. “In the North Sea, you could see industry—oil and gas are just so real. I’d always been very math-focused, so I loved the industry’s technical and physical sides and combining them with my Haas finance foundation. I’ve never looked back.”

For the next decade, Stark globetrotted for Accenture’s upstream (exploration and development) projects. The daughter of two engineers, she earned an honors MBA in transportation management in 1999 from Northwestern University. Accenture London sponsored that degree, made Stark a partner, and moved her to downstream (manufacturing and supply) projects.

“I was very fortunate to work downstream, which is central office-based; I’d had my first child by then, so travelling was difficult,” says Stark, who has two sons, ages 10 and 6, and cites being a “working mom” as the most challenging aspect of her role.

“I was doubly fortunate that biofuel was becoming a big issue, and biofuels led me to vehicle technology, alternative transportation fuel, electric, and more.”

As her alternative energy expertise burgeoned, Stark started writing—a dozen papers in six years. Betting on Science: Disruptive Technologies in Transport Fuels, which examined competing technologies and alternative energy activity in 10 countries, led to Stark’s appointment as assistant chair of the National Petroleum Council’s Future Transportation Fuels Study, commissioned by then Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

“Working with leading scientists across all technologies was the most exciting thing I’ve done in the industry,” Stark says of the two-year study.

Today, Stark’s top objective is to expand Accenture’s global business and capabilities in unconventional resources (often called unconventionals), by developing teams and leaders locally and ensuring that investment, assets, and best practices are shared. She concentrates on the sustainable development of such unconventionals as shale gas and tight oil.

“We strongly believe that you can develop unconventionals sustainably,” Stark says. “And not only is this a good thing to do, it’s the right economic thing to do.” –Christine Pandak Rohan
Giving Pioneering Ideas Room to Flourish
Consumer products maestro funds Berkeley-Haas Innovation Lab

Lysol disinfectant, Fresh Step cat litter, the Diaper Genie disposal system. Some of the most familiar brands in stores rose to prominence under the management of Mike Gallagher, BS 67, MBA 68, during his 36-year career. He spent 15 of those years as a CEO, most recently of Playtex Products Inc., from which he retired in 2004.

Gallagher’s savvy creating, packaging, and marketing products led Kingsford charcoal to skyrocket from a regional brand to number one nationwide. His teams boosted Liquid-Plumr to first in its category over Liquid Drano. At Playtex, they significantly improved the market share of the company’s tampons but also diversified the infant cup line, eventually becoming market leader with leak-proof sippy cups.

Recently Gallagher and his wife, Linda, donated $1 million to launch and support the Berkeley-Haas Innovation Lab, which opened in August. With Haas classroom space at a premium, the lab is housed across the street at the renovated Cal Memorial Stadium.

How do you innovate products you might never personally experience?
It’s incumbent upon anyone who’s responsible for the development of a brand to really understand the personal relationship it has to its users. You study the market research; you listen to customers and consumers. You study which products have worked well, which ones haven’t, where the deficiencies are. You can become an expert without having to be a user of the product.

What are some of the things that you’re most proud of in your career?
Initially, it was getting products to become number one in their category. Over time, the joy really came from developing an organization with a common culture. Culture is the most important aspect of a business. The healthy, long-term successful companies are the ones that understand what they are and what their abilities are. They define their culture in a way that is consistent with that. It is similar to what Dean Rich Lyons did when developing the Defining Principles for Haas. I was on the Board at the time and witnessed his skill at clarifying the essence of Haas.

Why did you fund the Innovation Lab?
I’m inspired by the students I meet when I’m at Haas. They’re exceptional people with great opportunities for successful careers and a way to impact the business world positively. The I-Lab seemed perfect for the Defining Principles and the opportunity for students to have a place to work on innovative projects collaboratively and individually and where professors can try new teaching techniques.

What role should innovation play in the education of future business leaders?
You can’t necessarily teach someone to be creative, but I think pretty much anyone can be taught to innovate. To look at and analyze trends, market research, and competitive research. To take a problem and break it into its components. To come up with novel and intriguing solutions. It can be cultural innovation, it can be organizational innovation, and it can be product innovation. Any business that has a long-term goal of being around and being successful has got to have the ability to inoculate innovation within its base and within its teams.
Banking on the Value of Social Responsibility

Private equity expert invests in new institute at Haas

Allan Holt, MBA 76, knows how to create value. He’s been involved in private equity for more than 20 years, buying good companies and transforming them into great companies that generate sizable profits. He’s spent the majority of his career at the Carlyle Group, a global alternative asset manager in Washington, D.C. He joined when it was a young company that had just raised its first buyout fund of $100 million. Now, the company manages $180 billion, and Holt, as a managing director and co-head of the U.S. buyout group, manages over $25 billion in equity.

What translates into good business these days, Holt says, is social responsibility. In the past few years, Carlyle has put increased focus on its investment goals to ensure that companies they invest in have a positive impact on the employee base, community, and environment—a shift in mindset from years past, especially where the environment is concerned. “You used to look at it as protecting yourself from inheriting an environmental liability,” Holt says. “We’re no longer just looking at it as a problem but an opportunity.”

For example, when it bought the largest infant-formula company in China, Carlyle invested in quality control, improvements that met or exceeded industry standards. In the U.S., Carlyle has partnered with the Environmental Defense Fund to develop ways to address sustainability. To improve workplace diversity among its own ranks, Carlyle welcomes Togo Fellows—top minority MBA graduates pursuing careers in finance—to learn all aspects of the business and then have the opportunity for a permanent position at Carlyle.

Holt feels so strongly about the importance of social responsibility that he recently gave an endowment gift of $1 million to launch the new Institute for Business and Social Impact directed by Professor Laura Tyson. The mission of the institute (to be featured in the next issue) is to inspire and empower members of the Berkeley-Haas community to develop innovative solutions to pressing social and environmental challenges.

Investing well and responsibly is something Holt believes business schools can and should teach. “We can make money for our investors and do good in the community and for the environment,” Holt says. “These are not mutually exclusive goals.”

Haas Fund posts another record-breaking year

Giving to Berkeley-Haas again reached unprecedented levels in Fiscal Year 2013, which ended June 30. More than 4,600 students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends collectively gave more than $3.4 million in unrestricted gifts to the Haas Fund, setting a school record in annual unrestricted support.

A New Alumni Challenge, which matched donations from graduating students 2:1 and graduates of the last five years 1:1, brought in an additional $200,000. Including those funds, the total unrestricted support raised for Berkeley-Haas climbed to $3.6 million, surpassing the $3.5 million goal.

Haas Fund gifts can be directed to school-wide support, dean’s initiatives, faculty research, or degree programs. Support the Haas Fund at haas.berkeley.edu/givenow.
Steve’s World
A Haas mentor reunites with former students

Haas finance lecturer Stephen Etter (second from left), BS 83, MBA 89, discussed the state of digital education at Haas Homecoming in October. Several of his former students, who were on campus to celebrate their 10th Cal reunion at Alumni & Family Weekend, came to hear him lecture one more time.

Back row: Ksenia Kouchnizenko, BS 03, Etter; Pasha Tsarinsky, BA 04; Tsvet Hogueh, BS 12; James Whitfield; Front: Rumeshia Ahmed, BS 00; Oksana Ushkalova, BS 03; and Sam Snyder, MBA 11.
In the Back

Innovation Lab, Plaza Openings
1. Dean Rich Lyons with Mike Gallagher, BS/C MBA 68, and his wife, Linda, who gave $7 million to create the Innovation Lab.
2. Lecturer Clark Kellogg, Senior Lecturer Sara Beckman, and Haas@Work Executive Director Dave Rochlin, BS '85.
3. Douglas E. Goldman, MD, BA '74, and his wife donated money for the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Plaza at Memorial Stadium.

East Bay Chapter Zoo Volunteer Day
4. Qing Li, MBA '06, with his wife.
5. Michael Degroot, BS '13, Dean Suzuki, MBA '85, and George Valer, MBA '01.

Haas Volunteer Leadership Retreat
6. 2013 Chapter of the Year: HANLA.
   - Back: Chris Pawlik, BS '06; Dirk Clinton, BS '98.
   - Front: Kamran Kamjou, BS '08; Elizabeth Pell, BA '10; Brian Saltsburg, BS '94.
7. Marty McMahon, MBA '01, with Steve Peletz, MBA '99.
8. Dean Rich Lyons and Jay Kim, AB '64.
9. HANLA's Monica Wiese, MBA/MPH '05, and Sonali Joshi, MBA '05.
10. Sangeeta Chakraborty, MBA '06.

Haas/Berkeley Law Tech Talk
11. Panelist Libby Leffler, BS '06, of Facebook.
12. Robina and John Riccitiello, BS '81, former CEO of Electronic Arts, mingle before John Riccitiello's talk.

Dean’s Speaker Series
13. Joe Jimenez, MBA '84, CEO of Novartis.

Homecoming
16. Haas Lecturer Todd Fitch, BS/GEEMBA '05.
17. Rich Lyons and Tara Marie Krümel, BS '03.
19. Greg Petersen, AB '02, and Jeremiah Brunel, BA '14.
20. Kay and Clark Newby, MBA '91, and son, Sam.

New Silicon Valley Campus
21. Professor Ming Leung.
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23. Michael Valer, MBA '16, from Barcelona.
24. Mahesh Venkatra and Jason Espe, both MBA '16.

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Giving Birth to a Biotech Startup

Asked to describe the ROI on his executive MBA studies at Haas, Matthew Cooper, BEC MBA 10/11, has no difficulty with the calculation: lifelong connections and 25 percent of the funding for his new venture, Carmenta Bioscience. Cooper, who previously worked at Roche and holds a PhD in toxicology, co-founded Carmenta in April 2012. The startup is developing a highly accurate diagnostic test for preeclampsia, a high blood pressure condition affecting pregnant women that can lead to life-threatening seizures. Cooper nearly lost his wife to preeclampsia before his son, Zachary, was born. “I am passionate about making this disease irrelevant,” he says. And so were several of his classmates from the Berkeley–Columbia Executive MBA Program, who invested nearly $500,000 of the more than $2 million raised by Carmenta. Here’s a look at why some of them supported Cooper:

Bala Kudaravalli, BEC MBA 12/13
IT Architect, Symantec

“It’s a good business opportunity; it’s solving a general problem. We learned at Haas to establish, ‘is there a genuine need?’ In this case, clearly, yes. Then, do due diligence, which Matt has done. He has a good team, good technology, and the right skills to make this opportunity a commercial success.”

Heather Wasielewski Bonilla, BEC MBA 12/13
(Part of an MBA independent study team working on Carmenta.)

“The Carmenta project was personal for me, as I suffered from undiagnosed preeclampsia with my first daughter. I truly believe that a diagnostic test such as the one Carmenta is working on would have greatly improved the safety of me and my daughter. Our team was very excited about being involved in a biotech startup at the very initial stages. It was a new experience for us; our previous experience had primarily been in established health care companies.”

Sonali Sinha, BEC MBA 10/11
VP Industry Solutions, MetricStream

“I am not in biotech at all, so I don’t understand the details or science, but I invested because I believe in Matt. I know he has what it takes to be successful, and he is extremely passionate about what he does. This is very near and dear to him—and to me, as I went through a very challenging pregnancy.”

Tim Campos, BEC MBA 10/11
CIO, Facebook

“The investment was at its core a great business opportunity, but it was also an opportunity to do something with someone whom I have grown to respect and appreciate. I would consider investment with any of my classmates who have great business ideas.”

Matthew Cooper, BEC MBA 10/11, with son Zachary.
Terry Prindiville, BS '57, and a Victoria Falls Park guard.

Notes.

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Vijay (Pandit) Kumar, of Mountain View, Calif., writes, “I am on the board of advisors of InternetSpeech Company of San Jose. InternetSpeech converts Internet text to speech. It helps the blind who are unable to access the Internet visually. ‘As a councilor’s son got married in November 2012 in North India in the city of Faizabad near Lucknow. I flew to India to be at the wedding. When one Tiols to Lucknow, from the air you get a remarkable view of the Himalayas. It is lovely. I also flew to Michigan and New York to visit relatives in February 2013. My daughter Amba lives and works in Santa Cruz. My son, Jay, and his wife have moved to Los Angeles. His company is headquartered in San Mateo but has an office in Los Angeles.”

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Erich Stratmann, BS E.2, with SingforAmerica Orchestra and Chorus.

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Laurence (McKinney) Clayton, of Sacramento, Calif. 

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**1969**

Dan Asera, of Las Vegas, Nev., informs, “As a prin~

**1970**

Ed Fineman, of Burlingame, Calif., writes, “Finally retired: Mentoring family, exercising animals, gardening, creating new learning opportunities, watching wildlife. Actually have time to visit friends and neighbors and repaint the house. Volunteering at local sheriff’s service center.”

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Steve Kaplan, of Stanfield, Nev., reports, “I interviewed and took a new position with Nutanix five months ago, only the second time in my career I’ve interviewed for a job. The first time was right out of Ha~

**1973**

Lily (Yee) Quisol, of Burlingame, Calif., sends this update: “Working at Genentech, in South San Francisco, Married, with twin boys.”

**1974**

In the Back
Berkeley #34 on Fortune’s list. Fortune in 2008, a year before Kickstarter, under 40 “who are rocking businesses.” magazine’s list of 40 “young hotshots”, made Fortune Richmond Kirsten Saenz both MBA 08 Kristin Gross Danae Ringelmann and Eric Schell, MBA 08. 

From Bubbles to Boardrooms Michaela Rodeno, MBA 08, offers an insider’s view of the early days of Napa Valley’s Domaine Chandon in a two-volume series titled From Bubbles to Boardrooms. An employee #2, Rodeno learned the business on the job, earned her Berkeley MBA in the middle of the 15 years covered by volume one, and became one of the wine industry’s rare female CEOs. The book overflows with stories of the innovations that blossomed in the vineyards, winery, and marketing and sales, and technology departments. The book also serves up lessons for entrepreneurs, leaders, and managers in any business as well as inspiration for freshgraduates.

In and Out of Investing Far-ranging columns by William Ziems, MBA ’65, PhD ’69, in the London magazine Wealth enjoy a second life in Investing in the Modern Age (World Scientific). Ziems, professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia, and his daughter, Rachel Ziems, wrote the columns primarily from 2007 to 2012. Geared toward institutional investors and individuals interested in investing around the world, the book covers everything from country studies of China, Turkey, and Cyprus to asset studies of the U.S. stock market and NFL football. It also features case studies of great successes and blowouts to help readers better assess explicit and implicit risks.

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Kevin Crow, of Sacramento, Calif., writes, “I’m now an employed at the Tealeaf in the global product marketing lead at Tealeaf Technology, a company that IBM recently acquired. She lives in Los Angeles, Calif., with her husband and two sons.”

Kevin Crow, BS 93, enjoys the new stadium at the Col. Wash. football game last year.

Jeremy Omholt, of Seattle, Wash., reports, “I have been in the real estate world for the past nine years and one thing I can say is ‘never a dull moment!’ I am now the CFO for HomeServices of Washington, a subsidiary of HomeServices of America Inc., and we are one of the first companies that will be part of the launch of the new franchise Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. It is exciting to be part of a new franchise with a name that has such a distinguished history.”

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Shahsh Ahmad, of Berkeley, Calif., updates, “After spending a number of exciting years working in a few wonderful startup enterprise software companies, in capacities ranging from consulting to marketing/strategy, I made the decision a few years ago to switch directions and pursue my lifelong passion of education and mental health care (looking ‘beyond oneself’ to speak). After spending the last three years preparing for my career change with prep classes, research, and volunteering, I am delighted to say that this fall I am starting a PhD program in clinical psychology right here at UC Berkeley. My experiences and education from Berkeley/haas definitely helped shape my trajectory, and I look forward to leveraging my skills in a new and exciting domain. Go Bears!”

Lily Dawis, of Jakarta, Indonesia, writes, “Finally done with the first fully animated music video for ‘On Top of the Morning’ in the ‘Bubbles of Love album I composed/also getting ready to release the songs, video, and e-book worldwide through CD Baby. Here’s hoping more families will be inspired to bond closer through ‘Bubbles of Love’s complete package of music stories ‘movements’! Also looking forward to exciting tie in potentials with Nillol Calz (www.bubblesoflove.net).”

Andrew Farthing, of Redwood City, Calif., updates, “After nearly eight years at Latham & Watkins LLP, I have taken a new position at Apple Inc. as senior litigation counsel with responsibility over a broad array of commercial and intellectual property litigation.”

Oliver Lao, of Seattle, Wash., updates, “Beginning my practice in pediatric surgery at Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital in Tacoma. Moved back to the Pacific Northwest with my wife, Victoria (BA 2000) and daughter, Isabella.”

Brian LeTourneau, of Los Angeles, Calif., writes, “I recently landed a new job in IT for Union Bank down in Los Angeles. It’s a fantastic role and I look forward to continuing my career in the financial sector. Just finished my masters in information systems at Cal State Los Angeles.”

Ryan Fitz, BS 05, reports, “In 2018 I was the first CMO for two global brands, and now I am the CMO for a private company. I have been in the CMO role for the past three years and have continued to grow and evolve in the role. I am excited to continue to grow and evolve in the role.”

Nick Gonzalez, of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, writes, “I have co-founded and been operating a digital media company (Nervana) that represents ad sales and regional titles from some of the world’s leading publishing brands, including Condé Nast, Hearst, CEB, Interact, and more. We’re now expanding across APAC and EMEA.”

Victoria Huang, of San Francisco, Calif., updates, “I recently relocated back to San Francisco after spending six years working in investment banking and financial services in Asia (Hong Kong and Beijing) and completing Chicago Booth’s Executive MBA program in Singapore. Since moving back to the Bay Area, I became a member of the founding team for Ivylla (www.ivylla.com), a freshly launched travel accommodations startup connecting international top university alumni and trusted friends. We invite Haas alumni to register as beta users and provide feedback. Please kindly read and forward Huang@ivylla.com.”

Susan Lu, of Cupertino, Calif., and her husband, Michael Liebman (Princeton ’98), welcomed a baby girl, Amy Kaitlyn Liebman, this summer, Amy is doing well and keeping her parents very busy and entertained. Susan looks forward to returning to work this fall as a global brand protection manager at Johnson & Johnson.

Tasha Salveron, of Diamond Bar, Calif., reports, “I traveled to the Philippines to volunteer with my friends at Salaan junto’s community outreach program. I was able to see and interact with the beautiful children and students there. It was a great experience and I would love to return!”

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Rachel Senko, BS 06, see IB 1983 notes.

2007

Emily Chau, of San Francisco, Calif., announces, “I received my JD from UC Hastings College of the Law in 2010 and began a career in nonprofit and exempt organizations law. I was recognized as the 2012 Outstanding Young Nonprofit Lawyer by the American Bar Association Business Law Sections’ Nonprofit Organizations Committee. In summer 2013 I joined Adler & Golden, a prominent law firm in nonprofit and exempt organizations practice areas.”

Stephen Maier, BS 07 and wife Lea on their initial visit to Yangon, where they are moving in 2014.

Stephen Maier, of Chicago, Ill., reports, “I stayed in San Francisco and am currently working on my second year in the financial service realm. In early 2014 my wife and I will be moving to Kyrgyzstan (Central Asia) to join a business that facilitates economic development through empowering nationals to be entrepreneurs. The model is called microfranchising, which involves other alumni in the region or with agriculture business experience.

2009

Wai Tii Lin, of Yangon, Myanmar, writes, “Since graduation I went back to Burma (Myanmar) to work in a family business. In 2009, I rode over the construction material distribution arm of the business, which has been doubling its sales turnover every year. A year after, I added a ceramic tile manufacturing plant to the business. Early 2010, I started a hospital project with my husband and on June 11, 2011 we opened a 100-bed international hospital in Yangon, which we sold last year. Since then, I bought and ran the first fastest growing convenience store chain in Myanmar. On the side, I do marketing for Sony in Myanmar, as it is one of the family’s businesses and run the biggest consumer electronics store chain as well. I got married in 2010 and am now the mother of two daughters. My husband and I started a foundation for Burmese children’s future called Apple Foundation, which has vaccinated more than 10,000 children against hepatitis B and has provided education for more than 3,000 children since 2010.”

Leony Pishcheshvskaya, of Palma Alto, Calif., writes, “Hi Haaskies! After almost four years at Facebook, responsible for the Facebook page depart- ment, I have started a new job in a director of sales and marketing at Databrain. Databrain is a new mobile crash analytics platform, it’s a startup with a team of 10. Everyone but me is located in Ukraine, where I am originally from. I am excited to be employee #1 here in the United States and my main focus is to create and execute a go-to platform strategy in the U.S. Currently, I am looking for beta-testers, which are any iOS and Android apps. Connect with me if you have one or have someone in mind! Also, if you need general ad- vice about tech startups, Facebook advertising, or the meaning of life, do not hesitate to reach out leony255@gmail.com.”

Andrew Tai, of Irvine, Calif., finished law school at UCLA and began a job at Latham & Watkins, LLP at the end of October.

2010

Art Cypulsaki, of Chicago, Ill., reports, “After spending three years at Citigroup, I moved to New York, I decided to attend the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business full-time MBA program. I am happy to see other Berkeley alumni among admitted students! Go Bears!”

Leony Pishcheshvskaya, BS 09

2012

Miraya Berke, of New York, N.Y., announces, “I started a new job as the event producer for The Feast in New York. The Feast is focused on creative solutions to today’s toughest societal challenges. Our flagship conference in October brings together extraordinary people from across disciplines and serves as a starting point for rela- tionships and projects that run all year long. I’m working with an amazing team including two other Cal Bears! As we say at The Feast, ‘It’s time to stop waiting for the world to change. Start changing it, and the world will follow.’”

Kevin Chan, of Brooklyn, N.Y., reports, “I recently started ASPRDO Apparel, a men’s fashion company. Moved to New York.”

Jacqueline Barros Dias Leal, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, updates, “I am the e-commerce manager for Nativ Organics, the manufacturer of a line of organic products from Brazil. You can find Nativ products at Amazon, Whole Foods, and others, or at www.nativorganics.com.br. It is very nice to be back to Brazil, but it is not easy to get used to the Brazilian bureaucracy. Brazilians are very nice on the personal level, but not straightforward when it comes to doing business. Taxation is a nightmare, and I feel sorry for for- eigns doing business in Brazil.”

2013

Steven (Difan) Chen, of Shanghai, China, “Currently, I am working at ABB Robotics in charge of the company’s product line sales channel management. And I really love my job. The amount of data that flows through allows me to see the entire China market. I wake up everyday thinking of the four defining principles. They have been a part of my life and, I must say, the two years of education at Haas have proved priceless. After graduation, I challenged the ‘status quo’ and decided not to pursue a career in accounting, banking, consulting, or marketing but instead went for a totally different route, ‘a crazy route’ as my classmates once called it. I moved to China and work at ABB headquarters. My...”

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principal job duty consists of management and analysis of ABB’s sales reports. This opportunity has allowed me to look at the entire Chinese industrial manufacturing market from a very high perspective.

And let me say, much much thank you to the faculty for that, particularly my teachers and the school’s defining principles. The faculty at Haas, most distinguished professors, Dmitry Livdan and Alan Ross, taught me not only knowledge but how to think, work, and live in a competitive business environment.

Justin Chu, of San Francisco, Calif., reports, “I’m currently working at The Nielsen Company in the price and promotions division. I consult consumer packaged goods companies on what is the most optimal price for selling their products as well as which promotional strategy would be most effective.”

Anthony D’Arao, of Chicago, Ill., writes, “In August, I had the opportunity to chary through Children’s Hospital of Chicago, and I sponsored school meals for a young boy in Colombia.”

Philip ‘Walker’ Dove, of San Francisco, Calif., reports, “I began working as a research analyst for The Nielsen Company on July 1, 2013. I use quantitative and qualitative research to help improve new product ideas and create one-year sales forecasts of those new products. Our clients range from medium to massive CPG companies, such as Nestle.”

Jeff Totten, of San Francisco, Calif., writes, “I joined Alpine Investors, a private-equity fund in San Francisco, as an investment professional. I am primarily responsible for sourcing, evaluating, and performing due diligence on investment opportunities. I moved to Pacific Heights in San Francisco, where I am living with my classmate Ben Natter, BS 13.”

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Dudley Dinshaw, BS 48, and wife Muriel celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

1968

Herman Boschken, of San Jose, Calif., updates as follows: “Herman (Buzz) Boschken recently had an article published in Urban Studies on ‘Global Cities Are Coastal Cities Too: Paradox in Sustainability’ (July 2013). He also currently has two papers in progress on institutional analysis of global cities using interorganizational network theory. One of those was presented at the 2013 Meeting of the American Political Science Association. The other is scheduled for presentation at the 2014 Congress of the International Sociological Association in Japan (where he also serves as panel organizer). Besides attending to his faculty responsibilities, he has completed his third year as a member of the City of Davis Planning Commission, where he is able to bring years of academic scholarship in urban land use management to a practical policymaking arena. His wife, Irene (BS 66), continues to pursue her educational policy consulting work, many volunteer activities, ballet classes, and the joys of their seven grandchildren.”

Herman Boschken, MBA 88, and wife Irene at the Menlo Circus Club event in Menlo Park.

1971

Steve Fabricant, of Naha City, Okinawa, Japan, announces, “I’m edging into retirement from my international health policy consulting practice mostly at home in Japan but also visiting the Bay Area twice a year. Recently I had a consulting assignment that forced me to dredge up my ancient accounting knowledge (my last course at Haas was in 1970) to do a business analysis for the largest teaching hospital in Cambodia. I hoped to get a loan from the French Development Agency to expand services to a growing middle-class market. Existing records and reports were difficult to understand and just because they were in French! (with some ‘creative accounting’). I was able to make a 10-year P&L projections for four possible projects (two of

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which were real (loser) and develop prospective balance sheets. I have not heard whether the lender was convinced though.

1973

Ernie Bumaday, of Hills Estates, Calif., forwards this update: “Ernie Bumaday is president of Los Angeles-based 24-Hour Medical Staffing Services. He joined this company in July to implement its strategic plan, which includes a national expansion. Prior to his new position, he was president of Summit Group Ltd., a management consulting and technical staffing firm with a focus on corporate development. Previously, he was vice-chairman of High Technology Solutions Inc., a venture-backed, privately held company that was acquired by a publicly traded company.

“Ernie worked actively with Haas staff and classmates on his MBA class reunion, which occurred at the Claremont Resort Hotel last April. Currently, he is on the board of the Cal Alumni Association. Ernie is a former Haas Alumni Network Los Angeles chapter board member and president. He is also a former Ray mond Mills Alumni Service award winner. Ernie is proud to be a member of the Haas Leadership Society and True Blues. His hobbies include tennis and collecting California wines. He and his wife, Becky, reside in Rolling Hills Estates.”

1976

Lodovico Gandini, of Altadena, Calif., announces: “In 2006 I started a new project in the asset management business with the setup of a Luxembourgish fund in six years’ time the fund grew to more than $1 billion, and my role is the quantitative side of the fund management, discipline learned mainly during my MBA program at Berkeley.

“With two ex-wives, five kids, and a few maternal violinists, I feel I’ve had a life!"

1977

Lynne Loveau, of Charlotte, Mass., writes: “I recently spent a lovely Saturday afternoon celebrating the 30th birthday of Haas alum Dave Barry, Bill’s son. While Dave may have a bit of a challenge getting around and remembering what happened yesterday, his mind is still incredibly sharp and his conversational comments right on target! His sense of humor remains as classy and funny as ever, and he is still quite a flirt—both making him a big hit at his senior living home! What a wonderful role model for aging gracefully!”

1979

Michaela Rodeno, of Altadena, Calif., writes, “In June, looking forward to a trip to Bhutan this fall. Still loving Boise after 34 years!”

1980

Mark Coles, of McLean, Va., announces, “After 10 years as deputy director for large facility projects at the National Science Foundation, this year I became a senior advisor in the physics division of NSF with oversight responsibility for the Caltech/MIT Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO). I previously headed the LIGO Livingston Observatory before coming to NSF; so this is a nice opportunity to once again work closely with scientific and technical team that have long been enthusiastic about.

“About 100 years after Einstein described gravitational radiation in his theory of general relativity, the first direct detection of the phenomenon with newly upgraded experimental apparatus looks likely. Hopefully, this will open up an entirely new vantage point for studying the universe, perhaps as revolutionizing as the advent of radio astronomy. The next few years promise to be very exciting!”

What does this have to do with LIGO? The U.S. government, through the NSF, has committed nearly $1 billion over more than three decades to the search for gravitational waves, involving the coordinated efforts of thousands of scientists and engineers in academia and industry. Good management is crucial.

Michella Rodeno, of Napa Valley, Calif., reports, “My newly published book, From Bubbles to Boardrooms: Act II: Startups Are Such Fun, has been described as an entertaining business fable. It is

This project is an exciting example of aerospace technology serving a vital humanitarian mission. (See www.ORBIS.org for details.)

Jim Graves, of Oakland, Calif., writes, “I practice business law in El Cerrito. Recent projects include solar energy leasing, geothermal project leasing, representing cattleman in Affordable Care Act analysis and stock redemptions, and the usual estate planning, tax planning, real property transactions, and setting up corporations and limited liability companies.

“My wife and I have two Springer Spaniel puppies but no children. I teach hunter safety as a volunteer instructor. My interests include photography, gardening, shooting handguns and rifles, and exploring the Sonoran Desert on weekends and on foot almost every weekend during cool weather. Our playground is the area bounded by the Salton Sea, the Colorado River, Joshua Tree National Park, and the Mexican border.”

John Mulcahy, of San Francisco, Calif., is enjoying a new chapter in his career: teaching Finance and Economics at Hult International Business School.

1983

Lisa Baughman Chapman, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, reports, “My husband Kyle and I have several new projects going. Among them, my company is managing the creation of the National Flying Eye Hospital, a converted FedEx freighter turned into a state-of-the-art fully functional mobile surgical and ophthalmological teaching hospital with examination rooms, operating rooms, and video teaching facilities. The ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital will work in third-world countries, staffed by volunteer surgeons, nurses, and technicians saving people from blindness.

John Mulcahy, of San Francisco, Calif., forwards this update: “What could be
better than advising innovative people on how they can contribute their personal values, their financial resources, their considerable networks, and their visionary leadership to make the world a better place for all? For the past six years, I have had the privilege of doing just that as a senior philanthropy adviser at Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

She adds, “It’s the best work I can imagine doing—work that plays to all my strengths and yields my Berkeley experience.”

**1986**

Paul Caracciolo, of Pasa
dena, Calif., reports, “I’m in my sixth year with HINER & Partners, a marketing research and strategy firm in SoCal. The work itself is rewarding and fits good. My son graduated in June and found a job in S.F. without my help, thank you, I only wish I had bought Apple at $8 like the rest of the class of ’86.”

**1987**

Victor Alfarozeno, of Oak-
tand, Calif., writes, “Well, it’s been 27 years since graduation and I’m still as disgusted by corporate politics as I was when I graduated. My back still hurts and I’ve had a few more surgeries. But, as I’ve written in the past, the most important thing is that I am not yet dead. I keep going and going and going—hop-
ing to mask it all. Oh yes, still married too, and my dear wife, Karen, also keeps going. I like my job and will retire sometime in my 70s even though I could stop now if I wanted to. It’s hard to think of how young I was 27 years ago. And if I live another 27 years, I’ll probably consider myself as young as I am now in 2013. It all goes by so quickly. I love the Röck-
ridge section of Oakland where we live. And I know where the hospital bed will go in our house when the time comes. This is not pessimism. It is the way things go.”

**1988**

Michael Lake, of Davis,
Calif., reports, “Currently riding my bicycle across the mountains of southern Ecuador, hoping to reach Ushuaia, Argentina, (the end of the known world by March) (gods be willing).”

**1989**

Christopher Schurtt, of Los Angeles, Calif., up-
dates as follows: “Christo-
pher and his wife, Andrea, and children, Henry
and Amalia, just had an amazing summer in the Canadian and in Norway, where they explored the Arctic Circle.”

**2013**

Gail Sullivan Morton, MBA 88, wrote, “My husband and I took an amazing vacation cruise from Sydney, Australia, through New Zealand. After two years with General Dynamics, I’m taking a new position as vice president of business development with Abacus Technology in the Washington, D.C., met-
ro area. I would be happy to connect with other Haas alumni.”

**2014**

Pamela Moraga, MBA 87, with
time and more energy. “Pitch it Forward’s mission is to inspire to another nonprofit, Fitch it Forward. We will begin a pilot program in San Diego this fall. Fitch it Forward’s mission is to challenge young athletes to lead—to inspire others to take responsibility for helping to create a better school for all students. By combining the responsi-
bility to lead, to learn, to perform random acts of kindness, and to express gratitude to those who have helped, we believe that we can help young leaders, while enriching the communities in which they live.

*My son Sam is an incoming freshman at Cal and I just dropped him off at the Clark Kerr Campus.*
John Boswell, of Ross, Calif., reports, “In 20th-year with CALS/WMT working to grow clean transportation tech industry—lots of excitement. In the past year opened offices in New York and Michigan and have launched an investor council. Member company Tesla building car with lowest emissions, best safety scores, and highest customer satisfaction. Now exporting to Europe! CA succeeding. Need to see more national progress to make the USA the leader in new industry and to prevent climate change.”

1990

Floris Vandenberg, of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, informs, “On the board of fast-growing software company based in Amsterdam (www.sig.eu). Company analyzes and helps solve IT problems of clients in several countries (including United States). Took the whole family (two girls and one boy, ages 9 to 14 now) to Berkeley in August. We decided to rejoin the Haas community as an assistant professor at UC Berkeley during Beaulieu’s visit to Cyprus. Özdil Nami writes, “We were impressed to see my old classmates at Haas events. "On the personal front, my wife, Christine, and I continue to enjoy suburban San Francisco life on the Peninsula and in Tahoe, with our son Thomas 9 and daughter Rebecca (7) in third and second grade, respectively. We found time in between the VMware/Google switch to take the family for our first trip to Costa Rica, and on all four of us agreed that this is a part of the world undergoing some profound and exciting change—not to mention a great place to surf! Look forward to seeing friends at Haas events!”

Chris Rimer, of San Carlos, Calif., reports, “After more than six years at VMware, I made the switch to Google’s cloud platform team this past spring. I’m building the partner business for Google’s cloud and looking forward to working with many of my Haas colleagues as they bring their software products into the dynamic world of ‘cloud.’ “On the personal front, my wife, Christine, and I have left investment banking to launch a new Berkeley-based consulting business with my wife, Susan. MBA ’99. Our firm Rockwood Pacific (www.rockwoodpacific.com) is focused on serving mission-based nonprofits and public entities. With the once-in-a-lifetime changes in health care policy and the major demographic shifts upon us, we are honored to support our clients in planning and building better health care and senior living communities. We intend to embody all four of the Haas defining principles in our new venture. We hope and expect that our new venture will involve frequent contact with our Haas community, looking forward to our next visit.”

Bruce Deane, of Tokyo, Japan, updates as follows: “I was recently asked to lead a large-scale reengineering initiative at Goldman Sachs across Asia-Pacific, in addition to leading the development of our business process management capability. My new role requires travel to various cities in Asia and the U.S., and I’ll look forward to catching up with fellow Haas alumni over the coming months.”

Kim MacPherson, MBA 94, of San Francisco, joined Haas staff in September as the associate director of the Health Management Program. She has been program director of the Health Policy and Management Division in the School of Public Health since 2000 and is also the associate director of the Berkeley Health Technology Center. Before returning to campus in 2008, Kim was a consultant with Health Workforce Solutions, Digital Think, and Arthur Andersen, among other firms. Kim now is San Francisco with her two grade school age children and serves on the board of trustees for St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

John Deiner, MBA 94, at Glacier Point, Yosemite National Park.

Kim MacPherson, MBA 94, announces, “I joined a very early-phase startup company that has developed a lightweight wind substitute for use in concrete. Lots of advantages, not to mention that it’s made out of 99 percent recycled material, I’m looking forward to the challenge of very rapid growth. Richard and I also had a marriage ceremony. I now have five stepdaughters!”
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Peter Watridge, of Curet Madera, writes, “My consulting business, Pointed Insight (pointed-insight.com), advises subscription product businesses on metrics-driven growth and financial strategies, business modeling, and revenue recognition. I work with several independent consultants in accounting, finance, big data, and business strategy consulting to help support my clients and am interested in growing this network. Feel free to contact me if you are an independent consultant with these skills and have experience with subscription and SaaS businesses.”

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An outstanding job with the president of the HAN Brazil Chapter prepared an event at Banco Itau, the largest Brazilian financial institution in the private sector. It was a round table between Richard Lyons and Itaú senior executives to discuss “International Finance and Exchange Rates.”

The audience focused on their trainees and collaborators that have the potential to apply for the school in the future. The event was very successful. The HAN Brazil Chapter would like to thank Rich, Jeanne, and Adam for the opportunity to get close to the alumni in Brazil.

“I left BlackRock in 2012 and joined Advis Asset Management as the chief operating officer of the company in the same year. I have two kids, Luisa Cezar, a beautiful 6-year-old girl, and Eduardo Cezar, a cute 3-year-old boy. Ana Laura, my wife, and I are enjoying a lot the time we spend with them. I also became the president of the HAN Brazil Chapter this year after an outstanding job done by Pablo Matouš, MBA ’03.”

Rahul Bhardwaj, of San Jose, Calif., founded a startup Averail (http://www.averail.com) in the enterprise mobility domain. Averail is a series A funded by Foundation and Storm.

Sandeeo Shrestha, of Burlington, Calif., reports, “Helping startups raise money and help them grow in a financially responsible manner has become a passion ever since I did it for my own startup and then numerous others. My new company is an embodiment of this passion—www.mytripthepit.com. We execute all aspects of the CFO’s role for startups on an outsourced basis with the cost certainty that entrepreneurs desire.”

2001

Mark Brown, of Berlin, Germany, writes, “I am continuing my work in urban environmentalism in the developing world and am now working on a book project that documents the poor in developing world cities have to trees and green spaces. I will be spending a month each in Istanbul, Mumbai, Nairobi, and Johannesburg in the coming months to gather data and conduct interviews.

“Yapi spent the last few months in Berlin (which is my model city) and have just arrived for a month of research in Istanbul. My research will also include the potential to apply for primary school for the coming academic year, which begins in January. I am enjoying the tropical weather, especially coming from San Francisco. It’s great to meet up with alumni Adam Persson and Richard Lyons and my old friend Becky Frank, MBA ’01. And I would like to see any Haas alumni who comes through Singapore; my email is peggy@yahoo.com.”

Tomoko Yamabe, of Paris, France, writes, “I started a new job this year as representative of the European office of CMA&DMD Association based in Paris, France. We promote the de-facto global standard of DC fast charging technology for electric vehicles (EV) through PR activities and workshops etc, working closely with our 70+ European members from 17 countries toward the common goal of accelerating e-mobility. I am truly excited about this new challenge and learning many things each day.”

2002

Becky Frank, of Seattle, Wash., writes, “After almost eight years in East Lake City and 10 years doing corporate strategy with San-Francisco based Michael Jordan Corporation, my husband, Justin, and our 4-year-old daughter have moved to Seattle. I will be working in strategy, planning, and management for the Bit & Melinda Gates Foundation within its global health division. I’m very excited that after the organization where I can put my dual-degree MBA ’02/MPH ’03 to work! I look forward to exploring a new part of this country and connecting with Seattle-based Haas alumni (beckyfrank@gmail.com).”

Eric Meyerson, of San Francisco, Calif., writes, “I recently left Google to run global metro marketing and brand for Everfairfax.”

Lesley (Keffer) Russell, of Napa, Calif., announces, “Formerly vice president

Michael Golden, of Shanghai, China, updates, “My marketing communications agency Adsmith China and I are excited to grow with some key new clients.”
at St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery in Napa Valley, I am now the general manager of Saint Helena Winery made by a highly esteemed winemaker, Aaron Pott.

Eric Brethauer, MBA 03, with wife Sara and children Sydney (12), Blake (7), and Rachel (12) in China, where they moved in 2013.

2003
Eric Brethauer, of Chengdu, China, reports, “After five years in London, at the beginning of 2013, my family and I relocated to Chengdu, China, so I could join Chevron’s natural gas project in this area as the business planning manager. After exploring Europe for many years, we look forward to this same opportunity in Asia. Chengdu, located in the Sichuan province, is the home of the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. So if you (or your children) have a need to hold a baby panda, this is the place! If you do plan a visit, please contact me at ericbrethauer@mba.berkeley.edu.”

Karin Goldfield, of San Francisco, Calif., writes, “After almost a decade at Hewlett-Packard, mostly managing alternative investments for the pension fund (my first job post-Haas), I recently joined Wells Fargo’s Asset Management business.”

Irene (Chen) Poston, of Redwood City, Calif., updates as follows: “After a long time of hours and hard work, my husband and I decided to take a week off and vacation locally. We spent two days in San Francisco and two more days in Timber Cove. Each spot could not be more different than the other, but both opened our eyes to new experiences and brought us closer together. I share this to remind myself and maybe others how amazing stepping away can be. This vacation week was so much more meaningful to me than any accomplishment at work. That’s a lot coming from a stiff workaholic.”

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Jason Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo., reports, “I relocated back to the Midwest in late 2012 and started Insights Meta, a research and publication agency. We build gaming for market research and doing market research for games. My son, Logan, just celebrated his third birthday and continues to make me wonder how my parents ever survived.”

Howard Connell, MBA 05

2005
Howard Connell, of Atlanta, Ga., updates with the following: “Professor Connell? Who would have thought? In July, I accepted an appointment as professor of the practice as well as director of the newly launched Center for Business Strategies for Sustainability at Georgia Tech Scheller College of Business. I’m developing and teaching courses as well as helping this new center up and running. Thanks to Professor Keela McElhany for being a great mentor and role model for this new direction.”

Last October I married the love of my life, Katherine Feld Connell. We honeymooned in Thailand and fit in beaches, mountains, andBangkok. We are looking to buy a place in Atlanta and settle in for the long haul in the coming year.”

Steve Hardinge, MBA 05

2006
Martin White, of Los Angeles, Calif., updates, “After raising capital in 2012, I have launched a new social venture focused on improving education for India’s low-income families (eartana.com). We are off to a great start having already partnered with 60 schools, impacting more than 50,000 children in just eight months.”

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Angela Dorsey-Kockler, MBA 06, with husband Nicholas, Niko (2), and Asher (1 week old).

2006

Angela Dorsey-Kockler, of Portland Ore., announces, Angella Dorsey-Kockler and Nicholas Kockler gave birth to Asher Dorsey Kockler on June 11, 10 a.m. He joins his big brother, Nicholas, and Australian shepherd, Ace.

Qing Li, of Mountain View, Calif., writes, “What a great way to end summer, volunteering at the Oakland Zoo with 40 other Haas alumni and families. We cleared huge piles of oakies and planted grass along the creeks. The zoo loved it!”

2007

Michael Bertscheimer, of San Francisco, Calif., announces, “Ipsos Partners has been buzzing with activity as an angel and seed investor, having now invested in nearly 20 startups, many of them Cal companies—in fact, we have a sort of spot for Berkeley-originated startups, having invested in Teknolutions (Brett Wilson), John Hughes, and Mark Rotblat, all MBA 07, and Keith Sadia, MBA 06, Magioshi (Shahin Panahi) and Hansoo Lee, both MBA 10, Vieglio (Daniie Riegelheim and Eric Gold, both MBA 06), Modly Industries (Aaron Schwartz, MBA 10), and two other Cal companies MobiWires, (Ahmad Kakou, MBA, Prayag Narula MS 12) and Outline (Zhicai Bai, MS 12). There’s never been a more exciting time to start a company, and we welcome the opportunity to get to know Cal Founders. Cal Founders is a place where alumni can learn from each other, and where we can acknowledge that it’s going great! It’s the most honest response to the question of ‘How’s it going?’ As with everyone, founders are constantly learning best practices from each other and Cal Founders’ suspension and our return to our Cal principles and learn.

Robert Kaplan, of Fayetteville, Ark., reports, “I was just promoted to director of sustainability for Walmart. I now lead support for our consumables and health and wellness businesses, as well as packaging and customer-facing engagement efforts. Looking forward to these new challenges!”

2008

Merrian (Puller) Bermuda, of Oakland, Calif., writes, “In 2013, I started a consulting group (Tide Partners) that works on strategy and development for portfolio companies and partners. We help our clients gain momentum and find new strategic partners and investors. Tide Partners is focused on helping companies develop new products, gain recognition in the industry, and expand into new markets.”

Wilson Chen, of Mill Valley, Calif., sends this update: “Perhaps three years ago, I was contemplating growing our aircraft leasing business to more than $1B in assets, we just sold our company to Mitsubishi Joining a family of four subsidiaries. In 2013 as CFO gave me the thrill of making data and information in the industry more transparent and accessible. I was excited to see new things. My wife, Kristine, and I now have two kids, Anthony, who is 3 and Charlotte who will be turning 2 at the end of this year.”

Andrew Gee, of Los Angeles, Calif., announces, “In May 2013 I launched an Israeli startup company in commercial real estate called www.myCRE-search.com. We are working toward making data and information in the industry more transparent and accessible. “My wife, Kristine, and I now have two kids, Anthony, who is 3 and Charlotte who will be turning 2 at the end of this year.”
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Gary Coover, of San Francisco, Calif., reports, “After 2.5 years in Silicon working for Samsung, I returned to the Bay Area to help launch the Samsung Accelerator, which is a software-focused incubator (yes—we’re looking for entrepreneurs to back). Korea was an incredible adventure, but I’m happy to be home, closer to my classmates and enjoying such American delights as a frozen food aisle in Trader Joe’s and Saturday mornings at the Ferry Building Farmer’s Market.”

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Bong Hun Lee, MBA 08, in Oman

Adam Prishtina, of San Francisco, Calif., reports, “This year I moved to Dubai to work for Standard Chartered Bank UAE, as the head of Korea desk covering Middle East and North Africa. It is a unique opportunity for me to work as a banker in this region, where many Korean companies are actively involved in major projects. I was also glad that here I had chances to interview some candidates who are applying to Haas MBA, which proves that many professionals in the Middle East and North Africa yearn for Berkeley!”

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Benny Du, MBA 13, at Point Arena

Benny Du: Forwards this update: “On August 26, Benny started his post-MBA career as a business development leader at MasterCard Labs. MasterCardWorldwide global research and development arm dedicated to bringing innovative payment solu- tions to market. Benny will be based in San Carlos, Calif., and will focus on Simplify Commerce, a new product that makes it easy (for merchants and developers) to accept e-commerce and mobile commerce payments, regardless of payment brand, in a matter of minutes. Benny is very excited about this new role and the opportunity to work in a fun and intellectually stimulating startup envi- ronment under one of the most recognized brands in the world.”

Aashi, meanwhile, writes, “I plan to get back into dancing the Argentine tango on a regular basis, very soon.”

Most Sorkin, of San Francisco, Calif., writes, “I am working at Dropbox and love it.”

Laura Peterson, MBA 17, with daughter Avery

Laurie Peterson, of Oakland, Calif., antici- pates, “This summer I began a journey to establish my own toy company, called Build & imagine. I am developing constructible play-sets to get girls building, imagine a dollhouse with magnetized walls that you can configure into any structure you choose. The goal is to get girls (like my daughter Avery) exposed to skills that will give them the confidence to later consider a career in STEM—Fields in which women only represent 24 percent of the workforce. I’ve been product testing at the Children’s Creative Museum in San Francisco and both boys and girls (and parents!) love my prototype. I hope to have a Kickstarter crowd-funding campaign live around the time this note publishes. Please keep an eye out for it. It would love the support of my classmates! www. buildandimagine.com.”

David Schlosberg sends this news: “My wife, Deborah, and I celebrated the birth of our first child, Max Alon Schlosberg, on Oct. 12, 2012.”

Chris Weatherford, of Green Lane, Pa., and his wife, Wendy, welcomed their son Colin to the family in December 2012.
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Sudhir Nakhwa, of San Francisco, Calif., announces, “I joined @WalmartLabs as a principal product manager this year after eight years of running my own consulting firm. It has been a thrilling ride to be working for a Fortune 1 company and have an impact on a massive scale. I am responsible for migrating the latest e-commerce stack that is developed at [Walmart]-owned Brazilian and Japanese e-commerce companies. We are hiring and am happy to help any Haas graduates become part of the Walmart family.”

2010
Dan Kimble, of Orinda, Calif., writes, “I feel very lucky to have discovered career coaching as an executive coach during my BCEO MBA experience helping others to develop new leadership skills, break through their self-limiting beliefs, and transform their careers to be all they are meant to be is such an honor and so breathtaking. Since graduating, I founded Resonance Executive Coaching and have been working very closely with a variety of leaders, entrepreneurs, and executives in transition. If you’d like to learn more please visit www. resonanceexecutive-coaching.com for more information.

I recently moved to Orinda and really enjoy the community, the land- scape, and the small town feel while still being very close to Berkeley and San Francisco. I have my son Indy (short for Indiana) half-time and the kid-friendly nature of this area is wonderful.”

2012
Dan Kimble, of San Francisco, Calif., updates, “I began working as a consultant for Alvarez & Marias, a management consultancy, in August. My focus areas include IT, finance, and operations. As part of my career transition, I will move from San Jose to San Francisco in the coming months.”

2013
Cathy Goodwin, of Philadelphia, Pa., writes, “I’ve added some e-books on my career site — MidLifeCareerStrategy.com. I try to share info that nobody else provides, so my e-books are about career change without tests and assessments and also writing career change resumes. I’ve added some articles to my blog, including one on using SlideShare on your LinkedIn bio.

“Still living in Philadelphia, which is one of the most impractical crazy cites-Darwin would have a wonderful place to live. Besides work in ceramics and am on a project to make ceramic sneakers, I see sneakers as a symbol of comfort and freedom (in contrast to high heels, especially terrible platform stilettos). I’m also doing some online volunteering with animal rescue. And I’m a big fan of the WNBA. The Seattle Storm were my team when I lived there, and now I’m following the Liberty (playing at Madison Square Garden next summer!). Love to con- nect with alumni in Phily!”

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You have heard it a thousand times—the millennial generation is lazy, entitled, relies predominantly on technology for social interaction, and likes information in small, digestible bites. But this can’t be an accurate representation of the entire generation, as millennials are also behind some of the most interesting, innovative startups and technologies today.

What we are is resourceful. And this resourcefulness lends itself well to entrepreneurship, since we embrace the challenge of making difficult things happen with very few resources.

After four years and three companies, I have learned a thing or two about applying my millennial resourcefulness. Here are my most important lessons.

No to no. Always take a meeting, no matter if it’s with a prospective customer that isn’t big enough, a trade show producer even if you have no sponsorship budget, or a candidate for a role that you are not currently looking to hire. You can always learn something by talking to somebody new, even if it’s learning what not to do or who not to partner with. Every introduction may open a door down the road.

Smart, not cool. I get that everyone, especially in my generation, wants to capture the “cool factor” when building a startup. However, as we all learned at our high school reunion, coolness has a limited lifespan. And it can actually be very costly in business. At Retention Science, we joke about being in an unsexy industry, as we are not building the next Facebook or the hottest apps du jour. However, our team is dedicated to building a great technology and is passionate about solving a difficult problem together, and we feel cool in doing that. We don’t throw parties or spend fortunes on stylish office space. Instead, we think through every dollar and focus on building lasting relationships.

Speedy and scrappy. If your company is getting bigger and moving slower because you have more people to manage and more processes in place, it’s time to regroup. You should never implement a process because someone said it is a best practice. Don’t let rules and rigor tie you down. We have a clear objective for each meeting and discourage long-winded emails. Speed to execution is everything in business.

Go team. Collaboration and teamwork are the essence of every business, so we make a concerted effort to foster them within our company. Millennials can be especially good at this because we see beyond age and rank. Give everyone a voice and recognize and reward people who deliver high value—interns included. Collaboration is the true catalyst to seeing results; it drives innovation, tests weaknesses, and strengthens teams.

Being the example. I push my team very hard, and I let my actions speak louder than words. I do everything from washing dirty dishes to hiring interns. I cannot expect my team to work hard if I fail to demonstrate my commitment. I cannot ask my team to show care for others and contribute to building a culture that we are collectively proud of if I do not model my own values.

Finally, as entrepreneurs, we will experience all sorts of emotional roller coasters, but having the right attitude will get you through the toughest times. I remind myself everyday that I am very lucky to get to do what I do, and I make sure I don’t take anything for granted. I make sure my team knows that as well, although I try not to sound too much like a broken record in doing so. Who says millennials are entitled?

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