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# Finding Sustainable Solutions Through DYNAMIC GOVERNANCE

Flexible scheduling. Cloud-based computing. Open office space. Soon these touchstone concepts of modern work life may be joined by a new one – dynamic governance. Some students at Berea are experiencing this model of workplace organization firsthand through their Labor Program positions in the Office of Sustainability.

Shalia Smith '18

Students working with Joan Pauly, sustainability coordinator, have spent the last year in this system. Unlike a traditional office model in which a supervisor creates a plan to achieve a set of goals and then delegates oversight of particular tasks, dynamic governance employs a ground-up approach. Workers and managers, staff and students are responsible for identifying challenges and opportunities, then creating a plan to address the situation.



Sustainable Foods Coordinator Shelby Wheeler '16 shares an idea with Holden Dillman '17 and others.

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Kristina Anderson '19

For the Office of Sustainability, dynamic governance offered the opportunity to find better ways to meet the challenge of making the mission of sustainability tangible, accessible and visible. For example, convincing the campus community to “rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle” requires campuswide coordination and education. Pauly believes Berea can become a zero-waste institution, but coordination across many departments is essential, and dynamic governance has been a good tool for the job.

How does dynamic governance work? Though there are several models, the form Pauly uses is based on the one she “experienced when the United States Green Building Council (USGBC – the originators of the LEED Green Building rating system) decided to shift how it governed.” She describes it as a “consensus decision-making model based on the practices of the

Quakers to show up to meetings prepared and to be respectful of others.” Each team member has an area of responsibility and is expected to be actively engaged in finding problems and areas for improvement. As these areas are identified, students apply their critical thinking skills by developing a proposal to share with the team. There is also an operational component to every dynamic governance-style meeting. There is a balance between proposals and full consent decision-making and the “where do things stand and what do we need to do to complete the project” portion of the meeting.

In the proposal process, students are responsible for answering three questions: What is the current situation? What is the problem with the current situation? What is the proposal for solving the problem? Proposals are circulated to all team members in

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David Tipton, dean of labor



Erica Berejnoi '16, Cameron Cohran '16, and Noah Coleman '17 share ideas.

advance of their weekly labor meetings. During the meetings, the team works together to develop the solution that will make the most effective use of their resources. As a result, the meetings are more engaging and productive, says Noah Coleman '17, student supervisor. He believes dynamic governance “allows for those participating in the meeting to both ensure that they’re present and also make sure that they have time and a place to express what they’re doing.”

For the students, this creates a positive workplace atmosphere. “It’s a fantastic job because I get to be involved in pretty much all of the projects that are happening at once. And I love getting to see how we’re moving forward as a college with regard to sustainability,” said Coleman.

In the case of Kristina Anderson '19, communications and marketing coordinator, dynamic governance led to personal changes. Anderson emphasized that dynamic governance “inspired me to work harder to make sure that I get my projects in and make sure that I’m doing what’s best for the whole office of sustainability.” In her prior jobs, Anderson says she was accustomed to following orders, but thanks to dynamic governance, she is more aware of how her individual work affects the work of the team. To

make sure she supports her team members’ goals, Anderson now takes a more proactive approach to meeting individual goals because she better understands the connection between her work and the team’s performance.

Helping students grow and prepare for work in the modern world is one of the major goals of the Labor Program. According to Dean of Labor David Tipton, “There are over 100 work environments students can experience at Berea. Some are very traditional; others are more dynamic but each has a place in educating our students. However, the sustainability model is an excellent example of how to fully engage, educate and prepare our students to enter a rapidly changing and evolving world of work.” That world values “a strong work ethic, the ability to work in teams, leadership, critical thinking and communication skills,” said Tipton.

The real importance of dynamic governance, Pauly stated, will be what each student takes from it after graduation and applies to their personal, work and civic lives. She believes that “to see this practice done well is to experience a respectful, open, informed approach to elections and policy decisions,” which helps ensure that the “final decision is better than the individual ideas suggested at the beginning.”

# REAL PROBLEMS + REAL SOLUTIONS = REAL WINS

"I'll never use this in the real world."

"Class projects are BORING."

J. Morgan '91

Though such truisms have always been suspect, lately the computer science program at Berea College has been quite effective at shooting them down. Evidence for this came in February, when Dr. Jan Pearce took 22 students to the Tri-State Women in Computing Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. They competed against more than 200 students from other schools, including the University of Kentucky and the University of Cincinnati.

"If you want to succeed in a technical field, attend a research university."



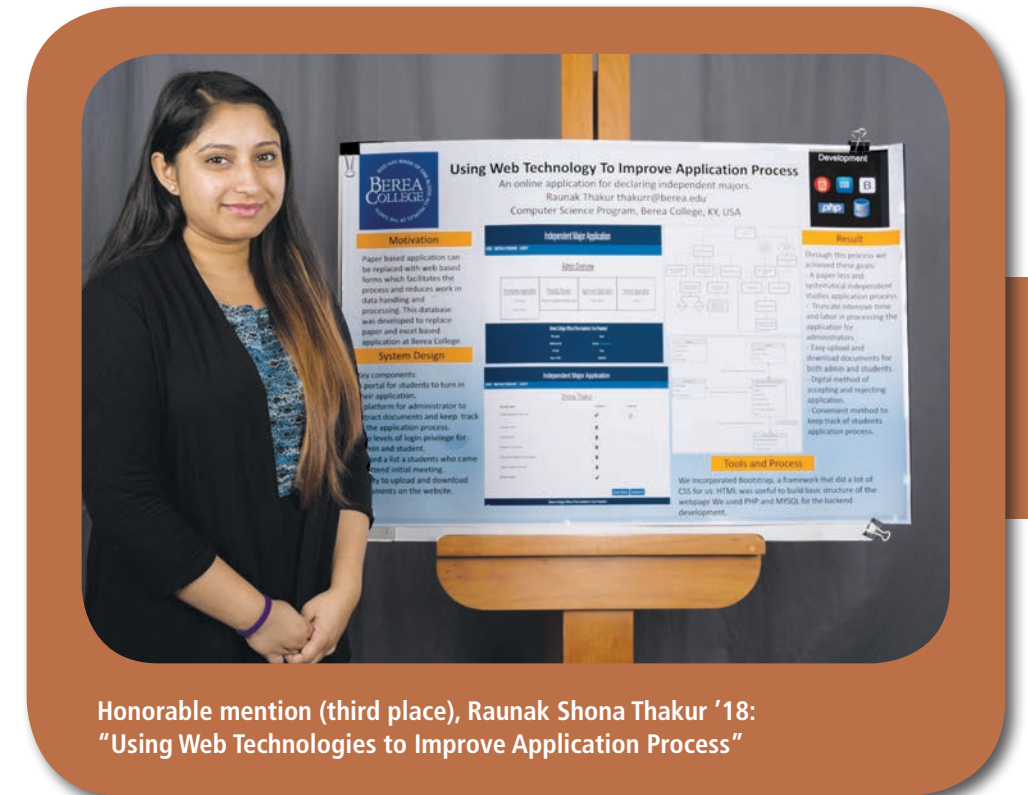
Dr. Jan Pearce and her students, who swept the undergraduate awards at the Tri-State Women in Computing conference.

While Pearce was confident the students would perform well, even she was a bit surprised when Berea swept the undergraduate awards.

Honorable mention (third place) went to Raunak Shona Thakur '18 for her project, "Using Web Technologies to Improve Application Process." Thakur said her work developed from a service-learning class assignment to choose a real-world problem and solve it using technology. In the class, taught by Dr. Mario Nakazawa, she developed an online system for declaring an independent major, which makes the process more efficient and helps reduce the waste associated with a paper-based process.

Phyo Phyo Kyaw Zin '16 took second place for her project, "Developing Dashboard Management System (DMS)," which she developed for Joan Pauly, sustainability coordinator, with the direction of Dr. Scott Heggen. According to Zin, the dashboard is "an integrated platform for managing and displaying sustainability data. The back-end data is all stored in Google Drive spreadsheets and the front-end is displayed on a WordPress platform." The integration means as soon as data is updated on the spreadsheet, the information displayed on the sustainability website changes. The dashboard can be accessed at [www.berea.edu/sustainability/sustainability-dashboard](http://www.berea.edu/sustainability/sustainability-dashboard).

The winning project was a team effort by Ashley Aiken '18 and Amber Tolleson '16. Working with Dr. Matt Jadud,

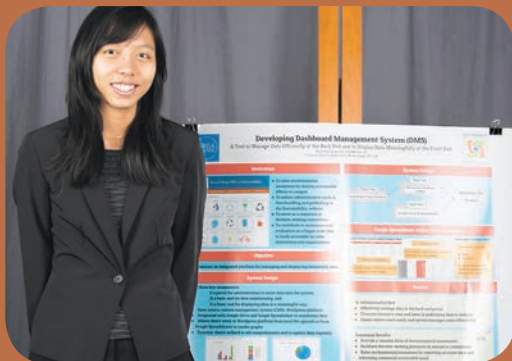


Honorable mention (third place), Raunak Shona Thakur '18: "Using Web Technologies to Improve Application Process"

Aiken and Tolleson programmed a sensor to detect the kinds of gases produced by fracking. Fracking is a controversial technique for extracting natural gas or oil from the ground by injecting pressurized liquids. The gases released through this process are believed by many to be harmful to the environment.

"We wrote code that told the sensors to take five readings per second and average them. The code was then sent via Bluetooth dongle to a phone, which stored the data that we later examined in Excel," Aiken said. For the project to succeed, they had to find a way to deploy the sensor in the field. Tolleson noted that while it required "many, many designs and hardware store trips," the team enjoyed the process of "learning how to use a variety of tools for building."

What makes the success of these women even more remarkable is that



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Phyo Phyo Kyaw Zin '16:  
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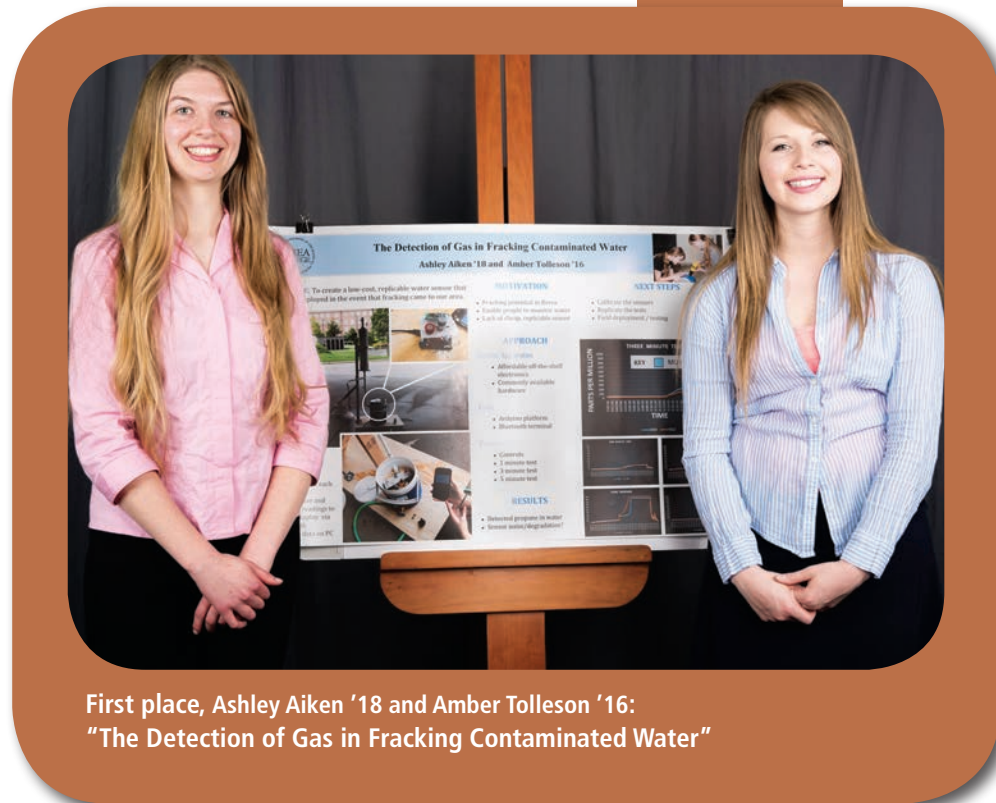
none of them came to Berea with strong backgrounds in computer science. Thakur said computer science simply was not "part of curriculum in schools in Nepal."

"Computer science is definitely a new interest," said Aiken. "I did not have a computer until I was a senior in high school, so I never dreamed that I would be majoring in computer science."

While much of the credit for the successes at the conference goes to the students and faculty, Pearce believes the educational model of the college as a whole also plays a role.

"A Berea education helps students to think critically and to communicate effectively, both of which are valuable skills that I believe give Berea students an advantage that they often do not fully appreciate until after graduation,"

said Pearce. She also credits the Labor Program with developing a strong work ethic that "empowers Berea students," giving them the confidence to tackle real problems in the workplace or any other area of life.



First place, Ashley Aiken '18 and Amber Tolleson '16:  
"The Detection of Gas in Fracking Contaminated Water"

The faculty hope these successes will help the program to continue to grow and attract student interest, especially among female students, since women are significantly underrepresented in the field. This year, Berea will graduate 20 computer and information science (CIS) majors, including seven women. While women

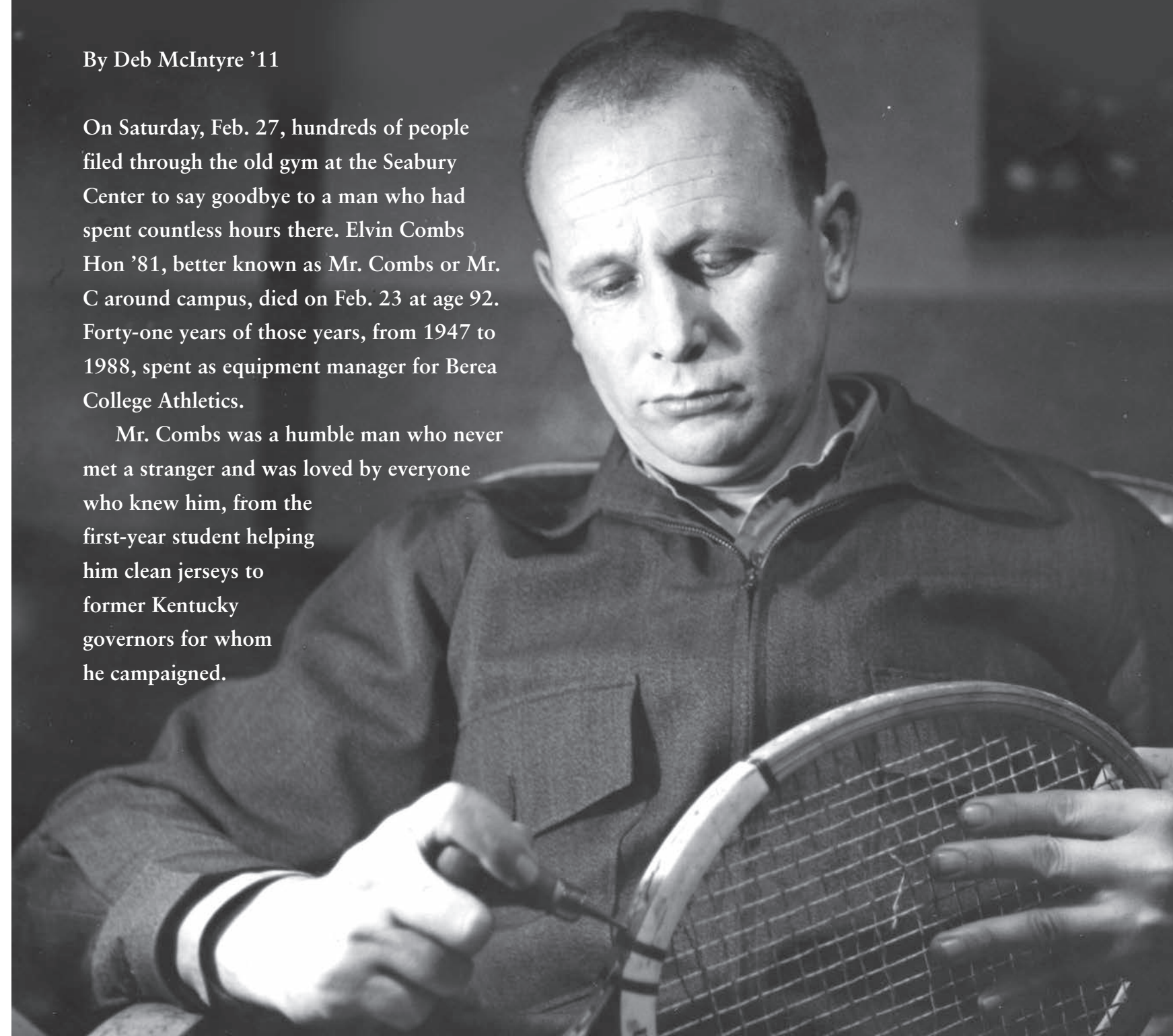
represent only 35 percent of Berea's CIS majors this year, that percentage is nearly double the national rate (18 percent) of female graduates in CIS at the bachelor's level. In a few more years, maybe the idea that "technology appeals more to boys" will be another truism turned anachronism.

# A Tribute to MR. BERE—ELVIN COMBS

By Deb McIntyre '11

On Saturday, Feb. 27, hundreds of people filed through the old gym at the Seabury Center to say goodbye to a man who had spent countless hours there. Elvin Combs Hon '81, better known as Mr. Combs or Mr. C around campus, died on Feb. 23 at age 92. Forty-one years of those years, from 1947 to 1988, spent as equipment manager for Berea College Athletics.

Mr. Combs was a humble man who never met a stranger and was loved by everyone who knew him, from the first-year student helping him clean jerseys to former Kentucky governors for whom he campaigned.



# MR. BEREА—ELVIN COMBS



**The first athletics department “bus” he drove was really a car that was cut in half and elongated so the ballplayers would fit. It was christened “the snake” by the players.**

**Sometimes his hours on the job were as early as six in the morning until midnight or later if there was an away game and he was driving the bus.**

**Students would park their cars at his house, catch a ride home with him on Fridays, and grab their keys from the cabinet and drive home.**

The sunny room where he spent most of the last five years of his life tells the story. At his home a few miles north of campus, the room is lined from floor to ceiling with hundreds of photos. Along the top are Mountaineer athletes in faded black-and-white publicity shots, their game faces frozen in time. Further down are team photos and snapshots of people from all walks of life. A closer look reveals autographed pictures of President Bill and Hillary Clinton, governors, senators, and other politicians.

According to Bette, his wife of 70 years, Elvin could put a name to all those faces and tell a story about each one. When a friend or former student stopped by to visit and Elvin didn’t have a photo of them on his wall, he would ask for a copy for his collection. Homecoming and Summer Reunion were busy times. Throughout the year he would get phone calls from alumni. The conversations were very similar, says Bette.

“Mr. C! I bet you can’t guess who this is.”

“I bet I can.”

“Surely not, it’s been too long. You couldn’t possibly remember me.”

But remember them he did. Not only their names, but also when they attended Berea, what sports they played and what awards they won.

Dr. Mike Johnson ’73 was an athlete, professor and coach during Mr. Combs’ career. A 35-year veteran of Berea athletics, the cross country and track coach has fond memories of long talks with his mentor. Mr. C was instrumental in getting him his job and was a close friend and grandfather figure to his children.

“If a student got in trouble, they called on Mr. Combs. He was such a good man, always trying to help and counsel students. Our students are unique and special and that’s the reason he stayed at the job,” said Johnson. Bette recalls how Mr. Combs kept a refrigerator stocked with snacks for hungry but cash-poor students who stopped in the “cage” (his tiny office) for advice. In that office he talked many students out of quitting school when the pressures of classes and work became too much. “I personally know of several



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young men who graduated because of his intervention,” says the Rev. Randy Osborne Hon ’95, retired campus minister and director of the Campus Christian Center.

Current Berea College Trustee and former board chair David Shelton ’69, a baseball player during his years as a student, formed a close friendship with Mr. Combs that endured many decades.

“There are numerous good reasons why so many of us continued until recently to journey out Highway 1016 to visit with Mr. Combs and Bette. These good reasons include his caring attitude, kindness, and genuine unforgettable concern for our lives as Berea College students. He helped me through many trying issues as a young man during my first time away from home and was extremely influential in my needed adjustments to a path leading to graduation. I will truly miss him.”

Combs grew up in Happy, a tiny town in Perry County in Eastern Kentucky, where he was a coal miner until he decided soldiering would be easier. He served in World War II in Europe, returning in December 1945. He then married Bette, a native of a town near Buffalo, NY, whom he met during training, and they moved to Berea, where his family had settled when sister Faye began attending the Foundation School. The first year he worked as a painter at the College before he was hired as equipment manager.

Combs excelled in athletics. According to Johnson, he once beat an opposing team’s star free-throw shooter (ranked second in the nation) in an informal contest, hitting 50 shots in a row without a miss, shooting underhanded, “granny” style.

When Osborne wanted to get in shape in his early years of teaching, he introduced himself to Combs, asking for advice. “He had a reputation for being the very best in squash, handball and racquetball,” says Osborne. The older man (Combs was 43 years old) introduced him to several sports, and they were doubles partners on the racquetball court for many years.

Combs’ comforting presence was a fixture at home athletic contests. The father of five (including Berea alumni John Combs ’69 and Edie Combs McCreary ’71) was always seen cheering on his Mountaineers wearing his Berea College jacket and blue “B” baseball cap. “He was proud of the men and women who had become such a large part of his life at the College,” recalled Osborne. Looking back now, those former students feel blessed to have been touched by this man’s life.

Barbie VanWinkle Mills ’80 worked under Elvin in the equipment room. “I looked forward to going to work at 7:30 a.m.,” she said, “because I knew he would be there with a smile on his face. He touched many lives.”

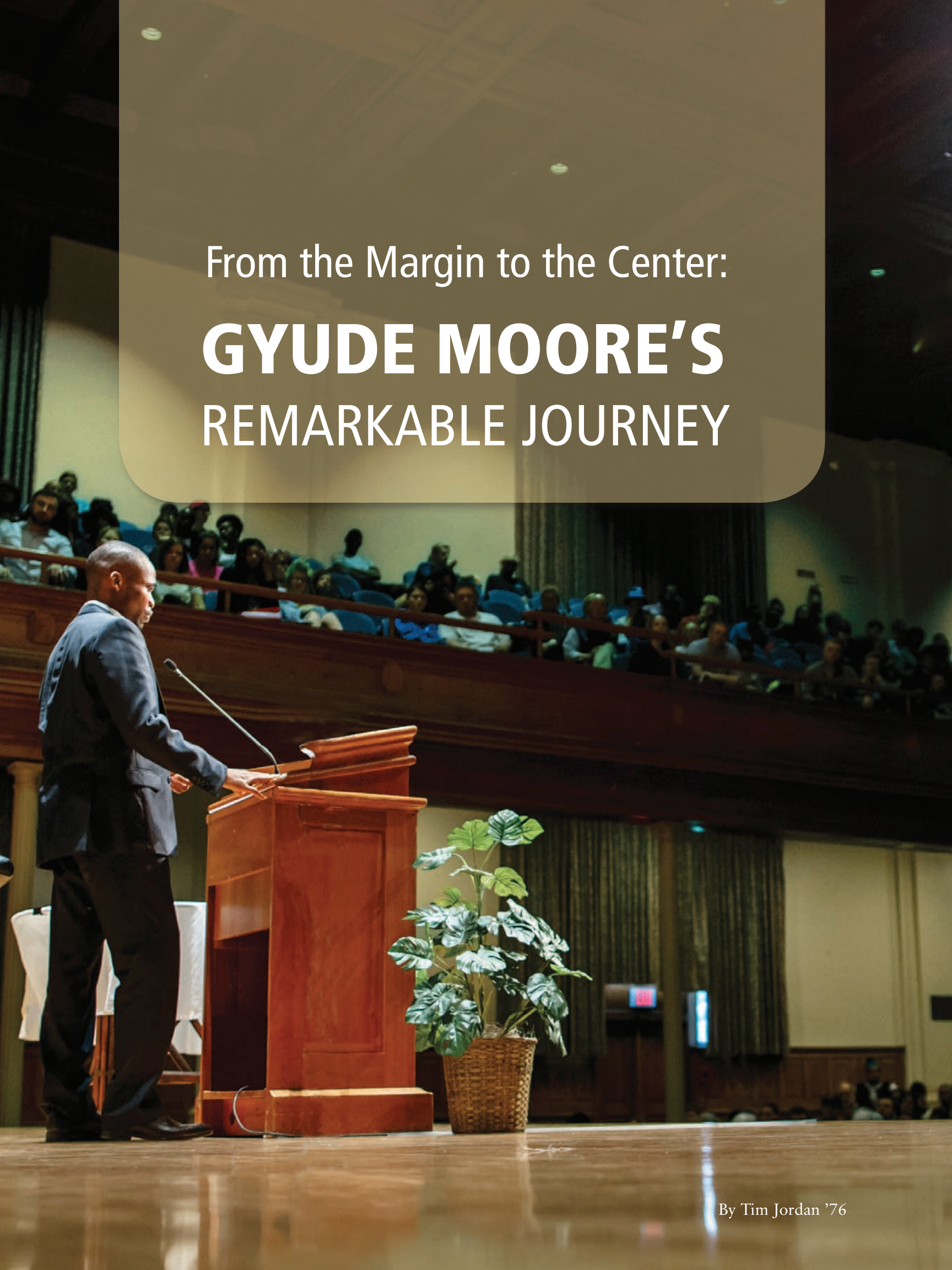
Arnold Stacy ’61 said “[he] immediately became a friend and mentor. He left a legacy that will never be surpassed. In my mind he was Mr. Berea College.”

“What a kind, gentle, and wise man,” remembers Mickey Wu ’75. “He was the reason I did not quit the soccer team out of frustration in my freshman year. He encouraged me, counseled patience and hard work. As usual, he was right. I cannot think of Berea without thinking about Mr. Combs.”



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# From the Margin to the Center: **GYUDE MOORE'S** REMARKABLE JOURNEY



By Tim Jordan '76

“Ebola deaths are horrendous!”

Gyude Moore '06 did not mince words in a letter he wrote at the height of the Ebola crisis in September of 2014. Recounting the distress he and other citizens of Liberia were experiencing, he wrote, “It’s hell here. Two days ago some lady with a nine-year-old and a six-month-old passed. Her husband had died from the disease and she took care of him. She got sick and the nine-year-old took care of her. Now she’s dead and both children have Ebola. Seriously, how does one go to sleep with this kind of information?”

Gyude’s sentiments contain equal parts of compassion and passion. His compassion springs from spiritual depths of his own faith and past experiences of poverty, grief and loss. His passion, which draws from those same sources, is undeniable and impressive to everyone who encounters him.

Perhaps this combination explains how in only 10 years of public service, Gyude built a resume that would be the envy of many senior diplomats. Among his many accomplishments, he can list graduate of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown, OxFam CHANGE leader, senior aid in the Office of the President and currently Minister of Public Works in Liberia.

However, he is no stranger to trying times; rather, he embodies the idea that great goodness can come out of great difficulties. Like many Liberians, his family was greatly affected by his country’s widespread poverty, economic instability, political strife and warfare. Liberia suffered two civil wars during his early years, the first from 1989-1996 and the second from 1999-2003. Recounting his youth, Gyude says, “Before the war



Gyude Moore accompanying Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

we were relatively OK. The war changed everything.”

During the war, marauders came to Gyude’s village, where they pillaged, massacred neighbors, and burned his father’s house. His family fled war-torn Liberia to seek refuge in the Ivory Coast. A pivotal moment for Gyude occurred

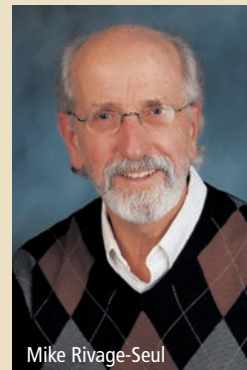
when his sister died during their flight from the rebels. “My mother had given birth to twins a week before the attack and with no vehicle, we had to trek the 25 or more miles to the Liberian-Ivorian border. We took whatever belongings we could and carried them on our heads. The entire road was jam packed with people like us, fleeing for their lives. I carried one of the twins, the boy, on my back and my mother carried the other, a girl. The stress of the journey overwhelmed my baby sister and she passed that night.”

Their grief was accompanied by want. “We had to depend on rations from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees,” Gyude recalls. “In many instances I had to sell some of the rations to pay rent. It was a very difficult time.” But in spite of such difficulties, Gyude acknowledges, “I was fortunate to miss the multiple bouts of cholera that ravaged the refugee population.”

Such tragedies might defeat some, but Gyude says that listening to his mother’s sobs of anguish in darkness the night his sister died “prompted me to promise that I would work for a world where kids and their mothers would be protected from such horrors. It was a vague promise, but service organizations seemed like a good place to start, so I did.”

His involvement in service organizations took a leap forward when Gyude arrived in America. “I think I came to America for the same reason every immigrant has come here. It was a land of opportunity. Before coming to America, going to school was an end in itself since there was really no future. America provided a future – something to hope for, to live for.”

Gyude recalls coming to Berea College: “In 2002, I was one of 29 international students accepted from over 3,000 applicants to receive a scholarship at Berea.” Professors like Mike Rivage-Seul and Michelle Tooley made a particular impact on him. “Mike and Michelle were activists. They encouraged us to question power structures. They created the impression that it was not a problem when you challenged injustice, it was rather odd if you didn’t. They enabled me.”



Mike Rivage-Seul



Michelle Tooley

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As a student majoring in political science and economics, service was central to Gyude’s Berea College experience. He was selected as a Bonner Scholar because he met the program’s requirements of commitment to service, demonstrated leadership, scholastic ability and maturity. As the program’s first international scholar, he worked with the homeless in Louisville and AIDS education with youth in Washington, D.C.

As a Bonner Scholar, Gyude attended a workshop by Oxfam America, the international humanitarian organization focused on finding solutions to poverty, hunger and social injustice. “Here was an organization working to create the world I had envisioned as a refugee kid,” he says, adding, “It was there that I met Liz Carty from Oxfam America, who encouraged me to apply to become an Oxfam CHANGE leader. The rest, like they say, is history.”

That “history” is something Betty Hibler, the now-retired associate director of the Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service (CELTS), knows very well. “Gyude participated in an Oxfam leadership program on becoming a

CHANGE leader, which was a big turning point,” Hibler says. “After that, Gyude became a sought-after speaker.” While still a student, he addressed the United Nations as a panelist during the Tomorrow’s Leaders’ Today forum, the World Youth Leadership Network in New York, the Inter-American Forum in Florida, and facilitated a workshop at the 16th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Winners’ Forum at St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

Gyude recalls his first off-campus speaking engagement: “Michelle Tooley, who believed in me before I actually began to believe in myself, was with me at St. Olaf at the Nobel’s Peace Prize Winner’s conference. She believed I had an incredible voice, a perspective that needed to be heard. She remains with me – a guiding light. She was my friend, my mentor, my mother, my teacher, my inspiration.”

Dr. Tooley, Berea’s Eli Lilly Professor of Religion who passed away before this article was completed, said of him, “Gyude’s faith and his deep conviction that the world is not the way it should be are important catalysts for his economic justice work. He understands different kinds of

people and empowerment and practices listening skills that help him find common ground with people. Although he is an excellent speaker, he doesn’t try to dazzle his audience, but speaks out [of] a deep passion for social justice, grounded in good analysis.”

After graduation from Berea College, Gyude pursued graduate studies at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown before eventually returning to Liberia.

For two years, Gyude served in the Liberian government as deputy chief of staff/head of the Program Delivery Unit in the Executive Office of the President. From 2009 until 2012, he was senior aide in the Office of the President. In describing his government work he says, “It was a journey. I remember the first time I tried to be helpful. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first elected female head of state in Africa, was not very welcoming. It’s funny now in hindsight. But they were working on her Annual Message (like your State of

the Union) and I was there helping. She came in and saw me, and gave me that ‘what are you doing here?’ look.” But Gyude stayed and the next year, her speech was written on an outline he had crafted.

Gyude’s loyalty and work ethic earned the president’s respect. In December 2014, President Sirleaf appointed Gyude to her cabinet as Minister of Public Works. In that role he oversees the country’s largest allotment in national budget to oversee infrastructure programs such as roads, energy plants, hospitals, shipping ports, and airports.

“I went from aide in the President’s Office, to senior aide, to special assistant to the President’s chief of staff, to deputy chief of Staff and head of the President’s Delivery Unit. Now I’m minister of public works. Pretty incredible six years!” Gyude says balancing pride with humility.

“I worked hard. I was disciplined. I was there when she arrived in the morning and was one of the last when



Gyude shares a moment following his convocation address with friends and mentors Ashley Cochrane, Sheila Lyons '87, and Betty Hibler.



Gyude is responsible for enabling continued physical access to social services: health, education, and markets. Here, he visits a road construction site with engineers and others building the transportation infrastructure of Liberia.

she left,” Gyude continues. “I took on tasks that needed to be done. I prepared briefs for meetings. I kept taking on more responsibilities and delivering and ultimately became one of the president’s closest aides and advisers.” At his wedding, President Sirleaf, a mother of four sons, toasted the couple and called Gyude her “fifth son.”

Serving as minister of public works put Gyude at the epicenter of the Ebola crisis in Liberia. Ebola outbreaks had spread from Guinea into Liberia, first in rural areas, then in urban areas where it was difficult to trace the contact trail. Because early symptoms of the disease mimicked more common tropical diseases, such as malaria and cholera, outbreaks often went undetected until too late.

Gyude’s wife, Lakshmi, who works for an international anti-poverty organization, was in the U.S. giving birth to their son. She described the heartbreaking challenges – private and public – that her husband and their country faced, saying, “Gyude lost friends, family members of friends and colleagues.” She said that seemingly simple things, such as a lack of gloves and other protective gear for healthcare workers, contributed to the crisis. No routine protocols were already in

place, so the burgeoning number of Ebola cases put the nation’s health system in crisis and healthcare workers at risk. The existing health system, which had a ratio of one doctor for every 100,000 citizens, was overrun, and many of the early victims were healthcare workers who had treated Ebola patients.

“I think it’s difficult for people who have never been at the center of such an outbreak to appreciate what a harrowing experience it is,” Gyude said of the impact the crisis was having on the Liberian people and their culture. “Imagine schools closing, offices closing except for a few essential staff. Imagine you can’t shake hands or touch other people. Imagine you can’t play sports or engage in any group activity in which people might sweat. Imagine you come to work and are suspicious of your coworkers because you don’t know if they’re taking care of a sick relative at home. Imagine sitting up one night and accepting that you would die, that it was only a matter of time because you couldn’t be careful one hundred percent of the time. It was a terrifying experience.”

Throughout the crisis, Gyude was an ardent ally with President Sirleaf in appealing for global assistance. “I was with the president when she made the decision

to directly request assistance from the U.S. and Chinese governments,” he said. “Then we shared copies of her letter with some of our friends on Capitol Hill. I believe Sen. Leahy read President’s Sirleaf’s letter on the floor of the Senate. The contents of the letter also appeared in *the New York Times*. As each world leader received our request, major papers in their country carried the letter and asked what the government was doing to help. It was a satisfying experience knowing that those efforts would lead to a response.”

Gyude also took other actions. He wrote an open letter published by the Center for Global Development, spoke about the Ebola crisis along with Senator Jeff Flake in Washington, D.C., and conducted an interview on National Public Radio. Confronting the crisis required a total effort, Gyude says, noting that “other members of the Liberian government and friends of Liberia were also using their contacts to do as much as they could. And every bit counted.”

Even with the country’s borders closed, the spiraling number of Ebola cases put a strain on basic services. There was a lack of beds and too few Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs), which provided isolation and infection control protocols throughout

the 21-day quarantine for patients. Gyude pointed out that due to the incubation period of the disease, if patients could not access ETUs, they simply went home, where family members and caregivers likely would become the next victims. Recognizing the critical need for ETUs, he was quoted at the time, “I go every day and try to see if we can speed up the ETUs. But even there we have problems. Were we to eventually scale up to 1,000 beds, there’s not enough medical staff trained to run these units.”

As the death toll continued to rise in Liberia and its neighboring West African

nations, an impassioned plea for help was made to the U.S., Russia, Japan, Germany, Brazil, China, Canada, South Africa and Australia. It was a distress call that stated in part, “We need help. If we don’t build at least 1,000 beds in the next week and a half, we will be so far from shore in these uncharted waters, I struggle to imagine we would return to land. Whatever you can do, whoever you know, we need help. We really do. We are running out of time.”

The appeals for aid were effective and the response was tremendous. Help came from many nations and organizations, including Berea College students who

initiated fundraising events to buy protective gear for Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières). “It was a source of great pride that my alma mater would reach out to assist my country in our time of need,” Gyude said. “Obviously, it was not Berea’s first foray into assisting Liberia in time of great upheaval. Berea once played hosts to Liberian students who were allowed to finish their education when their lives were disrupted by the war in the early ’90s. I love that Berea raised funds to help with Ebola.”

Gyude returned to Berea’s campus this spring to receive the 2016 Berea College Service Award and speak at the service convocation. Established in 1979, the award recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service to society in achieving the ideals of Berea’s Great Commitments. In his speech, he addressed the persistent patterns of power and privilege in communities that are perpetuated through enforcement of clear lines of separation or “margins.” He reminded his audience that by virtue of their education they each have a unique opportunity to erase those lines and prevent the marginalization of others in its many forms.

“There is something quintessentially American about Berea,” Gyude reflects. “It demands you ask questions; that you do not accept things simply as they are. Berea was like that. [I] loved it here. So when I went back home where youth is seen, but not usually heard, I was different.”

And because of Gyude, so is Liberia and so is the world.



Gyude and his wife, Lakshmi, and their family.

**“There is something quintessentially American about Berea. It demands you ask questions; that you do not accept things simply as they are.”**



# NANCY GIFT: Good Weeds and Sustainability

By Beza Moges '16

"My father was an economics professor at the University of Kentucky, so I grew up in Lexington," explained Nancy Gift, Berea College's Compton Chair of Sustainability. The first time Gift visited Berea was in the 1980s. "I remember coming to visit a friend, and we checked out the 'Spaceship School' and I remember thinking that I would want to live here one day." (Designed in the 1960s, the resemblance between Berea Community School and an UFO has been noted by more than one unbiased observer.)

Twenty years after that initial visit, Gift now calls Berea home. But the journey to get here required a change of major, a career shift, and stops at Harvard University, the University of Chicago and Chatham University.

At Harvard, she started out as a mathematics major, but after taking a conservation biology class in her second semester, Gift switched her studies to biology. "I liked biology because I always liked to go outside, and I especially liked environmental science because it makes a connection between different fields of knowledge and how organisms interact with their environments."

Afterward, Gift went on to study crop and soil science at the University of Kentucky. She attributes her choice of studying crop science for her master's degree and her subsequent Ph.D. in weed science from Cornell University to her love for plants. "My grandmother was a wildflower person and I remember her telling me a lot of flower names. So, I wanted to do something with plants that is practical, and I applied to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Kentucky, where I was introduced to weed science."

"I went into weed science knowing that it would be about killing weeds, but I was always the one more interested in studying them." She continued, "It is interesting how there is a crop growing and obviously there is still room for something else to grow. One way of addressing this, for example, is

polyculture, where you deliberately grow multiple crops to make a better use of the field. So we see that the weeds were actually telling us that there is room for more things to be produced."

Gift's next destinations after earning her Ph.D. were Chicago and Pittsburgh. "My spouse was offered a post-doc position at the University of Chicago. While we were there, I realized that there were no opportunities for me to do anything related to agriculture. I tried to be an extension agent in counties to help people solve their agricultural problems, but at the University of Chicago, there was not any such extension to speak of." As a result, she taught environmental science-related courses part-time at the University of Chicago before she and her husband moved to Pittsburgh. There, she joined the Rachel Carson Institute at Chatham University. "Rachel Carson was an alum of Chatham University before she became famous for writing *Silent Spring*, the book that informed people that pesticides might not be all that good. So, in Chatham, I read her works and taught about them."

While working at Chatham, Gift's first book, *A Weed by Any Other Name*, was published by Beacon Press. "In 2007, I applied to give a talk at a conference by the American Society for Literature in Environment about Rachel Carson and her ethic on lawn care – specifically her claim that more pesticides are sprayed on lawns than on farms," Gift says. At the

conference, Gift was approached by an agent from Beacon Press who had read her abstract, attended her presentation and wanted to discuss the possibility of a book. A year later, the book was published. "It was pretty exciting because going into a conference thinking you are just giving a presentation and having it turn into a book doesn't happen all the time," she exclaimed.

Gift explained that each of the book's chapters deals with a different type of weed, its biological and seasonal characteristics, as well as approaches that should be taken by lawn owners and others concerned: "It is what we call creative non-fiction, so it is factual but also a little creative to make it easy to read. Because, as far as I am concerned, if nobody reads your work, it doesn't matter, and I have always wanted to write work that matters." A second book has also been published: *Good Weed Bad Weed: Who's Who, What to Do, and Why Some Deserve a Second Chance*. Gift also co-edited the *Encyclopedia of Climate Change* while at Chatham, and her first textbook was published this year.

While working at Chatham University, Gift found out about an opportunity to work for Berea College. "I was once advising a student and I pulled up *Orion Magazine's* green jobs website, and there was a featured job for the Compton Chair of Sustainability at Berea. So I told my student to go explore the website and started applying for the job." As

Compton Chair of Sustainability and the Sustainability and Environmental Studies (SENS) Program, she works to infuse sustainability across programs in the curriculum. "I don't see sustainability as a textbook or a field that you become an expert in. I want economists to understand sustainability, I want writers to know how to write about it responsibly and correctly and so on."

According to Gift, some programs, such as agriculture, technology and applied design, biology and chemistry have already designed their own ways to move in a direction of teaching sustainable practices in their classes, but there is still work to be done. "There are other programs that are not 'comfortable' teaching sustainability, and I try to help more programs feel like sustainability is something we should all be teaching," she added, summing up her responsibilities as an effort to make herself unnecessary. "If I do my job well, whether it is philosophy, psychology or physical education, they will know how to teach sustainability to their students and eventually, they would not need my help."

Gift's full circle has brought her back to Berea, a place she admired as a teenager. And through her position as Compton Chair of Sustainability, she is doing her best to help it become a center for educating the future generation on how to lead a sustainable life, as well as an environmentally sound college that can be a model for others.

**BONNER SCHOLARS CELEBRATE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

In fall 2015, the Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service (CELTS) celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Bonner Scholars program along with its own 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The celebration included several activities and events involving current Bonner Scholars, staff and alumni. "Ask Me Why I Serve," the motto of the semester-long celebration, was displayed on the back of the blue celebratory T-shirts worn by Bonners and other students affiliated with CELTS.



The CELTS student labor staff for the 2015–16 academic year gathered for a group photo in the connector of Stephenson Hall during a labor training.

The roots of CELTS trace back to the mid-'60s and the start of Students for Appalachia, a vibrant community service program for several decades, and evolved through the years by adding more and more service programs and community partnerships under its umbrella. Currently, CELTS administers several programs through which students can serve their community, obtain valuable leadership skills, and integrate service into their academic and labor requirements, as well as their co-curricular college experience. Berea Buddies, Berea Teen Mentoring, Adopt-a-Grandparent, Habitat for Humanity, the Hispanic Outreach Program, the Service-Learning program and the Bonner Scholars program are only a few of the multiple service opportunities CELTS offers to students.

In 1990, Bertram and Corella Bonner, founders of the Bonner Foundation, established the first Bonner Scholars Program at Berea College, making the College the first institution to be part of a network that currently spans 60 colleges and universities. Each year, Berea's program admits 15 first-year students based on their scholarship, service activities and demonstrated leadership potential. The students are expected to remain with the program by holding a service-oriented labor position throughout their college years. During this time, the program guides them through a structured program of training in leadership and team-building skills and opportunities to work with community partners.

The students also get opportunities to network and share resources with fellow Bonners from other colleges and universities in Kentucky and beyond through gatherings like the Bonner Foundation's annual Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) and the annual Sophomore Exchange program. Every year, CELTS takes some of its Bonner Scholars to the SLI, where they participate in workshops and networking meetings with students from other member institutions.

Berea hosted last year's Sophomore Exchange in early December. Sophomore-level Bonner Scholars from Union College, Centre College and Lindsey Wilson College



Berea graduates and current and former CELTS staff gathered for a reception in Hutchins Library during the November 2015 Homecoming weekend to share stories and reflect on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CELTS and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bonner Scholars Program. A retrospective photo display celebrated these anniversaries and provided visitors with opportunities to share about the role that service has played in their Berea experiences.



A team from Berea College attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Bonner Foundation at Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, in June 2015. Team members included President Lyle Roelofs, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Linda Strong-Leek, current and former Bonner Scholars, CELTS staff, and community partners.

were invited to participate in a daylong workshop on communicating social issues that the students might encounter in their community engagements.

A part of the Bonner Scholars program's anniversary celebration was a special version of its annual alumni panel, held during the labor meeting before homecoming weekend. This year, the panel invited alumni who were part of the first Bonner cohorts of the early '90s, some of whom are currently

community partners who work with CELTS. The alumni shared with current Scholars what they learned by incorporating service into their college journey, and how service has impacted their career path.

The celebration also included a photo exhibit held in the Hutchins Library, displaying the development of the program through its 25 years. A reception was held for staff and alumni who had been Bonner Scholars, or had

worked with CELTS or Students for Appalachia. After the exhibition, the photo display moved to its permanent location, the second-floor hallway of Stephenson Hall.

Because Berea's Bonner Scholars program began the same year as the Bonner Foundation itself, they celebrated their joint anniversary during the Foundation's annual Summer Leadership Institute at Davidson College. The Berea delegation included current Bonner Scholars, alumni, and community partners along with President Lyle Roelofs and Dr. Linda Strong-Leek, vice president for diversity and inclusion. "It was a wonderful event, bringing together past and present Bonners, as well as the faculty and staff who work with them every day," said Dr. Strong-Leek. "During such events, students not only see and understand the work of their current counterparts, but they also see the trajectories of many Bonners and know that there is a wonderful world of Bonners who are making a difference in the world."

Ashley Cochrane, director of CELTS, and the Service-Learning and Bonner Scholars Programs, said that CELTS and the Bonner Scholars program provide support to help students figure out how they can make a commitment to service and connect it to their academic journey and interests. "I think what's unique about the Bonner Scholars program is that it is a four-year experience and it's a cohort experience," she added. "We select fifteen students from each incoming class of students who agree to be part of the program for all four years of their college life. So they get to connect with the students in their class who are different from each other in many ways, but who still have that common passion for community service and civic engagement."

Sheila Lyons '87, program associate of CELTS, has been part of the Bonner Scholars program almost from the start. She remembers the early years of the program to have been more challenging in that the students participated in



Sheila Lyons '87



Students participate in the annual Hunger Hurts Food Drive.



Bonner Scholars from the class of 2014 posed after completing a week of service with the Big Ugly community in Lincoln County, West Virginia, during spring break 2011.

the program on top of their regular labor positions. Lyons believes the program now has a more defined leadership program than ever. “There is a well-structured program now that teaches the incoming students how to work in a team and all the skills they need to be a leader,” she said. Speaking of the benefits of the program for students, she said, “It benefits the students and the community as a labor program. But I think it goes beyond the labor program because of the very structured training that the students gain in leadership and group skills.”

Aaron Hannah '16, business major and operations manager of CELTS, joined the program due to his life-long interest in service. “My entire life had been driven around service work. I knew that Berea was a work study college, so I looked for a way to make my work-study align with my goal in life. I found Bonner Scholars to be perfect for me in that I can help people and also work my way through college,” he said. Hannah took advantage of the program’s Summer of Service feature, a two-summer-long Bonner Foundation funded service requirement, to return to his hometown and work in a homeless shelter while starting a food drive, where he was able to raise over 25,000 pounds of food in Ashland and eastern Greenup counties in northeastern Kentucky.

Hannah also stated that his position as operations manager of the Center has helped him connect his interest in service with his business major. Speaking of the benefits the program has given him, he said, “It definitely has altered the way I look at the world. Growing up, I was never exposed to diversity and different thinking. Being immersed in the Bonner group, you’re required to spend time with your teammates and work as a team. So, it has matured me in many ways by giving me skills to develop conversations that are inclusive of many different ideologies and thoughts.”

“My parents instilled in me very early that service to others was necessary and that it would be the greatest joy of my life,” said Geri Guy Kinlaw '08, describing why she joined the Bonner program during her years in Berea. Kinlaw, a history major,

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—Aaron Hannah '16



noted that the Bonner Scholars afforded her the opportunity to pursue her passion in peace and social justice. “It gave me the opportunity to learn the difference between community service and the service that heals me as well as the community that I am helping. It taught me not to view individuals or groups as victims but as someone who is struggling like me. It taught me that we can find freedom together.” After Berea, Kinlaw went on to earn a master’s degree from the University of South Carolina, and she currently teaches high school in Greenville, South Carolina.

“The Bonner Scholars program is just a part of the work we do in CELTS,” said Cochrane. “Any student can come in and make service a part of their college experience right from their first weeks of college, and there will be space for them to engage with many social issues through our volunteer program. One of the things we say here in CELTS is that everyone is a teacher and everyone is a learner. Our students are always learning from our community partners and service programs, but also from each other.”

## MEET BEREA’S FACULTY JOSH GUTHMAN

Jett Yates '16



Associate Professor of History Dr. Josh Guthman’s first book has been published by the University of North Carolina Press. Asiae Roberts '18 had the chance to speak with him about the path that brought him to Berea College and his interest in the Primitive Baptist movement.

### How did you come to Berea?

I found my way to Berea by a long and winding road... I first went to graduate school in the South at UNC-Chapel Hill. That was after I had grown up in Los Angeles, went to college in Chicago, and lived for a little bit in London, England. But my interests were in Southern history and Southern culture. That’s sort of how I found my way here, because there was a job opening here, and I knew about Berea and about its place in American history, and when I saw they wanted an American historian I thought, “Oh that’s me; you want me.” And, so yeah, here I am.

### Since being at Berea, you’ve written a book and your book explores the history of Primitive Baptists. Can you tell me how you define Primitive Baptists?

Yes, well, Primitive Baptists. Let’s go back to the beginning; that’s how I found them. I found them in (the history of) the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. And in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to be a Primitive Baptist was to be somebody, a Baptist, an evangelical Protestant who had big problems with

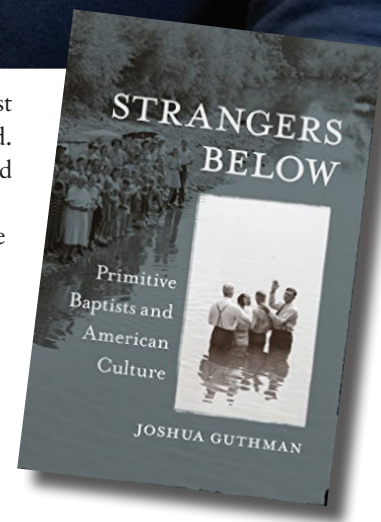
a lot of the things that were going on in Evangelical churches and in Protestant churches.

Specifically, Primitive Baptists were against missionaries and missions in general. They were against formal theological training for ministers. They were against the entire apparatus that was being built up by Evangelical congregations across the country to serve other ends than simply preaching the Gospel directly to people in the pews. Primitive Baptists objected to all of this, and they also held firm to Calvinist tradition. Belief in predestination was absolutely crucial to them. They saw their world slipping away and they said “no” – things have to change. And so what happened was people who previously simply identified themselves as Baptists, separated and eventually called themselves Primitive Baptists.

### Do you relate to the practice of Primitive Baptists in any way, and what motivated your interest in studying this group of people?

I heard them first. I heard them singing, and it’s the sound that captured me. It was the sound of their singing that got me interested in them. I was working in the Folk Life archives and I put on a tape of Primitive Baptists singing.... I was not at all familiar with it, and I pressed play, and I was going to do my job of data entry, to pay my rent, and I heard this music, this,

singing and it just stopped me dead. I had never heard anything like it. It sounded to me at the time like people calling up spirits; it sounded luminescent and it sounded funereal, it sounded mysterious. It reminded me of some old twisting cantorial melodies that I had heard in synagogue growing up as a Jew. Mostly I just found it mesmerizing and beautiful, and I wanted to know where this singing came from. Who were these people? Why were they singing like that, and how was that singing doing its magic on me? And so the project just started from there – this curiosity but also this kinship with the sound. And then, the more I listened to the music, the more questions I had. And then the more questions I had, the more I would do some more exploring and find out who these people were. And the more I found out about who the Primitive Baptists were, the more I thought, you know, there’s a story here. There’s a story here and I want to tell it.



*The rest of Dr. Guthman’s interview is available online at [www.berea.edu/magazine](http://www.berea.edu/magazine).*

Nana Lampton Named Berea College Trustee



Nana Lampton, chairman and chief executive officer of American Life and Accident Insurance Company of Kentucky (American Life) and of Hardscuffle, Inc., its holding company, has been elected to the Berea College Board of Trustees at the Board’s recent meeting. Each trustee is elected for a six-year term.

“I am privileged to be a part of Berea College, whose mission is to raise people up to accomplish good things for the world,” stated Lampton.

Lampton is a graduate of both Wellesley College (B.A.) and the

University of Virginia (M.A.). Following graduate school, she returned to Louisville in 1966 to begin working at American Life, which her grandfather founded in 1906.

Lampton’s career began at the same time her hometown was in a significant rebuilding phase. She participated in the development of her company’s new office building, which was completed in 1973 and was the final design by noted architect Mies van der Rohe. Soon after, Lampton began her tenure with the Louisville Downtown Development Corporation, which has included four master plans for the city’s core, the latest of which she co-chaired with her goddaughter, Augusta Brown Holland. Later, she initiated the American Life building’s “living roof” in collaboration with Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest.

Lampton served on the boards of two NYSE companies, Constellation Energy Group and DNP, while continuing to work at American Life, which she evolved from retail insurance operations into a reinsurance company.

Throughout her career, leadership as a corporate citizen has led her to serve on a wide range of non-profit boards, including the Thomas D. Clark Foundation, the Warwick Foundation,

the National Parks Conservation Association and Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, as well as roles appointed by the governor with the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Kentucky Historical Society. In 2010 she established the Snowy Owl Foundation, whose mission is to care for nature, creativity and human need with imagination.

In 2013, she was appointed by the King of Morocco to the office of honorary consul. As one of the liaisons in the U.S. for the Embassy of Morocco, she develops cultural and business relationships between Kentucky, the region and Morocco.

Lampton earned her Master of Fine Arts in writing from Spalding University in 2004 and received an honorary doctorate in public service from Spalding in 2013.

An author and painter, four books of her poems, have been published and her paintings have been shown in exhibits in various cities. Her most recent book, *Wash the Dust from My Eyes*, was inspired by her grandfather’s diary as he trained for duty during World War I.

Ms. Lampton works in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, and lives on a farm in Goshen, Kentucky.

Jahan Wins Watson Fellowship

Berea graduate Moondil Jahan ’16 won the 2016–17 Thomas J. Watson Fellowship prize of \$30,000. Berea is the only school in Kentucky from which The Watson Fellowship accepts candidates. As one of 152 finalists who competed at the national level, Jahan received one of the 40 fellowships.

For her fellowship, Jahan will engage in purposeful exploration – traveling the world for 365 days – after she graduates. Her project, “Journey through Rhythmaculture: Grieving and Rejoicing through Indigenous Drumming and Dancing,” will take her through Germany, Morocco, Spain, Peru, Ghana, Suriname and The Netherlands.

Jahan said, “I have chosen to explore these art forms across linguistic, cultural and geographic borders.” Delving into the rich and ancient tradition of drumming and dancing, Jahan will gain first-hand exposure to the world’s most remarkable performers while learning the cathartic powers of rhythmaculture at a global level.

Jahan says this journey will be more than just exploring countries and cultures. She explains, “My Watson project entails a journey both inwards and outwards, concurrently towards

myself and others. I am humbled and thrilled to receive such an honor.”

The Watson pool continues to be extremely competitive. This year’s class of Watson Fellows comes from 21 states and eight countries. They exhibit a broad range of academic specialties, socio-economic backgrounds, and life experience. The 48th class of Watson Fellows will traverse 67 countries exploring topics ranging from climate change to incarceration; from technology empowerment to forced migration; from car culture to ethnoentomology.

The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, named after the founder of International Business Machines (IBM), offers graduating college seniors of “unusual promise” the opportunity to engage in one year of independent exploration and travel outside the United States. Its goals are to enhance the capacity for



resourcefulness, imagination, openness, and leadership, and to foster humane and effective participation in the world community—in short, to develop future leaders who are self-reflective, well-informed, mindful citizens of the world. Each year, about 40 students receive \$30,000 each.

To read Jahan’s project summary and those of the other 39 finalists, see <http://watson.foundation/fellowships/tj/fellows>.

Berea Featured in Princeton Review Book, *Colleges That Pay You Back: 2016 Edition*

Once again Berea College is one of the nation’s best colleges for students seeking a superb education with great career preparation at an affordable price according to The Princeton Review.

Berea is featured in the 2016 edition of *Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck*, a new book just published by the education services company.

To determine which schools to include, The Princeton Review chose

schools based on ROI (return on investment) ratings it tallied for 650 schools last year. The ratings weighted 40 data points that covered everything from academics, cost, and financial aid to graduation rates, student debt, and alumni salaries and job satisfaction. The Princeton Review editors used data from the company’s surveys of administrators and students in 2014–15 and from surveys of school alumni conducted by PayScale.com through April 2015.

In addition to the profiles of the 200 tuition-charging schools in the book, Berea was profiled among just nine tuition-free schools. Berea College also has been recognized previously for other accomplishments, such as its commitment to “green” and sustainable initiatives.

“We find it very gratifying to be recognized among America’s top schools for affordability, especially since that is at the core of Berea’s mission,” said Lyle D. Roelofs, president of Berea College.

“Berea’s no-tuition model continues to

attract national attention by organizations such as The Princeton Review and by students whose families seek the kind of high-quality liberal arts education Berea College offers, but cannot afford to pay tuition. We are especially grateful to our many alumni and donors who partner with us to provide the funds to ensure that each student’s income does not limit one’s outcome.”

“We highly recommend Berea College, and all of our *Colleges That Pay You Back* schools. They stand out not only for their outstanding academics but also for their

affordability via comparatively low sticker prices and /or generous financial aid to students with need – or both,” said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review’s senior VP/publisher and lead author of the book.

“Students at these colleges also have access to extraordinary career services programs from their freshman year on, plus a lifetime of alumni connections and post-grad support.”

The Princeton Review is a leading tutoring, test prep and college admission services company. Every year, it helps millions of college- and graduate school-

bound students achieve their education and career goals through online and in-person courses delivered by a network of more than 4,000 teachers and tutors, online resources, and its more than 150 print and digital books published by Penguin Random House. The Princeton Review is headquartered in Natick, MA and is an operating business of Match Group (NASDAQ: MTCH). For more information, visit [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com). Follow the company on Twitter @theprincetonrev.

## 2015 Weatherford Award Winners for Best Appalachian Books Announced

The winners of the 2015 Weatherford Awards are Nickole Brown's *Fanny Says* (poetry), Robert Gipe's *Trampoline* (fiction), and *Studying Appalachian Studies: Making the Path by Walking*, edited by Chad Berry, Shaunna Scott and Phillip Obermiller (non-fiction).

The Weatherford Awards honor books that "best illuminate the challenges, personalities and unique qualities of the Appalachian South." Granted by Berea College and the Appalachian Studies Association for 36 years, the awards commemorate the life and achievements of W.D. Weatherford, Sr., a pioneer and leading figure in Appalachian development, youth work and race relations, and of his son, Willis D. Weatherford, Jr., who was Berea College president from 1967 – 84.

These winning authors were recognized at the 2016 Appalachian Studies Association Conference at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

### Poetry Award

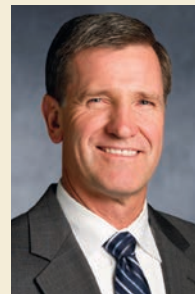
Nickole Brown's *Fanny Says* (BOA Editions) is an "unleashed love song" to Brown's late grandmother. A cross-genre collection that reads like a novel, this hilarious and often wrenching book is both a collection of oral history and a moving and lyrical biography that wrestles with the complexities of the South, including poverty, racism and domestic violence.

Though much of her childhood was spent in Deerfield Beach, Florida, Brown considers herself a Kentucky native. She graduated from The Vermont College of Fine Arts, studied literature at Oxford University as an English Speaking Union Scholar, and was the editorial assistant for the late Hunter S. Thompson. Currently, she is the editor for the Marie Alexander Series in Prose Poetry at White Pine Press, and is on faculty at the low-residency MFA Program in Creative Writing at Murray State University and at the Writing Workshops in Greece.

One Weatherford Poetry judge said about *Fanny Says*, "I've known Fanny my whole life because in her I see the personality and nuances of many Appalachian women." Another said: "*Fanny Says* is a declaration of independence and strength for rural women told in innovative and interesting poems that never failed to get me excited about the art of poetry."

Finalists for the 2015 Weatherford Award in poetry are Pauletta Hansel's *Tangle* (Don Madres Press) and William Wright's *Tree Heresies* (Mercer University Press).

## Berea at U.S. Department of Education Meeting on Increasing Access and Supporting Strong Outcomes for Low-Income Students



Lyle D. Roelofs,  
President

On March 24, 2016, Berea College President Lyle Roelofs attended a meeting hosted by the U.S. Department of Education focused on highlighting institutions across the country that are making significant strides in increasing graduation rates among students eligible for Pell Grants.

"For students from low- and moderate-income families, a college degree is the surest path to the middle class in our country," said U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. "I applaud the colleges and universities that have taken measurable steps to open up this pathway and make it a successful one for students from all backgrounds. But we need these types of efforts to become the rule and not the exception. King continued, "Since the beginning of his Administration, President Obama has worked to ensure more Americans have the opportunity to get a quality, affordable higher education, with promising results – more students are graduating from college than ever before. But many American families still feel that college may be out of reach for their children."

In a newly published report titled "FULFILLING THE PROMISE, SERVING THE NEED, Advancing College Opportunity for Low-Income Students," the U.S. Department of Education says colleges and universities have a responsibility to expand access to all students and offer targeted support for low-income students. The report is also a call to action for institutions with significant gaps between completion rates for Pell Grant recipients and overall completion rates, as well as institutions that have positive outcomes but enroll too few low-income students. The Pell report is available online at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/advancing-college-opportunity.pdf>.

Roelofs said, "Considering the ongoing national discussion about affordability and access, we at Berea College find it especially gratifying to be recognized as a leader in serving the public good by educating talented, low-income students who become service-oriented leaders in Appalachia and beyond." Roelofs also stated, "Nationally, fewer than 13 percent of low-income college students graduate by the time they are 24. At Berea, we graduate five times as many."

Ted Mitchell, U.S. undersecretary of education, commented, "For us to thrive as a diverse democracy and for individuals to achieve their dreams of success, higher education must fulfill its promise of providing opportunity to all students, regardless of their race, gender or income level." Mitchell continued, saying, "That opportunity means access, but getting into college is not enough. It's getting in and getting through that matters. There are remarkable institutions around the country succeeding at making access and success a reality for low-income students. We need to learn from their leadership and spread the word about practices that work."

The Department of Education conference with college presidents, trustees and campus leaders from across the nation was held to discuss ongoing work. Among those attending were several who represented colleges and universities included in the report. The event spotlighted the promising and proven practices developed by these institutions to advance success for low-income students, and encourage broader conversations among the field to accelerate this work.

## BEREA COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE PAVING THE WAY!

The Berea Patrons group, under the leadership of Lisa Colletti-Jones, coordinator of student, young alumni and volunteer engagement programs, and Carmellia Jackson '16, student volunteer engagement manager, have had a tremendous year educating the student body on the importance of giving back to Berea College.

The program has more than tripled its participation rate since its inception in 2013–14.

BEREA PATRONS  
2013–14  
**\$6,100**

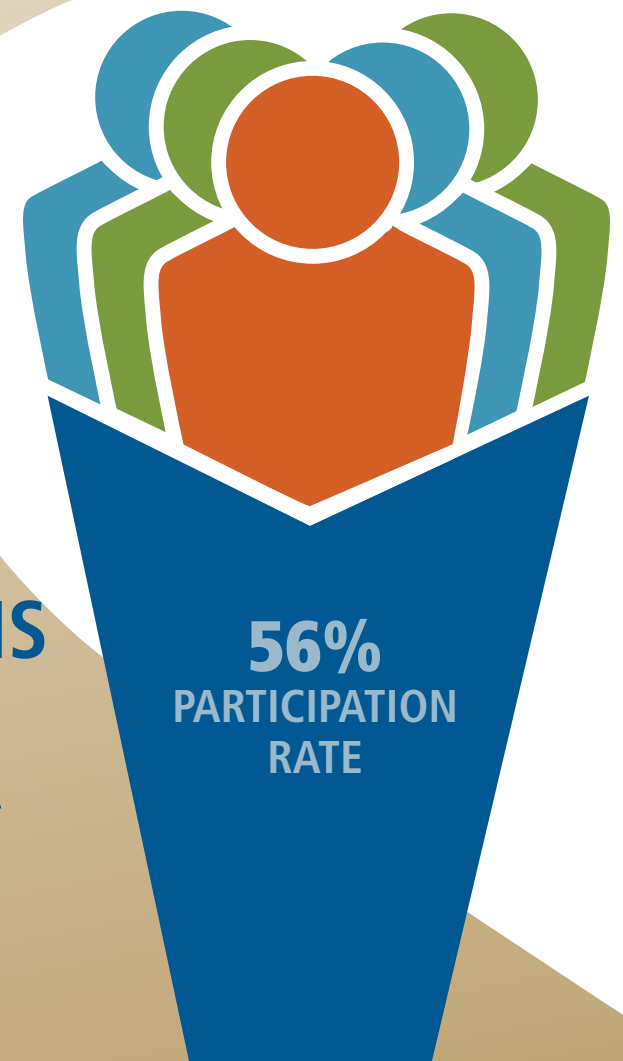


BEREA PATRONS  
2014–15  
**\$10,552**



BEREA PATRONS  
2015–16  
**\$20,112\***

\*as of May 20, 2016



ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2015–16

**OFFICERS**  
Andrew Hamilton '96, President, Texas  
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Lyle D. Roelofs, President of Berea College, Kentucky  
Bernadine Douglas, Vice President for Alumni and College Relations, Kentucky  
Jackie Collier '80, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations, Kentucky

**ALUMNI TRUSTEES**  
Celeste Patton Armstrong '90, Alabama  
Charles D. Crowe '70, Tennessee  
Jerry Hale '73, Tennessee  
Robert F. Hawks '77, Georgia

**MEMBERS AT LARGE**  
Beverly Clay Crabtree '81, Ohio  
Eric Crowden '84, Kentucky  
Betty Jean Hall '68, North Carolina  
Adam Hardin '97, Ohio  
Amy Burkhardt Harmon '99, California  
David Harrison '00, Kentucky  
Katherine Silver Kelly '91, Ohio  
Jack Marinelli '85, Illinois  
Tedd Masiongale '88, Georgia  
Dr. Betty Hyatt Olinger '69, Kentucky  
Jennifer Hale Stafford '92, Kentucky  
Deborah Byrd Thomas '80, Alabama  
Peter S. Thoms, M.D. '55, Michigan  
Diane Artist Wallace '80, Kentucky  
Tamika Weaver '97, Georgia  
Ballard Wright, M.D. '59, Kentucky

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2015–16

**OFFICERS**  
Luke Sulfridge '03, President, Ohio  
Susan Jones '02, Executive Vice President, North Carolina  
Missy Naseman Rivera '05, President-Elect, Ohio  
Hussene Youssef '05, Past President, Georgia  
Lisa Colletti-Jones, Coordinator of Student, Young Alumni and Volunteer Engagement Programs, Kentucky

**MEMBERS AT LARGE**  
Rashaad Abdur-Rahman '03, Kentucky  
Ehis Akhetuamhen '11, New York  
Beth Bismeyer '09, Kentucky  
Jacob Burdette '15, Kentucky  
William E. Cook III '06, Ohio  
Martina Jackson-Haynes '11, Kentucky  
Justin Kindler '05, Florida  
David Kretzmann '14, Virginia  
Emily LaDouceur '04, Kentucky  
Ashley Miller '05, Kentucky  
Jamie Nunnery '13, Kentucky  
Cory Payton '15, Kentucky  
Joe Saleem II '08, Kentucky  
Brittany Suits '14, Georgia  
Katy Jones Sulfridge '03, Ohio

JACKIE COLLIER '80  
NAMED ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT  
FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS



Jackie Collier has been named associate vice president for alumni relations at Berea College. Collier, a 1980 Berea alumna, has a long history with the College. She previously served successfully as the director of Alumni Relations for many years before taking a similar position at Eastern Kentucky University. In 2015, Collier returned to Berea College to provide leadership as interim vice president for alumni and college relations, then as interim associate vice president for alumni relations.

In making the announcement about Collier's appointment, Bernadine Douglas, vice president for alumni and college relations, said, "Jackie has provided invaluable leadership which, along with her abiding love and passion for the College, led me to ask her to remain with us in her 'new' role of associate vice president for alumni relations. I believe Jackie will create a strong vision for Alumni Relations, and I look forward to working with her."

"I am thrilled to be 'home,'" Collier said. "Berea is a wonderful place with a mission that continues to be timely and solid. I appreciate this opportunity to serve my alma mater."

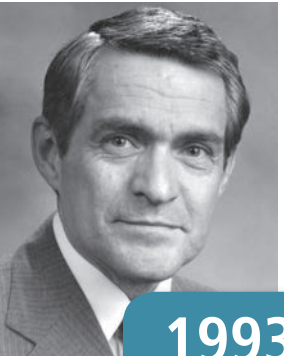
In overseeing the alumni relations operations, Collier leads staff members who focus on developing relationships with current students, assisting students transitioning from graduates to alumni and maintaining connections with the College's over 18,000 alumni through regional events for alumni clubs all across the U.S., as well as through special events, such as Summer Reunion and Homecoming, that provide opportunities to welcome alumni back to Berea's campus. Collier also works closely with College officers, the Alumni Executive Council and members of the Alumni Association to assist in alumni development efforts, to promote fundraising within the Association and to support the Great Commitments of Berea College.



**Billy Edd Wheeler '55**  
Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Songwriter and playwright



**Dr. G. Samuel Hurst '47**  
Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Inventor of omnipresent touch screen technology



**Dr. John B. and Jane Stephenson**  
Honorary Alumnus Award  
Seventh president of Berea College and his wife, founder of the New Opportunity School for Women



**Jessie Reasor Zander '54**  
Alumni Loyalty Award  
First African-American student to earn a Berea College degree after desegregation

WHO WILL BE NEXT?

Visit [alumni.berea.edu/awards](http://alumni.berea.edu/awards)  
for award descriptions and to submit a nomination.



**Dr. Willie Parker '86**  
Outstanding Young Alumnus Award  
Defender and supporter of women's rights and honored by *Ebony Magazine* in 2015



**Dr. Kyoko Iitaka '59**  
Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Organized the Japanese Association for Communication Disorders



**Brenda Williams Guy '79**  
Alumni Loyalty Award  
Child advocate and ambassador to Berea College



**Mae Suramek '95**  
Outstanding Young Alumnus Award  
Social justice advocate



Foundation School Reunion Chairs:  
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**Berea Foundation, Academy and  
Knapp Hall Class Reunion Registration**  
**September 30 – October 2, 2016**



**BEREA FOUNDATION, ACADEMY AND KNAPP HALL  
REUNION 2016  
SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 2**

Brought to you by your Berea Foundation School Committee  
and the Berea College Alumni Relations Office

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**      **Registration, Alumni Relations Office**
- 5:00 p.m.**      **Dinner on Your Own**  
Join dear classmates and enjoy eateries of your choice in Berea.
- 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**      **Old School Dance, Activities Room, Alumni Building**  
Join Foundation, Academy and Knapp Hall alumni and friends! Mingle and dance to tunes from the past.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- 8:00 a.m. – Noon**      **Registration, Alumni Relations Office**
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**      **Reunion Class Photos, Union Church steps (Rain site: TBD)**  
Photo will be split into separate groups.  
Academy      9:00 – 9:15 a.m.  
Knapp Hall      9:15 – 9:30 a.m.  
Foundation 1940s      9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
Foundation 1950s      10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Foundation 1960s      10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**      **Ice Cream Social, TBD**
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**      **Class Mingling, Woodson Lounge, Alumni Building**
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**      **Reunion Banquet, Boone Tavern**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

- 10:40 a.m.**      Come join the **Alumni Worship Service, Union Church**  
Berea College alumni will come together in faith.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name *(Please include maiden name)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name *(as you want it to appear on your name tag)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year(s): Academy: \_\_\_\_\_ Knapp Hall: \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_ BC: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year(s): Academy: \_\_\_\_\_ Knapp Hall: \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_ BC: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name *(if known)*: \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- 5:00 p.m.  
**Dinner on your Own**
- 8:00 p.m.  
**Old School Dance Activities Room, Alumni Building**  
\_\_\_\_\_ # attending

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- Noon  
**Reunion Luncheon Baird Lounge, Alumni Building**  
\_\_\_\_\_ # attending (\$15.00 per person includes registration fee)
- 2:30 p.m.  
**Ice Cream Social**  
\_\_\_\_\_ # attending
- 6:30 p.m.  
**Reunion Banquet Boone Tavern**  
\_\_\_\_\_ # attending (Cost: \$25.00/per person)

**Mail to:**  
Berea College Alumni Relations, CPO 2203, Berea, KY 40404  
or register online at [alumni.berea.edu/foundation](http://alumni.berea.edu/foundation).  
Packets can be picked up at the registration desk in the Alumni Office on September 30 and October 1.

**Deadline for registration is September 19.**

**TICKET COSTS**

\_\_\_\_\_ Reunion Luncheon (Cost \$15.00/person)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Reunion Banquet (Cost: \$25.00/person)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Ticket Cost**

**PAY BY CHECK (PAYABLE TO BEREA COLLEGE)**

Total Check Amount      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Check Number      \_\_\_\_\_

**PAY BY CREDIT CARD**

☐ CREDIT CARD (Select Card Type)  
☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS      ☐ MASTERCARD  
☐ DISCOVER      ☐ VISA

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# Homecoming 2016

## NOVEMBER 11–13



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**BEREA COLLEGE**  
ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Berea College Alumni Association enjoys hearing from Bereans from all over the U.S. and the world. The "Class Notes" section of *Berea College Magazine* (BCM) reports verifiable news that has been sent to the Association by alumni. BCM reports the news you wish to share with your alumni friends and associates. "Class Notes" reports careers, weddings, retirements, births and other items of importance to our alumni. Please include your class year and name used while attending Berea. Notes may be edited for style and length. Please note that our printing deadlines may delay the appearance of your class news. While we will make every effort to put your information into the next issue of BCM, some delays due to printing schedules may occur. We appreciate your understanding. Submit class notes and photographs via email: [alumninews@bereda.edu](mailto:alumninews@bereda.edu).

### 1945

**Robert B. Dodd** moved into an assisted living home in Lake Mary, Florida. He is married to Victoria and has a son and four daughters, two of whom live in Florida.

### 1952

**Clara B. Bradbury** and **Raymond Bradbury, Acad '46**, celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 28, 2015. Clara had surgery on July 27, 2015 for ovarian cancer and is now having chemotherapy. She is a survivor.

**Martha Frances King** is still enjoying Fairfield Glade, Tennessee. She plays golf three times a week (except from December to February). She has four wonderful grandchildren.

**Urban T. Peters** is now retired after a career as a guidance counselor. He now is the owner of an apartment complex.

### 1954

**Nancy Biddix McKinnis** and her husband, William, attended her 60<sup>th</sup> graduation reunion. They enjoyed meeting with classmates and seeing the changes around campus. Nancy has been ill because of a hip replacement. She is improving slowly and is comforted by friends and family.

**Evelyn Glass Walton** retired as a teacher from the Martinsville, Virginia City Schools. Her two daughters, Molly and Terry, live in Martinsville, as do her three grandchildren, Stafford, Amanda and Justin. Evelyn wanted to say "hello" to the Class of 1954.

### 1958

**Marion "Marty" Atkinson** and **Suzanne "Sue" Hile Atkinson** are both enjoying retirement.

### 1959

**Larry Baber** and **Annette Meeks Baber '61** are retired and living in Hendersonville, North Carolina. They spend their time doing as they please. Their two children and three grandchildren live nearby.

### 1960

**Dr. Bob Compton** retired in summer 2015 after a distinguished career in physics and chemistry at both the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee (UT). An article about his career, as well as a photograph of him on the Berea College track team circa 1960, appeared in *CrossSections*, a newsletter for UT physics alumni and friends.

### 1962

**Celia Hooper Miles** is the co-editor of the October release of *It's All Relative: Tales from the Tree*, from 50 western North Carolina women writers, the fourth anthology since 2008.

**Birth:** a daughter, Carly Rose Evans, to Deanna and Holly Evans on October 23, 2015. Carly is the granddaughter of **Carl Evans** and Dr. Ann Evans.



Carl Evans '62 and granddaughter

### 1964

**Ahmad Baharestan** owns and operates a farm in Jefferson County, Tennessee. He also owns a mobile home park and is a design landscaper.

### 1965

**George Spiggle** and **Nancy Spiggle** have relocated to Spring Hill, Florida. They welcome a visit from any of their old friends. Contact them at [gspiggle@gmail.com](mailto:gspiggle@gmail.com) or [nsdiggle@gmail.com](mailto:nsdiggle@gmail.com).

### 1966

**Margaret Curd Dotson, Ph.D.**, teaches in the Berea College Child & Family Studies department and resides in Berea with her husband, **Adrian Dotson '65**. Margaret was selected by the Berea College chapter of the national honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, to receive its "2015-16 Professor of the Year Award."

**E.G. Moody** was elected chancellor of Sullivan County, Tennessee on September 1, 2014 for an 8-year term.

**Larry Templeton** retired from Thornton Township High School district in 2001 where he taught industrial arts. Following retirement, he moved to Surprise, Arizona in 2004. Larry now works for the Transportation Security Administration. His wife, Patricia, was an ICU/CCU nurse for 26 years and retired in 2012. Larry and Patricia have two children, Jason and Patty.

## CLASS NOTES

### 1967

**Don Hirschman** is retired and living in Palm Harbor, Florida.

### 1968

**Roy Asher** and **Barbara Thompson Asher, Jeanie Wilson Giambri, Gary Marcum '67** and **Carol Bundy Marcum '68** recently got together for a mini-Berea reunion January 16-18 in Tipp City, Ohio. They have stayed in touch since first meeting at Berea in 1964.



Roy and Barbara Thomason Asher '68, Jeanie Wilson Giambri '68, Gary Marcum '67, and Carol Bundy Marcum '68

### 1969

**Pamela Ann Sowder** and **Joseph M. Sowder** are enjoying retirement. They would like for fellow classmates to join them on Facebook to renew old memories as their 50-year class reunion approaches.

### 1973

**Philip Huddleston** of Frankfort, Kentucky, is chief of staff for the lieutenant governor of Kentucky and formerly chief of staff for the president of the Kentucky Senate. He has been married to Pat Moreland for 43 years. They have one daughter and two grandchildren.

### 1974

**Jessica Wrenn Ellis** and **Carson Ellis '75** have three sons, Nathan, Justin and Jared, and four grandchildren, Garrett, Lucas, Chloe and Ryder. Jessica is a corporation workers' compensation manager for Evergreen Packaging Inc. Carson retired November 3, 2015 after 31 years in management with Ingles Markets.



David '77 and Judy Fitch Jennings '78

### 1977

**David Jennings** and **Judy Fitch Jennings '78** retired from the Lee County School system in Beattyville, Kentucky. David was a counselor and Judy was a principal. They have three daughters, Sara, Mary and Ellen Grace. They're enjoying retirement with their two granddaughters, working on their beef cattle farm, golfing, reading, traveling and working part-time. Their address is P.O. Box 314, Beattyville, KY 41311. Email [djsme7@wildblue.net](mailto:djsme7@wildblue.net).

### 1979

**Judy Rafson** continues to work for Vidant Beaufort Hospital as an occupational health nurse practitioner at PotashCorp, Aurora, North Carolina. She lives in New Bern, North Carolina.

**Married:** **Duane E. Lewis** to Rex VanAlstine in October 2015 on the couple's 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Dr. Duane E. Lewis**, a junior warden of Calvary

Episcopal Church in Cincinnati Ohio, gave the welcome speech at the dedication of the George E. Ferguson Garden and blessing of the Homeless Jesus statue at the church on June 14, 2015. The statue, by artist Timothy Schmalz, is a representation that suggests Jesus is with the most marginalized in society. Shrouded in a blanket, the only indication that the statue is Jesus is the crucifixion wounds on the feet. The **Rev. Canon Wilson Willard '59** performed the scripture reading for the ceremony.

## 1983

**Danette Combs Crosby** is a training specialist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio where she writes instructional curriculum for the U.S. Air Force and is the team leader for a cadre of instructors. Danette may be reached at danette.crosby@us.af.mil.



Danette Combs Crosby '83

## 1986

**Randy Hays**, vice president and dean of student life at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, was recognized with the Dr. Fred Rhodes Outstanding Service award at the 2016 College Personnel Association of Kentucky (CPAK) conference conducted on Centre's campus. The award commends outstanding professionals who have made significant professional contributions or achievements on campus, or at the state or regional level.



Randy Hays '86

**Donna McClure** serves as the eastern Kentucky field representative for United States Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Donna also is the guest service coordinator for The Creek Church in London, Kentucky.

## 1987

**Brent Long** and **Carmen Long** reside in Sparta, North Carolina. He became the associate superintendent of Alleghany County Schools on November 1, 2015. Carmen became the area extension agent for family and government services serving Alleghany and Surry counties with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension on October 1, 2015.

## 1996

**Julie Watson** is author and publisher of the historical fiction novel *Almost Home: A Katie Galloway Adventure*, which is available at



Amazon.com. Her book chronicles the life of a young girl growing up during Reconstruction following the Civil War in the war-torn South. Julie wrote the book to encourage an interest in history and help readers realize that despite the time or place, life is full of challenges. She wrote under the pen name Mercy Givens.

## 1997

**Rod Carbonell** and **Rebecca (Sirkel) Carbonell '96** celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November 2015. The couple moved to Austin, Texas in January.

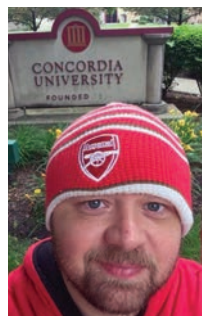
## 1999

**Amy Burkhardt Harmon** was recently promoted to associate vice president for development at San Diego State University. She and her husband, **John D. Harmon '95**, reside in San Diego, California where John's band, "John and the Time Traveling Bicycle," recently released their latest album titled, "The Acquisition of Memories."

**Sid Mitra** was promoted to resources portfolio manager at Passport Global, a \$4.4 billion San Francisco-based hedge fund. Sid will help manage the investment process and work closely with a team of sector portfolio managers. He will also manage larger sleeves in the Global Fund across multiple sectors. This news was announced by the fund's founder, John Burbank, in a letter to Passport investors that was published in a January 2016 article by *Business Insider*.

## 2001

**David Wilson** graduated from Concordia University-Chicago with a master's degree in educational leadership. He teaches third grade for Columbus City Schools in Ohio. David and his wife, **Nicole (Black) Wilson**, reside in Bexley, Ohio with their three children.



David Wilson '01

## 2002

**Married: Jessica Blankenship '02** and Anthony Bray on December 12, 2015. They both reside in London, Kentucky, where Jessica is a music journalist for *Kentucky Country Magazine* and a regional transportation planner. She can be reached at kyphotographer@gmail.com.

**C.E. Morgan** received the Windham-Campbell prize from Yale University for her writing in the drama category. She is one of nine recipients who were honored for their literary achievements or their potential.

**Married: Katie Morgan** to Will Guild on April 9, 2016 in Berea, Kentucky.

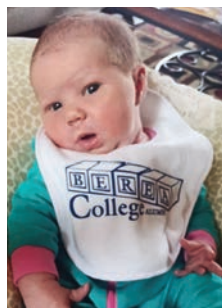
## 2005

**Birth:** a daughter, Clara Noelle, born to **Suzie Loveday** and **Jeremy Fink** on March 3, 2016. The couple resides in Lexington, Kentucky, with their new baby girl and sibling Gabriella. Suzie works for

the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government as a grants manager and Jeremy teaches math at Scott County High School.

## 2006

**Birth:** a daughter, Uella Jane, born to **Cheryll (Worley) Hays** and **Dennis Hays '07** on December 31, 2015.



Clara Noelle

## 2008

**Jeremy McQueen** is CEO and co-founder of Mountain Tech Media, based in Whitesburg, Kentucky, and **Rebecca Tucker '09** started a new position at Berea College Partners for Education in December 2015. They reside in Somerset, Kentucky.



Uella Jane

## 2009

**Dr. Errinn Bixby** earned a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University in December 2015.

**Married: Dr. Errinn Bixby** to Jonavi Peredo on September 19, 2015.

**Married: Jessica Frazier** to **Jared Schmal** on May 1, 2015. The couple is celebrating their first year of marriage. After eight years together they finally eloped to Mosfellsbaer, Iceland.



Jessica Frazier '09 and Jared Schmal '09

## 2012

**Christina Best** and **Joshua Best '13** live in Philadelphia where Joshua is employed through the University of Pennsylvania in an internship program as an apprenticing arborist. Christina is employed at Eastern University as a resident director and housing coordinator for campus.

**Sarah McLewin Kincaid** graduated in December 2015 from George Mason University with a Master of Science in conflict analysis and resolution. She now teaches in Alexandria, Virginia and resides in Arlington with her husband **Kyle Kincaid '13**.

**Married: Kelsey Torres** to **Juan Torres '11** on May 10, 2014. They have one son, Paulo Alexander Torres. Kelsey is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade



Sarah McLewin Kincaid '12

language teacher at Swansboro Middle School while Juan works at Hunters Creek Elementary.

**Elizabeth Vega** has been very involved in the Ferguson movement. In 2014, she co-founded Artivists Stl, a collective of artists who make social justice visual; and in 2015, ROOTS CoOP, a housing collaborative for black and brown activists. Most recently, the Smithsonian accepted Artivists' mirrored casket for display at the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, scheduled to open in September 2016.

# PASSAGES

## Faculty and Staff

**Elvin Combs, Hon '81** of Berea, Kentucky, passed away February 23, 2016. He served as the equipment manager at Berea College for 41 years. Elvin was an avid squash and racquetball player, a Kentucky Colonel and member of the Mountaineer Hall of Fame. Elvin is survived by his wife of 70 years, Bette, four children, eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren and many loving family and friends.

Frances Jo Freeman Crawford of Savoy, Illinois, passed away February 19, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, **Kenneth H. Crawford '58**. Frances earned degrees in music education and vocal performance from the University of Montevallo and Florida State University, performing in opera, recital and oratorio extensively throughout her career. She taught at Berea College and was professor emerita at the University of Illinois School of Music. Frances is also listed in Who's Who in American Women. She served on the board of the Provena Covenant Foundation for many years, and was active in church with her husband, Rev. Dr. J. Donald Graham. In addition to her husband, Frances is survived by her three children, James, Carolyn and Kenneth, five grandchildren, a sister and a host of loving family and friends.

William Maurice Coyle of Berea, Kentucky, passed away January 21, 2016. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II while on board the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise*. Maurice worked at the Berea College Bakery, ran a gas station and farmed. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1976. Maurice is survived by his loving wife Mable, children, **Linda Reynolds '93** and Mike Coyle, five grandchildren and a host of loving relatives.

**Robert Lawrence "Bob" Johnstone, Hon '96** of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away January 31, 2016. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky and a doctoral degree from the University of Illinois. Bob was an extension specialist at North Carolina State University until in 1964, he became chairman of the agriculture department and professor of economics and agriculture at Berea College until his retirement in 1996. He loved to travel around the world, especially to New Zealand with his wife, **Mary Ann Johnstone '68**, who survives him. Bob is also survived by four children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## 2013

**Birth:** a daughter, Terra Athena, born to **Benjamin Kirkpatrick** and **Jessica (Bailey) King** on April 9, 2015. Terra arrived one week and two days before the couple celebrated their first wedding anniversary.



Terra Athena

## 2014

**Jessica Powell** accepted a position at Summit Professional Education in Franklin, Tennessee as an events and logistics specialist. Summit provides around 2,000 workshops around the country to healthcare professionals so they can maintain their state licensure. Jessica will be working to set up the workshops and travel plans for instructors.



Jessica Powell '14

J.C. Short of Berea, Kentucky, passed away January 8, 2016. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a former staff member at Berea College. J.C. is survived by seven children, Charles, Ray, James, Wayne, Della, Keith and Kenneth. He also leaves behind a host of grandchildren and his extended family.

## 1930s

**Susan Christian Camp '33** of Dothan, Alabama, passed away January 22, 2016. She enjoyed working for many years as an educator. During World War II, Susan had assignments in Palestine, Egypt, Germany and Italy where she was responsible for supplying food and welfare needs of refugees and displaced persons. She worked as a nutritionist with the Cooperative Extension Service through the College of Agriculture at Ohio State University and in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science at the University of Florida. Susan is survived by her sister-in-law, Marilyn, and three nieces and nephews.

**Alpha A. Hays '33** of Lost Creek, Kentucky, passed away June 6, 2015. She was a homemaker and a member of Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church. Alpha is survived by a daughter, Marcia, one sister, four brothers and a host of nieces and nephews.

**Eunice Martin Jones '35** of Salvisa, Kentucky, passed away December 27, 2015. She earned a teaching degree from the University of Kentucky (UK) and was an English teacher at Salvisa and Mercer high schools. In 1998, the UK College of Education honored her as "A Teacher Who Made a Difference." Eunice is survived by her children, Mary, Esther, Betty and Tom, as well as a host of loving family and friends.

**Dorothy Blackburn Allen Golden, Acad '37** of Berea, Kentucky, passed away May 12, 2011. She went to Baltimore for training as a nurse, graduating from Lutheran Hospital of Maryland in 1945. Dorothy helped establish the Rape Crisis Center in Fort Lauderdale and worked with women and kids in distress. She is survived by a brother, Dwight, four children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Carl Edward Auvil '38** of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, passed away August 19, 2015. He earned a master's degree from George Washington University. Carl served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and

worked for the federal government as a civilian for the U.S. Department of the Navy and later at the Job Corps. Carl is survived by his daughters, Beverly and Eleanor, and a host of loving relatives.

**Hazel N. Hicks '38** of Knoxville, Tennessee, passed away December 16, 2011. She was a member of New Harvest Church of God and was a teacher for many years at Elk Valley Elementary School. Hazel is survived by her stepdaughters, Sharon, Sylvia and Diana, as well as a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Mary Ann Etherton '39** of Greens Fork, Indiana, passed away February 14, 2016. She was a member of New Testament Church of Christ in Hagerstown. Mary Ann was also a member of Pendleton County Historical Society and was active in genealogy. She is survived by her sons, John, Joe and Jim, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of loving family members.

Jane R. Gibbs of Anchorage, Kentucky, passed away January 20, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband **Neal M. Gibbs '39**. She was a member of the American Dietetic Association and retired from Baptist Hospital. Jane is survived by her son, Mark, and granddaughter, Beth.

## 1940s

**Harry L. Butler, Jr. '40** passed away February 19, 2016. After earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Berea, he worked as a health physicist and chemist for DuPont at its Savannah River plant. Harry was founder and president of Richmond Laboratories, Inc., and also was founder/member for 55 years of Richmond Associates Investment Club. He is survived by children, Anne, Harry and Elizabeth, one grandson, two great-grandsons as well as a host of family and friends.

**Grayce Dick '40** of Bradenton, Florida, passed away November 26, 2006. She was a nursing major at Berea College.

**Ned Hammons, Acad '40** of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away September 29, 2012. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the recipient of a Purple Heart with oak leaf clusters. Ned was also a member of the First Baptist Church and Disabled American Veterans and was a Scottish Rite Mason. He is survived by his daughter, Beverly, granddaughter, Sydney, and loving family and friends.

**Ruth R. Sue Heaton '40** of Jacksonville, Florida, passed away February 15, 2012. She was a World War II veteran who served in the SPARs, the women's branch of the U.S. Coast Guard. Ruth taught elementary school for years before retiring from Duval County Schools. She is survived by two daughters, Katherine and Sally, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends.

**Bernice Bratcher Gregory, Acad '41** of Shelbyville, Kentucky, passed away September 24, 2015. She was a Madison County native, a homemaker and lifelong member of Silver Creek Baptist Church. Bernice is survived by her son, Edward, and a host of loving family members.

**Renda B. Ashley, Acad '42** of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away May 4, 2015. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

**Joyce Willadean Collum, Acad '42** of Florence, Alabama, passed away October 8, 2015. She was a longtime resident of Florence and very proud of it. Joyce is survived by her children Jay, T. Lance, Joyce and Deborah, as well as many loving extended family and friends.

**Florence Kirstein Mercer '43** of Los Alamos, New Mexico, passed away December 24, 2015. After graduating from Berea, Florence completed graduate-level courses at Texas Christian University in elementary education and social work and served as a Red Cross case worker and elementary school teacher. She was an active volunteer in her community. Florence is survived by her daughter, Janet, and a loving extended family.

**William Richard Wilson '43** of Centennial, Colorado, passed away May 9, 2015. After graduating from Berea College, he served in World War II and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, for which he received the Purple Heart. After the war, Richard moved to New York City where he served as a traffic manager at Johns Manville. He was a kind and gentle man who asked for little and gave so much. Richard is survived by his two daughters, Deb and Jennifer.

**Eugene L. Cady, Acad '44** of Titusville, Florida, passed away August 24, 2015.

**Mary Hazel Hatchette '44** of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away November 23, 2015. After graduating from Berea College, Mary earned a master's degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She taught English for over 40 years, most of which were spent at Myers Park High School until her retirement in 1988. She also served in many education associations. Mary is survived by nieces, Lynne and Amy, nephew Chuck, as well as great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

**Grace Free Parkhill '44** of Knoxville, Tennessee, passed away December 2, 2015. She received certification in both Christian education and evangelism, and was concentrated as a diaconal minister in the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. Grace was a lifelong volunteer for several organizations. She volunteered for more than 20 years in local theaters, including the Know Area Theater Coalition in Tennessee, which established the Grace Parkhill Volunteer Award in her honor. Grace is survived by her husband of 63 years, Thomas, a son and a loving extended family.

**Dr. Harwood Northmore Sturtevant, Navy V-12 '43-'44** of Springfield, Missouri passed away December 13, 2015. In addition to Berea, he attended Carleton College, Notre Dame and St. Louis universities, earning his doctoral degree in 1949. Dr. Sturtevant completed his post-doctoral training at Marquette University, University Hospital of Columbus and Brooke Army Hospital. He served in the U.S. Navy and Air Force, resigning as a lieutenant colonel to serve as chairman of the radiology department at Wilford Hall USAF Hospital. Dr. Sturtevant was a visiting professor of radiology, served on the Surgeon General's committee and later was medical staff president at St. John's Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Molly, and a host of loving family and friends.

**Mary Wilma Pigman Elkins '45** of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away February 25, 2016. After graduating from Berea, she taught in Perry County schools before moving to Indiana. Mary earned a master's degree at Indiana University and taught at several places before her retirement in 1987. She is survived by her son, Keith, two grandsons and a host of loving family and friends.

**Eleanor Louise Herrin '45** of Avon, Indiana, passed away April 22, 2014. She was affectionately known as "Grammy" to all of her grandchildren, loved singing, playing the piano and painting. Eleanor is survived by her children, Greg and Debbie, nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and her loving friends and family.

**Marie Charles Highfiel '45** of Weber City, Virginia, passed away December 19, 2015. She earned a master's degree in English from the University of Kentucky. Marie retired from Rye Cove High School in 1984 having taught school for 39 years. She was a member of the Scott County Teachers Association and the Holston View United Methodist Church.

**Anna Lee Mullins '45** of Kingsport, Tennessee, passed away February 15, 2016. She taught school for several years in southwest Virginia, loved to work on her flowers, was an avid reader and especially loved to take care of her grandkids. Anna attended Sunnyside Baptist Church. She is survived by her sons, John and Paul, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, her sister and many loving family and friends.

**Richard Monier Myers '45** of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away November 16, 2015. After attending Berea, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as captain's talker on the USS *Biloxi*, earning 11 battle stars during his two years in the Pacific. Richard attended Princeton and Penn State universities, where he earned a master's degree in animal science. He was a North Carolina State University emeritus professor of animal science. Richard is survived by his daughters, Katherine, Margaret and Susan, and two brothers, as well as a loving extended family.

George Helmkamp of Diamond Springs, California, passed away March 28, 2015. He is preceded in death by his wife, **Elizabeth Helmkamp '46**. George earned his bachelor's degree from Wartburg College in Iowa, a master's degree from the Claremont Graduate School and a doctoral degree from California Tech. He was one of the first professors involved in the organic chemistry department at the University of California, Riverside, where he also served as dean of the College of Letters and Science and chair of the Department of Chemistry. He is survived by his

daughters, Amy and Ann, and many loving family members.

**Norman R. Wissinger, Navy V-12 '45-'46** of Centerville, Ohio, passed away September 3, 2015. After Berea, he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering and law from Purdue University in 1948 and in 1951, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from Indiana University. Norman was a defense attorney for environmental issues and was the corporate vice president for 10 years at Carpet Talk. He is survived by his children, Sherman and Julie, two grandsons and a host of loving family and friends.

**Paul E. Elam, Navy V-12/V-5 '43-'44, '47** of San Diego, California, passed away October 1, 2012.

**Jean Clark Engle, Fd '43, '47** of Berea, Kentucky, passed away March 4, 2016. She retired from the *Richmond Register* after 36 years of reporting Berea news. She also worked for WEKY, reporting Berea news from her home via telephone Monday through Friday until 1976. Jean enjoyed writing feature stories about interesting Bereans as well as famous people who were guests for Berea College convocations. She is survived by her children, **Joan Keith '73 (James Keith '67)**, Judy and Jack, grandchildren, **Krista Lewis '02 (Michael Lewis '03)**, Joseph, Christopher, Kelley, Megan, Jessica and Justin, two great-grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends.

**Martha E. Ladwig '47** of Mentor, Ohio, passed away November 16, 2015. She was a longtime member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and she loved to travel, especially to the Oregon coast with her family. Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, and her son, **Roy Ladwig '73**. She is survived by her children, Polly, Tom and Gretchen, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many loving family and friends.

**Elwanda Dalton Lockin '47** of Benton, Illinois, passed away February 12, 2015. She was an operating room registered nurse at Miners Hospital in Christopher, then was the office nurse for Dr. J.P. Durham in Benton. Elwanda is survived by her husband, Bill, three children as well as a host of grandchildren and loving family members.

**Sally Talbot Norris '47** of Burkesville, Kentucky, passed away November 18, 2010.

John Zakian of Cromwell, Pennsylvania, passed away August 25, 2015. He was the husband of **Margery Murphy Zakian '47**, who survives him. John served in the U.S. Army-Air Force at Pearl Harbor during World War II and was a B-17 pilot flying missions from England over Germany. He was a retired mechanical engineer for Jares, Baum and Bolles with over 20 years of service. In addition to his wife, John is survived by his sons, John and James, and a host of loving relatives.

**Shelby Duff '48** of Lake Worth, Florida passed away October 18, 2015.

**Robert Allen Luftburrow, Acad '40, '48** of Langley, Washington, passed away December 17, 2015. After earning a bachelor's degree in math from Berea, he served in the U.S. Navy for four years as a photographer. He biked from Berea to Madison, Wisconsin where he earned a master's degree. Robert joined the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and traveled across the Atlantic. He was an associate professor of physics at St. Lawrence University. Robert is survived by his three children, Elizabeth, Deborah and Robert, and a host of loving relatives.

**Lois June Haverly, Acad '49** of Fort Pierce, Florida, passed away November 8, 2013. She was of the Baptist faith and was a former member of the Eastern Star in Covington. Lois is survived by her daughter, Terry, a sister-in-law, Muriel, her beloved cat, Sugar, and her grand-dog, Shadow, and a host of loving friends and family.

**Harold Eugene Wilson, Acad '49** of New Albany, Indiana, passed away December 22, 2015. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired after 30 years as a draftsman from DuPont in Louisville. Harold also was a longtime member of Ducks Unlimited. He is survived by his children, Gary and Susan, and a host of loving family and friends.

## 1950s

**Jeanette Huff Bottom Acad '46, '50** of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away December 3, 2015. After earning her teaching certificate from Berea College, she taught for many years in the Fayette County school system. While teaching, she earned her master's degree in elementary education from the University of Kentucky. Jeanette is survived by her sons, Robert, Jerry and John, two brothers and her many loving relatives.

**Rose Ann Johnson, Fd '47, '51** of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away December 16, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert C. Johnson '48**. Rose and Bob moved to Camden where they both worked at the Johnson Insurance and Real Estate Company until purchasing *The Camden Chronicle*. Rose was vice-publisher of the *Chronicle* and wrote for the women's and society pages for more than 20 years. She was later editor of *The Carroll County Democrat*, which she and Bob bought as well. Rose is survived by her children, Bo and Pat, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of loving friends and family.

**Betty Glynn Schiering '51** of Middletown, Ohio, passed away January 1, 2016. She taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Madison Local Schools for 31 years. Betty is survived by four children, Viki, Susan, Stephanie and Bill, and a host of loving family and friends.

**Duanne Davidson Carter '51** of Charlottesville, Virginia, passed away November 23, 2015. Throughout her life, Duanne expressed a great love of nature and compassion toward others. She is survived by her children, Christopher, Leslie, Mayo and Taryn, as well as many other loving family members.

**Sarah Bell Ashcraft, Fd '52** of Union, Kentucky, passed away January 23, 2014. She was part of a unique group of women who met for "card club" at least once a month for more than 50 years. Sarah was a very caring woman who always put others before herself and was always there to give a helping hand. She is survived by brothers, Robert and Reginald, a daughter, two grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends.

Thomas "Tom" George Dickinson of Boulder, Colorado, passed away February 4, 2016. He graduated from the University of Denver in 1963 and worked for Channel 7 as a producer/director, retiring after 36 years. Tom adored children and often played Santa Claus. He also loved hunting and the outdoors, and was a supporter of the arts. Tom is survived by his wife, **Ursula Dickinson, Fd '48, '52**, five stepchildren, six grandchildren, two

great-granddaughters and a host of loving friends and family.

**Dr. Jack Chrisley Morris, Fd '52** of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away July 18, 2015. He was a professor at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry for 36 years. Jack is survived by his daughters, Ruth, Anne, Judy, Lynn, and a host of loving relatives.

**Kathleen S. Banks, Fd '46, '53** of Milford, Ohio, passed away January 17, 2016. She is survived by two daughters, Marla and Shelia, two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and loving extended family and friends.

**Carol Farmer '53** of Southgate, Kentucky, passed away February 10, 2016. After graduating from Berea with a nursing degree, she worked for nine years as a nurse throughout Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio. She then worked for 31 years as nurse at St. Luke Hospital in Fort Thomas, Kentucky until retirement in 1994. Carol is survived by three sons, Bob, Steve and Greg, a sister, Laura, and many loving relatives.

**Gervas M. Hinn, Fd '53** of Seattle, Washington, passed April 9, 2012.

**Guy J. Angel '54** of Waynesville, North Carolina, passed away December 27, 2013. He taught agriculture for 39 years at Spring Creek, Crabtree and Waynesville junior high schools. Guy was past president of two educators associations and worked with the Haywood County Jail ministry for more than 17 years. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Anna, his son, David, siblings **Fay Galloway '59** and Gay Angel, two granddaughters and a host of loving friends and family.

**R.C. Day Jr. '54** of Whitesburg, Kentucky, passed away March 5, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Frances Day '53**. After graduating from Berea with a degree in geology, R.C. served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later taught biology and geography at Whitesburg High School until he became Whitesburg's postmaster in 1960. R.C. became postmaster in Somerset, Kentucky in 1980 and served there until his retirement in 1990. He is survived by two sons, Scott and Stephen, one brother, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of loving friends and family.

**Raymond R. Ashcraft, Sr. '56** of Union, Kentucky, passed away December 26, 2015. After graduating from Berea with a geology degree, he attended Chase College of Law and was a member of the Ohio, Kentucky, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Bar Associations. Ray was a Kentucky Colonel and a U.S. Army veteran and was an attorney and senior counsel for Cincinnati Gas and Electric for 37 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, **Vista Casada Ashcraft '55**, a son, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of loving friends and family.

**Jeanette Irene C. Baker '56** of Austin, Texas, passed away December 24, 2015. She worked as the office manager for Barnett Investments for many years. Jeanette loved to garden and collect antiques, and specialized in antique clocks of German origin. She is survived by her son, Joe, and a host of loving relatives.

**Luther Marvin Barton '56** of Yorktown, Virginia, passed away November 26, 2015. He worked most of his life as an accountant for the federal

government. Luther enjoyed playing guitar, singing, writing songs and keeping up with the news. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, **Alta Smart Barton, Fd '52, '56**, three children, five brothers and sisters, and a loving extended family.

Jack Clotfelter of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away May 28, 2012. He was an award-winning architect and artist. Building a career spanning decades, Jack was responsible for more than 1,000 school projects throughout Kentucky and the surrounding area. He is survived by his wife, **Patty Clotfelter '56**, and a loving extended family.

**Lt. Col. Lionel E. "Gene" Harkleroad '56** of Salado, Texas, passed away December 30, 2015. After Berea College, he earned a master's degree in business from Webster College in St. Louis, Missouri. Gene served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 25 years at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas and was decorated with many commendations and medals before retiring in 1982. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Margaret Ann Bevins Harkleroad '56**, as well as his many loving relatives.

**Helen Ruth Adkins '57**, of Salisbury, North Carolina, passed away December 30, 2015. She worked as a registered nurse for 40 years with the Appalachian Regional Hospital, Highlands Clinic in South Williamson and the Delbarton Clinic. Helen is survived by her children, Cary, Carolyn, Valerie and Michael, and a host of loving family and friends.

Dorothy A. "Pud" Vinton of Champaign, Illinois, passed away November 17, 2015. She was the wife of **Allan Vinton '57** who survives her. Dorothy earned a bachelor's degree in dietetics and was employed by Mercy Hospital in Urbana as well as the Lincoln Trail Library and the University of Illinois Biology Library before retirement. She is also survived by three daughters, two sons and a loving extended family.

**Wayland B. Williams '57** of Farmersville, Ohio, passed away December 11, 2015. He served in the Army and was a civilian employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, retiring in 2000 after 29 years of service. Wayland is survived by his wife, **Hazel Holt Williams '56**, three children, a brother, two grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends.

Frances Jo Freeman Crawford Graham of Savoy, Illinois, passed away February 19, 2016. She earned degrees in music education and vocal performance from the University of Montevallo and Florida State University, performing in opera, recital and oratorio extensively throughout her career. Frances taught at Berea College and was professor emerita at the University of Illinois School of Music. She is also listed in *Who's Who In American Women*. She is survived by her husband, Donald Graham, three children, James, Carolyn and Kenneth, five grandchildren, a sister and a host of loving family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, **Kenneth H. Crawford '58**.

**Charles "Jack" Francis Cummins '58** of Logan, Ohio, passed away November 24, 2015. After graduating from Berea, he attended the University of Minnesota, Mayo College of Medicine School of Public Health, where he earned a master's degree in public health. Charles was a public health sanitarian and administrator in Ohio and other states. He received many awards and recognition for his work and served on several health associations and

committees. Charles is survived by his children, Jeanne and Charles, and many loving family and friends.

**Fred Tate Finley, Jr., Fd '54, '58** of Erin, Tennessee, passed away November 11, 2015. He served his community for many years, including his life-long devotion to Erin United Methodist Church, two terms as mayor and 15 years on the County Court. Fred founded Shamrock Motors and was a successful soybean farmer. He is survived by his children, Gail and Fred, three sisters, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Barbara A. Fruechtenicht '58** of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away March 16, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Richard, son, Michael, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Jessie Franklin Hammond, Fd '58** of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away January 17, 2016. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a faithful member of the Monticello First Baptist Church. Jessie is survived by his wife of 56 years, Artie, three children, four grandchildren and a host of loved ones.

**Douglas Powers Hanna '58** of Lewisburg, West Virginia, passed away April 22, 2011. He was a lifelong resident of Greenbrier County, and a member of the Frankford Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, and was a retired teacher with many years of service in the Greenbrier County School System. Douglas is survived by his wife, Marianna, two daughters, two sons, three sisters, one brother, eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**Charles Lawton Blevins '59** of Clearbrook, Virginia, passed away January 6, 2014. He taught math and physics at Thomas Edison High School in Fairfax County, Virginia for 30 years. Charles also served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the United States Tennis Association and National Education Association. Charles is survived by his wife, Patricia, four children, four siblings and seven grandchildren.

**Cloyd O. Bumgardner '59** of Somerset, Kentucky, passed away April 30, 2012.

**Nancy Lee Boley Goodwin '59** of Wendell, North Carolina, passed away October 3, 2014. She was a professional educator who loved to read, travel and play piano. Nancy was also an avid Washington Redskins fan. She is survived by her children, Donna, Robert and Ruth, as well as many loving friends and family.

**Owen Dale Williams '59** of Waynesville, North Carolina, passed away January 21, 2016. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a master's degree in American literature and culture. After many years of teaching, Dale retired and founded the Chess and Poetry Clubs of Haywood County. He is survived by his wife, Silvia, one brother and a sister.

## 1960s

**Elmer D. Smith, Jr. '60** of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, passed away September 8, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Edna Welte Smith '62**. Elmer and Edna were married August 6, 1961 in Danforth Chapel. In 1963, Elmer earned a master's degree in education from Eastern Kentucky State College. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army for two years

and then taught in the Oak Ridge school system for more than 30 years. Elmer is survived by his three sons, Phillip, Matthew and Andrew, five grandchildren, three siblings and a host of loving friends and family.

**Dr. Keith H. Byrd '61** of Kingsport, Tennessee, passed away January 26, 2016. He completed his medical degree at the University of Louisville and served two years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. Dr. Byrd worked as a physician in the emergency department at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport. He is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl, three children, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

**Michael Allen McClung '63** of Summersville, West Virginia, passed away May 6, 2011.

**James Michael Powell '64** of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, passed away April 24, 2015. He was a Christian minister serving in churches throughout Kentucky and North Carolina. Jim also was a member of the American Family Therapy Academy, National Historical Society and Clergy and Laity Network. He is survived by his wife, **Marilyn Powell, Fd '61, '65**, and many loving family and friends.

**Frank W. Spencer '66** of Sandusky, Ohio, passed away December 23, 2015. He worked and retired from Chrysler Plastics (Sandusky Athol International) as a chemist. Frank was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and a former member of the American Chemical Society. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kathy, two children, two grandchildren and many extended family members.

**Lynn A. Rudy '67** of Blue Springs, Missouri, passed away January 4, 2016. He worked as an operations manager for ADT Security before retiring in December 2013. Lynn enjoyed fishing, was an avid collector of various items including postage stamps, and enjoyed being the leader of his son's Cub Scout Troop #271. He is survived by his son, Elliot, and a host of loving relatives.

**Daniel Lee Ledford, Fd '68** of Edmonton, Kentucky, passed away November 16, 2015. He was a writer and author, and had been a resident of Berea most of his life before moving to Edmonton.

## 1970s

**Sammy Olan Roberts '71** of Gastonia, North Carolina passed away October 23, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Mary, his mother, Gladys, five children, two grandchildren, a brother and many extended relatives.

**Leona Carol Stewart '72** of Berea, Kentucky, passed away December 28, 2014. She was retired from Peoples' Bank in Berea, was a cat lover and enjoyed being outdoors. Leona was a member of the Berea Professional Women's Club and Gloryland Baptist Church. She is survived by her very devoted husband, Jeb, as well as her loving family and friends.

**Roy L. Ladwig '73** of Madison, Ohio, passed away November 13, 2015. He enjoyed reading his Bible and reminiscing with family and friends. Roy was preceded in death by his mother, **Martha Ladwig '47**, and is survived by three siblings, Polly, Tom and Gretchen, eight nieces and nephews, 12 great-nieces and -nephews and a host of loving family and friends.

**Marlene Elizabeth Dingus Soard '76** of Martin, Kentucky, passed away January 7, 2016. She was a faithful member of the Martin United Methodist Church and later Martensdale Church of Christ, Prole, Iowa. Marlene is survived by her loving husband, Jerry, a son, four brothers and a host of loving family members.

**Kristine "Kris" Lea Norris '79** of Hillsboro, Ohio, passed away February 26, 2016. She was the owner/operator of Norvan Enterprises, a title search firm in Hillsboro. Kris and her late husband, Edward, also managed the Pants Factory Antique Mall. She is survived by her sister, Kathy, two nephews, one great-nephew, and many extended family members and friends. She also leaves behind her beloved dogs, Buster and Sophie.

## 1980s

**Erwin G. Allen '80** of Holland, Ohio, passed away January 4, 2016. He worked for more than 32 years at Norfolk Southern Corp., where he eventually became division manager of mechanical operations of the Dearborn division. In 2007, Erwin was inducted into the Williamson High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda, as well as many loving family and friends.

**Mary Catherine Hollyfield '83** of Johnson City, Tennessee, passed away October 12, 2015. After graduating from Berea College, she conducted post-graduate studies in early childhood development at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the University of Tennessee. Mary was a lifelong educator, beginning her career at the Early Learning Center in Johnson City and retiring in 2014 after serving many years in Johnson City Schools as a librarian. She is survived by her husband, Jeff, her father, **Wesley Wilson '53**, and siblings, **Judge Wilson '78**, **Melinda Wilson McDonald '79**, **Nathan Wilson '86** and Christopher Wilson.

**John Darwin Clarke '84** of Ashland, Kentucky, passed away January 28, 2016. He worked as an auditor and trust officer of several banks, and as an investment advisor and vice president of the local branch of Morgan Stanley. John contributed more than 200 columns to *The Daily Independent* over the years. He is survived by sons Jesse and Jacob, and five siblings, Kevin, Kathy, Rosemary, Terrie and **Leif Clarke '86**, as well as a host of loving relatives.

**Anita L. Worrell '87** of Lima, Ohio, passed away September 24, 2015. She worked as a supervisor with Allen County Job and Family Services and attended Shawnee Alliance Church. Anita is survived by her husband, Jody, a daughter and a host of loving family and friends.

## 1990s

**Diane Allene Hill '92** of Harlan, Kentucky, passed away December 21, 2015. For more than 20 years, she was an employee of the law office of Johnnie L. Turner. She taught the Kentucky Concealed Deadly Weapons class for over 15 years. Diane is survived by her parents, David and Mary, two siblings and a host of loving family members.

## 2000s

**Holly Jane Williams '04** of Austell, Georgia, passed away July 11, 2015.

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