Class Notes

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1950s

Sister Mary D. Joerger, O.P. (LAS ’59) is celebrating 60 years as a Dominican Sister of Springfield, Ill. She entered the Springfield Dominican Congregation on June 27, 1952, and made profession of vows on Jan. 4, 1954. Joerger is co-director of Siena Residence Hall in Springfield.

1960s

Lloyd E. Shefsky (BUS ’62) published “Invent, Reinvent, Thrive: The Keys to Success for Any Start-Up, Entrepreneur, or Family Business” (McGraw-Hill) this summer. The book features interviews with high-profile founders and CEOs of companies, including Starbucks and Staples. Shefsky is clinical professor of managerial economics and decision sciences, founder and co-director of the Center for Executive Education, and co-founder of the Center for Family Enterprises and Entrepreneurship.

Patrick T. Driscoll Jr. (JD ’67) has been appointed administrative law judge at the Cook County Department of Administrative Hearings.

John S. Munday (JD ’67) retired after 50 years of practicing intellectual property law. He has published seven books over the years, including the novel “Marlys in Heaven.”

1970s

Dr. Nancy W. Sindelar (LAS ’70) published “Influencing Hemingway: People and Places That Shaped His Life and Work” (Rowman and Littlefield) in June. The book contains rarely seen photographs and excerpts from Hemingway’s personal letters.

Ann L. Viernes (CSH ’71, MS ’83) recently retired as manager of the Rush Medical Laboratories Blood Center. In addition to managing the blood bank, she taught medical laboratory science students at Rush University as an assistant professor.

Sarah Frutig (THE CER ’73) was a guest star on ABC’s “The Middle.”

1980s

Jean Dziemian Lachowicz (CMN ’80, LAS MA ’89) is co-founder and executive director of Spirit of Harmony Foundation, a national charitable organization that supports music education. She is president of Urbs In Horto Communications Inc., a business consulting and website design provider.

Norman B. Berger (JD ’81) has been named a 2014 Illinois Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine for the 10th consecutive year.

Ruth W. Brinkley (CSH ’81, MS ’84) was honored as the 2014 enterprising woman of influence by Louisville Business First as part of its Business Women First special publication and event. Brinkley is president and CEO of KentuckyOne Health Inc. and senior vice president of operations at Catholic Health Initiatives.

Ira N. Helfgot (JD ’81) has been named to the 2014 Illinois Super Lawyers List.

Keith F. Killacky (LAS MS ’81) is an assistant professor in the department of justice, law and public safety studies at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill.
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Twelve members of DePaul’s first Master of Accountancy class met on Nov. 15, 2013, at Seasons 52 in Oak Brook, Ill., for their 31-year reunion. Top row: Michael E. Pisano (BUS ’81, MAC ’82), Thomas Festle (BUS ’81, MAC ’82), Russell Holmgren (BUS ’81, MAC ’82), Edmund J. Kelly (BUS ’82, MAC ’82), Lee Sussman (BUS ’82, MAC ’82), Sam Cannata (BUS ’81, MAC ’82) and Lee Rendino (BUS ’81, MAC ’82). Seated: Mary Lou Vainisi (BUS ’81, MAC ’82), Josephine Peterson-Montecki (BUS ’81, MAC ’82), Martha Smith (MAC ’82), Susan Swaringen (BUS ’82, MAC ’82) and Anne Mielezusz (BUS ’81, MAC ’82).

Catherine M. King (MBA ’81) joined Baird & Warner’s Gold Coast office as a real estate broker. She has extensive city and suburban knowledge and expertise.

Francis M. Martinez (MBA ’81) is an associate judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit.

Hon. Joseph W. Nega (BUS ’81, JD ’84) was appointed by President Barack Obama as judge of the United States Tax Court for a term ending Sept. 3, 2028.

Gregory S. Thomas (JD ’81) was promoted to senior licensing manager at Crocs Inc., where he is responsible for sports and entertainment licensing. In addition, he recently expanded the Crocs footwear collection to include fashion, urban, artist, music, outdoor and limited-edition styles.

James Carlini (MBA ’82) was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club for the Lake Michigan Region. In addition, he published a book on next-generation real estate entitled “Location, Location, Connectivity,” which will be available later this year.

Michael A. Gregory (MBA ’82) published the second edition of “How to Work with the IRS: Strategies for Attorneys, Accountants & Appraisers.”

Lisa M. Kiener Barnett (MUS ’82) was elected president of the Illinois Grade School Music Association.

David J. Kalainoff (MBA ’83) purchased a 60-acre vineyard in the prestigious Uco Valley in Mendoza, Argentina, in 2007 and is now exporting his CalVista wine to the United States.

David L. Liebman (JD ’83) is managing broker of Merit Capital Partners in Chicago.

Theresa J. Poppel (MBA ’83) joined Hollidin Capital as senior managing director of valuation. She will be responsible for expanding the firm’s tax and SEC compliance valuation practice.

Kerry M. Lavelle (MBA ’85, JD ’89) was named to Super Lawyers magazine’s list of top attorneys in taxation for 2014. He is the founding partner of Lavelle Law Ltd. in Palatine, Ill.

Steven C. Rubinow (CMD MS ’86) is the executive vice president and chief technology officer at Catalina Marketing in Chicago.

Theresa A. Banks (CMD ’87) relaunched Eltaco Publishing, which offers publishing assistance, speaking engagements and specialty services.

Michael R. Hernandez (BUS ’88, MBA ’93) is director of marketing at Business Insurance, a Crain Communications Inc. publication that reports on risk management, risk financing, employee benefits management and workers’ compensation.

Carol E. Bramson (BUS ’89) was appointed CEO and president of Summer Infant Inc., where she will lead the company as it focuses on increasing revenues and attaining sustainable profitability.

Kerry M. Lavelle (MBA ’85, JD ’89) was appointed president of Summer Infant Inc.

John C. Robak Jr. (BUS ’89) will serve as a board member for Chicago United, an advocacy organization that promotes multiracial leadership in business and parity in economic opportunity. He is president of Grecley and Hansen, as well as an appointed member of the U.S. Department of Commerce Illinois District Export Council and an advisory board member for the Driehaus College of Business.

Robert J. Shields Jr. (CMD MS ’89) is special agent in charge of the FBI’s Milwaukee office. He most recently served as chief inspector at the FBI’s Washington, D.C., headquarters.

Bill Snow (BUS ’89, MBA ’94) is managing director at Jordan, Knauff & Co.

Lonel Woods (MUS ’89) performed at SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music on Feb. 8.

1990s

Darrin R. Bacon (MBA ’90) is a managing director of First Bank and Trust in Evanston, Ill.

Frank J. Becker (BUS ’90) is vice president of human resources for the Asia Pacific Region of UPS. He has been with the company for 25 years.

Michele M. Jochner (JD ’90, LLM ’92) was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board.

Nicholette Ross (CDM ’90) joined Energistics as marketing and communications manager. She will be responsible for promoting adoption of open data exchange standards, managing membership relationships and coordinating the Global Region Lead Program.

Patrick J. Dorgan (MBA ’91) is a PGA golf teaching professional at Chicagoland Golf Academy based out of the Diversey Driving Range in Chicago. He and his wife, Stacy, founded Wink Optical in Lincoln Park.

Matthew G. Gloss (JD ’91) was appointed general counsel of ArHoc Inc., where he will oversee company’s worldwide legal affairs.

Mary B. O’Neill (LAS MA ’89, PHD ’96) received the statewide adjunct of the year award from the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Board of Regents. She was recognized for her energy, creativity and innovative teaching methods. Pictured with Nicholas M. Donofrio, chair of the board of regents, and Gregory W. Gray, president of the board of regents. Photo by Peggy Stewart.
Christine L. Kubisztal (CMN ’91) is director of enterprise sales for the Midwest at Tremor Video Inc. in Chicago.

Madeline M. Spurck (LAS MA ’91) retired from Elementary School District 159 in Matteson, Ill., after 33 years of consecutive service. She taught second grade.

Kenneth R. Peters (BUS ’93) is director of tax and treasury at Ferrara Candy Co. in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

Monica T. Sullivan (JD ’93) is a founding partner at Nicolaides Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan LLP in Chicago. She focuses her practice on insurance coverage litigation and arbitration.

Gary H. Yamashiroya (JD ’93) will take part in the 2014 Japanese American Leadership Delegation program, which brings 10 prominent Japanese-Americans to Japan for a weeklong trip dedicated to building people-to-people connections with Japanese leaders. He is the detective commander for the Chicago Police Department.

Lawrence W. Falbe (JD ’94) was appointed to the board of directors of the Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals. He is a partner at Quarles & Brady LLP and a member of the environmental practice group.

Kevin Fox (THE ’95) directed the Chicago-based Seanchai Theatre Company’s production of “Lay Me Down Softly,” which ran April 25 through May 25.

Timothy E. Kronquist (JD ’95) recently relocated to Washington, D.C., to join Holtzman Vogel Josefiak PLLC, where he provides service to officeholders, candidates, businesses and political committees. In addition, he was counsel to Congressman Paul Ryan during his 2012 U.S. vice presidential candidacy and currently serves as general counsel to Ryan for Congress Inc. and the PAC Prosperity Action Inc.

Catherine A. Lindner (MBA ’95) is chief merchant officer of Shelfbucks Inc.

Stephanie J. Pritzker (JD ’95) is a director of development at American Jewish Committee Chicago.

Janelle C. Prueter (LAS MS ’95) was named vice president of operations for Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, a statewide justice and health advocacy organization that helps to reduce recidivism in Illinois. She will direct the criminal justice, juvenile justice and community health services, which annually serve more than 27,000 adults and youths who have substance abuse treatment and mental health needs.

Alexandra Sukhoy (CMN ’95) published her fourth book, “Diary of the Dumped,” the story of a modern woman who, after being dumped via text message, keeps a diary that eventually unearths the true source of her continuous dating disappointments.

Heather R. Ireland Robinson (MFA ’96) was named executive director at the Beverly Arts Center, an educational artistic center on the South Side of Chicago.

Kathleen B. Killacky (SNL ’96) retired after 21 years in the insurance industry in December 2013. She was vice president of human resources at Liberty Mutual Insurance in Waukegan, Ill., responsible for field offices in 52 states throughout the Midwest and East Coast.

David M. Lutrey (JD ’96, MBA ’96) was selected as an Illinois Super Lawyer. He is managing partner of Lesser Lutrey McGlynn & Howe LLP and focuses his practice on trust, estate and guardian-ship law.

Michelle M. Paveza (JD ’96) has been promoted to partner at Langhenry, Gillen, Kronquist & Johnson, where she focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense, construction litigation, general civil litigation and consumer fraud defense.

Event Recaps

▶ Earth Day at the Ray: Make Your Own Herb Garden

Chicagoland alumni returned to campus to celebrate Earth Day, April 22. Guests put their green thumbs to the test during a planting workshop at the Ray Meyer Fitness and Recreation Center. By the end of the session, all participants had assembled take-home herb gardens to brighten their homes and flavor their meals.

▶ Vincentian Service Day

On May 3, DePaul alumni and friends gathered at 14 sites around the country, including five locations in Chicago, for Vincentian Service Day. During this annual day of service, participants honored the spirit and legacy of St. Vincent de Paul by volunteering in their communities at shelters, food banks, assisted living centers, humane societies and urban farms.

▶ Annual Young Alumni Etiquette Dinner

On May 13, recent graduates who wanted to brush up on their etiquette skills sat down for a three-course dinner with students preparing for graduation at Petterino’s restaurant in Chicago. Throughout the meal, attendees gained helpful advice in areas such as formal table manners and ordering, as well as appropriate behavior for business meetings and interviews that occur over a meal.
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Kimberly A. Ross (JD ’96) joined Butler Pappas Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP as a partner, where she specializes in employment law defense. She drafts handbooks and policies, and provides employment training.

Michael Skirucha (BUS ’96) was promoted to vice president, finance and controller at Overstock.com. He was previously controller.

David M. Adler (JD ’97) founded Adler Law Group, a boutique law firm located in Chicago with a mission to safeguard ideas, relationships and talent.

Robert D. Boyer (LLM ’97) joined OurHealth as executive vice president of client engagement. He will focus on growth objectives, including expanding OurHealth’s client portfolio and geographic footprint.

Coreen M. Dicus-Johnson (JD ’97) was named president of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare’s Central Market, which includes Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Franklin and St. Francis, Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital and Wheaton Franciscan Medical Group in the Central Market.

Kathryn A. Jackson (MED ’97) recently published an article on building value and talent.

Joelle J. Charbonneau-Blanco (MM ’99) had the first two books of her young adult trilogy, “The Testing” and “Independent Study,” hit the New York Times Young Adult best-sellers list. The third book, “Graduation Day,” was released June 17. In addition, Paramount Pictures optioned the series, and it is currently in the development phase.

Lisa A. Schwartz (MED ’99) has been named assistant superintendent for instruction for Skokie School District 68 in Skokie, Ill. Previously, she served as director of teaching and learning for Oak Park District 97 in Oak Park, Ill.

Anthony P. Steinike (LAS ’99, JD ’03) was named to the 2014 Rising Stars list by Illinois Super Lawyers magazine. He is a partner at Quarles & Brady LLP.

2000s

Daniel A. Boarder (BUS ’00) joined Whitley Penn as a transaction advisory services senior manager. He will provide essential consulting services by evaluating potential acquisition targets.

Trisha K. Tesmer (JD ’01) was named to the 2014 Illinois Super Lawyers List. She is a litigation and appellate partner at Cassiday Schade LLP.

Barry J. Carter (SNL ’02) was promoted to part-time lecturer at the University of Cincinnati.

Ginger L. Shulick Porcella (SNL ’03) was named to the 2014 Nolan Fellowship from the American Bar Association Section of Taxation.

TRISHA K. TESMER (JD ’01)

John A. Stefani (LAS ’97, JD ’04) was named a 2014 Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers magazine.

Scott Drumheller (JD ’98) was named executive administrator of Lions Clubs International, where he oversees operations at headquarters and Lions Clubs International Foundation. In addition, he has been the association’s secretary since 2006.

Robert R. Duda Jr. (JD ’99) joined Faegre Baker Daniels in Chicago as counsel.

Coreen M. Dicus-Johnson (JD ’97) joined Quarles & Brady LLP as a partner in its labor and employment practice group.

Charlene M. Kelly (JD ’99) joined Quarles & Brady LLP as a partner in its labor and employment practice group.

Mary E. McCahill (LAS ’99, JD ’02) was promoted to partner at Daley Mohan Groble PC, where she represents self-insured companies in casualty and commercial litigation.

Colin P. Moeller (LAS ’99) is the managing partner of the civil litigation firm Ankuda Stadler Moeller & Tynimski LLC. Moeller, his wife, Sarah, and their two daughters reside in Cleveland.

Jason K. Schmitz (JD ’99) has been named shareholder at Vedder Price, where he joins the firm’s Chicago office in the intellectual property group.

Saxophonist Aaron W. Irwin (MUS ’00) released his third album, “Ordinary Lives,” complete with 10 beautifully crafted compositions that contain gorgeous melodies and playful and inventive improvisations.

Barry J. Carter (SNL ‘01), published his first novel, “The Heartless Victims Murder Mystery,” a suspenseful, humorous story about unsolved murders that take place over 30-plus years.

Yolanda Sanchez (CSH ’01) is manager of the Rush Medical Laboratories Blood Center. She was previously the director of the Specialist in Blood Bank program and taught entry-level Medical Laboratory Science classes.

Ruthleen E. Uy (JD ’02) is co-president of the Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego Board of Directors. She is a partner at Sughrue Mion PLLC.

Thomas D. Miller (MM ’98), third from left, hosted a sound recording technology alumni luncheon on Jan. 26 in conjunction with the National Association of Music Merchants Conference in Anaheim, Calif. He was joined by Griffin Cooper (MUS ’05), Oscar Salinas (MUS ’08), Brian Bullard (MUS ’06), Brian Jensen (MUS ’03), Zachary Goheen (MUS ’03), Kathryn Marciniai (MUS ’05) and Michael Greenberg (MUS ’03).

John T. Wilson III (JD ’02) was promoted to partner at Daley Mohan Groble PC, where he represents municipalities, railroads and commercial clients in civil litigation and transactional counseling.

John A. Brock (MBA ’03) was promoted to senior vice president of project management and operations at Associa.

Guinevere M. Moore (LAS ’03, JD ’08), an associate at Holland & Knight LLP in Chicago, received the 2014 Nolan Fellowship from the American Bar Association Section of Taxation.

Tracy M. Muller (SNL ’03) is a senior product manager at QEP Co., Inc., where she will oversee retail and commercial accounts and provide support for the design, development and implementation of new products and enhancements.

Alexander Rozenblat (JD ’03) joined Eligo Energy LLC as the company’s general counsel and director of legal and compliance.

Ginger L. Shulick Porcella (LAS ’03) was named executive director at the San Diego Art Institute. She is founder of Big Deal Arts, a New York–based arts consulting agency.

Scott Drumheller (JD ’98) was named executive administrator of Lions Clubs International, where he oversees operations at headquarters and Lions Clubs International Foundation. In addition, he has been the association’s secretary since 2006.
Engagements & Marriages

Yolanda E. Jackson (CMN ’04) will marry Nick Shields on Dec. 7 at Navy Pier’s Crystal Gardens in Chicago. Jackson is assistant director of admissions at the Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago, and Shields is director of external communications for Navy Pier, Inc.

Charisse L. Powell (SNL ’07) married Jonathan B. Carwell on Feb. 14 at Royal Palace Banquets in Chicago.

Births & Adoptions

Lee Ann Pina (BUS ’03) and her husband, Alejandro Pina (MBA ’08), announce the birth of Lily Madeline on Jan. 17. She was 8 pounds 6 ounces and 20 inches long.

Kathleen A. Clair (BUS MS ’08) and her husband, Ron, welcomed Dylan Gabriel into the world on Jan. 5. Dylan joins big brothers Tyler and Andrew.

Roberto Mancilla Jr. (LAS ’04) and his wife, Lucilla, announce the birth of their first child, Pablo Joaquin, on Dec. 20, 2013, and was 8 pounds 6 ounces and 21 inches long.

Genevieve C. Morrill (JD ’04) and her husband, Nathan Kay, welcomed Roland Edward Mollr Kay on Feb. 17 in the middle of a snowstorm.

Megan J. Claucherty (JD ’08, MBA ’08) and her husband, Kevin Marx, welcomed their first child, Andrew John Marx, on Jan. 11.

Timothy P. Gebhardt (CDM ’05, MS ’08) and his wife, Ashley, announce the birth of their third child, Walter Beach Gebhardt. He was born Dec. 20, 2013, and was 8 pounds 6 ounces and 21 inches long.

Norman A. Simmons Jr. (CMN ’03) published “13 Years Later,” a suspense novel that follows the protagonist through a web of love, betrayal and murder.

Crystal Mary Willingham (CDM ’03) is working in executive human resources at Tronox Ltd. in the Stamford, Conn., headquarters. She is serving her fifth and final year on the DePaul Alumni Board and helps to manage the front-of-house operations at the historic Landmark Loew’s Jersey Theatre in Jersey City, N.J.

Christine Abuel Pompa (JD ’04) was elected equity partner at Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP in Chicago, where she focuses on patent, trademark, trade secret and copyright litigation, as well as opinion counseling.

Benjamin S. Berman (JD ’04) was promoted to general counsel of Kayak.com.

Jori B. Krischke (JD ’04) joined Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate. She will work in the firm’s Chicago office as part of the intellectual property practice group.

Kelly R. Langenberg (MM ’04) is principal horn in the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, where she has been for two and a half seasons.

Leonard F. Samczyk Jr. (MST ’04) was elected president of the Chicago Tax Club for 2014.

Julia Bristol (LAS MS ’05) was selected as executive director of the Caregiving Network of Midland County (Mich.). She has worked and consulted for several nonprofit organizations, including the YWCA of South Hampton Roads in Norfolk, Va., Boys and Girls Clubs of Lake County (Ill.) and Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep in Waukegan, Ill.

Jeffrey C. Ditmar (JD ’05) was promoted to senior corporate and litigation counsel with Atain Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Todd M. Glassman (JD ’05) has been named an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine for the third consecutive year. He is a partner at Ladden & Allen Chartered Family Law in Chicago.

John C. Hammerle (JD ’05) is a partner in the litigation practice group at Freeborn & Peters LLP.

Nicole M. Homb (LAS ’03) received the 2014 World Health Organization World Federation of Chiropractic Collaborative Fellowship. She will serve for one year at the WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, in the department of health statistics and informatics.

Nosheen H. Hydari (CMN ’05) was recognized as a Champion of Change by the Obama administration for her work with gun violence prevention on April 3 at the White House. She is a crisis therapist at Community Counseling Centers of Chicago.

Paula S. Kim (JD ’05) has been appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee.

Jeremy D. Protas (JD ’05) was promoted to partner at Marshall Gerstein & Borun LLP. He was previously an associate.

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In Memoriam
Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed. In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.

Alumni
Sister M. Charitas Prince, O.S.F. (CSH '35, MS '42)
Joseph O. Rubinelli (BUS '38, LAW '40)
Ben R. Konynski (MUS '42)
Virginia U. Jaehne (BUS '43)
Sister Rene Fischer, D.C. (CSH '44, EDU '48, EDU MA '52)
Dorothy R. Beranek (LAS '46)
Stanley J. Gross (LAW '46)
Norman L. Wilson Jr. (LAW '47)
Morton S. Abt (JD '48)
William A. Donato (JD '49)
Lois H. Flanagan (LAS '49)
George A. Marus (BUS '49)
John J. Whalen (BUS '49)
Glenn Naselius (THE '50)
Susan V. Winblad (LAS '50, EDU MA '63)
Norbert B. Bialek (CSH '51)
Joseph E. Callahan (BUS '51)
Robert R. Chambers (JD '51)
Roger E. Stanton (LAS '51)
Joseph J. Librizzi (LAW '53)
Robert E. Greenway (BUS '54)
Patricia Krolak (LAS '55)
William J. Scheid (LAS MA '56)
Robert J. Meiers (LAS '57)
John J. Griffin (JD '58)
George L. Gucker (LAW '59)
Frank A. Saran (MED '59)
Sam R. Malambri (MUS '60)
John S. Gaughan (JD '62)
Bernard N. Juras (LAS '62)
Bernadette Defazio (LAS MA '63)
George R. Kottl (MUS '63)
Leah Lehrer (CSH MA '63)
Thomas J. Truty (BUS '63)
David A. Block (BUS '64)
Harry E. Katsmann (CSH MA '64)
Andrew T. Jefchak (LAS MA '65)
Bonnie B. Catraldo (MM '66, MUS '66)
Robert S. Krockey (JD '66)
Sister Kathleen Kirk (MM '67)

Editor’s Note: Due to space limitations, this memorial list includes only those alumni and friends who our offices have confirmed have passed away.

Glenn Allison (SNL '06) joined Kellogg Co. as director of global networks. He was previously director of service operations for W.W. Grainger Inc.

Anne E. Brown (JD '06) joined Roeszel & Andrews LLP as an associate. She focuses her practice on drug, pharmacy and health care law.

Devin J. Eggert (JD '06) is a partner in the bankruptcy and financial restructuring practice group at Freeborn & Peters LLP.

Lawrence E. James Jr. (JD '06) is a partner at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg.

Michael J. Mayo (CMN MA '06) directed and produced his first independent feature film, “For Out of the Heart,” which follows a cynical detective as he pursues a killer only he's convinced exists.

Matthew C. Tramel (MBA '06) has been appointed chief communications officer of the Investment Program Association, where he will direct overall strategic communications.

Jason N. Abrahams (MBA '07) was promoted to marketing director at Rightsize Facility Performance. He was previously marketing manager.

Katherine S. Alvarez (JD '07) is an attorney-advisor in the Office of Policy and International Affairs for the U.S. Copyright Office.

Phillip N. Coover (JD '07) has been promoted to principal and director of marketing at Schenk Anne's Tepper Campbell Ltd. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation. He started at the firm in 2005 when he was a 2L at the College of Law.

Martin F. Frascogna (SNL MA '07) is an attorney with Frascogna Entertainment Law in Jackson, Miss., where he specializes in the intersection between music and international law and works with internationally based artists, indie musicians, labels and publishers.

Carrie M. McAteer-Fournier (LAS MS '07) has been named board president of the Danny Did Foundation, a Chicago-based nonprofit that works to combat epilepsy and sudden unexpected death in epilepsy. McAteer-Fournier, who has epilepsy, is the manager of a universitywide internship program in the DePaul Career Center.

Alexandra Meda (THE '07) is executive director and ensemble member at Teatro Luna, Chicago’s first all-Latina theater group.

Lisa Ricchoc-Lagunas (SNI '07) was appointed president of the Frankfort (Ill.) Chamber of Commerce.

Ette C. Collins (LAS MA '08) co-authored “The Secret to Creating Loving Relationships” with Yvonne Randle. The book is designed to empower readers to make positive changes in their lives and help them avoid common mistakes that prevent successful relationships.

Frank Muller (JD '08) is an attorney-advisor in the Office of Policy and International Affairs for the U.S. Copyright Office.

Michael D. Sevin (JD '08) has been named an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine for the third consecutive year. He is an associate practicing family law at Beermann Pritikin Mirabelli Swedelove LLP in Chicago.

Lance C. Ziebell (JD '08) was named a 2014 Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine. He is an associate at Lavelle Law Ltd., working in the firm’s litigation group.

Avanti Balkan (JD '09) has been elected president of the Indian-American Bar Association of Chicago. She is an associate with Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

John B. Carruthers (CMN MA '09) published “ManBQue: Meat. Beer. Rock and Roll,” a grilling cookbook complete with beer pairings. He developed a television pilot based on the men’s grilling and lifestyle organization and has appeared on “Windy City Life” and “Today” to promote it.

Kimberly Dawson (SNL '09, LAS MA '11) is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.
Karen A. Ford (SNL ’09, LAS MS ’12) published a collection of essays entitled “Thoughts of a Fried Chicken Watermelon Woman” with Total Recall Press.

Christopher Huberts (BUS ’09) was promoted to manager of product management for Amazon. He will be relocating to Bangalore, India, to develop a team that will build a new e-commerce category for the company.

Philip J. Minardi (BUS ’09) left his post as press secretary for U.S. Congressman Erik Paulsen to become director of communications and public affairs at the Travel Technology Association in Washington, D.C.

Stephanie M. Nielsen (LAS ’09) is a consular officer at the Embassy of Australia in Washington, D.C.

2010s

Brian J. Easley (LAS ’10) and his band Exit Vehicles recorded their first EP at Inner Ear Studio in Arlington, Va., with Don Zientara.

Nancy Garcia (LAS ’10) is senior operations manager at Junior Achievement of Chicago, as well as the executive director of Colectivo El Peso Theatre Company. In addition, she is a board member of Mujeres Latinas en Accion and the 2013-14 chair of its Young Professional Advisory Council.

Renie McClay (SNL MA ’10) published “The Art of Modern Sales Management,” which sketches a blueprint for managing performance in today’s dynamic sales landscape.

Christopher C. Meinhardt (LAS ’10) is executive director of Greenleaf, a nonprofit youth leadership development and urban agriculture program in Denver.

Charles M. Rizzo (JD ’10) joined WongPartnership in Singapore as a foreign lawyer. He is part of the firm’s equity capital markets practice.

Jason G. Shore (JD ’10) is an associate with Mevorah Law Office LLC. He will lead the new downtown office, where he focuses his practice on immigration, personal injury and family law.


McKenzie E. Chinn (MFA ’11) played Shelly in Chicago-based Stage Left Theatre’s production of “Principal Principle,” which ran through May 18.

Joshua P. Smith (JD ’11) is an associate with Quarles & Brady LLP in Chicago, where he focuses his practice on patent prosecution, counseling, post-issuance proceedings and IP litigation.

Colin M. Sphar (THE ’11) played Peter in the Goodman Theatre’s production of “Luna Gale,” which relates a complex portrait of life on the fringes of society and the social workers who toil there. It ran through Feb. 23.

John H. Spittell (JD ’11) joined the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, as an attorney-advisor.

Jacquelyn A. Faranso (BUS ’12) is an associate advisor at Sperry Van Ness Chicago Commercial, specializing in the sales and leasing of commercial office property in Chicago’s Loop, River North and surrounding neighborhoods.

Katlyn McBride (LAS ’12) served a one-year term with AmeriCorps VISTA as site-based coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County in Illinois.

Kristina B. Regal (JD ’09) was named a 2014 Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine. She is an associate at Lavelle Law Ltd., focusing her practice on gaming issues.

Teresa G. Santin (LAS ’09) joined Weston Hurd LLP in Cleveland, Ohio, as an associate. She will focus her practice on matters involving business, employment, estate planning, real estate and white collar litigation.

Eszter Szilveszter (MUS ’09) played viola in the backup orchestra for Imagine Dragons on “Saturday Night Live” on Feb. 1.

Evan D. Whitfield (JD ’09), an associate at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in Chicago, was recently named to the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40.

Zachary S. Telschow (CDM MS ’11) is a software engineer consultant at Milwaukee-based Corporate Technology Solutions Inc., where he works with clients to design, build, test and maintain high-quality software solutions to optimize business productivity.

Emily Casey (JD ’12) is an attorney at Tabin, Carberry, O’Malley, Riley & Selinger PC, where she practices in the areas of workers’ compensation, employment, intellectual property and cultural property law.

Brian E. Crawford (MFA ’12) played Nick in LiveWire Chicago Theatre’s production of “Assistance,” which ran through March 16.

Jacqueline D. Fields (JD ’12) joined Chicago-based Ingleside Financial as an account executive.

Lauren E. Dixon (CMN MA ’13) joined New York-based Crowley Webb as a community manager. She will lead the development and execution of social media strategies for clients at this marketing communications agency.

Donterria Jackson (SNL ’13) was admitted to the John Marshall Law School.

Tracy Lin (JD ’13) has been admitted to the New York State Bar. She is an associate at Goldberg Segalla in the business and commercial practice group.

Joseph T. Moran (JD ’13) is the new assistant state’s attorney for Hancock County in western Illinois.

Zachary M. Pearson (LAS ’13) published his debut novel, “Inherent Death,” which navigates the consequences of one man’s depravity, the possible reality of the supernatural and the danger attending humanity’s temting and obsessive quest for truth.

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Christina Nieves (THE ’06) plays Eponine in Drury Lane Theatre and Conference Center’s 30th anniversary production of “Les Misérables.” George Keating (THE ’90) also appears in the ensemble.