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The College of Arts and Sciences

1990s

Queensbury, N.Y. resident **Amy C. Merchant** '90 M.A., Industrial/Organizational Psychology, was named to human resources officer with Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company. Merchant joined the bank in 2001 as a recruiting specialist and was promoted to benefits associate in 2003 and benefits manager in 2004. Merchant has been involved in the Job Discovery Planning Committee and the Tri-County United Way for several years.

Woodbury resident **Susan V. Lang** '96 M.S., Education, was chosen as one of 65 teachers to participate in *Mark Twain and the "Impolite Nation:" Using Mark Twain's Work to Teach About Race in America*, a workshop sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Lang is an eighth grade social studies teacher at Newtown Middle School.

Hudson, N.H. resident **Anna-Louise Dubois** '99 M.S., Education, joins the staff of Hudson elementary schools as a fifth grade teacher at Nottingham West Elementary. Dubois previously taught third and fifth grade at Library Street School over a three year span and fourth grade at Nottingham West for two years.

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Barbara Esposito '99 B.A., English, a resident of East Haven for more than 60 years and one of the founders of the Friends of the East Haven Hagaman Library, was honored with the Individual Achievement Award for exceptional library service and lifetime achievement by the Friends of Connecticut Libraries. Esposito helped to establish the Friends of the East Haven Hagaman Library in 1999. She volunteers for the East Haven Historical Society and the East Haven Food Pantry.

2000s

Dayville resident **Christopher J. Farmer** '01 B.A., Political Science, '04 M.S., National Security, is founder and president of

OPORD Analytical. Farmer is a member of the Association for Intelligence Officers and listed in Marquis Who's Who in the World, and Marquis Who's Who in America. An expert on terrorism, revolutionary theory and emerging revolutionary movements, ideology linguistics and political violence, Farmer has been attempting to decode the ciphers by the infamous Zodiac killer.

Patrick T. McMahon '05 M.P.A., Personnel and Labor Relations, has been appointed deputy chief of the Middletown Police Department. McMahon served in the Norwich Police Department for 18 years before becoming deputy chief of the Groton City Police Department in 2003. A

Norwich resident, McMahon was an officer in the San Diego Police Department and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a combat engineer before joining the Norwich force.

New Haven resident **Ashley R. Abate** '07 B.A., Psychology, will compete in the 79th annual Miss Connecticut Scholarship Pageant. Abate holds the title of Miss New Haven County. For her community service platform, Abate promotes the work of Dress for Success of Mid-Fairfield and New Haven counties.

Marriages

Pamela L. Miscia '05 M.A., Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and **Jeremy M. Carlson** — May 27, 2007

Ruben D. Taveras '04 B.A., Communication, and **Kari Gonyo** — December 31, 2006

Births

Greta Dias-Nolan '97 B.A., Graphic Design, '98 M.S., Education, and **Christopher Nolan**, son — **Aiden E. Nolan**, August 7, 2007

Deaths

William F. Gillette, Jr. '67 B.A., Political Science, '92 M.B.A., International Business

Regina V. Desireo '70 B.A., English

Along with the numerous accomplishments of **Dr. Joseph Deleeuw** '78 B.S., whose obituary appeared in the summer issue of the Alumni Magazine, was the granting of the University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001. Dr. Deleeuw, a longtime Connecticut businessman who earned his bachelor's degree with



Distance Makes No Difference to UNH Friends

Matthew Jackowicz '01 M.B.A., and **Mohamed Achour** '01 M.B.A., who became close friends during their days at UNH, have maintained their friendship through e-mail, cell phone calls and actual visits despite the thousands of miles that separate them. Achour is an entrepreneur in Rabat, Morocco; Jackowicz lives and works in Grand Prairie, Texas. Since their time at UNH, Jackowicz has visited Achour in Morocco four times.



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honors from the University of New Haven when he was 60, then earned his medical degree and opened a clinic catering primarily to impoverished children in Florida, died January 14. He was 89.

Department of Economic and Community Development since 1999, last serving as executive director of the Connecticut office of strategic competitiveness. Before that, he served as director of economic development for the town of Suffield, where he now lives.

Telecommunications Corp. for 28 years. Cornish serves as chairman of the New London City Council's public works committee and is a member of the economic development committee and finance committee. He is a founding member of the

board of directors of Kente Cultural Center.

Carissa M. Neubig '88 M.B.A., Management and Organization, of Wallingford, the former chief operating officer of Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford, has been

The College of Business

1970s

Los Lunas, NM resident **Nedra W. Denison '71 B.S.**, Public Administration, retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs after 33 years of service.

Alexander Carpp '78 M.P.A., Public Administration, was named first president and chief executive of Choose Worcester Inc., a nonprofit organization created to market Worcester, Mass., to employers. Carpp has spent most of his career in government. He was with the Connecticut

1980s

Guilford resident **Renee A. Landry '82 A.S.**, Business Administration, joined the Guilford office of RE/MAX Alliance. Formerly with William Raveis, Landry specializes in residential sales, new home construction, land development, commercial properties, and antiques. Landry is an active member of the Connecticut Association of Realtors and the Midshore Association of Realtors.

New London resident **William M. Cornish '86 B.S.**, Business Administration, owns and operates Cornish Contracting and Real Estate. Cornish previously worked for Southern New England



Alumni Gather in China



While participating recently in a university recruiting fair in Nanning, China, **Joseph Spellman**, the University's director of International Admissions, visited with many of the 35 University of New Haven alumni who live in Guangxi Province, China, most of whom work for either the Guangxi provincial government or the city government of Nanning. Alumni including **Cindy Yang** arranged for the recruiters, as well as some embassy officials from various countries, to attend a dinner hosted by Shao Bowen, the Vice-Chairman, Secretary General of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Shao, although not an alum, was influential in helping many of the students attend UNH to study for a master's degree in Public Administration. "It was truly an amazing experience and very special for me," Spellman says. "I had met most of these people when they were students." In the group photo, Spellman is pictured in the back row, third from left. Second photo, Shao Bowen, left, and Joseph Spellman.



UNH student **Stacey Longo** and fiancé **John Harris** enjoy the camaraderie at the University's Southeastern Campus Alumni picnic Sept. 29



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tapped as executive director of Senior Whole Health, a Medicare Advantage special needs plan serving Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries in New Haven, Hartford, and Middlesex counties. Neubig is a current board member of the Wallingford Education Foundation and the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce. She was selected as one of the *New Haven Business Times* "20 Noteworthy Women" for 2004.

1990s

John D. "Buzz" Kanter '90 E.M.B.A., of New Canaan, is publisher and editor-in-chief for TAM Communications in Stamford, which publishes *American Iron Magazine* and *Road Bike*. Kanter will be the leader of the Kick-It Ride, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The Norwich Bulletin promoted Plantsville resident **Thomas L. Marino '94** E.M.B.A., to human resources director. Marino joined the Bulletin in 2005 as human resources manager. He previously

worked in senior management roles at Main Street Hotels in Cheshire, Projects, Inc., in Glastonbury and the Napier Company in Meriden.

2000s

Halsted Communications promoted **Daniel J. McCann '02** M.S., Labor Relations, of East Haven, to director of labor and government relations.

Bristol resident **Charlie E. Oropeza '02** E.M.B.A., was appointed group managing director and chief executive officer of Malaysia's Hong Leong Assurance (HLA). Prior to joining HLA, Oropeza was the chief executive officer of Prudential Life Assurance Indonesia and the CEO of Prudential Vietnam Assurance, and brings with him 25 years of international life and general insurance, mutual funds and consumer finance experience to HLA.

The Shelton accounting firm of Dworken, Hillman, LaMorte & Sterczala, PC, has promoted **Peter**

Connecticut Governor Selects Alumnus To Head Agency

Ned Bowman '81 B.S., Business, '93 E.M.B.A., of Southbury, was recently appointed chairman of Connecticut Innovations, Inc., a quasi-state agency that fuels the Connecticut economy through a variety of investment strategies. Bowman, the former owner of Village Oil Co., is a member of the board of directors of the Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association, an organization of local home heating oil and gasoline distributors. He was elected to the Cheshire Town Council in November 1994 and served until March 1997. "It's quite an honor, handling the venture capital and clean energy for the state of Connecticut," Bowman said recently. "I have a great staff, and a lot of good things are happening."



B. Tomaino '03 M.S., Taxation, of Danbury, to tax manager.

Richard W. Pecka '04 M.B.A., Marketing, of Milford, was elected supreme president of the Sons of Pericles during the American Hellenic Educational Progressive supreme convention. Pecka works for BIC USA Inc.

Lincoln, RI resident **Bradford D. Avenia '05** M.S., Management of Sports Industries, accepted the position of coordinator of intramurals at Southeast Louisiana State University.

Marriages

Elaine Bonean and **Alexander Sangiovanni '92** B.S., Business Administration, '98 M.B.A., Management and Organization — June 2, 2006

Kimberly M. Lunt and **Michael M. Dugas '93** M.B.A., Telecommunications — July 1, 2006

Deaths

Clifford J. Bernier '83 A.S., Business Administration, '88 B.S., Business Administration, '94 M.S., Education

Marcella Cornacchia '01 M.S., Health Care Administration

David S. Earley '90 M.B.A., Health Care Management

Gary J. Foley '75 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management

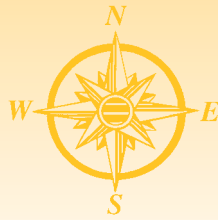


A DAY AT THE BALL FIELD

Caren Bartlett '83 B.S., **Jack McQuillan '57** A.S., and **Taryn Scencia**, a friend of Bartlett's, along with more than 70 alumni, family and friends, enjoyed the Second Annual UNH Alumni Night with the New Haven Cutters.

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Alumnus Battles Arctic Fires



John Cassidy '04 B.S., Fire Science and Criminal Justice, a firefighter with Raytheon Polar Services, is fighting fires in Antarctica in a contracted firefighting position at McMurdo Station. Cassidy left the United States Aug. 25 for Antarctica, and expects to return in late February or early March 2008.

A former substitute teacher in the Monticello School District in New York, Cassidy has been a volunteer firefighter for more than 10 years. During a chance conversation while taking courses at the New York Fire Academy, he learned of the Antarctica opportunity and pursued it. He is now maintaining a written and photographic journal of his experience at www.lifeinafreezer.com. "It's still hard to believe I'm in Antarctica," he said recently. "It's a beautiful area and I can't believe I actually made it."

Deaths

John E. McLaine '85 M.P.A., Public Administration

Donald J. O'Hare '79 E.M.B.A.

Thomas B. Peterson '52 A.S., Business Administration

James C. Randall '86 M.B.A., Management and Organization

Susan E. Smith '83 B.S., Financial Accounting

The Henry C. Lee
College of Criminal Justice
and Forensic Sciences

1970s

Fred E. Tarca '77 M.S., Criminal Justice, of Branford has been promoted to associate vice president of information services

for administration and operations at Quinnipiac University. Tarca joined the university in 1999 and was previously the director of information technology operations.

1980s

Patrick L. Cote '85 M.S., Criminal Justice, published *Police Chief Managing Success*, a book about successful police management practices. Cote, who lives in Casa Grande, Ariz., is a private investigator and a criminal justice faculty member at the University of Phoenix. Before retiring from municipal police work, he was a police chief for 11 years in New Hampshire, Arizona, and Colorado.

1990s

Gerald D. Narowski '98 A.S., Criminal Justice, '99 B.S., Criminal Justice, '01 M.S. Forensic Science, of Derby, is serving as the advisor for a new forensic science class that will be offered in the Derby School District.

2000s

Milford resident **Scott M. Garbati** '00 B.S., Arson Investigation, '00 B.S., Fire Science, began his career as a firefighter with North Haven. While working as a health and safety officer at a diagnostic lab, Garbati was a volunteer firefighter for the Allington Fire Department in West Haven for 8 years.

The East Haven Rotary Club presented a Public Safety Award to police detective **Troy Raccuia** '00 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Guilford. Raccuia recently retired after 20 years on the job and was honored for his contributions over the years.

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Avon resident **Joseph Speich** '05 B.S., Fire Science, accepted a firefighter/paramedic position with the University of Connecticut Health Center Fire Department located in Farmington.

Weston, Mass., resident **Justin Woodside** '05 B.S., Fire Science, was promoted to lieutenant of the Weston Fire Department.

Cumberland, Maine resident **Christopher J. Burgess** '06 B.S., Fire Science, is a part-time reserve officer with the Cumberland Police Department. Burgess has completed 100 hours of police training and has a certificate of eligibility from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He is also a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Cumberland and works for Blue Hill Pyrotechnic.

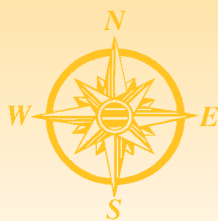
Woodside, N.Y. resident **Amanda Ogborne** '06 B.S., Criminal Justice, accepted a position as an investigator with the New York City Department of Buildings Inspector General's office.

Nicole M. Ruggiero '07 M.S., Forensic Science, of Selbyville, Del., joined the Ocean City Police Department as a crime scene technician.

Marriages

Christina D. Batastini and **Francis J. Sheehan III** '96 B.S., Criminal Justice — June 29, 2007

Judy M. Roberts and **David M. Velapoldi** '01 B.S., Fire Science — June 28, 2007



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LEGACY BRUNCH GATHERED RELATIVES

The University held its inaugural brunch for alumni who are relatives of current students, in conjunction with Family Day 2007 sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Participating were, from left to right, Igor Lobotsky '94, M.B.A., Diane Greiner, Ted Greiner '82, B.S., Andrew Greiner, '11, Rob Greiner.

Gina M. Lucarelli '04 B.S., Criminal Justice, and Marc A. Fongemie — June 24, 2006

Deaths

Robert J. Wasel, Sr. '78 A.S., Criminal Justice

The Tagliatela College of Engineering

1970s

Robert E. Gustafson '77 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, has joined Manchester Wholesale Distributors as information technology manager. Gustafson brings 30 years of information technology experience, including managing major technology projects for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and

Northeast Utilities. He resides in Kensington, NH.

1980s

Raymond J. Huey '81 A.S., Engineering Science, '92 B.S., Electrical Engineering, of Orange, is chief executive officer of Z-Medica Corp. in Wallingford. Huey's background includes a variety of positions in the medical and engineering arenas with Timex Corp.'s medical products division, Biodyne, American Home Products' Corometrics Medical Systems, and General Electric.

1990s

Old Saybrook resident Gregory J. Smith '91 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, has been named chief operating officer of Lewmar USA, the U.S. subsidiary of the international marine equipment

supplier, and president of Navtec Corporation, Inc., Lewmar's rigging division. Smith is the former director of operations for General Electric Aviation's Times Microwaves Systems. Prior to General Electric, Smith had his own manufacturing business and was general manager of the Windsor division of Barnes Group, Inc., an aerospace component manufacturer.

Christopher R. Zito '99 M.S., Cellular and Molecular Biology, of Middletown, joins Xavier to teach science courses, moderate the Columbian Squires, and work as assistant technology director. Zito gained his experience as a teaching assistant at UNH and Wesleyan University and as an adjunct professor at Albertus Magnus College.

2000s

Ledyard resident David J. Gruszowski '07 B.S., Industrial

Engineering, received his degree at age 50 to further his career with Northrop Grumman Newport News, a Virginia-based shipbuilding firm.

Marriages

Lee J. Crepeau '94 M.S., Computer and Information Systems, and Tina M. Vasaturo — May 12, 2007

Deaths

Peter J. Bertier '50 A.S., Engineering

Konnie P. Fedeyko '77 M.S., Industrial Engineering

David E. Ostrom '42 A.S., Engineering Science

Julie T. Wood '79 A.S., General Studies (Julie formerly was a retired secretary with the UNH engineering department)



UI BREAKFAST

An alumni breakfast was held on August 21 at United Illuminating in New Haven, where nearly 75 UNH alumni are currently working, including Susan Winkel '93 M.B.A., and Diane Pivrotto '96 M.S.