



THE THOURON AWARD

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The Veterinary Field and the Thouron Award: A Long and Extraordinary Relationship

There is a 700-acre place in Pennsylvania called the George D. Widener Large Animal Hospital on the New Bolton Center Campus (opened in 1952) of the University of Pennsylvania that has a special relationship with the Thouron Award. It was founded in 1964, in part with contributions from Esther du Pont Thouron, wife of Sir John Thouron — founders of the Thouron Award. Annually, this large animal veterinary hospital, one of the finest in the world, sees more than 6,000 patients and its Field Service sees more than 19,000 patients. As they say CASELOAD, CASELOAD, CASELOAD — caseloads that include horses, cattle, camelids, pigs, goats, sheep and other large animals. In conjunction with its world-renowned small animal veterinary hospital, it's no wonder that the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary School has attracted 13 of our British veterinary students since 1969.

But lest we forget, there are four Americans who crossed the pond to the UK. One went to Cambridge to study immunology and is now in the Equine Research Hall of Fame, one went to the University of Edinburgh in Aquatic Veterinary Science, one went to Wadham College, Oxford to do a D.Phil in animal behavior before returning to Penn Veterinary School and one, having completed vet school at Penn, went to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, switching to epidemiology for more than 30 years, only to reconnect with the field of veterinary research as a supervisor to a current PhD candidate.

We thought you'd enjoy their stories, see page 2.

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American Scholars

Besan Abu-Joudeh
MSc in Development
Economics, SOAS, One year

Ava Childers
MPhil in Archaeology,
Cambridge, One year

David Dunning
MPhil in History and
Philosophy of Science,
Cambridge, One year

Alison Feder
MSc by Research
in Statistics, One year

Myles Karp
MSc in Cognitive and
Evolutionary Anthropology,
Oxford, One year

Michael Masciandaro
MPhil in Political Thought
and Intellectual History,
Cambridge, One year

Eliana Ritts
MSc in Visual, Material and
Museum Anthropology,
Oxford, One year

Katie Wynbrandt
Master's in Public Policy,
Oxford, One year

British Scholars

Jamal Hussain
Cardiff, Master's in
Near Eastern Languages
and Culture, Two years

Jeremy Lemer
Cambridge, MBA, Two years

Rossa O'Keefe-O'Donovan
Oxford, PhD in
Economics, Two years

Thomas Watkins
Kings College, Master's in
Computer and Information
Technology, One year

Coryan Wilson-Shah
PhD in Electrical Engineering,
Two years

We thought you'd enjoy their stories.

Doug Antczak, Am'73, went to Cambridge for immunology research but became so entranced by the sport of polo that he almost left without completing his degree. Saved by a 'lucky break' — a dislocated hip falling from a polo pony — he discovered the lure of laboratory research while convalescing and completed his PhD. During his time as a Thouron Scholar, Doug was introduced to Dr. W. R. Allen, a veterinary surgeon from New Zealand, who was studying the immunology of equine pregnancy. Their mutual interest in the reasons why mammalian mothers do not reject their fetuses as they would an organ transplant resulted in a decades-long friendship. Doug also met his English wife Wendy Robertson while on his scholarship. Today Doug is the Dorothy Havemeyer McConville Professor of Equine Medicine at the Baker Institute for Animal Health at Cornell University and Professor of Immunology in Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. He specializes in research in the immunology, genetics, and reproduction of the horse and has been a major contributor to the Horse Genome Project. In 2009 he was inducted into the Equine Research Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky. Doug continues to travel regularly to Cambridge and Newmarket to work with colleagues and friends met during the course of his Thouron Award.



Doug with a horse specially-bred for the Genome Project

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Laura Adshead, Br'94, joined the Benedictine order of nuns at the Abbey of Regina Laudis. She now goes by the name Sister John Mary. Laura is currently a novice and is going through her apprenticeship, which lasts for as long as five-and-a-half years. At the end of her "Formation," she will be eligible to take holy orders and assume the title of "Mother." The documentary film featuring Sister John Mary, entitled "God Is The Bigger Elvis" was nominated for the 2012 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject.

Kenneth Baer, Am'94, left the White House where he has worked for the past three and a half years in the Office of Management and Budget and took some much needed vacation time. He is now working in the private sector as a Managing Director at The Harbour Group, an independent strategic communications firm in Washington D.C., which specializes in issue campaigns and crisis communications for corporate, non-profit and international clients.

Aimee Bailey, Am'06, completed her PhD in condensed matter theory at Imperial College, London and continued her research in biochemical networks in Amsterdam at the Institute of Atomic and Molecular Physics. There she investigated the Ras biochemical network, which is a group of proteins implicated in cancerous cells. This year she received a Luce Scholarship to spend a year in Beijing at the Global Environmental Institute where she is working on low-carbon planning. She took a two-month full time Mandarin course prior to starting at GEI and is still taking a few lessons a week because her work is nearly exclusively in Chinese.

Nassim Baiou, Br'10, graduated this year with an MBA from Wharton. He worked as a summer associate at Bain & Company and is now a consultant with the firm.

Richard Bartholomew, Am'65, a recently retired principal of the international planning and design firm Wallace Roberts & Todd, received the 2011 John F. Harbeson Award for lifetime achievement from the Philadelphia chapter of the American Institute of Architects. In addition to more than 40 years as a practicing urban designer, architect

Peter Beaumont, Br'72, completed an internship and residency in small animal soft-tissue surgery at Penn's Veterinary Hospital and became a practicing veterinarian for more than 30 years. As owner and president of Madison Veterinary Hospital, one of the largest practices in New Jersey, he developed an interest in veterinary business, including ownership of Madison Feed and Pet Supply, a pet retail and grooming business. He sold both companies in 2004 and went on to co-found Veterinary Practice Initiatives Ltd. in the UK and to become a partner in Veterinary Business Development Ltd., a database marketing company developing new magazines for the European veterinary market. Peter currently serves on the Board of Directors for Trupanion, a pet health insurance company. Last October he gave a talk on pet health insurance to Penn Veterinary students.



Peter with his Caucasian Ovcharka dog, Bear

Peter Cantor, Br'69, qualified at the University of Bristol in 1964 and joined a mixed practice in Ashford, Kent where he helped design the first UK equine hospital. In 1969 Peter came to New Bolton where he saw pioneering work in equine surgery carrying out procedures that had never been attempted before. He returned to the UK to become a partner of The Milbourn Equine Veterinary Hospital. The practice built up an outstanding reputation throughout the South of England dealing with all types of horses from the Queen's race horses to children's ponies. He was also called in to help at a wildlife park: this included operating on tigers, elephants and rhinos. Peter sold his practice in 2007 but continues to be in demand so is not yet fully retired!

Celia Davenport (Goodall), Br'96, was encouraged to pursue her studies in the US by both Tim Greet, one of the foremost equine surgeons in England and Sue Dyson, Br'80 (see next page), one of the world's leading lameness diagnosticians. Celia arrived in Philadelphia the day after graduating from Cambridge. The following day she began orientation at New Bolton Center and one day later was hard at work with more than 10 surgeries performed in three surgery rooms every day. The caseload was phenomenal. Rounds started at eight each morning followed by frequently heated debates on surgical techniques and case management.

The facilities were first rate with a recovery pool for orthopedic surgeries, a treadmill for high-speed evaluations, an intensive care unit and even a neonatal unit. The standard was set for excellence, and anything slightly below that was not acceptable. After her first year as an intern, Celia completed a three-year residency in large animal surgery. Celia then worked at Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Virginia for three years before starting the Equine Center in Cochranville PA. She is married with three children.



Celia, the New Bolton intern

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and planner, Richard has also served as an adjunct member of the University of Pennsylvania faculty for 20 years.

Hannah Bill, Br'10, is interested in international, constitutional and complex litigation. She is currently undertaking an internship at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Brussels.

Diane Blumenthal (Powell), Am'69, has traveled the world for the past seven years with her husband, Ned, in his capacity as President and CEO of the United Service Organizations Inc, dedicated to supporting active military and their families. She has chaired several charitable investment committees and does freelance marketing and public relations solutions. Her background includes years with media organizations starting as the first woman in sales for WCRB AM/FM Boston; at NBC (as the first publicist for Saturday Night Live), at NIS, the first national radio news network, at International Family Channel, at Fit Television and at Lifescape Internet.

Luke Butler, Br'06, left his position as Special Assistant to the Mayor of Philadelphia, Michael Nutter, to become Chief of Staff to Alan Greenberger, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Planning. He is currently working on a new initiative to support Philadelphia entrepreneurs and startups.

Janine Catalano, Am'06, is the Alumni Relations Manager at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. She also works as a food and art historian guide for Context Travel, which specializes in high-quality daily tours, led by scholars and geared toward the intellectually curious.

Alex Channer, Br'01, received her PhD from Penn this summer and now works as a freelance translator of Albanian to English and is a Balkan analyst and civic organizer. For more than seven years she has worked for Levizja VETEVENDOSJE!, a movement for self-determination in Kosovo.

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Sue Dyson, Br'80, came to Penn to intern in Large Animal Medicine and Surgery. After her internship she worked for a year in private equine practice with Dr. Midge Leitch, a former surgeon at New Bolton. Although offered a residency, Sue was not sure that she could survive in the very competitive, male-dominated environment. Fortunately, she was offered a job at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket, England, where she planned to stay for only three years; she has now been there for more than 30 and is Head of Clinical Orthopaedics. This "dream job" combines clinical consultancy work in equine orthopaedics (lameness and diagnostic imaging) and poor performance with clinically related research.

Sue helped establish internships at the Animal Health Trust, and she is proud that many of her former interns are becoming successful in their own right. Through contacts at New Bolton, Sue met Dr. Mike Ross, a surgeon and lameness diagnostician. Together they co-edited "Diagnosis and Management of Lameness in the Horse," a unique textbook with accompanying CD that is now recognized as the lameness textbook and is in its second printing.

Before returning to the UK, Sue rode for Bruce Davidson, the former world three-day event champion. On her return to England she continued to ride and compete and trained several horses to national level. They subsequently were sold and competed at Olympic Games and European and World Championships. She believes that her success as a rider hugely influenced her progress as an equine veterinarian and gave her credibility in what was then a very male-dominated world.



Sue checks flexion in a horse at the Center for Equine Studies, Newmarket



Jenni Ettlinger (Dixon), Br'85, worked for several years as an equine vet following her internship at New Bolton Center, including a postgraduate qualification in equine practice. She then turned to medicine, qualifying in 1992 as a pediatrician. Jenni practices in Winchester, and as far as she is aware, is the only dual-qualified vet/doctor in the UK.

Udayan Chattopadhyay, Br'99, works as Global Head of Business Development at Ergo, a global intelligence and advisory firm specializing in due diligence, competitive intelligence and geopolitical analysis in the world's most challenging geographies.

Sharon Chen (Cooper), Br'87, left her fundraising position at Cambridge University so she could qualify and work as a garden designer while raising her three girls. Four years ago she returned to mainstream work becoming a music administrator at St Paul's Cathedral School in the City of London. Her role was to support the choristers and also the extensive musical activities of the school. A year ago she moved to become the bursar at an independent Catholic girl's school, that is close enough to bike to from home.

Rya Conrad-Bradshaw, Am'03, after almost three years as International Program Manger at the New Museum of Contemporary Art, where she worked on new exhibition program design and branding, has joined McKinsey & Company as an associate.

Ashley Cukier, Br'11, returned to London to complete his final year of bar school after which he will do his pupillage at Essex Court Chambers. (Saul Lemer, Br'05 is also there.)

Pierre du Prey, Am'65, retired after "forty happy years in the trenches with the students" at Queens University. His web-based educational resource called Architecture in the Classical Tradition, which has lots of British and North American material on it, is nearing completion.

Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Br'83, runs a government-funded company whose role is to research and build new industries around computer science and the digital economy. Previously, while a professor at the University of Sydney, he established three companies in robotics, which included building large robots for mining, agriculture and marine science. He has kept in good contact with the University of Pennsylvania and over the past decade has had a number of collaborative projects with the robotics group.

Kathleen Steel (Friedenberg), BR '66, graduated from the University of London in veterinary medicine and came to the US to study human and equine orthopaedics at Penn. Kathy began sculpting at night school, but eventually it became a full-time occupation. She continued her studies at a commercial art school and spent several years doing medical and veterinary illustration. Kathy is Vice-President and Director of Education of the American Academy of Equine Art. Through them, she conducts an annual workshop of equestrian sculpture at The Kentucky Horse Park. In 2003 she taught the first of the Academy's workshops at the New Bolton Center. Kathy has won numerous awards, including the Medal of Honor at the American Artists Professional League in New York. Her work has appeared in *The Chronicle of the Horse*, *Spur*, *Hunt*, and *Horses in Art*.



Kathy sculpted Storm and Sunshine for Sir John, one of his very successful racehorses.

Paul Fine, Am'70, accepted a job at a combined medical-veterinary-public health school being built in Shiraz, Iran after finishing vet school at Penn. This was a USAID project, managed by Penn. Paul had previously travelled in Iran in 1965 and looked forward to the new opportunity. The contract was delayed for a year, which led him to apply for the Thouron Award and to study at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) for a master's degree in parasitology, with Farsi on the side (as he still thought he was on his way to Iran). LSHTM proved very stimulating, and Paul ended up doing a PhD in epidemiology. He then joined the smallpox eradication programme in India and was offered a post-doc to work on arboviruses at University of California at Berkeley. In 1976 Paul was invited back to join the staff at LSHTM. He has remained based at LSHTM (with extended breaks at Johns Hopkins and the CDC/Atlanta), working on the epidemiology of several different infections, and running a large project on leprosy, tuberculosis and, ultimately, HIV in Malawi from 1978 to 2006. Today, Paul is Professor of Communicable Disease Epidemiology, with his research focusing on a variety of vaccine related problems, including evaluations of safety and effectiveness, and issues surrounding the transmissibility of oral polio vaccine viruses. Recently, Paul reconnected with the veterinary field as he has a PhD student who is evaluating the effectiveness of foot and mouth disease vaccines for sheep, in Kenya.



Paul at LSHTM in 2011

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Simon Engelhart, Br'05, and wife Lucy are the proud parents of Henry William Engelhart born June 2 of this year. In January Simon will be leaving Penn after more than seven years to become an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Rhode Island. His research will continue to focus on understanding past sea-level rise on passive and active coastlines.

Madeleine Evans, Am'09, is an analyst at Terra Firma Capital Partners. She is interested in "making finance work for sustainable development and solving social problems." She is also founder of Finance Matters, a place where socially aware and innovative finance professionals can leverage their knowledge to make finance work better for society.

Femi Fadugba, Br'10, graduated this year from Penn's Fels Institute with a Master of Public Administration and is currently a strategy consultant at the Boston Consulting Group, in Chicago.

Joseph Farmer, Br'06, recently left Brodies LLP as a solicitor to become the judicial assistant to Lord Hope of Craighead, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

Lesley Frost (Behrendt), Br'68, has retired as Chair of the British Selection Committee but assures us that she will be hard pressed to "resist turning up for duty again" if we are short of numbers.

Sara Gorman, Am'07, is a Policy Intern at HIV Law Project in addition to being a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University and a PhD candidate currently writing her dissertation on the medieval imagination, a topic that spans literature, philosophy and the history of science and medicine.

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Jennifer Hall, Br'85, went to Ohio State University after her year at New Bolton Center to continue her training in equine surgery before working in biomedical research at W. L. Gore and Associates in Flagstaff, Arizona. She returned to the UK in 1991, working in private equine practice for Park Veterinary Surgeons before founding her own practice, Lambourn Equine Vets, in 1996. In addition to her practice, Jenny was team veterinary surgeon to the British Three Day Event Team at the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Olympics before working for LOCOG, the organizing committee of the London 2012 Olympic Games as Veterinary Services Manager.

Thomas Kevin Nicholl, Br'75, began his post-Penn career as an examining vet for the state of New Jersey and then set up a private equine practice that was initially focused on racetrack work but soon expanded into farm calls and breeding. Following a car accident that made equine practice difficult, Tom moved to Florida where he was the resident vet at a large training facility. In 1998 he founded Twin Oaks Pet Cemetery. Soon thereafter, he moved from veterinary medicine to law and became a prosecutor for the state of Florida. He now has his own private practice where he specializes in animal law, which includes animal bites, kennel liability, stable liability and horse injuries.

Ginny Niebuhr, Am'78, a graduate of Penn's School of Arts and Sciences, attended Oxford as a Thouron Scholar and then went on to Penn Veterinary School. Following graduation she worked as an associate in several companion animal veterinary practices in and around Chester County, PA. In 1994 she set out on her own and established Home Veterinary Service, which provides veterinary care for pets in their own home. Within the first year, Ginny added an office at her house where she could see patients, perform surgery, X rays and hospitalize sick patients — all while she was raising two sons. Her younger son is now a senior at Penn.



Ginny in her home office

Charles Pinkham, Br'05, followed his internship at New Bolton with a move to Melbourne, Australia where he worked at the Goulbourn Valley Equine Hospital for the 2006 stud season. He then spent six years at Newmarket Equine Hospital primarily involved in stud work. Now he practices in Surrey and is a contributor to Horse Deals magazine.

Lorna Gunn, Br'10, spent a year working as a paralegal for Blank Rome in Philadelphia thanks to Tony Haller, Br'78, but has now returned to Aberdeen where she is employed by ISS, a subsea company which monitors and repairs oil pipelines. In addition to deep-sea vessels located in the North Sea, Lorna organizes crews in the South Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Cameroon, Gabon and The Republic of the Congo. She is also studying the General Diploma in Law and plans on returning to the US next July to teach 'Crime and Punishment' on an Oxbridge summer school program at Columbia University.

Jonathan Hale, Br'94, Associate Professor of Architecture and Built Environment at the University of Nottingham, has an interesting new blog/website called "Body of Theory" (<http://bodyoftheory.wordpress.com>), a forum for ideas on the theme of "architecture and embodiment."

Cameron Harris, Br'01, is living in South Africa with Marie, whom he met when they were both PhD students at Penn: he is in music composition, she in ethnomusicology. They are the parents of Emma Rosalie Harris, born December 28, 2011.

Deb Hoy, Br'06, exhibited drawings and sculptures at Appleyard and Co. in Norwich, her first public exhibit. The show was called Alchemical Apparitions as the pieces explore the changes from solid mass to liquid or gas. Deb also had an installation of her new work Michael and Mary at The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral.

Eugene Huang, Am'99, continues to be an "overachiever." He moved to New York City in July to take up a position with American Express, where he serves as Vice President for Strategy and Planning in their Enterprise Growth group, which is focused on new payment products, technologies, and markets for American Express. He also serves as a Visiting Scholar with the Brookings Institution, where he is affiliated with their Center for Technology Innovation. Recently, he joined the board of the 100k Strong Foundation, an initiative that was launched by the US State Department to promote the expansion and diversification of Americans studying Mandarin Chinese and study abroad in China.

Sidney Ricketts, Br'71, recently retired as Senior Partner at Rosssdales, is widely regarded as a pioneer in the field of equine stud medicine. He has been instrumental in establishing Beaufort Cottage Laboratories as a world leader in equine pathology, serving Rosssdales and more than 500 veterinary practices from all over the United Kingdom and Europe. Sidney began studying at Bristol University's veterinary school in 1965. For 11 years he has been Visiting Professor at the University's veterinary school, teaching equine reproduction and stud medicine. This year, in recognition of his service to the University, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*). Sidney also teaches at the Royal Veterinary College, London and stays busy with equine industry committee work. Additionally, he was senior veterinary consultant to the Royal Studs from 1985 until his retirement earlier this year. He was awarded the honour Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order for services to the Royal Studs, by the Queen in 1998. Sidney continues his role as consultant at Rosssdales and Partners and Juddmonte Farms.



Sidney, now Doctor of Science

Meredith Smith, Br'99, completed a four-week externship at New Bolton Center the summer after her graduation from Cambridge. The experience opened her mind to the size and scale of veterinary facilities in the US, and she knew she had to return. Sue Dyson suggested she apply for the Thouron Award, which then brought her back to New Bolton as a surgery intern in 1999. After returning to the University of Liverpool equine hospital as a surgery resident, Merry travelled back and forth to the US to attend various specialist meetings in fracture repair and laparoscopy and to spend time with American specialists in order to gain further case experience. Upon receiving her European Diploma in Equine Surgery, Merry spent time working as a surgeon in private practice in the New Forest. She became interested in the potential of a new low-field MRI system for use in standing horses and attended a workshop about this new imaging modality. She was so impressed that she submitted a grant to the Horse Trust for PhD funding to research the MRI system at the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket. Merry completed a PhD comparing high and low field MRI in the horse, with Sue Dyson acting as one of her supervisors. In her spare time Merry plays low-goal polo with the Suffolk Polo Club, based just outside Newmarket, on an ex-racehorse, Thruthekeyhole, and a homebred, Shine.



Merry (left) playing low-goal polo at the Suffolk Polo Club, Newmarket

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Nimit Jain, Am'09, left Bain & Company to work for Yahoo on product strategy. Nimit works directly with CEO Marissa Mayer's chief of staff on the company's product portfolio.

Rishabh Jain, Am'09, is pursuing a PhD at MIT, working on novel solar cell materials for infrared light to energy conversion. "My passion for energy is rivaled only by my interest in policy and its impact on business and scientific investigation." He is CEO of Invisergy, where he leads overall strategy, relationship development, and recruitment. He is also a co-inventor of Invisergy's breakthrough technologies. Previously, as a student at Imperial College, he studied optics and photonics and conducted research on luminescent solar concentrators in affiliation with QuantaSol, a London start-up company.

David James, Br'67, is a Professor in the School of Cinematic Arts at USC, but this year he is the Ailsa Mellon Bruce Senior Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.

Jeremy Kahn, Am'96, is an independent journalist who writes about international affairs, politics, business, the environment and the arts. His work has recently appeared in *Newsweek International*, *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Smithsonian*, *The Boston Globe*, *The New Republic*, *Slate*, *Foreign Policy*, *Fortune* and *Inc*.

Liz Kelner (Pozen), Am'68, retired two years ago from private practice in psychotherapy and is now a working artist. Her paintings have been in a number of shows, mostly in the northeast. She has been married to her husband Robert for more than 35 years, and they have two children and a new grandson.

Jay Komarneni, Am'06, helped launch a hybrid opportunistic hedge fund, Greenoaks Capital Management for two years and now is the founder and CEO of a Silicon Valley healthcare IT startup, which hopes to eventually enable self-diagnosis. The company, Sic Parvis Magna Holdings, is backed by two of the world's leading startup accelerators, Y Combinator and StartX.

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Jennifer Stephen, BR'99, completed her internship at New Bolton Center and went on to finish her surgical training at the Royal Veterinary College in London. She qualified as a diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgery. She has since worked as an equine surgeon in Australia and then at Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital on the Curragh in Ireland. The sheer number and variety of cases seen at New Bolton as well as the contact with the experts there has stood her in great stead throughout her career. With difficult cases, she has used her US connections to reach out for advice. Jennifer has worked on respiratory, orthopaedic as well as soft tissue cases. Working in the racing environment offers her the greatest satisfaction, as she is able to follow her patients' progress and see them achieve health and success. Jennifer recently set up a company, Veterinary Advances Ltd., that produces Apps designed to help equine veterinarians. The company is developing some Apps for horse owners as well. The first foal CPR App is available for free download in the iTunes store. The rhythm for foal CPR is the same as for human CPR, so the soundtrack on the App for delivering compressions can be useful in more than one species. Jennifer hopes to improve the quality of equine care worldwide by giving instant access to expert information.



Jennifer working on a horse's intestines

Nuala Summerfield, Br'98, took a residency in cardiology at Penn and went on to receive her ACVIM Diploma in Veterinary cardiology. Returning to the UK in 2002, she was a lecturer in cardiology at the University of Liverpool until 2005. In 2006 she was awarded the RCVS specialist status in cardiology and in 2010 became recognized as a European Specialist in Cardiology. Between 2006 and 2011 she led the national screening programme for Dobermanns with dilated cardiomyopathy. Nuala works with all breeds of dogs, as well as cats, and occasionally finds herself examining rabbits, ferrets, parrots and even an alpaca. She has been published widely in the field of veterinary cardiology and is still actively involved with post-graduate teaching despite no longer working in academia. Nuala moved to Geneva, Switzerland in 2011 following the birth of her daughter. She currently divides her professional time between the UK and France as a cardiology consultant.



Nuala doing pacemaker surgery on a dog

Jake Kraft, Am'03, works as an associate with Bristol Group, Inc., a nationally active real estate investment and development firm located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Jin Lee, Am'08, is responsible for developing and maintaining all university relationships for Humana where she is an Emerging Technology Consultant. She connects and assists with all the business consultants to better match their needs with university resources. She also screens all relevant start-ups and connects them to the appropriate internal groups within Humana. Jin is co-founder of Anacrusis Press, an author centered publishing company, whose mission is to find "talented teen authors frustrated by traditional publishing and get them noticed by real readers."

Gwyneth Leech, Am'81, had more than 600 of her cup drawings on view at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts in Spring, Texas as part of Luxuriant Refuse, an exhibition of nine artists who use "detritus as a medium, exploring ideas about consumption, creativity, and transformation."

Richard Lewy, Br'70, worked for almost 10 years at Scudder Stevens & Clark in investment management before joining various insurance businesses at Lloyds including Amlin PLC and Atrium Underwriting PLC where he was chairman from 2004-2006.

Hayley Lofink, Am'05, moved to Washington D.C. two years ago after finishing her DPhil in Medical Anthropology at Oxford. In July she started as the Director of Research and Evaluation for the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care. This organization does research on and advocates for school-based health centers, which are clinics in schools in low-income, urban and rural areas that have a pediatrician or nurse practitioner as the provider. It is an innovative and cost-effective model of delivering health care to low-income children who can't otherwise access care.



Becca with camelids at New Bolton

Rebecca Terry, Br'07, went straight to New Bolton after graduating from Bristol University and completed a one-year internship rotating through all the different services. She stayed for several months to complete a research project assessing the pharmacokinetics, (absorption and distribution), in horses of a drug called Gabapentin, which is used in horses for chronic pain conditions. The study was published in 2010. Returning to the UK, Becca worked for a year at Chiltern Equine Clinic in Buckinghamshire before starting a Wellcome Trust Integrated Veterinary Research Fellowship at the Royal Veterinary College. The fellowship funds three year of doctoral research and three years of specialist clinical training. Becca was just awarded her PhD which investigated new therapeutic strategies for a human disease called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. It yielded some very interesting results and will soon be published. She has just started clinical training in veterinary pathology with the aim of sitting the American Board of Veterinary Pathology exams and becoming a recognized specialist. Becca is particularly interested in the similarities between animal and human diseases and hopes to continue working in the broad area of "translational research."

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E. Jeffrey Ludwig, Am'62, has recently published two articles at www.americanthinker.com: "Leftist Textbooks and WWI" and "Does the Declaration of Independence Tell the Truth?"

Julia Luscombe, Am'11, has just completed her MSc, in Local Economic Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and is now a management consultant with Monitor Group in Chicago.

Khawar Mann, Br'95, left Apax, the venture capital firm, to become chairman of Medsa, a chain of Russian medical clinics. Based in Moscow, he will "commute" home to London to see his wife and children.

Justin Marozzi, Br'94, is a writer, historian, strategic communications advisor and foreign affairs analyst. He works as a Senior Advisor for Albany Associates, a company that specializes in "full-spectrum communications services in parts of the world others simply cannot reach." While visiting Ghadames, Libya this summer, Justin was held captive in the Sahara Desert by Tuareg kidnapers who were trying to negotiate the release of Tuareg prisoners. Twenty-four hours later, Justin and his wife's friend and young son were released.

Colin McIntyre, Br'07, has just completed the final seat of his traineeship in the Brussels Office at Brodies LLP. He had previously had a secondment to the Office of the UK Law Societies in Brussels.

Hilary Moore, Br'99, has had an especially interesting career path since receiving her Penn PhD in the anthropology of music. Building on the love of communications she demonstrated while writing a column for *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, she moved into management training, received an executive MBA from the Cass Business School, established her own consultancy firm, Moore Consultancy, and has recently joined McKinsey as a Communications Specialist. All of this while raising Iona, almost three, who, according to her mother, "is wonderful, inspiring, infuriating, exhausting and wonderful all over again."

E. Scott Weber, Am'97, originally intended to use his studies in the UK to research the immune response of ruminants to tropical infectious diseases. This goal was thwarted by the pending closure of the Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine at the Royal Dick Veterinary College in Edinburgh. Fortunately, he was able to change programmes and use his immunology skills to complete an MSc in Aquatic



Scott (right) with a Leatherback sea turtle being rehabilitated

Pathobiology, investigating the role of melatonin on the innate immune response of rainbow trout. Aquatic animal medicine was barely a professional discipline in veterinary medicine at the time, so a career in aquatic animal health was a courageous step to take but heartily supported by Tiger Thouron, who invited Scott to fish with him on the River Deveron in Scotland. Scott briefly served as a Fish Health Specialist at the University of Arkansas and then worked as the Animal Health Manager at the New Jersey State Aquarium. During this time Scott performed surgery on numerous koi with gonadal tumors and was featured on the Discovery Channel show, "A Pet Story." Scott also had several opportunities to work on various sharks including Sand Tiger, Brown Tiger and Mako. In 2001, Scott became the head veterinarian and research scientist at the New England Aquarium (NEA) with responsibility for the veterinary care of the collection, rehabilitation, and research animals, a collection numbering more than 20,000 animals. Much of his work involved protocols for treating sea turtles, including respiratory analysis, pneumonia and diagnosing of joint swelling. He conducted health surveys on stranded seals and dolphins using a mobile laboratory and satellite tagging to monitor animals when returned to the wild. While at the NEA, Scott was featured in the PBS documentary "Windows on the Sea."

In June 2007, Scott took a position at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine to start a clinical Aquatic Animal Health Program with an emphasis on fish. He is now an Associate Professor of Aquatic Animal Health. Scott has published more than 45 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and given more than 100 lectures. Currently Scott has an active Federal appointment with the National Veterinary Response Team to respond to veterinary needs in times of national disaster or crisis.

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Michael Moritz, Br'76, chairman of Sequoia Capital, and his wife, novelist Harriet Heyman, made a major gift to University of Oxford as the cornerstone of a \$460 million dollar fund dedicated to giving financial support to students who are challenged to meet the rising cost of tuition. The first 100 scholarships were awarded this autumn as the new, higher fees came into effect.

Donald Morrison, Am'69, left an "exhausting" career as an editor at *Time* after 30 years at the magazine. He moved to Paris and was encouraged by colleagues to write on France's decline as a cultural force in the world. After some hesitation, Don finally wrote an article, which was published as a cover story in *Time* in 2007. The title, "*The Death of French Culture*" was not of his own choosing and naturally gave him instant notoriety in France. His article was expanded into a book two years ago. Don is also the author of *How Obama Lost America* and is currently working on another book about life in Paris. He teaches writing at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

David Osbon, Br'94, is leaving his position as Principal Lecturer and Head of Collegiate Music at Kingston University to become a professor at the University of West London. As Professor of the Creative Arts, he will also work with the London College of Music and School of Arts and Media. He notes, "Big title to go with Big Hair!" David has two CDs of his music coming out this year, one in Italy, and the other in the UK. He will be in Philadelphia in February as his wife, Jane, is touring with violinist Tim Schwartz.

Jessica Peake, Br'09, has moved to California leaving her job of almost two years as Executive Director of a non-profit. She is currently a Visiting Researcher at UCLA School of Law and finishing her doctorate, which will be awarded by Penn Law in the coming year.

Aaron Rock-Singer, Am'08, married Cara Singer in August, this year. The couple has chosen to combine their two names and will now be known as the Rock-Singers. The Sunday New York Times announcement caught the eye of National Public Radio's All Things

Gatherings and Events

Following the tradition of having good parties, current Thouron Scholars will enjoy several opportunities each year to meet with the family and Thouron Alumni.

January 11-12, 2013

Interview Weekend UK at the Chesterfield Hotel, London.

January 26 2013

Interview Weekend US at the Omni, Philadelphia.

March 23, 2013

Cherry Blossoms and Barbecue, Washington D.C. hosted by Hayley Lofink, Am'05.

April 12, 2013

Annual Thouron Farewell Party for British students and Welcome for new American Scholars, hosted by the Thouron Family at Glenroy Farm, Nottingham, PA.

"Is the United States Declaration of Independence an illegal document?"

Tony Haller, Br'78, organized a debate between American lawyers, and British barristers to determine the legality of the Declaration of Independence. The event was sponsored by the Temple American Inn of Court as part of its commemoration of the 20th anniversary of its charter. The debate was live-streamed to seven Philadelphia-area law schools. Eminent constitutional scholars and jurists, representing the American viewpoint of legality, and top British barristers claiming that not only was the document illegal but also treasonable, alternated speaking in the Oxford debating style.

Attendees of the event were invited to participate by playing the role of the Continental Congress casting their vote, a small card with either an American Flag or Union Jack, in the ballot box. The result was: in favor of the motion, 83; against the motion, 197; abstentions, 45. The British were defeated in their quest to reestablish sovereignty over the former colonies. However, according to Tony, who was not allowed to vote, the British won the debate based on sense of humour.

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Considered and the couple was interviewed about their choice of double surname. Aaron and Cara met in graduate school at Oxford. Aaron is pursuing a doctorate degree in Near Eastern Studies at Princeton. Hopefully a course taught by "Professor Rock-Singer" will draw extra attention from prospective students.

Peter Roth, Br'76, has become a judge, husband and father - all in the course of 18 months. He believes he is the first High Court judge to take paternity leave.

John Shurmer-Smith, Br'05, has been touring throughout the UK this year, sometimes performing solo as Louis Barrabas and sometimes with the full band The Bedlam Six. He launched a new single and is making plans for his 2013 tour, which will include Europe and hopefully Australia and the United States.

Omari Simmons, Am'00, was just promoted to full professor of law with tenure at Wake Forest University School of Law.

Daniel Simon, Br'04, left McKinsey in London for a job with a biotechnology firm - Onyx - in Palo Alto, California. He describes his role as "60% strategy, 40% innovation." He, Melora, and Nathaniel traded their small terrace house near St. Pancras for a craftsman-style bungalow.

Andrew Steer, Br'74, is Special Envoy on Climate Change at The World Bank in Washington D.C.

Oliver Watson, Br'99, after eight years with D.E. Shaw and Co. as a quantitative analyst, has joined Trufl, as a quantitative consultant. Trufl's goal is to "intelligently target its subscribers with deals and offers that are relevant and local."

Suzanne Webster, Br'99, is an associate professor of English at Elizabethtown College, (PA), where she has worked since 2004. She is married to Matthew Roberson, whom she met at a Penn Halloween party in 1999.

Andy Wolk, Am'70, has been directing multiple episodic shows including: Criminal Minds, Damages, Ugly Betty, Rizzoli and Isles, and Gossip Girl.

From Rachel Vere Nicoll

New Director of Alumni Relations

For the past 20 years Carole Clarke has been THE person for almost everything to do with the Thouron Award.

If you needed to know something about the Award, if you needed something done, if you needed to find someone, Carole was the person to ask. Carole is a walking encyclopedia on everything Thouron, and she knows more about you, the Thouron Alumni, than anyone. Carole has kept us all connected through the newsletter and directory. She has kept in touch with many of us through emails, phone calls and visits. She constantly finds out about Thouron Alumni through articles she reads or news she hears from Penn. Although she has officially retired, Carole plans to keep in touch.

She is now passing this information on to me so that I can begin to learn and appreciate just how diverse, eclectic, erudite and witty our alumni are. My father, Tiger Thouron, was so proud of the accomplishments of the alumni, and my role is to keep you up to date with them.

Please keep in touch with both Carole and me. Carole's new email address is carole2clarke3@gmail.com, and my email address is rachelnicoll@mac.com.

LinkedIn

We are forming a Thouron group on LinkedIn for alumni to find one another and keep in touch. If you are interested in joining, please connect with Rachel Vere Nicoll.

Thouron Award Directory

We will be making a big effort to update the Thouron Award Directory this year. Please check your current information on the website <http://www.thouronaward.org>

Bulletin Board

Soon, we plan to have a Bulletin Board on the Thouron website where you can post any changes to your listing so that an administrator can update your records. For secure login information please e-mail me at rachelnicoll@mac.com.

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