



# Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

The Pacific Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner was held November 5, 2011, in the Don and Karen DeRosa University Center Ballroom. The following alumni were honored for outstanding professional achievements or for their service to humanity or to the University.

**Lawrence "Larry" Groupé '79 MUS**

*Distinguished Professional Service Award*

A two-time Emmy Award-winner, Groupé is an accomplished composer for television and film. His credits include *The Contender*, *About Schmidt*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and a prime-time Emmy nomination for the series *Line of Fire*. His latest film score was for the 2011 movie *Straw Dogs*.



Lawrence "Larry" Groupé '79 MUS



Shirley (Richesin) King '60 COP

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*Distinguished Volunteer Service Award*

Through her nonprofit organization, Grandma's Hugs International, since 2003, King has shipped more than 200,000 handmade blankets and bags and more than 5,000 stuffed animals to children in 30 countries on five continents.



Kathryn "Kathi" Anderson '81 ECC



Richard "Dick" McClure '78 COP

**Kathryn "Kathi" Anderson '81 ECC**

*Distinguished Public Service Award*

In 1997, Anderson co-founded Survivors of Torture International, a San Diego, California-based nonprofit organization. Since then, it has served more than 1,300 survivors of politically motivated torture from at least 70 different countries.

**Richard "Dick" McClure '78 COP**

*Distinguished University Award*

McClure's long-term and wide-ranging support of Pacific includes an endowed scholarship honoring his parents, serving on the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House Design Committee and membership in the Pacific Tigers Athletics Association (now Pacific Athletics Foundation).

**The Winterberg Family**

*Outstanding Family Award*

Four generations of the Winterberg family have graced the halls of University of the Pacific, all the way back to the days of the San Jose campus. Through the years, they have generously contributed their time, talent and treasure.



The Winterberg Family

1940s



*Lenore Johnston '42 COP*

**Lenore Johnston '42 COP**, Caldwell, ID, a retired elementary school teacher and active community volunteer, was awarded the 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award by the Canyon Area Human Rights Task Force. She is active in the Friends of the Caldwell Depot and the Parents and Guardians Association at the Idaho State School and Hospital.

**Herbert Witt '43 COP**, Mill Valley, CA, retired after 30 years as an adjunct professor of business economics at the University of San Francisco. After graduating from COP, he served three years in the Navy and then had a lengthy career as an auditor. He co-authored a book on the subject and authored a course in basic operational auditing given by the American Institute of CPAs throughout the country. He plans to spend more time with his three daughters, seven grandchildren and wife of 53 years, Hiala.

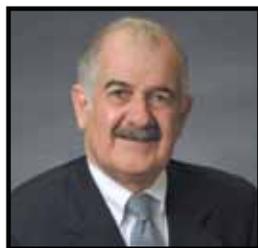
**Don Ratto '49 COP, '58 EDU**, Santa Cruz, CA, retired from Stockton Unified School District in 1980 where he was an elementary school principal for 31 years. He continues to work in music, directing senior shows in Capitola. He and his wife of 65 years live in Santa Cruz. They have a son and daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1960s

**WANTED:**  
Class of 1963 Reunion Volunteers

**John Gamble '63 COP**, Hyattsville, MD, was inducted into the 2010–11 Pacific Athletics Hall of Fame. After graduation he was selected by the Detroit Lions in the seventh round of the 1963 NFL draft and by the Denver Broncos in the 12<sup>th</sup> round of the 1963 AFL draft. He spent the remainder of the 1963 NFL season as a member of the Minnesota Vikings. Ultimately, he relocated to Washington, D.C., where he worked at the University of the District of Columbia until retiring in 1996.

**Dick Davey '64, '68 EDU**, Saratoga, CA, retired as associate head coach of the Stanford men's basketball team, where he served for the past four seasons. He previously coached at Santa Clara for 30 years. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family.



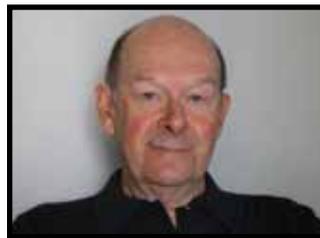
*Ralph Saroyan '64 PHS*

**Ralph Saroyan '64 PHS**, Stockton, CA, retired assistant dean of student affairs in Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, was named 2010 Pharmacist of the Year by the California Pharmacists Association. He is one of three Pacific alumni to be inducted into the inaugural San Joaquin Pharmacists Hall of Fame.



*Ch. (Maj.) Richard Nelson '64 COP*

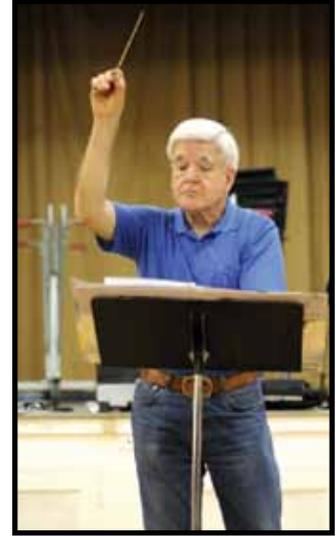
**Ch. (Maj.) Richard Nelson '64 COP**, San Marcos, CA, has been appointed California wing chaplain for Civil Air Patrol (CAP). CAP performs 95 percent of all search and rescue for civilian downed aircraft.



*Eugene Chulick '65 COP*

**Eugene Chulick '65 COP**, Dayton, NV, was selected by the U.S. Treasury Department to serve on the nationwide Taxpayer Advocacy Panel. He represents local taxpayers in the state of Nevada and works on national issues.

**Sgt. Stanley Mitchell '66 MUS**, Gresham, OR, has composed marches for the highest-ranking general officers in the nation, including the U.S. Army Finance Corps March. He has written seven film scores and performed around the world, coordinating events for President George H. W. Bush, Saudi Arabian royalty and other dignitaries. He and his wife have two children.



*Robert Gross '66 MUS, '82 EDU*

**Robert Gross '66 MUS, '82 EDU**, Lodi, CA, was inducted into the Lodi Community Hall of Fame in recognition of his support of local music programs and his community involvement for the past 37 years. Gross has been a teacher, vice principal, principal and district coordinator of instrumental music for the Lodi Unified School District. He organized the Grape Bowl Classic Band Review to showcase high school bands and plays in several community bands. He has been active in a variety of community service organizations and draws a great deal of personal satisfaction from serving the community. He and his wife, Helen, have been married for 47 years.

**Ursula (Swent) Shepherd '66,** '73 COP, Placitas, NM, associate professor of University Honors and Biology at the University of New Mexico, was named a 2011 United States Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The honor is the nation's most prestigious teaching award, recognizing educators for excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring, contributions to their communities and profession, and support for colleagues. She has received numerous awards, including the UNM Presidential Teaching Fellowship, the university's highest honor for teaching.

**Charlie Green '68 PHS,** Stockton, CA, is president and CEO of Green Brothers Pharmacy, operating two locations in Stockton. In addition to holding local leadership positions, he is a past president of the American Pharmacists Association. He is one of three Pacific alumni to be inducted into the new San Joaquin Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame.

**Angelo Rodriguez '69 COP,** Vacaville, CA, had the Angelo Rodriguez High School named after him to honor his legacy and 21 years of teaching.

**Alice Specht '69 RAY,** Abilene, TX, has been dean of University Libraries at Hardin-Simmons University since 2002, and has been a librarian at HSU since 1981. She is a board member for the Grace Museum. She earned a master's degree in librarianship from Emory University, and an MBA from HSU.

1970s



Donald Floriddia '71 PHS

**Donald Floriddia '71 PHS,** Stockton, CA, is a professor in Pacific's Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry and the associate dean for Student and Professional Affairs. He is one of three Pacific alumni to be inducted into the new San Joaquin Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame.

**Dr. Denny Crafton '72 CAL,** Saint Albans, VT, had a busy 2011. He earned his amateur radio general class license (KBIVJF) and bought an additional dental practice in the Burlington, VT, area. He keeps busy paying the bills and keeping the local Harley dealership in business.

**WANTED:**  
Class of 1973 Reunion Volunteers

**Gerald Downs '73 PHS,** Ripon, CA, manager of Dameron Hospital's Linacia Pharmacy, was awarded a "best practices" honor for retail pharmacy management by Comprehensive Pharmacy Services. Downs is married and has four children.

**Douglas Mewhinney '73 RAY,** San Andreas, CA, retired as Calaveras County superior court presiding judge on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. His career included parts of the legal proceedings against Charles Ng, Calaveras County's most notorious mass murderer. He plans to use his time in retirement to climb mountains and ride his bicycle and occasionally serve as a vacation replacement for other judges. He and his wife, Cathi, have been married for 40 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

**John Black '75 LAW,** Sacramento, CA, was named president of the El Dorado Community Foundation, which solicits and manages charitable gifts through endowed funds. He is a co-founder of the workers' compensation defense firm of Cuneo, Black, Ward and Missler in Sacramento.



David Harnish '76 CAL

**David Harnish '76 CAL,** San Diego, CA, accepted an appointment as professor and chair of the Music Department at University of San Diego (USD) in 2011 and moved there with his wife, Maxine Barry '78 CAL. Previously, he was dean, associate dean and professor at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Harnish directs Balinese Gamelan Gunung Mas at USD and plays with Latin rock and Indian rock bands.



Robert Ulrich '77 COP

**Robert Ulrich '76 COP,** Glendale, CA, was selected as the 2012 distinguished alumnus of the year at Modesto Junior College. Ulrich, the award-winning casting director for shows such as *Glee*, *The Mentalist* and *Supernatural*, also does on-camera work as the host/mentor of Oxygen's hit competition reality series *The Glee Project*. The Modesto, CA, native was a featured guest, along with his wife, actress Kim Johnston-Ulrich, at the Gallo Center for the Arts in Modesto on April 28 as part of the Hometown Heroes speaker series.

**Van Felber '77 COP,** Newman, CA, was profiled in the *Modesto Bee's* Class Acts column. He taught kindergarten for the past 27 years. Felber teaches at Hurd Barrington Elementary School.

**Douglas Noll '77 LAW,** Clovis, CA, was selected as a recipient of the 2012 California Lawyer of the Year award by *California Lawyer* magazine. He was honored as the co-founder of the Prison of Peace pro bono project that provides the Valley State Prison for Women in Chowchilla with communication, mediation and peacemaking skills.

**Mary Muse '78 LAW**, El Dorado Hills, CA, has spent 32 years as an El Dorado Hills lawyer advocating on behalf of clients going through difficult changes — divorces, separations, child custody and support issues. Married 40 years to Bill Fisher, they have seven children, two of whom are attorneys and another who is in law school.



*Chris Shown '79 COP and Sheree (Hogsett) Shown '79 COP*

**Chris Shown '79 COP and Sheree (Hogsett) Shown '79 COP**, Junction City, OR, have been in Oregon for 22 years growing grapes. In 2008, they started making wine at a neighbor's winery, and they built their own winery and tasting room in 2011. They and their two sons, Matt and Nick, have 66 acres of vineyard and timber. Their winery produces 450 cases of pinot noir, pinot blanc and riesling per year.

*1980s*

**Joseph Fletcher '80 LAW**, Ojai, CA, was selected city attorney for Ojai, CA, by the Ojai City Council in December 2011. Fletcher has served as a city attorney more than 30 years, including 14 years as Santa Ana's city attorney. Before coming to Ojai, he served the city of Menifee as interim city attorney.

**Dan Richard '80 LAW**, Piedmont, CA, has been elected by the California High-Speed Rail Authority to be its chairman. Richard will oversee the development of the high-speed rail running from the San Francisco Bay Area to Los Angeles and Anaheim that will operate at speeds of up to 220 miles per hour. Richard was also an elected member of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District from 1992 to 2004, where he served twice as president of the board.

**John Gerrard '81 LAW**, Lincoln, NE, has accepted his appointment as a federal judge for the United States District Court, District of Nebraska. One of his favorite outdoor activities is to play golf at Wild Horse Golf Club.

**Alan Clack '81 COP**, New York, NY, was named senior vice president of western regional sales for CBS Television. He has been a member of the CBS sales team for 25 years and served as vice president of sales at WCBS-TV, the company's New York flagship station, since 2005. He will be responsible for overseeing the station, group's national sales offices in the western half of the country.

**Lorne Malkiewich '81 LAW**, Carson City, NV, served as the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for the past 18 years and retired earlier this year. Malkiewich began working with the LCB when he was just 24 years old. He is now the chief operating officer for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno, NV.

**WANTED:**  
Class of 1983 Reunion Volunteers

**Jeff Nevin '83 LAW**, Emeryville, CA, was honored as one of California's 2011 Attorneys of the Year in a special section of *The Recorder*, a San Francisco news service for the California legal community.

**Randy Kajioka '84 PHS**, Sacramento, CA, was reappointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the Board of Pharmacy, where he has served since 2001. Kajioka has been a pharmacy project manager at Kaiser Permanente since 2000, and has served in multiple positions there from 1984 to 2000, including chief pharmacist. He was also a pharmacist at Walgreens from 1996 to 2010. Kajioka has been a reserve deputy sheriff since 1983 and is the president of the Sacramento Asian Peace Officers Association.

**Deb Neuman '84 COP**, Bangor, ME, is the deputy commissioner of the state Department of Economic and Community Development. She is part of the Governor's Account Executives Team, a new panel she helped create that works with businesses to help them identify goals. Previously, she was director of the Target Technology Center at the University of Maine and a business development specialist, counselor and lender for Eastern Maine Development Corporation.

PACIFIC WEDDING ALBUM

**Kongsy Phommachaly '05 COP and Brian Low**, 10/9/10, Stockton, CA — **1**



**Tiffany Trout '04, '09 EDU and Isaac Madariaga**, 7/17/2011, Lake Tahoe, CA — **2**



**Candace Chang '03 COP and Geoff Fong '99 BUS**, 9/3/2011, Stockton, CA — **3**



**Shannon Catalano '05 COP and Jarrod Cruzat '03 BUS**, 11/19/2011, Sparks, NV — **4**



**Craig Woodward '96 COP and Scott Norton**, 10/22/11, Laguna Beach, CA — **5**



## CLASS NOTES

**Hue Jackson '87 COP**, Cincinnati, OH, was hired by the Cincinnati Bengals as their new assistant football coach. He previously served as head coach of the Oakland Raiders. Jackson started his coaching career at Pacific in 1987, where he also played quarterback as a student athlete in the '80s.

### WANTED:

*Class of 1988 Reunion Volunteers*

**Bob Aguilar '88 LAW**, Visalia, CA, recently left a 15-year career practicing law to become a teacher and men's basketball head coach at Mt. Whitney High School.

**Sharri Bender-Ehlert '88 ENG**, Clovis, CA, has been appointed to the position of Cal Trans District 6 director. She brings extensive experience in planning, traffic modeling, traffic engineering and project management to her assignment.

**Jeff Frazier '89 COP**, Cary, NC, was awarded a 2012 Eisenhower Fellowship (EF). The EF organization is chaired by the former secretary of state, Gen. Colin Powell. Approximately 10 fellows are chosen each year for a four-week fellowship. Frazier will travel to Australia, Singapore and possibly Korea and New Zealand to meet with business and country leaders.

**Charlie Haase '89 COP**, Chiba, Japan, has joined the Real Solutions Department of Tokyu Livable Inc., a nationwide real estate company in Japan, where he will participate in international business development and investment management. Previously, he worked in the Real Estate Investment unit of the California State Teachers' Retirement System and taught economics at San Francisco State University. He looks forward to living in Japan with his wife of five years, Yoshie, and their 9-month-old son, Ray, as well as frequent visits with his oldest son, Andrew, 12.

## 1990s

**Kim Austin '90 COP**, San Jose, CA, was an invited speaker at the March of Dimes National Staff Meeting in Fort Lauderdale. A senior web marketing strategist at Cisco Systems Inc., she started a corporate fundraising team in honor of her sons that has raised more than \$1.3 million since 2005 to support research and programs to improve the health of babies. Her surviving son, now 8, joined her on stage for her speech.

**Vincent Gonsalves '92 PHS**, Portland, OR, completed his doctorate in physical therapy at Shenandoah University in August 2011 and is currently the director of physical therapy at Work and Wellness Physical Therapy in Tigard, OR. He also works with physical therapy interns as an advanced clinical instructor, coaches youth lacrosse and competes as a member of the Oregon Bike Racing Association.

**James "Jim" Mercurio '93 COP**, Pacifica, CA, a San Francisco 49ers executive, was inducted into the Pacifica Sports Hall of Fame. He is the vice president of stadium operations and security at Candlestick Park. Mercurio's 17-year career with the 49ers has been ironic in that he grew up playing baseball; he almost turned the job down; and he used to be an Oakland Raiders fan. He is active in the community and has served as a mentor and role model for youth aspiring to be in the professional sports industry.

**Jonathon Hobbs '96 LAW**, Lincoln, CA, was appointed as the new Lincoln city attorney. Hobbs represents municipalities and other local government agencies in a variety of transactions and lawsuits primarily related to land use and planning. He is the city attorney for Rio Vista and interim city attorney for Elk Grove.

## PACIFIC BABY ALBUM



**Charlie Haase '89 COP** and Yoshie Haase, a son, Ray (怜), 6/28/11, Chiba, Japan — **1**

**Cara (Feldman) Martin '99 BUS** and James Martin, a son, Derek James, 7/30/11, Sammamish, WA — **2**

**Jamie (Hatten) Keil '06 COP** and Kevin Keil, a daughter, Oliva Grace, 2/27/11, Esparto, CA — **3**

**Gina (Carranza) Goodwin '01, '03 COP, '08 EDU** and Todd Goodwin, a daughter, Giuliana Kalia, 10/8/11, Escondido, CA — **4**

**Breanne (Macbeth) Beseda '00, '01 BUS** and Aaron Beseda, a son, Lucas Emerson, 6/16/11, Lodi, CA — **5**

**John James '92 PHS** and **Shannon Hopkins-James '96 PHS**, a daughter, Alexis, 8/24/11, Modesto, CA — **6**

**Keri (Murch) Chappell '01 COP** and Jim Chappell, a daughter, Katelyn Grace, 6/1/11, Petaluma, CA — **7**

**David Carroll '03 BUS** and Jenell Carroll, a son, Byron Michael, 6/7/11, Campbell, CA

**Eugene Sefanov '04 COP**, a daughter, Sonia, 8/19/11, Newton, MA

**Carl Joseph '96 LAW**, Elk Grove, CA, has been appointed counsel for multistate affairs at the Franchise Tax Board (FTB). He has been with the FTB for 15 years and has represented the state tax agency in many significant multistate tax issues.

**Josh Morgan '97 COP**, El Dorado Hills, CA, is vice president for digital practice at Sacramento's branch of Edelman Public Relations. He is co-founder of the Sacramento Social Media Club and ran his first marathon last year. He and his wife, Sheri, have two daughters.

**Dylan Sullivan '97 LAW**, South Lake Tahoe, CA, was recently appointed to the bench of El Dorado County as a superior court commissioner. She is also an educator and co-author of the "Parole Hearings" chapter of California Criminal Law Procedure and Practice, an annual Continuing Education of the Bar publication.

**Jessica Nicholson '98 MUS**, Mill Valley, CA, began a choral music program in 2000 for the Mill Valley School District, which has grown to 450 students. The choir performed concerts at Disneyland and a San Francisco Giants game this year.

**Scott Oakes '99 MUS**, Wichita, KS, has two pieces that will be featured on *Music from the Americas*, the newest CD by the Lieurance Woodwind Quintet. The members of the quintet serve as faculty artists at Washington State University and also as principal players in the Wichita Symphony Orchestra.

## 2000s

**Karen O'Neil '00 LAW**, Santa Maria, CA, joined the board of directors of the University of California at Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project. A partner in the Santa Maria firm of Kirk and Simas, she is also on the boards of several other community organizations.

**Angela Rosenquist '00 COP**, '03 BUS, Stockton, CA, is the recipient of the 2011 ATHENA Young Professional Award for her fundraising efforts for Pacific's athletic and alumni associations. She travels extensively for her job as vice president of sales and marketing at Boboli International LLC and is a partner in a local restaurant.

**Cynthia Foster Krieger '01 COP**, Walnut Creek, CA, is the head coach for Nike Running Stanford and the retail project manager for Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco. Last fall, she placed in the Escape from Alcatraz triathlon and is currently training for a Half Ironman and working on her MBA at Santa Clara University.

**WANTED:**  
Class of 2003 Reunion Volunteers

**Sandy Kirschenmann '03 EDU**, Sacramento, CA, is the new executive director of Drexel University's Sacramento Center for Graduate Studies. Since 2003, Kirschenmann has been responsible for fundraising and securing grants and corporate partnerships at Los Rios Community College. She previously held senior roles in academic oversight and program management.

**Peter Richardson '03 COP**, '04 EDU, Fresno, CA, has accepted the head coach position at Pacific for the swimming program. Richardson finished a successful five-year run as head coach for Fresno Pacific University. Under his leadership, the Sunbirds earned three team national championships and 31 individual national titles, and Richardson was named NAIA National Coach of the Year in each of the past four seasons.



Becky Straw '03 COP

**Becky Straw '03 COP**, Lafayette, CA, has recently launched The Adventure Project, a nonprofit organization with a mission to end extreme poverty by supporting the world's most effective social ventures. The organization has been featured in *Forbes* and *Fast Company* and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, along with many other supporters around the world.

**Moses Zapien '03 COP**, Stockton, CA, recently graduated from Humphreys College of Law and will be running for the Stockton City Council for the District 4 seat. Zapien also sits on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Stockton.

**Anand "Lucky" Jesrani '05 LAW**, Red Bluff, CA, was named one of the "20 Top Leaders Under 40" by the *Record Searchlight*. He was recognized for his leadership, initiative and innovation in starting his own law firm before the age of 30.

**Tyler Newton '05 COP**, Pasadena, CA, has opened TNT Athletic Performance, a training center for athletes, with services such as strength and conditioning programs and in-house counseling to parents and students looking to further their athletic careers at college and beyond. Newton played basketball professionally in Australia, Austria, France and Japan.

**Mary Creasey '06 COP**, Nevada City, CA, has spent the past six years working with the League of Cities. She is leaving to pursue her MBA and do some traveling.

**Katie Pettibone '06 LAW**, Sacramento, CA, recently traveled to Oman on the Persian Gulf to compete in the second annual Sail Arabia, a 900-mile race along the east coast of the Arabian Peninsula from Bahrain to Muscat. She has also competed in two around-the-world races and two America's Cups. When not sailing, Pettibone is a lobbyist for the Civil Justice Association of California.

**Jonny Fisher '07 DEN**, Pullman, WA, completed a two-year Mormon mission in eastern Washington before moving permanently to the inland Northwest and taking over an existing dental practice about a year and a half ago. His practice is now expanding after moving to a new office location.

**Harrison Inefuku '07 COP**, Honolulu, HI, is a recent graduate of the University of British Columbia's dual Master of Archival Studies and Master of Library and Information Studies program. He currently serves as chair of the Society of American Archivists' Mosaic Scholarship selection committee.

**Darin Alpert '08 COP**, San Diego, CA, is the chief operating officer of Find Me Gluten Free, a downloadable application for iPhone and Android that helps people find gluten-free restaurants, bakeries, fast food, etc. The company recently received an investment stake from Mark Cuban and his company, Naked Pizza.

**Christine Bolthouse '09 COP**, Stockton, CA, is one of six teachers at the new Health Careers Academy High School in Stockton. She teaches Introduction to Health Careers and Medical Terminology.

**Marco Stefani '09 MUS**, Pleasanton, CA, graduated in December 2011 from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University with a Master of Music degree. Stefani made his professional debut with the Stockton Opera and will perform at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis as a Gerdine Young Artist this summer.

## 2010s

**Marie-Claire Treseder '11 COP**, Davis, CA, curated an exhibition at the Appel Gallery in Sacramento titled "Futurist Art: The Singularity and Space." Treseder's photography has also been published in *Wired UK* and *The Independent*.

**Skylar Curtis '11 LAW**, New York, NY, has joined the Lawfare Project, a New York City-based nonprofit think tank that specializes in counter-terrorism, as a writer researcher.

**Joey Gullikson '11 COP**, Sonoma, CA, competed on the U.S. Water Polo team in the Maccabi Games in Brazil this past winter.

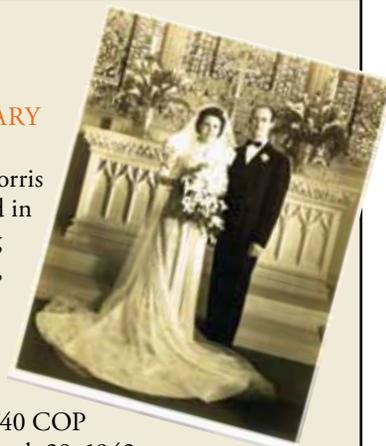
**Brandie Spencer '11 COP**, Stockton, CA, is a teacher's aide at Civic Pride Independent Academy, as well as a hip-hop artist and DJ. He also teaches his curricula in Lincoln Unified's Pathway to Excellence program and at places such as the Boys and Girls Club of Stockton.

**Taylor Hanning '12 LAW**, Reedley, CA, is one of the founders of an online site called Jotwol that encourages free expression through poetry, song lyrics, quotes, thoughts and drawings.

## IN MEMORIAM

### BITTERSWEET ANNIVERSARY

March 2012 marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Morris Chapel. The cornerstone was laid in December 1941 and the opening service was held March 17, 1942, though the formal dedication of the chapel did not occur until April 19. What is thought to be the first formal wedding held in Morris Chapel joined Dale Rose '40 COP and Erma Akers '36 COP on March 29, 1942. The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Werner and a reception was held at the Archania fraternity house. Dale Rose passed away in 1961. Erma taught primary grades in Stockton for 32 years and later married two former Stockton mayors — Elmer R. Boss and Dean DeCarli — both of whom predeceased her. Erma (Akers) DeCarli passed away on March 18, 2011. On March 29, 2012, a memorial service was held honoring Erma's life on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that first wedding that began a tradition for the Chapel that continues today. Hundreds of weddings, funerals, memorials and other ceremonies are held in the chapel each year, solemnizing and commemorating both the sad and the joyous moments for members of the Pacific and Stockton communities.



### WALTER L. NYBERG 1922–2011

Former Pacific religious studies professor Walter Nyberg passed away on December 6, 2011, at age 89 at his home in Aptos, CA.

Following military service in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946, Nyberg earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in sacred theology at Boston University School of Theology and his doctorate at New York University. He served as a Methodist minister from 1947 to 1962 before accepting a teaching position in the Religious Studies Department at University of the Pacific, also serving as department chair. He was known as a community activist and strong advocate for public school integration. He pursued additional study at the Carl Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland; the Naropa Institute in Colorado; and the Himalayan Institute in Pennsylvania, and developed innovative courses, such as: Religion and Psychology, Interpersonal Relations, Meditation East and West, and Psychology of Religion. He also maintained a private practice in Stockton as a marriage and family counselor and hypnotherapist.

Nyberg was married to Ruth Brewster Whitney for 66 years. They lived in Stockton for 46 years, where they raised their four children. The couple has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Nyberg was an avid reader and enjoyed music, dancing, singing in choral groups, traveling, volunteering in his community and spending time with family.



## WHAT'S NEW?

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**Tom Chinn** '59 LAW, 1/21/2012, Sacramento, CA, was a devoted public servant and elected official for more than two decades. Born to Chinese immigrant parents who died when he was a young boy, Chinn was raised by his 11 older siblings in San Francisco. He was an Army sergeant first class in the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II, fought at the Battle of the Bulge, participated in the liberation of Mauthausen concentration camp and received the Bronze Star for bravery. He earned a mechanical engineering degree from UC Berkeley in 1948 and settled in Sacramento where he earned his law degree from Pacific McGeorge in 1959, but gave up the idea of practicing law and instead climbed through the ranks of state government, eventually retiring as deputy state architect. He served on the Sacramento City Unified School District board from 1971 to 1983, including several years as president. Chinn spent nine years on the Sacramento City Council supporting economic development and business interests. An engineer by training, he studied issues thoroughly and often pressed staff for answers to detailed questions. He is remembered as one of the biggest contributors to local government from the Asian community. He and his wife, Bobbie, were married for 67 years and had four children.

**James Darnall** '78, 3/24/12, Stockton, CA, was a Stockton chiropractor who dedicated decades of his life as a University of the Pacific booster, youth basketball coach and volunteer to local service clubs. A 1978 graduate who played tight end on the University's football team and catcher on the baseball team, Darnall became an active Pacific booster as an alumnus. He was a patriot, flying to the East Coast in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York to volunteer his chiropractic services to volunteers and public safety workers. Darnall also devoted much of his time as a girls' basketball coach in Stockton. He helped coach the Stockton Mavericks youth club team and was assistant coach of the St. Mary's High School junior varsity team. He is survived by his wife, Carrie '78 COP, and his two daughters.



**Eugenia Van Deirse**, '33 MUS, 1/20/2012, Los Altos, CA

**George Truckell** '35 COP, 2/26/2012, Lemoore, CA

**Janet (Lehman) Locoro**, '41 COP, 1/24/2010, Brentwood, CA

**Jacquelyn Judge Balish** '42 COP, 6/27/2010, Englewood, NJ

**George Ford** '43 COP, 10/17/2011, Kenai, AK

**Jeanne Marie Wilkins** '43 EDU, 10/30/2011, Menlo Park, CA

**Frank Domenichini** '44 COP, 9/15/2011, San Clemente, CA

**Zelda Mae Whitmore** '45 MUS, 2/01/2012, Vacaville, CA

**Clyde Conner**, '46 COP, 12/12/2011, Los Altos, CA

**Janet (James) Holden** '46 COP, 7/28/2011, Stockton, CA

**Helen L. Sobczak** '46 COP, 1/30/2012, Aptos, CA

**Earlene Waters** '46, '54 COP, 9/11/2011, San Anselmo, CA

**Harry William Hedburg Jr.** '47 BUS, 3/22/2012, Stockton, CA

**Paul Quyle** '47 COP, 9/11/11, Murphys, CA

**Carolyn (Evans) Lyons** '48 COP, 3/18/2012, Stockton, CA

**Lydon "Mot" Mothorn Jr.** '48, '51 COP, 8/28/2011, Forest Hill, CA

**Jonathan Pearce** '49, '72 MUS, '82 EDU, 9/26/2011, Stockton, CA

**Charles F. Wade** '49 COP, 10/9/2009, Jackson, CA

**Harry Kane Jr.** '50, '63 COP, 8/11/2011, Issaquah, WA

**Betty Mork** '50 COP, 4/2/2012, Carmichael, CA

**R. "Sherm" Rubert** '52 COP, 1/1/2012, Bridgeport, MI

**Nadine Elaine (Stuhlmuller) Salonites** '52 COP, 1/25/2012, Woodland, CA

**Betty (Jacinto) Fairchild** '54 COP, 3/5/2012, Mesa, AZ

**Boyd Arnold Mickley** '54 COP, 4/19/2011, Granada Hills, CA

**Jane (Spencer) Hitt** '56 COP, 5/14/2012, Stockton, CA

**William "Bill" C. Embry Heywood** '58 COP, 1/4/2012, Scottsdale, AZ

**Willard P. Norberg** '58 COP, 12/29/2011, Seattle, WA

**James Liden Johnson** '58 COP, 1/22/2012, Stockton, CA

**Joseph Frank Torres Sr.** '58 COP, 3/25/12, Stockton, CA

**Edward E. Moss** '59 COP, 8/31/2011, Arroyo Grande, CA

**Robert "Bob" Ruppert Steel** '61 COP, 12/6/2011, Stockton, CA

**Susan Bae Gosnell** '61 COP, 11/11/2011, Medford, OR

**Bob Willett** '61 LAW, 2/27/2012, Sacramento, CA

**Thomas Starling** '63 COP, 7/6/2011, Soulsbyville, CA

**Rose Mary Allen** '64 MUS, '65 EDU, 1/26/2011, Golden, CO

**David Finnell** '68 COP, 8/2010, Chantilly, VA

**Mario Cesar De la Piedra** '69 ECC, 4/13/2011, Piura, Peru

**L. Victor "Vic" Atchison** '71 COP, 1/9/2012, Lake Oswego, OR

**Evelyn Neubaum** '71 EDU, 10/28/2011, Oakdale, CA

**Dan Kleinhessel** '72 PHS, 3/14/2010, Elk Grove, CA

**Janice Acedo** '75 COP, 8/23/2011, Victorville, CA

**Ronald Yumori** '77 PHS, 12/28/2007, Carlsbad, CA

**Thomas Hughes** '78 LAW, 2/12/2012, Sacramento, CA

**William H. Copenhaver** '84 LAW, 2/1/2012, Portland, OR

**Todd Randall** '91 COP, 12/18/2011, Canyon Country, CA

**Robert "R. J." Barry** '12 ENG, 4/30/2012, Stockton, CA