Octavio Orozco Ibarra ’20 and fellow BOC leaders go outside of the zone
A Green Touch to the White Glove Test
BY BETH KOWITT ‘07 • PHOTOGRAPHS BY KARSTEN MORAN ’05
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New Maps for These Territories: The Arctic Council Comes to Maine
BY LINCOLN PAINE • PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE PEARY-MACMILLAN ARCTIC MUSEUM
As the Arctic thaws before our eyes, it is revealing the region’s mysteries, untapped potential, and innumerable hazards in ways that are redrawing the world map. Last fall, due largely to the enduring links to Arctic peoples forged by Bowdoin students, professors, and alumni, Maine became the venue for the 2016 Arctic Council Meetings.

Hawthorne-Longfellow in the Twenty-First Century: A Q&A with Bowdoin Librarian Marjorie Hassen
On a recent visit to campus, Meghan Detering ’07, librarian at Colorado Rocky Mountain School, visited with Bowdoin Librarian Marjorie Hassen to talk about how Hawthorne-Longfellow Library varies today from the version that many alumni might recall.

Outside of the Zone
BY DEEPAK SINGH • PHOTOGRAPHS BY FRED FIELD
Now in its ninth year, the Outing Club’s Outside of the Zone (OZ) program has been wildly successful training new student leaders who have limited or no previous outdoor recreation experience. Writer Deepak Singh, himself new to Maine and a novice in the outdoors, accompanied the latest group of leaders-in-training on their winter expedition for an immersive perspective on the OZ experience.

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Worrying the snow that goes sun-struck from pine, bright while squirrel claws oak’s gray edge, I scratch my carrot-nose, cinch my coat against the warmth. What I need is what I fear: to learn not to melt, not to freeze too hard.
—Thorpe Moeckel ’93 from his poem “Thaw.”
Lifelong Learning

Good for Louis Arthur Norton ’58, for taking the time to share his remarkable story about the good ship Bowdoin. I just returned from Antarctica and am taking an Osher Lifelong Learning class here in Ashland, Oregon, on the Arctic. I will share his story with the instructor. Small world it is as Bernard Osher ’48 is from Biddeford, Maine, and chose to share part of his wealth by creating the Osher Foundation in 2001 and supporting at least 120 sites for offering classes to seniors across the country. Go U Bears!

Steve Haskell ’64

A Superior Connection

What a surprise when I read about the two friends (Uma Blanchard ’17 and Sophie Goeks) paddling around Lake Superior. My brother called me and told me to read their blog. On their blog under “Ration 1,” June 11, 2016, they describe being stranded for a day or so by high seas and landed on a beach with a cabin nearby. They were befriended by a “caretaker” named Obe Saari and he told them to go ahead and spend the night on the porch of the cabin out of the weather (the cabin was all locked up). Little did they know that my brother Scott ’75 and I own that cabin and it has been in my family since the 1920s! What a small world. Happy to help out!

John Curtiss ’74

CORRECTION:


“Follow Your Passion”

A legend on campus and in his profession turned ninety-five on February 2. For more than sixty years Mike Linkovich—known to nearly all as “Link” (though there was a time when Bowdoin athletes would call him “Big Daddy”); that’s a true story—has been a fixture on the Bowdoin campus.

Joining the College in 1954 as athletic trainer, Link was a member of the Bowdoin staff for forty years, and still can be seen often in the athletic equipment room, at sporting events, and in the dining halls. Friends on campus celebrated Link’s birthday with a lunch in Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall. Read more about Link and his remarkable career in the Bowdoin Athletic Hall of Honor section of the Athletics website: athletics.bowdoin.edu.
The aptly named Bliss Room, on the second floor of Hubbard Hall, is known to evoke a sense of euphoria for those who enter. Tucked away behind unassuming embossed leather doors is a resplendent room featuring a painted and gilded Italian Renaissance ceiling, French-carved walnut paneling, a baroque Istrian stone mantelpiece, and some of the most beautiful and important books that the College owns.

The Susan Dwight Bliss Room has a history almost as elaborate as its fine furnishings. Assembled by New York City socialite Jeanette Dwight Bliss, the room housed the family library in her Upper East Side mansion. Bliss purchased architectural details and furnishings from dealers throughout Europe, as well as from the 1906 estate sale of famed Beaux Arts architect Stanford White. The family also enlisted the most talented bookbinders of the era to provide custom bindings for their collection. Susan Dwight Bliss, Jeanette’s civic-minded daughter, downsized the home by gifting architectural gems and fine art to a number of educational and cultural institutions. The library room—but not the books—came to Bowdoin in 1945 when it was adapted by College architects McKim, Mead & White (Stanford White’s old firm) to house Bowdoin’s rare book collection in what was then the College’s library, Hubbard Hall. The Bliss book collection was reunited with the room years later when Bliss also gifted the College an impressive collection of more than 1,200 books on literature, history, architecture, art history, and travel. Elements of the Manhattan Bliss residence can also be found on campus in Gibson Hall. The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art are among the other institutions where you can find reminders of the elegant home.

The Bliss Room is now part of Bowdoin College Library’s Department of Special Collections & Archives. The room is open Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m., as well as during Commencement and Reunion when visitors from across campus and beyond are welcome to experience some Bliss.

For more information on the Bliss Room, go to library.bowdoin.edu/arch/collections/susan-dwight-bliss-room.

Ships, Swindlers, and Scalded Hogs: The Rise and Fall of the Crooker Shipyard in Bath, Maine by Frederick B. Hill ’62 (Down East Books, 2016)


The Invisible Bestseller: Searching for the Bible in America by Kenneth A. Briggs ’63 (Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2016)


Therese’s Dream: Maine to Darfur: A Doctor’s Story by David Austin ’76 (Matrika Press, 2016)

Democratization by Institutions: Argentina’s Transition Years in Comparative Perspective by Luis E. Andresen ’79 (University of Michigan Press, 2016)

In the 2016 British New Year Honours, Trustee Emerita Jill Shaw Ruddock ’77 received from the Queen of England the honor of Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for her philanthropic work with older people. Shaw Ruddock, author of The Second Half of Your Life and founder of The Second Half Foundation, opened the Second Half Centre in North Kensington, London, in 2012 to provide meaningful activities for community members age fifty-plus. Standing with her at Buckingham Palace is husband Sir Paul Ruddock and their two daughters, Isabella (left) and Sophie (right). Insert: Princess Anne bestows the CBE medal to Shaw Ruddock during the investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

**Carrot Ginger Soup**

Serves six

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 ½ cups diced onion
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 cups peeled, sliced fresh carrots
- 2 tablespoons grated fresh ginger
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 3 cups half and half
- salt and white pepper to taste

Melt butter in a large stockpot over medium low heat. Add diced onion and sauté, stirring constantly, until soft but not browned, about three to four minutes. Add curry powder and cayenne pepper and sauté a minute or two longer.

Add carrots, ginger, and vegetable stock. Increase heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for twenty-five to thirty minutes, until carrots are soft.

Using an immersion wand or, in batches, a blender, pureé until smooth. If using a blender, return soup to pot. Stir in half and half and gently reheat. Do not boil. Add salt and white pepper to taste and serve.
Dear Nat and Kaye,

I really appreciate your help on the clothes for the orphanage. It’s really sad and heartwarming at the same time to see these kids who have known nothing but war since birth. The young Americans don’t know how well off they are. You really have to see a place like Vietnam to appreciate the luxury of living in the US.

The American way of life is completely incomprehensible to the Vietnamese, which is one reason I’m not sure they could ever live under a government system such as ours. They are happy people, but need guidance and direction—if nothing else, I hope this war provides that.

The kids at the orphanage are really no different from American children. They sing, play games, get fresh, and ask for candy and all the other things associated with kids. Every Sunday a truckload of food and men go to the orphanage and distribute these items to the children. The orphanage is run by Vietnamese nuns and also houses adults who are mentally retarded. I admire the sisters so much. I can’t imagine what hard work they must do to take care of all their charges.

From a letter, dated March 7, 1969, to neighbors at home who collected clothes and other items at their church for the My Tho orphanage.

Wayne Burton '66, father of Jeffrey Burton '93, is a former captain, US Army 9th Infantry Division, president emeritus of North Shore Community College, and currently the state representative of Strafford District 6 in New Hampshire. He was commissioned in the army through Bowdoin ROTC. He lives in Durham, New Hampshire, with his wife, Elizabeth.
Environmental Studies Course Explores How to Make Communities More Resilient

Environmental Studies lecturer Eileen Johnson teaches students how to use GIS mapping technology and current scientific data to better understand, and propose solutions to, some of our most pressing social and environmental problems.

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After collecting and interpreting social, geographic, and environmental data, students addressed a number of concerns—from hunger prevention to sea level rise and invasive species management. “Students chose community-based projects and worked with local organizations to explore an issue of local concern,” Johnson said. “Some students chose to examine particular challenges and opportunities faced by their own communities.”

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THE BOWDOIN MARINE CORPS SOCIETY

Gordon Linke ’50, Jack Abbott ’63, and Gil Barndollar ’04 founded the Bowdoin Marine Corps Society (BMCS) this year in order to connect Bowdoin men and women who have served or are serving in the United States Marine Corps. The BMCS supports a scholarship fund for Marine veterans and their children to attend Bowdoin, and the group co-sponsors the Everett P. Pope Lecture Series. Ambassador Laurence Pope ’67, son of the late Congressional Medal of Honor winner Everett P. Pope ’41, spoke on campus in February to inaugurate the annual series. Learn more at: bowdoinmarinecorpsociety.org.

The week before President Donald Trump’s inauguration, the Bowdoin College Museum of Art formally unveiled a recently-acquired photograph of President Abraham Lincoln’s first inauguration, almost 156 years after it was taken. It was among the earliest political ceremonies to be captured on film, a pioneering example of photojournalism, and this photo is one of only three copies in existence.

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My Syrian Neighbors

By Tasha Graff ’07 • Photos by Jen Dean

In late October, I was walking downtown in Portland, Maine, and, while waiting for a traffic light to change, I waved at a young boy sitting on his father’s shoulders. It was just before six o’clock in the evening and the autumn air had the first pang of winter as the sky faded to gloaming. As the cars went by on Washington Avenue, I smiled at the boy’s mother and noticed she was holding a white binder. She smiled back. I asked if she was going to class (PAE), which is just down the street. Her husband said, “Yes, her first English class. I am walking her.” We spoke in broken English and lots of smiling. I explained that I was an English teacher and could help arrive at the school, I gave Nader my phone number and noticed she was holding a white binder. She smiled back. I asked if she was going to class (PAE), which is just down the street. Her husband said, “Yes, her first English class. I am walking her.” We spoke in broken English and lots of hand gestures for the next five minutes as I walked with them to PAE, where I volunteer.

I learned their names were Nader and Jamileh, that they had been in the US for three months, and that they were from Syria. I asked if they had what they needed: clothes, an apartment, warm jackets, food, etc. “Oh yes,” said Nader. I wasn’t sure he understood all my questions, so when we arrived at the school, I gave Nader my phone number and told him to text me if he needed any help with anything. I explained that I was an English teacher and could help them with paperwork or finding supplies. He thanked me and shook my hand.

That evening I received the following text message: “I was happy to meet with you. We want you to come visit us.” He sent me his address and said, “we are waiting for you.” We told each other about our families. I explained that my paternal grandmother also came to the United States as a refugee, and that my mother was from another country, as well. They explained that they each had siblings living in Jordan, Lebanon, and, most dangerously, Syria. Nader asked, “So you live with your father and brother?” I explained that my parents lived a three-hour drive away and that my brother lived with his own family. “Oh, sister,” Nader responded, “You live alone? You must know you are welcome to our house always. You will be our sister.”

I let the sentence echo in my head as my eyes filled with tears. I smiled and said, in my clearest English, “Thank you. I am happy where I live and that is very kind of you.” He insisted, “Jamileh loves to cook. She will make meals for you. You will be her sister. We think of our friends as family.” Jamileh smiled and nodded. “Sister,” she typed into her phone in Arabic. Before I knew it, Jamileh was in the kitchen making falafel. I stood with her and told her the English words for “spoon,” “spatula,” and “stir.” She repeated each word carefully and showed me how to expertly drop the falafel mixture into the oil.

We stood together in the kitchen, over 5,000 miles from Syria, our language one of friendship and family, despite having spent only an hour in the other’s presence. She put homemade yogurt in a bowl, sliced and salted a tomato, and piled golden falafel balls on a white plate. “Here,” she said, and Nader said, “You must eat, sister. Eat.”

I Googled Syrian hospitality: take off your shoes, accept offers for tea or coffee, never finish everything on your plate if you are full because your hosts will continue to serve you food, never compliment something that isn’t bolted down to the wall because they will give it to you.” On my walk home (which Nader offered to accompany me on) I thought about my hometown. I thought about the brothers and sisters I acquired, not through blood but through proximity, through open-heartedness, through friendship born from meals shared, rides given, help offered. These were the threads in my life’s fabric, the sometimes invisible strands that continue to be ever-present. I thought about my life in Portland, filled with wonderful friends, but also unknown neighbors. I thought about the stereotype of the Syrian refugee.

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CELLO AGAIN

Ana Timoney-Gomez ’18 and Andrew Walter-McNeill ’19 grew up playing music together in Bronxville, New York. In a wonderful small-world turn, they now share a stand as cellists in the Bowdoin Chamber Orchestra. Ana tells the coincidental story: “Andrew and I started playing the cello together when we were eleven years old in the Bronxville Middle School Orchestra and continued through high school. We never dreamed we’d find ourselves once again playing under the same conductor, but that dream suddenly became a possibility when Andrew came to Bowdoin a year after I did. He quickly convinced me to join the Bowdoin College Chamber Orchestra with him, and it was fate (in the form of the esteemed George Lopez) that placed us behind the same stand.”

“It’s funny to think about those middle school days now; Andrew used to sit in the back of the orchestra and constantly goof around while I sat farther up and focused on the difficult music. He has since matured into an incredible musician and leader, and is currently the principal cellist. I think George will agree with me when I say our roles have rather reversed.”

Siwady ’19 Competes for Honduran National Team

Bowdoin men’s swimmer Gabriel Siwady competed at the 13th International Swimming Federation (FINA) World Swimming Championships in Ontario, Canada, in December.

The sophomore represented his home country of Honduras, where he has been a member of the national team since he was fifteen and holds several national records. This was his first competition at the international senior level.

The international short-course (25-meters) championship is held every two years and attracts nearly 1,000 of the world’s best swimmers, including many Olympians, from more than 172 countries.

Siwady finished 39th in the 1500-meter freestyle with a personal record, and the fifth-fastest time among college students competing (15:52.63). He finished 51st in the 200-meter backstroke (2:19.11).

BY THE NUMBERS

ARCTIC EXPLORER
ROBERT E. PEARY
CLASS OF 1877

1st
Reputed rank among explorers who managed to reach the North Pole, 1908-1909

133
Number of sled dogs he brought for the cross-ice march of the final expedition

2nd
Class rank at Bowdoin

THREE
Age when his family moved to Maine

ZERO
Number of toes Peary amputated to make it easier for him to walk

$500
Amount funded by Peary’s mother toward passage and supplies for his First Arctic expedition, in 1886

-59
Lowest temperature (“F”) in which he traveled by sledge toward the pole

130,000
Weight in pounds of a meteorite he brought back from the Arctic (a piece of which is now at New York’s Museum of Natural History)

ONE
Number of legs Peary broke on his first major expedition to Greenland, with the goal of crossing the ice cap (which he did)

ONE
Number of his children delivered by wife Josephine in the Arctic (a girl, known as “the Snow Baby”)

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Here at Etsy’s headquarters in Brooklyn’s Dumbo neighborhood, Saudia Davis ’00 runs her fingers along the top of picture frames, behind the flat screen TVs mounted to conference room walls, under lampshades, and across the handles of trash can lids—all in search of problem spots that her staff might have missed.

Davis has ten employees who service the online arts and crafts marketplace’s headquarters every work day for the company she runs, GreenHouse Eco-Cleaning. But it’s late December and the crew has just completed a thorough “deep clean” after Etsy’s swanky office emptied out for the holidays. The group’s work must now pass a spot check from Davis’s discerning eye. She frowns at a few stray fingerprints on a row of lockers, and nods with satisfaction after discovering her employees dusted the easy-to-miss crevices underneath the cafeteria’s benches.

Etsy is a major client for GreenHouse, which Davis started nearly a decade ago to meet the growing demand for cleaning services that use environmentally friendly products that are better for the health of people and the planet. Her current staff of forty still takes on the kind of residential clients in Brooklyn and Manhattan that she started with, but the team has come to specialize in meeting the unique needs of companies like Etsy.

“When we moved to Dumbo”—Davis relocated the company here from Brooklyn’s Gowanus neighborhood in 2009—“there were a lot of new businesses down here that had a young demographic in terms of employees,” she says. “They just needed more robust service than in corporate, which was wiping down cubicles.” That means tackling the kind of mess produced by an office that has a meditation room, serves lunch twice a week, and has beer on tap.

Now Davis and her company are at a crossroads as she pushes to take her business to the next level. “Any CEO will tell you the fifty-employee mark is a very tricky mark,” she says. “Getting past that is when wheels start to fall off. It really starts to show the things that are not working.” The fifty-person threshold, she explains, is when the balance between management and employees can falter. It becomes a struggle to get everyone aligned on the same page. Problems—that like poor communication—that could be ignored with a staff of two dozen start to have a problematic ripple effect through the organization after hitting fifty.

To catapult the company into its next phase, Davis is trying to refocus the business on its core. She recently completed a software build that streamlines operations, is working on building a board of directors, and is thinking about how to fund this next stage of growth. That comes down to so much more than its eco-friendly focus and its expertise in servicing start-ups that have unique needs. In the end, it comes down to her employee base. “The green piece is where we started with healthy products,” Davis says, “but I’d say where we make the greatest impact is on the quality of life for the people who work for us.”

A reality of start-up life is that many entrepreneurs end up trying to solve problems that have plagued them firsthand. This leads to a cruel irony: to solve these said problems, founders often spend most of their time mulling over issues that land somewhere on their personal scale of small irritant to major tormentor.

For Davis, that was cleaning. “I hate cleaning,” she says. “I know how to clean quite well. But ask my mother—it was like pulling teeth.” Davis’s mom also happens to be the one to thank for her daughter’s cleaning prowess. She would make Davis and her sister get up at the crack of dawn every Saturday so all three could spend the day making the house spotless and doing laundry.

It wasn’t until Davis had been out of college for six years that the thought of pursuing cleaning as a business crossed her mind. It started in 2006 when her grandmother passed away from cancer. Her grandmother had been a professional cleaner—a livelihood that allowed her to bring Davis, Davis’s sister, and Davis’s mother to the US from Jamaica in 1991. When Davis’s grandmother passed away, she says, “Getting past that is when wheels start to fall off. It really starts to show the things that are not working.” The fifty-person threshold, she explains, is when the balance between management and employees can falter. It becomes a struggle to get everyone aligned on the same page. Problems—that like poor communication—that could be ignored with a staff of two dozen start to have a problematic ripple effect through the organization after hitting fifty.

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fell ill, the family “speculated that it was due to years of using harsh cleaning chemicals,” Davis says, so they started using nontoxic cleaners—things like vinegar and lemon. But Davis felt like there wasn’t a service out there that espoused the green cleaning doctrine she wanted. Davis also knew that her family wasn’t the only one looking to introduce more eco-friendly products into their lives. At the time, Davis was working as a publicist for the movie industry, a job she’d had since graduating from Bowdoin in 2000 with a degree in English and Africana studies. “I was working with a lot of celebrities that I knew were moving to Brooklyn,” she says. “I was a glorified concierge, so I knew what it meant to take care of them.” More than anything else, however, the death of Davis’s grandmother gave her a sense of urgency that she hadn’t felt before. “When my grandmother passed, it was definitely the first realization that I was going to die at some point,” she says. She always knew she wanted to start a company, but “I knew the majority of successful owners had crashed and burned a couple of businesses.” It made her feel like she was running out of time to fail before getting it right. The notion of an eco-friendly business followed her around for months. Every morning it was the first thought in her head and it was the last at night. She would regularly bounce the idea off her Bowdoin network for feedback. “I was just like, ‘I do not want to do this,’” she recalls, “but I couldn’t shake it.” Eventually Davis surrendered to the idea and put up flyers in Brooklyn’s Fort Greene neighborhood that advertised a green cleaning service. During her lunch breaks, she would cross the street from her Manhattan office to a Borders bookstore, where she returned phone calls and booked appointments. Or if she was in Los Angeles, where she spent half her time, Davis was even known to take a call with a client on the red carpet. “You need a high level of naivety to start a business,” she says, “because you’ll be a lunatic to do it.” At night, after working her day job, Davis would go out and clean. “I wanted to understand what people wanted,” she says. Davis saved up the money from those early jobs, and used it to start the business. Today the company is still completely self-funded. Davis still dislikes cleaning for herself, but she has found that cleaning for others can actually be pretty rewarding. “There’s a goal,” she says. “There’s this overwhelming feeling of achievement when it’s been transformed, and you see the look on their face when they walk in. That part of it is very fulfilling.” Even now that she spends most of her time on marketing, sales, logistics, and operations for her staff of forty, Davis will still work shoulder to shoulder with her team on big projects. She says, “No one in the office is above what we do.” GreenHouse is categorically a cleaning business, but—above all else—it is a people business. “People are at every front,” Davis says. “You’re dealing with people’s things and private spaces, which means it’s highly emotional.” On the one end of the spectrum are her clients—people or companies that both desire and can afford the kind of luxury that a green cleaning service represents. On the other is her workforce, which Davis says grapples with socioeconomic challenges you sometimes can’t even wrap your mind around. The moment Davis came to fully understand the types of hardships her employees can deal with is when she hired her first staff member. After getting her first check, the employee headed straight to the closest Western Union to send the money home to Ecuador, where her mother needed surgery. That led the company to set up direct deposit cards, which let employees take their money out of ATMs for free rather than pay a fee to cash a check. “Something as simple as that makes a huge difference,” Davis says. She also set up a partnership with Neighborhood Trust, which acts as a financial adviser to the kind of demographic that makes up GreenHouse’s employee base. The firm can help Davis’s staffers work toward improving their credit or help them achieve a financial goal. “We’re a B-Corp and therefore our mission is to use business as a force for good in the world and in our community,” says Davis. “This is why we pledged to employ, educate, and empower people from underserved communities. It’s why we have won the Best For NYC award in the community section and the same award for B-Corp twice. We work with nonprofits who help newly arriving immigrants who are legal to work in the US find jobs. In our industry, undocumented workers are paid very little and are often abused because of their circumstances. We try to offer a good, healthy place to work for people who are able to work and who are trying to find stability and a way to take care of their families.” The company is working on a partnership for 2017 with Spring Bank, which will permit longtime employees to take out a loan and have their paychecks go toward paying it off—say if they want to move but don’t have the cash to do it. Davis’s hope is that the collaboration will at least help mitigate the massive housing and homelessness issues some of her team members face. One employee, for example, struggled to get the papers that would allow him to go in and out of a shelter late at night to take on a night account. In that case, Davis was able to step in and help. These services and partnerships are not completely benevolent. They aid in fighting against what Davis says is the industry’s 300 percent turnover rate—meaning that if you start the year with twenty people, that group will change three times before the year ends. “It makes it incredibly hard to run a business,” she explains. The industry’s turnover is compounded by the fact that it is typically a distributed workforce—meaning employees don’t come into the office every day. Davis’s turnover rate is drastically lower, at about 15 percent—in part, she says, because she’s very policy and procedure driven. For example, leaving a site early and reporting time incorrectly is an offense that will lead to termination. “It might seem small, but for us it’s a slippery slope,” Davis says. “Honesty and integrity are important to us, especially when being trusted with other people’s things.” It can feel harsh, Davis acknowledges, but that’s a red flag for the company. Davis has tried to cut off at the pass some of her employees’ challenges that lead them to disappear. She stresses during orientation that they should not be embarrassed by their struggles. “I try to start the relationship by telling them I’ve seen everything,” she says. “We can help you resolve or give you time to resolve the situation. We’re happy to work with you.” But to do that, Davis needs to know what the issues are. She’s therefore developed a knack for getting employees to open up during the interview process. Davis, “they call me Oprah.”
ental maps of the world sometimes change in a historical instant, as they did five hundred years ago with the establishment of permanent transatlantic and transpacific sailing routes. Most of the time, however, our worldview changes piecemeal and more modestly, through personal necessity or experience—from the opening of a new road, perhaps, or relocation for school or work. As the Arctic thaws before our eyes, it is revealing the once-frozen region’s myriad mysteries, untapped potential, and innumerable hazards in ways that are redrawing the world map more dramatically than at any time since Columbus and Magellan.

It is only in the last decade or so that the public has become aware of the Arctic as a region with more to offer than Inuit, ice, and explorers with a penchant for hardship and cold. Bowdoin, however, has a history of Arctic involvement dating back more than a century, thanks to the work of, most notably, Robert Peary and Donald MacMillan. And it is due largely to the enduring links to Arctic peoples forged by Bowdoin students, professors, and alumni that Maine became the venue for the 2016 Arctic Council meetings.

“When the State Department sent an advance team to Maine to decide whether to hold Arctic Council meetings here,” says Dana Eidsness, director of the Maine North Atlantic Development Office (MENADO) and chair of the Maine Arctic Council host committee, “we took them to the Bowdoin campus and introduced them to Susan Kaplan and Genny LeMoine at the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum. The demonstration of Maine’s long history and ongoing relationships in the Arctic and the work of the College’s Arctic Studies Center dazzled them.” It also predisposed them to recognize the many other Arctic-oriented resources in Maine’s business, education, science and research, and artistic communities, and convinced them that Maine would be an excellent site for a meeting of the Arctic Council.

Maine’s multifaceted engagement with the Arctic had received a major boost in 2013, when the Icelandic shipping company Eimskip made Portland its principal US port of call. At a Maine International Trade Day meeting shortly after that, Iceland’s President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson challenged his audience to focus on North Atlantic and high north trade, including Atlantic Canada, Greenland, Iceland, and Northern Europe. The creation of MENADO was a direct result of that. But in addition to dealing with commercial issues, according to Eidsness, “part of the job description was to insert Maine into conversations about the future of the Arctic, with the melting of the sea ice and the opening of new seaways.”
At the same time, Maine’s Senator Angus King was becoming interested in the Arctic and the possible opportunities—and pitfalls—for Maine as the Northwest Passage and other Arctic shipping lanes become viable. “The opening up of the Arctic, which has never been open in human history, is like the sudden discovery of the Mediterranean Sea,” he said at the Maine Arctic Forum, an event held at the University of Southern Maine (USM) as Senior Arctic Officials met in Portland. “It’s a large, incredibly significant body of water that just wasn’t there before.” The fact that large swaths of the Arctic are now ice-free for several months of the year is changing the way people orient themselves to the world, whether their interests are in transportation, the environment, industry, or the rights of indigenous people, whose permafrost world is literally melting beneath their feet. Given the momentous implications of these changes, King observed, “the challenge that we have is to manage the process of this opening-up in a peaceful, cooperative way.”

This is, in fact, the mandate of the Arctic Council, an intergovernmental forum founded in 1996 to promote cooperation, coordination, and interaction among Arctic states, indigenous communities, and others, especially regarding sustainable development and environmental protection. The council comprises the eight nations whose territory borders the Arctic Ocean—the United States, Canada, Denmark (including Greenland), Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia—and the permanent participants, six umbrella groups representing indigenous northern peoples. In addition, the council allows non-Arctic states and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to participate, primarily as members of the six working groups that generate most of the Arctic Council’s assessments and recommendations.

Soon after the establishment of MINADO, Eidsness was invited to join the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) Working Group, which she invited to meet in Maine. “PAME agreed, and then we had numerous Arctic Council workshops and task force and working group meetings added to the Portland agenda of eight, all told. And eventually they said, ‘We want to have the Senior Arctic Officials meeting in Portland, as well.’” The choice of Maine rather than, say, Alaska or Washington, DC, made sense because “part of the mission of the US chairmanship was more thorough engagement with the rest of the country, and using our two-year chairmanship as a teaching moment.”

Because most Arctic Council meetings are closed to the public, the host committee—which included Kaplan and LeMoine—designed a program to introduce to Maine the four hundred or so international members of the Arctic Council who met here in September and October, and vice versa. To that end, Bowdoin and the Arctic Museum hosted a conference meeting on campus, and University of Alaska geographer Lawson Brigham visited Kaplan’s Contemporary Arctic Environmental and Social Issues class. Additional to the Arctic Council-sponsored activities, the Museum hosted the Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Communities in Marine Activities workshop—at which students were invited to act as rapporteurs—in collaboration with the US Coast Guard Academy, the World Wildlife Fund, the Arctic Domain Awareness Center, and the University of Alaska—Anchorage. The Governing Across the Waves workshop brought together scholars and policymakers to discuss the challenges of effective maritime governance in the Arctic. Farther afield, the Sustainable Development Working Group gathered at the University of Maine in Orono. Their closed session was followed by a reception that Eidsness described as “sort of a speed-dating event with Arctic officials. . . . We sent out some study guide ideas ahead of time to students, who came from Colby and Bowdoin and USM and all over the state. Then we took over the upstairs of a pub and had an emcee and different tables set up with various people from the Sustainable Development Working Group who willingly met and spoke with students and others.”

The most comprehensive and publicly accessible introduction to Arctic issues was at the Maine Arctic Forum. Following presentations on the environmental transformation of the Arctic by Senator King and the likes of Paul Mayewski of the University of Maine’s Climate Change Institute, the focus turned to the broader implications of these changes. James Kraska, professor of law at the Naval War College, pointed out that Russia has recently established six new bases, sixteen deep-water ports, and thirteen airfields on its northern coast, in anticipation of the fact that by 2030 the Northern Sea Route between the White and Bering Seas may be open nine months a year. The United States, Canada, and Norway have similarly been enhancing their military presence, for the simple reason that the Arctic is a bonanza-in-waiting. As Lawson Brigham observed, “The retreat of sea ice is a given, but it is natural resource development that is driving the future of marine transport in the Arctic Ocean.”
and much of the regulatory regime governing the Arctic consists of “soft law,” such as declarations with moral rather than legal force. As a world, we are heading both literally and figuratively into uncharted waters. While some may see in the Arctic a “new world” for the twenty-first century, others are not so sanguine. “The Bering Sea is our garden,” Alaska’s State Representative Bob Herron told the forum. “What’s happening, and everyone that lives on a coast will appreciate this, is that a lot of my constituents are scared. They’re scared because they see the sea rising, they see the permafrost melting. It’s not academic to them.” It is instructive to note that Herron’s district lies below the Arctic. But this is the teachable moment: more than 99 percent of the world’s population lives below the Arctic, yet what happens in the Arctic affects us all. Kaplan, who teaches anthropology, points out that the challenges before us entail moral and ethical responsibilities, not just material concerns. She endorses the work of the Arctic Council because “I don’t want to see history repeat itself. We should be collaborating with northern people. We will lose some control, but it can lead to great things.” The Arctic Council intensified and raised the profile of issues of abiding interest to the Bowdoin community and, like the Arctic Studies Center, one of its key functions is to help us draw new maps for these territories. Kaplan, who teaches anthropology, points out that the challenges before us entail moral and ethical responsibilities, not just material concerns. She endorses the work of the Arctic Council because “I don’t want to see history repeat itself. We should be collaborating with northern people. We will lose some control, but it can lead to great things.” The Arctic Council intensified and raised the profile of issues of abiding interest to the Bowdoin community and, like the Arctic Studies Center, one of its key functions is to help us draw new maps for these territories.


Last spring, with funding from the Oak Foundation, the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum hired Lily Woodward ’16 to begin compiling information for the Maine Arctic Trail Map, identifying nearly thirty locations across the state of Maine with significant connections to the Arctic and Arctic exploration. Aidan French ’18 and William Wise ’18 continued the work collecting additional photographs and historical notes during internships last summer, and the Museum distributed copies of the completed brochure around the state and to attendees of the Arctic Council meetings in the fall. An interactive version of the map will be available soon on the Museum’s website.

Among the interesting notes: A cluster of crowberry plants, survivors of the last ice age, grows on Higgins Mountain on Georgetown Island, just a few miles from campus.
Meghan Detering: How are academic libraries changing in the twenty-first century—how does the Bowdoin Library and its resources today vary from even what I would have known not quite ten years ago?

Marjorie Hassen: There is this myth out there that everything is digitized. That’s certainly not the case. We’re currently in a hybrid environment. We’re buying both electronic and print based on the format in which materials are published and how they’re being used. About 86 percent of the journals we buy are electronic and 14 percent are in print. Books are the reverse. For individual titles—we’re spending 85 percent of our book budget on print, and the rest on electronic.

We know that the landscape will continue to change. But our circulation, the number of items leaving the building, has actually remained steady for the past few years. While there’s been a significant drop from where it was ten years ago, we appear to have reached a plateau.

And we work closely with Bates and Colby on a collaborative collections project, keeping duplication of print titles to a minimum and joining forces on the purchase of electronic materials when possible. We consider the three libraries’ collections as one—we share an online catalog. A student or faculty member can request something from Colby or Bates and have it delivered to Bowdoin in just two days.

We work with faculty to ensure we have what they and their students need. If we have a title as an e-book, for example, and someone asks for the print version, we will get it.

Detering: By purchasing it?

Hassen: Yes, we’ll buy the print version. With e-books and journals as well as with research databases, which are used extensively by faculty and students, it’s a matter of either licensing or purchasing, depending on the particular situation. Publishers and vendors continue to experiment with different business models, though their goals are often at odds with those of libraries, which are focused on providing broad access.
I think the way in which we work with students has changed since your time at Bowdoin. Walk-up reference assistance to answer what might be a quick question has declined and the librarians are spending their time providing in-depth research help. They’re also being asked to consult more often on group projects. While so much information is available virtually, research can be complicated. We’re actually doing more course-related instruction than we used to—close to 250 class sessions last year.

And use of Special Collections & Archives has also increased. More faculty are integrating primary source materials into their teaching. Is this trend a reaction to the Internet? I don’t know, but we now have a position that is focused on outreach to faculty and students in terms of using Special Collections and that’s been a terrific success. We have faculty who reserve time in the department for their class a semester ahead because they know scheduling is going to get tight. It’s wonderful to see students excited about working with primary sources—whether the topic is the history of the College, Shakespeare, the Civil War, or artist books.

And there’s technology. It’s embedded in everything we do and we are continually pushing the envelope. We just installed a 3-D printer in the Hatch Science Library that will be available for student use.

This goes back to the question of what is a library in the twenty-first century? Does a 3-D printer belong in a library? I would say that if it serves to support the academic mission of the College, then yes. Libraries have always been closely integrated with technology and we have the broad staff expertise to support and develop it.

Detering: Over the last three years, the number of students that the library reaches has consistently increased, nearly doubling between 2013–2014, and 2015–2016. To what do you attribute the increase?

Hassen: A faculty member recently mentioned that a librarian had come to her class and had talked about evaluating resources. She said that, as a result, the students’ presentations were of a much higher quality because they had thought more critically about their research rather than settling for the first few resources they might find on the Internet. It was gratifying to hear that she saw a difference.

I think that for all of us, the Internet has actually made life more complicated because of the sheer quantity of information so readily available. The focus then needs to be on evaluation. And of course, we’re now surrounded by the topic of fake news.

Detering: Of course, it’s suspect now.

Hassen: Exactly. This semester one of my colleagues, Beth Hoppe, created a guide called “Fake or Fact?” to assist students in evaluating sources. We also work closely with students on citation management, including regularly providing workshops on several popular software tools.

Copyright and intellectual property is another area where our work has changed. We have always provided support to students and faculty, to help understand and interpret copyright law, but now, with so much media available digitally and so easily shared, boundaries are often blurred. Carmen Greenlee is our digital copyright expert and she is often asked for advice on how music and films can be used.

Detering: I learned in one of my academic library classes about different forms of reference service, whether it’s peer reference service, roving reference, chat, etc. Is Bowdoin experimenting with any of these things? Or, because of the College’s size and community-oriented nature, is this something you’re trying to stay away from because you want the actual building to be the hub?

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Hassen: We want to meet everyone’s needs, whether they want to come to us physically or virtually. It’s not heavily used at Bowdoin, but we do provide a chat service. We do e-mail reference as well.

We have student assistants on the reference desk in the evenings and the weekends to supplement our librarians’ hours—and they’re well trained. Some students feel comfortable approaching a peer; others don’t.

Librarians have conducted programs in the College Houses. We’ve collaborated with the Center for Learning & Teaching, most recently with the Writing Project. Librarians participate in their end-of-semester “Write-Ins.” We aim to reach out as much as bring people in.

Detering: In terms of faculty outreach, it sounds like there’s probably a reciprocal relationship. Do you feel librarians are reaching out to faculty more, or is there more demand on the faculty side?

Hassen: I would say both are true. Our librarian liaisons are assigned to individual academic departments so they get to know faculty quite well. While the initial contact may come from the library side, faculty regularly seek out their liaisons. Particularly when it comes to course support, it’s a collaborative process. If a faculty member has an idea for a class research project, we can help make it a reality.

Detering: Can you tell me about some of the events the Library sponsors?

Hassen: For the past two years we’ve held a party in H-L at the beginning of the fall semester to help students feel more at home in the building. As part of the event we’ve brought in therapy dogs, which has been a huge draw.

An event that’s become extremely popular is our monthly page-turning of Audubon’s Birds of America double-elephant folio. I don’t know if you’ve seen that on display in Special Collections. It’s called the “double-elephant folio” because of its size. It takes two people to turn the page. We host the event the first Friday of every month and typically have fifty or sixty people attend, including students. We also live broadcast it through Facebook.

Kar Stefko, our director of Special Collections & Archives, occasionally invites a guest speaker. We’ve been joined by Nat Wheelwright, chair of the biology department and an ornithologist; and this spring Peter Logan ’75, who recently published a biography of Audubon, will be our special guest.

We have exhibit openings, Ramp Gallery events—that’s our student-run gallery—and a number of other programs throughout the year. We also make our spaces available to student groups. We don’t necessarily have to be the event...
sponsors. We’ve hosted the Bowdoin Film Society and the Food for Thought student lecture series, which is organized by Bowdoin Student Government.

**Detering:** Given all of that, I would say that twenty-first-century libraries are perceived as offering a lot of programming—bringing communities together. Do you see that as being a purpose or mission of an academic library, or do you think it’s secondary to accepted intentions for this space and building?

**Hassen:** I think that assumptions about what an academic library should be have changed. We are a hub on campus—the academic hub, the intellectual center, as well as a gathering place. For me, the question is what do our students and faculty need and how can we support and enhance their experience at Bowdoin?

**Detering:** I think many people still have this idea of libraries as being these totally quiet spaces. There are so many types of libraries, but many are moving toward becoming what might be called learning commons, or bringing communities together. Do you see that in the same place two days in a row.

**Hassen:** For the most part, the students define the ambiance of a particular space, though the kind of furniture in the space also has an impact. The first floor of H-L is always busy, with students working alone as well as in groups. Last year we noticed that many students were using the low bookshelves as standing desks so we’ve purchased some high stools and some actual standing desks. This fall we removed some stationary shelving and replaced it with a number of mobile tables, chairs, and whiteboards. They use the furniture creatively—one day I saw a student sitting on a table with the whiteboard in front of her, writing formulas—and they love the mobility. We never find it in the same place two days in a row.

Up in the stacks, which are lined with individual study carrels, is where it’s really quiet—where students want to be sequestered. The Abrahamson Reading Room on the sixth floor of Hubbard, which has recently had a face-lift, including all new furniture, is probably the quietest, and most coveted space in the library. Make the slightest noise and everyone turns around and looks at you. In the basement of H-L, in the Media Commons, students are working in different ways, more collaboratively.

**Detering:** Would you elaborate a bit more on the Media Commons?

**Hassen:** It opened in the fall of 2015 to support media creation and the study of film. The space includes a media lab, reformatting equipment—from VHS to DVD, vinyl to digital, and so on—and two recording studios. We have a green screen and a Whisper Room—it’s about the size of a phone booth and is soundproof so is great for recordings. Staff from the Library and the Academic Technology & Consulting team work together to provide instruction and technology support on site.

We moved the Library’s film collections from the former Sills Language Media Center to the Commons and we immediately saw an increase in use, I expect because of the more central location on campus. Films are being used in courses across the disciplines and while we subscribe to a number of streaming services, much of our collection is not available digitally.

The space also includes a cinema-quality screening room and computer classroom, which are both used for teaching. And we just opened the Telepresence Classroom, which was funded through a grant from the Mellon Foundation to support a collaboration between the Russian departments of Bowdoin and Yale. The technology will make it possible for Bowdoin students who are in upper-level Russian classes to participate fully in classes held at Yale. The room will be available generally for teleconferencing and collaborative instruction. Technologically, it’s state-of-the-art, with audio-sensitive cameras so if you speak the camera zeroes in on you automatically.

**Detering:** Oh, wow. That’s incredible.

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FAKE OR FACT?

A guide to fake news and fact-checking by Bowdoin librarians

**S** - **SOURCE**
Where did it come from? Who wrote it, published it, posted it?

**M** - **MOTIVATION**
What are they trying to sell you? Who has what to gain (or lose)?

**E** - **EVIDENCE**
Where’d they get their data? Says who?

**L** - **LOGIC**
Can you follow their train of thought? Do they commit logical fallacies?

**L** - **LEFT OUT**
What aren’t they telling you?

*The thing about quotes from the internet is that it’s hard to verify their authenticity.*

—**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

In the News: Reliable Online Sources on Government

Primary and secondary online sources pertaining to current events in government.

libguides.bowdoin.edu/inthenews

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Outside of the Zone

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If you hear the word “OZ” on campus, the speaker isn’t likely referring to a mythical, magical place at the end of a yellow brick road, but a Bowdoin Outing Club program that can certainly be transformative for its participants. OZ is short for Outside of the Zone, a leadership training program for students with limited or no previous outdoor recreation experience. Writer Deepak Singh, himself new to Maine and a novice in the outdoors, accompanied the latest group of leaders-in-training on their winter expedition and provides an immersive perspective on the OZ experience.

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It was negative ten Fahrenheit. There was an excruciating amount of pain in my big toe. My socks and jeans were both wet and it was now pitch dark. There were two dozen backpacks on the floor, and I couldn’t tell which one was mine. Everyone had their headlamps on except me, and the bright lamps seemed to diminish whatever limited sight my eyes could muster.

Mike was now chopping onions. I went to him and said, “I can’t feel my toes.”

“Put on a hat,” he said, in a nonchalant tone, continuing to chop onions.

“Not my head, my toes.”

“Yeah, put on a hat,” he said, without looking at me.

I walked to Anna and told her my problem. She said, “Come here. Stretch your hands wide apart and jump up and down like a penguin.” I jumped up and down and learned later that putting on a hat was a brilliant idea. Heat escapes from the head. I should have paid attention to Mike and Anna’s class before embarking upon the trip. I was busy paying attention to how they were teaching, not to what they were teaching.

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this supersize backpack for a three-day trip? As I carried the backpack around the warehouse, Mike kept dropping different kinds of snow gear into it—skiing boots, snow pants, mittens, a fleece pullover, snow pants, gaiters, woolen pants, and sleeping bag. I had never gone skiing before, and had definitely never heard of the term “snowshoeing.” This would be different, I thought.

I grew up in the plains of northern India, where daytime temperatures in summer, which lasts for eight months out of twelve in the year, vary from 100 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Some days are very hot, and others are unbearably hot. I’m pretty sure no one in my hometown has ever seen any of the stuff that Mike had dropped in my backpack. Was I prepared for this expedition? I began to have second thoughts, but I had already said yes to the assignment. There was no looking back.

Mike told me to come to his office at 7 a.m. on the day of departure. Everyone would congregate then and, after a small orientation, we would begin on our journey.

The day came. I arrived with two backpacks—one that I had made the mistake of not putting on the heavy-duty snow pants on. I was under the impression that we were supposed to change into snow clothes once we set out on an adventure. I didn’t realize that this hike to the cabin was part of the adventure.

After a twenty-minute climb that seemed to me to last two hours, we saw a small cabin that stood on top of the hill. It was surrounded by waist-high snow and its door was blocked shut. I tried to say something, but couldn’t—my lips were temporarily paralyzed from the cold. A couple of students cleared up the path and opened the door. Everyone cheered in unison. But the temperature inside the cabin wasn’t any different than the temperature outside. The wooden structure must not have been more than 300 square feet, with a loft and a steeply peaked roof.

We dropped our backpacks on the floor. My legs were shaking and I didn’t think I could go down and climb back up with my other backpack. I mentioned this to a student, Enrique Mendia ’20. Looking at my hapless state, he said, “Don’t worry, I’ll go down and get it for you.” This friendly and very kind young man came from Miami, Florida.

In the next few minutes everyone had made it to the cabin. Anna and the students got busy working on dinner. Mike started the fire and then joined the cooking. While I was trying to get myself warm, I watched students work in teams to bring buckets of snow from outside to melt on the stove. Everyone started settling in, carrying the thin mattresses up to the loft and getting their sleeping bags out. Although there were sixteen of them, cramped in a tiny log cabin, they respected

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each other’s space, and everyone got a good night’s sleep. They all knew tomorrow was going to be a big excursion day.

The next morning, we had grits and coffee and hot chocolate—all prepared by the students. While having breakfast, I sat next to Mamadou Diaw ’20, from New York City. He had a cheerful and positive attitude. I asked him why he was doing the trip. He said, “I believed that I was not cut out for the outdoors. I decided to be in OZ LT because I wanted to achieve confidence in my abilities and skills as a leader for others. I have not only achieved more friends that I will cherish throughout my time at Bowdoin and with the Bowdoin Outing Club. She said, “As reflective of Bowdoin campus. “If I didn’t get into the outdoors through OZ, Utah would have been way harder for me. The amount of climbing, hiking, and skiing that I do now is all a result of my time in OZ. It taught me how to safely lead a group of people on outdoor adventures. I learned problem-solving skills and how to assess risks. I learned how to mediate between different factions in groups and make firm decisions about what may be best for everyone.”

After one more cozy night in the cabin, the students and staff packed up to return to the conveniences of life on the Bowdoin campus.

And when students returned to their regular campus lives, I wondered what stuck with them from OZ. Senior Daniel Castro Bonilla explained that some of the skills he’s found most applicable are those that “have helped with group assignments—like learning to delegate tasks, communicating with my peers, and knowing to trust them.” Olivia Bean ’17 told me that OZ also helped her strengthen her people skills, and that she learned a lot about problem-solving and decision-making, whether in a simple situation or a crisis.

“OZ is now at the very center of our leadership training efforts,” says Tim Foster, dean of students affairs. “Seeing students exposed to the outdoors for the first time is special, but to then see these same students leading and introducing their peers to the wilds of Maine is magic.”

“OZ was a turning point in my life,” says La’Shaye (Ervin) Cobley ’12, a PhD candidate in the ecology, evolution, and organismal biology program at the University of Utah. “I didn’t get into the outdoors through OZ, but to then see these same students leading and introducing their peers to the outdoors is special. I have the skills to support OZ financially. “If they’re spending a night in a cabin in freezing temperatures, they have to think creatively to keep themselves warm. They can’t just Google to see how to keep yourself warm. That’s a good thing. Sometimes you have to push yourself to know what you can do.”

I’m inclined to agree with Mr. Cook.

Timothy Dwyer • Diving Below the Surface

I teach science and math at Spring Street International School, an independent school in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. I'm able to put a lot of effort into keeping my subject matter relevant to my students by integrating materials and skills across different disciplines, by bringing kids outdoors to explore local ecosystems during field labs and extended field trips, and by differentiating my own training through extended experiences with scientists, engineers, and communicators.

In 2015, I was awarded a Science Communication Fellowship with a deep-ocean exploration nonprofit foundation that operates a 212-foot vessel, the E/V Nautilus. I participated in multi-week expeditions off the coast of Vancouver Island, where engineers were using remotely operated vehicles (ROV)—car-sized underwater robots—to maintain and repair oceanographic sensors installed on the sea floor, two kilometers below the ship. My role was to share and interpret the experience of being in the ROV control room with an online audience while video from the ROVs streamed live on the Internet.

I took a sabbatical from teaching in the fall of 2016 to spend two months in Antarctica, working with a team of researchers examining the reasons some cold-water marine invertebrate animals get very large, a phenomenon known as “polar gigantism.” I was participating in PolarTREC, a National Science Foundation-funded program that embeds teachers with science teams working in the polar regions with the aim of improving the public’s understanding of these regions. My cold-water scuba diving background made me a particularly good fit for a research team from the University of Hawaii and the University of Montana, whose experiments with giant sea spiders had them diving beneath the sea ice at a latitude nearly 78 degrees south. The twenty-nine-degree water limited our dive times to under forty-five minutes, but these brief visits nonetheless highlighted the starkly contrasting environments on either side of the ice: McMurdo Sound under water has more wildlife, more color, and more warmth than the terrestrial world above. I’m actually surprised that penguins and icebergs dominate our collective mental image of Antarctica when such incredible scenes exist just beneath the ice.

I've been fortunate to have been educated by extremely talented teachers. Bowdoin faculty members James Higginbotham, Jill Pearlman, Ed Laine, and Nat Wheelwright were particularly innovative and engaging. However, my students are the ones who have had the greatest influence over my professional development. I'm constantly surprised by the diversity of outlooks and ideas present within every classroom. They frequently “invite” me to try out new techniques to improve my effectiveness by highlighting my own misconceptions about the different ways people learn. Witnessing a student’s facial expression change as a concept hits home or a skill is finally mastered is a big payoff for me.

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Bruce Bockmann: “The lyric that gets my attention the most over the past ten years is From The Grateful Dead’s ‘Truckin.’” The chorus ends with: ‘Sometimes the light’s all shining on me/Other times I can barely see/It seems to occur to me/What a long, strange trip it’s been.’ And it’s getting longer every day. Glad to hear you are all well and content. All is good here in Southampton.”

Ross Haukness: “Just got back from younger son Scott’s wedding in Pinehurst, North Carolina. He sells mortgages for Wells Fargo. The bride, Natalie, is the assistant town manager for Pinehurst. He has two daughters, ages fourteen and twenty, and she has a son, age eighteen, and a daughter, age thirteen. So, we now have two new grandchildren. Had a great time, in spite of a thunderstorm warning, which drenched the town but somehow missed the wedding site altogether.”

Bob Hohfelder: “Kathryn and I have had a busy summer. I had a trip to Naples, Italy, in the early summer where I offered some lectures on the archaeology and ancient history of this region to a group of Stanford students (future volcanologists and geophysicists).” I also talked with various Italian colleagues about future archaeological and geophysical work in the Bay of Naples and the deeper waters offshore. There is an ancient city beneath the sea (Piraeus Julius) in the Gulf of Pozzuoli, the northern part of the Bay of Naples, that has never been adequately explored, although I did some work there in 2006 around the submerged harbor mouth. I’d like very much to begin a systematic survey of the underwater remains and, if possible, begin to look for deep offshore shipwrecks using robotic technology. There is one wreck at a depth of approximately a mile.

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Bill says his Bowdoin education prepared him well for Harvard Law and his later career in real estate. He and his husband, Dave, are based in California.

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Bill and Dave established the William L. Hughes Jr. achievement Fellowship Fund as part of their estate plan. In leading by example, their support of our students represents promise for the future of the College, and faith and belief in the Common Good.

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and pleased that we both could master the mile-long uphill climb. Acadia, celebrating its one hundredth anniversary, was splendidly beautiful and well attended.”

Bob Smith: “We have had a very busy spring and summer. Bob Jr.’s son Alden and their summer residence on West Bath was a destination during the College’s winter break. For information, contact Nancy Mitam or Liz Armstrong in the Office of Gift Planning at 207-725-3172 or getplanning@bowdoin.edu.

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kids: Lisa is in publishing in New York City, and about to get married, and Aaron is an IT guy in Florida and coaching my grandson Payton’s middle school basketball team. Not sure who my grandson gets his basketball gifts from—certainly not me."

Dave Taylor: "Not much news except for reporting therapeutically effective results for taking 7,000 IU of vitamin D on a daily basis which has helped decrease six years of chronic back pain for me…Missed the Reunion because my grandson gets his basketball team. Not sure who my grandson gets his basketball gifts from—certainly not me."

1962 REUNION
Fred Hill: "published two new books in July, Ships, Swindlers, and Scalped Hogs: The Rise and Fall of the Crooker Shipyard in Bath, Maine (Down East Books), a thoroughly-researched account of his family’s mid-nineteenth-century shipyard, a book that Dugan Shipway, former president of Bath Iron Works, calls “a compelling saga of the heritage of shipbuilding in Maine. The second is a book of essays on the better days of The Baltimore Sun, for which I was a foreign correspondent and editorial writer for twenty years. The Life of Kings, The Baltimore Sun in the Golden Age of the American Newspaper (Rowman & Littlefield) was co-edited with Stephens Broening, also a former editor and foreign correspondent. Judy Woodcut, co-anchor of the PBS News Hour, said "If you have any doubt about the necessity of the American newspaper, you must sit down with The Life of Kings." NPR’s David Greene called it ‘rich, entertaining reading for anyone with a stake in the American newspaper—which is all of us." My essay covered investigative stories I did in the 1970s that led to convictions of high Maryland officials and indirectly to the resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. Both books are available in bookstores and online.”

Christian Potholm, Bowdoin’s De Ala Stanwood Alexander Professor of Government, recently published Understanding War. An Annotated Bibliography (Roman & Littlefield, 2018), volume three of his war trilogy, which also includes Winning at War: 7 Keys to Military Victory Throughout History (Roman & Littlefield, 2005) and War Wisdom: A Cross-Cultural Sampling (Roman & Littlefield, 2016). "Understanding War provides a most workable bibliography dealing with the vast literature on war and warfare. As such, it provides insights into over 3000 works on this overwhelmingly extensive material. Understanding War is thus the most comprehensive annotated bibliography available today," From the Publisher. Peter Webster: "In January, Frances and Charlie Primm ’61 hosted four members from Bowdoin basketball teams at their home in Yarmouth, Maine. We took a moment from the discussion of basketball to acknowledge and celebrate Charlie’s seventy-seventh birthday, Hugh O’Neill ’19, Maddie Hasson ’20, Sydney Hancock ’17, and Tim Ahn ’19 provided a reaffirmation of the outstanding character of the current Bowdoin student-athletes—they were intelligent, courteous, engaged, and with healthy views of self. Well done, Bowdoin."

1965 Phil McDowell: "In September I traveled to Stockholm to visit my roommate and classmate Hans Hedde ’67, who spent our junior year at Bowdoin as an exchange student. We roomed together in the Fj U house along with Pete Engster. Hans and his wife Marrisa were gracious hosts. We toured Stockholm and environs, plus the Swedish archipelago, where he has a summer home. While scanning our yearbook, we discovered a picture of Hans in a passionate embrace on the dance floor. Fortunately, Marrisa was amused.”

1966 Doug Hotchkiss: “The Class of 1966 Reunion was a great success with well over a hundred classmates in attendance. [We] awarded Skip Applin a Bowdoin Bear candy bar—the prize for least distance travelled from Topsham, Maine. Dick Lee was honored with a tiny Polar Bear for trekking the furthest from Brisbane, Australia.”

1968 Peter Hayes has released his latest book, Why?: Explaining the Holocaust, an exploration of one of the most tragic events in human history. The work is structured around a series of basic questions, and “tackles each with authoritative ease, making for a book that’s both readable and revealing.” Hayes has been teaching students about the Holocaust throughout his thirty-six years as a history teacher students about the Holocaust throughout his thirty-six years as a history teacher...
Jef Boeke • What Makes A Scientist Tick

We design chromosomes on a computer, program them to perform specific tasks, and then build them from scratch.

Jef Boeke ’76, Ph.D. ’82, is many things—husband and father, singer and musician, Mamer and New Yorker, beekeeper and beyond. During his day job, he serves as the director of the Institute for Systems Genetics and a professor of biochemistry and molecular pharmacology at NYU School of Medicine. We design chromosomes on a computer, program them to perform specific tasks, and then build them from scratch.

Using software, we can design an entire chromosome in minutes. My colleagues and I have built DNA molecules of nearly one million DNA “letters” in length. We recently built a number of chromosomes in the brewer’s yeast. This microorganism is special because it is more closely related to humans than are, say, bacteria, which makes it a great model for understanding what’s going on “under the hood.”

The custom yeast chromosomes can “teach us new biology” and be put to practical work—turning the yeast into special factories to produce chemical compounds such as pharmaceuticals and pesticides; or engineer the genomes of plants and animals, or even human stem cells. A Watson Fellowship after college enabled me to make a collection of over 3,000 types of Andean tropical plants, now distributed in herbaria across the world—including Bowdoin’s small collection! Interest in solving their pollination led to a passion for beekeeping. For the last thirty-five-plus years I’ve been playing and occasionally performing—tunneling the yeast into special factories to produce chemical compounds such as pharmaceuticals and pesticides; or complex chemicals useful as medicines, vaccines, and biomaterials; and building custom chromosomes to engineer the genomes of plants and animals, or even human stem cells.

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I’m a regular on campus thanks to the fact that my wife, Susanne Utschneider (Boeke) ’77, and I own a house in Harpswell, and our daughter Annabel ’12 is a recent graduate. I finished Lab Girl by Hope Jahren. If you’re interested in what makes a scientist tick, read it!

Photos: Courtesy of NYU Langone Medical Center

Seven members of the Class of 1980 crossed the pond to walk the ninety-six-mile West Highland Way in Scotland. Showing Bowdoin pride at the end of the hike in Fort William are Dave Barnes ’81, Dave Dankens ’81, John Nickling ’81, Dan Spears ’81, Pete Laramie ’81, Bill Parlin ’81, and Joe Coggiolino ’81.

Every September, the Noble family moves their cattle herd from “summer pasture” in the mountains back to the home ranch in Croa, Wyoming, for the winter. Last September, there were five alumni helping make the thirty-five-plus-mile trip on horseback: Ann Chambers Noble ’82, Andrea Noble ’15, Eric Levenson ’15, Matt Spears ’81, Pete Larcom ’81, Bill Parkin ’81, and Joe Coggiolino ’81.

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Ralph Pope’s book, Mosses, Liverworts, and Hornworts: A Field Guide to Common Bryophytes of the Northeast, was released December, 2016, by Cornell University Press. “This photo-based field guide to the more common or distinctive bryophytes of northeastern North America gives beginners the tools they need to identify most specimens without using a compound microscope. Pope’s inviting text and helpful photographs cover not only the ‘true’ mosses but also the peat mosses, liverworts, and hornworts.” From the publisher:

Barbara Stetson Vananene: “Well, I never thought becoming a grandmother would be so wonderful! My daughter, Dr. Sophie Todd, has a daughter Lucy (five) and son Benjamin (one). Thank goodness they live in Camden, Maine, so near us. My son Nick was married this past year and is attending law school. Having a doctor and a lawyer in the family sounds so traditional but it is awesome. Finally, my youngest, Emma, is fourteen and a typical fourteen-year-old! But I keep reminding myself I am older and wiser.”

Leslie Anderson: “I am happy to announce the publication of my new book, Democratization by Institutions: Argentina’s Transition Years in Comparative Perspective, out with the University of Michigan Press. I have [also] been awarded a Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. My project is entitled ‘Democratic Enclaves in Times of Trouble: The Politics of Resistance in Nicaragua.’ I am currently a Research Foundation Professor at the University of Florida.”

Douglas M. Henry was selected for inclusion in the listing of 2016 Massachusetts Super Lawyers, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than seventy practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The list was published as a special supplement in Boston magazine and in New England Super Lawyers; From a Trevi Communications press release, November 4, 2016. Dave Frouty, General Counsel for the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), helped broker a new collective bargaining agreement between Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Players Association (MLBPA).
The law matters. Legal disputes are all about what happens to people in the real world. While I love the rigor and academic aspects of the law, in the end, it’s about helping people solve their real-world problems.

A good judge is interested, listens, and ultimately resolves disputes. Traditionally this means hearing the parties, understanding the facts, and applying the appropriate legal analysis to decide disputes. As a judge, I also have learned to be mindful of context and—where possible—to facilitate resolution through a mediated model. This can lead to resolutions not possible within the confines of the traditional judicial process.

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is located in their Boston office. His practice involves representing privately- and publicly-held companies in all aspects of corporate and transactional law, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture transactions, debt financings, joint ventures, and general corporate matters.” From a Boston, Massachusetts, Robinson+Cole press release, November, 2018.

2003
Rick Binelli and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their second son, Nathan Richard Binelli, on August 24, 2016. “He weighed eight pounds, fourteen ounces and was two years old.”

Dominique Alepin Johnson: “I was recently appointed the Assistant Regional Director for the Western Region of the Federal Trade Commission, stationed in Los Angeles. The FTC’s office in LA focuses on consumer protection and antitrust matters.”

2004
Akira Shishido: “Geoff Cole ’08 and I just graduated from post-grad medical training at Walter Reed in Maryland. We never overlapped while we were there.”

Navy cardiologist Geoff Cole ’08 and Army internal medicine doctor Akira Shishido ’04 pose after completing their post-graduate medical training at Walter Reed in Maryland. Navy cardiologist Geoff Cole ’08 and Army internal medicine doctor Akira Shishido ’04 pose after completing their post-graduate medical training at Walter Reed in Maryland.

2006
Ford Gurall ’04 and Abigail Daley Gurall are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Jack Hawken Gurall, who came into the world on August 30, 2016. Thanks to Mike Woodruff ’07 for all of the paddling skills!”

2011
Devlin Cole recently graduated from Case Western Medical School receiving the Neuroscience Award from the Cleveland Clinic. Devlin will be doing a three-year pediatric residency in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lauren Wilverding and Jamie Cohen welcomed their second son, Nathan Jack Hawken Gurall, who came into the world on August 30, 2016. Thanks to Mike Woodruff ’07 for all of the paddling skills!”

Emily Mullins • Serious About Technology and Marketing—and Brunch

Ever since graduating from Bowdoin with a double-major in history and political science, Emily Mullins ’09 has been fascinated with the fast-paced digital world around her. After working for tech start-ups in Boston and San Francisco, she was recruited by Sadie Wierschhoff ’04 to lead digital business development at shoe giant Reebok, where she gets to be “an entrepreneur in a big company.”

I wanted to be at the forefront of technology, marketing, and software. I’m able to place into perspective all that I learned in technology and in the start-up world and put it to work on behalf of my role at an established retailer.

One part of my Bowdoin experience, like that of so many of my classmates, was sports and outdoor activities. Working at a sports company like Reebok was a natural fit. My specific work is to find the newest and best digital companies for Reebok to partner with, so that we move the company forward, keeping in mind the history of who we are and where we came from.

My fondest Bowdoin memories are sitting in Thorne after brunch on Sundays. We would hang around for hours (delaying the inevitable homework) and laugh about the nights and days before. Life was (and is) great being with the people you love! Outside of my work, I feel most fulfilled when I’m connected to my family and friends. I continue to be inspired every day by the companies they’re building (or have built) and the successes they’ve already had at such young ages. When I scroll through Instagram, there are new companies, achievements, and amazing experiences that pop up every day from Bowdoin grads. From Amanda Allen ’09’s races, to Bryan Holden ’09’s seafood company [Lake’s Lobsters] and furniture, to Emma Reilly ’09’s new raincoat company, to my sister Julia Straus’s skin care company, the list goes on and on. I’m so proud to call them my classmates and family.

When I’m not working, you’ll find me running along the Charles River in Boston. After playing lacrosse in Maine, no weather can keep me off the running paths. I’ll bump into friends and colleagues on the way. The best part? After that long run comes the delicious brunch. Charlie’s in the South End is my go-to. I guess it’s an attempt at replicating my Sunday brunches at Thorne—though I know those are irreplaceable.

Photo by Webb Chappell
son, Leo Douglas Bryan Cohen, into their family in Brookline, Massachusetts, on November 3, 2016.  

2012 Jordan Payne: ‘Colin Hay ’10 and I got married on November 12, 2016, in Portland, Maine, surrounded by great friends, family, and a beautiful sunset. We also co-coach the Bowdoin Mock Trial Team.”

2013 The nation’s medical students have elected David Bernstein, a current MD/MBA student at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and Simon Business School, as the next national chair-elect of the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Organization of Student Representatives (AAMC OSR). In his new role, David will help lead his peers and provide the student voice to the AAMC, a prominent national organization dedicated to serving and supporting academic medicine and the health of all Americans. His position is a three-year term in which he will function in a number of national leadership capacities, including serving on the AAMC OSR administrative board, sitting on the group on student affairs steering committee, guiding national efforts to improve academic medicine, and planning long-term strategies for success within the organization. In addition, he will be a sounding board for all medical students with concerns or queries regarding academic medicine. “From a University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry press release, November 30, 2016.

Nadja Shaw • Connected to Community

A n assignment with Teach for America at a school in Dallas, Texas, shortly after graduating from Bowdoin deepened Nadja Shaw ’12’s belief that a good education could reduce social inequalities. Two years later, she returned to New York to help found Achievement First North Brooklyn Prep, an elementary charter school, where she was also a teacher and dean. She’s working now with Teach for America, designing leadership development curricula to train New York City teachers, and will graduate in May from Columbia University with a master’s degree in sociology and education.

I am very passionate about kids and want to make sure the right adults are in front of them with the right mindsets and dispositions, especially if they’re going into low-income communities. Often, new teachers go in with deficit-based understandings of the community, thinking they’re saviors. However, I want teachers to be connected to the communities where they are teaching—to be fully engaged and understand the successes and strengths and systems of oppression and empowerment.

I decided to help found a school because I wanted to be part of the decision making and creation of a school culture. I wanted to create a place where kids felt loved and cared for, where they could meet challenges and persevere through those challenges, and feel pride about where they have come from.

My degree from Bowdoin is more than a piece of paper. My mother didn’t finish college—she had me when she was a sophomore. I blamed myself for her not finishing, so from kindergarten forward I said, “I am graduating from college for my mom.” At my Bowdoin graduation, I hugged Barry Mills on stage. We looked over at my mom together. It was this great moment, when I finally achieved the goal I had been talking about for so many years.

At Bowdoin, I was a sociology major, and my first sociology class was when I gained the vocabulary to define the unfairness I saw when I traveled between boarding school and Harlem. I was interested in understanding the problem of why some people get opportunities and others don’t. As a Mellon Mays Fellow, I thought I would go into a PhD program to become a sociologist. But I decided that I wanted firsthand experiences within communities, to understand the problem at more than just an intellectual level. I recognized that education was, in my mind, a way of breaking systems of oppression.

I didn’t think I would become an educator, but then I taught and saw the role and the power of teachers: I watched kids grow and thrive and saw them become self-advocates. Once you meet children and see how inspiring they are and how every single one is a little genius in their own way, it puts your heartstrings and you’re in education forever.

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Former BOC-ers Sarah Johnson ’13, Dave Weiss ’11, Kit Hamley ’10, Jane Koopman ’10, and Ron Waddell ’11 on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, October 9, 2016.

Former BOC-ers Sarah Johnson ’13, Dave Weiss ’11, Kit Hamley ’10, Jane Koopman ’10, and Ron Waddell ’11 on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, October 9, 2016.
1. Kelly Thomas '09 and Devin Walsh '10 were married at Marianmade Farm in Wiscasset, Maine, on June 18, 2016. Pictured: Jack Dingess '09, Carter Butland '10, Jenna Diggins '10, Chris Ryan '10, Reid Auger '10, Adam Tracy '10, Ben Larkin '09, Emily Swaim Ranaghan '09, Lola Cheneyk '09, Kat Fislak '11, Allison Sandham '09, Oliver Kell '10, Kelly and Devin, Karen Reni '09, Doria Cole '09, Katlin Fainawasher '09, Emily Doye '09, Christina Dentioto Delaporte '09, Keri Forbringer Heherman '10, Dan Hetherman '09, Eric Chenhelle '10, Joe Pace '10, Jill Henriksen Pace '12, and Larkin Brown '10.

2. Carolyn Hricko '08 and Michael Igoe '07 were married at the Linekin Bay Resort in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, on September 13, 2014. Pictured: Steve Shennan '12, Carolyn and Michael, James Nylund '06, Amy Ear '07, Emily Hricko '06, Rachel Grobstein '06, Kelly On '06, Margaret and Nina, Leslie Wittenbraker '06, Aubrey Brick '05, Lindsey Pettingill '02, Emily Sheffield '06, Z.Z. Crow '08, Danielle Munford '07, Nicole Melas '07, Brendan Mortimer '06, Rogan McCall '08, Kieran Wilter '07, Laura Sartori '06, and Vanessa Lind '06.

3. Nina Shayer '06 and Margaret Griffith '07 were married on October 1, 2016, at the Newagen Seaside Inn in Southport, Maine. Pictured: James Nylund '06, Amy Ear '07, Emily Hricko '06, Rachel Grobstein '06, Kelly On '06, Margaret and Nina, Leslie Wittenbraker '06, Aubrey Brick '05, Lindsey Pettingill '02, Emily Sheffield '06, Z.Z. Crow '08, Danielle Munford '07, Nicole Melas '07, Brendan Mortimer '06, Rogan McCall '08, Kieran Wilter '07, Laura Sartori '06, and Vanessa Lind '06.

4. Caroline Bader '09 married Nicholas Swerdlow (Bates College '09) in an outdoor ceremony in Beverly, Massachusetts, on May 29, 2016. Pictured: Meredith Borner '09, Kelly Overbye '09, Charles Stern '09, Caroline and Nicholas, Claire Lewkowicz '09, Jessica Paris Fallick '09, and Courtney LaPierre Grater '09.

5. Luke Mondello '10 and Kate Emerson '10 were married on October 8, 2016, in Buxton, Maine. Pictured: Tucker Colvin '13, Mark Bellis '10, Meggie Macleod '10, George Automotive '11, Louis Weeks '11, Brian Wu '11, Gil Birney (crew coach), Edie Hazard Birney '83, Jamey Anderson '10, Cal Preshan '12, Simon On '10, Chris Adams-Wall '10, Brooks Winner '10, Sean Morris '10, Tim Fudenchik '10, Sarah Ebel '10, Jeff Emerson '70, Stephanie Williams '10, Andrew Otton '11, Becca Schoweller '10, Kate and Luke, Molly Taft '11, Christine Buckland '12, Hadiang Kim '12, Chelsea Noble '12, Ali Hyde '10, Caroline Bader '08, Maggie Kate Myall (Bowdoin staff), Zarine Alam '10, Keri Forbringer Heherman '10, Ellie Stevenson '10, Dan Hetherman '09, and PJ Paige-Jeffers '10. Behind the camera: Hannah Welling (crew coach).

6. Katie Stewart '12 and Peter Brannohler '11 were married in Oxford, Maryland, on May 28, 2016. Pictured. Rose O’Connell '12, Paulina Borrego '12, Celeste Swain '12, Chelsea Albright '12, Danielle Abrams '12, Nicole Coombes '12, Anna Tachau '12, Emily Upton-Davis '12, Jill Bertman '12, Caroline Zewar '12, Hope Gimbel '12, Katie and Peter, Elisa Cacore '12, Taylor Escayeda '12, Libby Spalding '12, Andrew Coleman '11, Julie Andrews Coleman '11, Brian Wu '11, Will Albuquerque '11, Bobby Fisher '11, Mike Mitchell '11, Sam Epstein '11, Kaitlin Raynmond '11, John “Cakes” Weighter ‘11, Tom Anderson ‘11, Bryce Lesdar ‘11, and Tanu Kumar '12.

7. James Neely '10 and Alexandra Reed '10 were married on July 3, 2016, at St. Mark’s Church in Glen Elyn, Illinois. Pictured: Alex Caughrin '09, Kyle Mikami '10, Elaine Tsai '10, Mark Bellis '10, Alexandra and James, Meggie Macleod '10, Zolt Aranaman '10, Connie Ohi '10, and Ian Yaffe '09.
8 Benjamin Rachlin ’08 married Jaclyn Nguyen at Kualoa Ranch, Hawaii, on October 8, 2016. Michael Tillotson ’08 served as best man, and Christopher Jacob ’09 as a groomsman. Pictured: Jason Lewis ’06, Jessica Horst-kotte ’08, Jaclyn and Benjamin, Michael, and Christopher.

9 Anne Riley ’08 married Benjamin Moffat (Miami University ’07) on November 19, 2016, at the Engineers Club in Baltimore, Maryland. Pictured: Bobby Guerette ’07, Beth Kowitt ’07, Carrie Miller ’08, Kasien Moran ’05, Roger McCally ’08, Z-Z Coven ’08, Laura Beliden ’08, Debbie Theodore ’08, Benjamin and Anne, Emily Skinner ’08, Clara Cantor ’08, and Douglas Riley ’07.

10 Thomas DiDonato ’12 married Vicky Wu (Harvard ’09) on October 8, 2016, at the Harvard Club of New York City. Pictured: Tim McGarry ’13, Paul Steinberg ’12, Erik Olson ’12, Steve Bayer ’12, David Mandelbaum ’12, Sam Martin ’12, Richard Nerland ’12, Jillian Berkman ’12, Augusta Rice ’14, Sarah Vallimaires ’12, Jeff Fanning ’11, Ursula Munger ’15, Jack Burkhardt ’11, Dan Weiniger ’13, Jordan Lalter ’12, Olle Kon ’14, Graham Sisson ’12, Al Milley ’13, and Ben Tsujiura ’12.

11 Chris Wilson ’86 and Kathryn Sargent ’84 were married on November 28, 2015, in Portland, Maine, and friends and family celebrated in West Bath on August 13, 2016. Pictured: Tony Stais ’87, Chris Avery ’85, Web Shaffer ’87, Scott Kennedy ’87, Katie Philbrick Vorenberg ’85, Roger Silverstone ’85, David Houston ’84, Chris and Kathryn, Faith Perry ’86, George Pess ’87, Ann Thome Bagala ’86, Peter Stackpole ’07, Lynn Stackpole Tripp ’84, Sean Cameron ’86, and Mark Swann ’84.

12 Jacqueline Limmane ’07 and Joshua DeRuttle (Temple University ’03) were married at the Governor John Langdon House in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on August 20, 2016. Pictured: Mike Terry ’07, Adam Chang Jiang ’08, Katherine Wen ’10, Brandon Bouchard ’07, Josh and Jackie, Emily Burton Kasprak ’08, Nick Kasprak ’08, Hayley King Sangillo ’08, and Peter Roccio ’07. Not pictured: Kathleen Callaghan ’07 and Megan Brummi Marsh ’08.

13 Kate Leonard ’07 married Brian Straub (Clarkson University ’08) at the Hamilton House in South Berwick, Maine, on September 10, 2016. Pictured: Burgess Veenberg ’05, Roger Silverstone ’85, David Houston ’84, Chris and Kathryn, Faith Perry ’86, George Pess ’87, Ann Thome Bagala ’86, Peter Stackpole ’07, Lynn Stackpole Tripp ’84, Sean Cameron ’86, and Mark Swann ’84.

14 Colin Hay ’10 and Jordan Payne ’12 were married on November 12, 2016, at the Ocean Gateway in Portland, Maine. Pictured: DJ Hatch ’11, Emily Hricker ’06, Amanda Gartsdale Kim ’12, Jordan and Colin, Ally Kolhoff ’12, Anna Tachau ’12, Luzy Tarr ’12, Damon Hall ’09, Ken LeClair ’77, Libby Wilcosky Lee ’10, Eric Lee ’08, Lily Rudder ’12, and Laura Kerry ’12.

15 Stan Berkow ’11 married Christina Argeuta ’11 on September 24, 2016, at Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with a reception afterward at Grace in Portland. Pictured: Colin Ogilvie ’12, Greg Talpey ’14, Tim Anderson ’11, Tyler Lonsdale ’08, Andrew Fried ’08, Courtney Estiaze ’08, Archie Abrams ’93, Patrick Pierce ’08, Thompson Ogilvie ’10, Matthew Hilliard ’12, Ali Chase ’08, Dana Riker ’10, John Hall ’08, Sam Seekins ’14, Olivia MacKenzie ’13, Charlie Berdahl ’11 (who also officiated), Holly Jacobson ’11, Michelle Lawson ’12, Colman Hatton ’10, Andy del Calvo ’12, Amy Ahearn ’08, Molly Porcher ’13, Christine and Stan, and Coach Peter Stiverski. Not pictured: Ken Akiha ’08.
16 Laura Newcomb ’11 and Andy Bell ’11 were married on September 17, 2016, in Cranford, New Jersey. Pictured: Cory Elowe ’11, Emily Tong ’11, Deja Williams ’11, Mika Matsusaki ’11, Shirley Wu ’11, Anna Nicol ’11, Grace Hyndman ’11, Brian Lohotsky ’11, Andy and Laura, Sarah Dale ’11, Rohit Sangal ’11, Elsie Thomson ’11, Ginger Leone ’11, Danielle Marias ’10, Allison Chan ’11, Doug Belden ’91, and Betsy Belden ’80.

17 Martha Royston ’08 married Basel Saad on December 31, 2015, in New Haven, Connecticut. Pictured: Laura Armstrong Swann ’08, Emilie McKenna Pandullo ’08, Morgan Pile ’08, Ingrid Anid ’08, Courtney Camps ’08, Virginia and Joelinda, Sarah Lewis ’08, Kerry Twombly ’08, Laura Small ’08, Michael Buckley ’07, and RACER X (English professor Aaron Kitch, music professor Vineet Shende, Dave Morrill, and Pat Eyr).
The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue. Full obituaries appear online at obituaries.bowdoin.edu.

Deaths

Robert U. Akover '50
November 12, 2016

Philip F. Danforth Jr. '50
October 9, 2016

John R. Hopper '50
November 24, 2016

William J. Kzwir '50
August 4, 2016

Richard A. Bamforth '51
January 6, 2017

Leonard B. Gilley '51
December 20, 2016

Leonard G. Sauter '51
October 9, 2016

Herbert D. Andrews '52
November 10, 2016

Frederick B. Brobhol '52
December 30, 2016

John A. Kuhll '52
November 10, 2016

Joel H. Brown '53
December 18, 2016

Godfrey P. Houghton '53
October 14, 2016

Charles O. Swannom II '53
December 21, 2016

Richard D. Andrusian '54
October 24, 2016

Richard B. Kraus '54
October 31, 2016

Alvin G. Litchfield '54
November 26, 2016

Robert B. Johnson '55
November 15, 2016

Frank A. Paul Jr. '55
January 4, 2017

Brian K. Connor Jr. '56
September 28, 2016

Donald S. Dean '56
December 2, 2016

John T. Libby '56
January 17, 2017

William L. Mather '56
January 1, 2017

John S. Shepard III '56
August 18, 2016

Pierre J. Bonin '50
August 16, 2016

David H. d'alleou '50
March 27, 2016

Richard H. Downes '50
November 10, 2016

John W. Bradford '51
November 10, 2016

Jagdish S. Gumburu '52
December 6, 2016

S. Robert Branson '53
November 16, 2016

John W. Payson '53
December 18, 2016

Francis G. Ronan '53
January 6, 2017

Paul T. Mullery III '56
September 9, 2016

Michael D. Hammon '57
December 28, 2016

Girma A. Takeley '73
October 4, 2016

Jim H. Harding '74
November 14, 2016

Stephen W. Wenten '77
September 16, 2016

Amy A. Supaya '83
September 10, 2016

Marshall R. Neilon '93
September 9, 2016

Michael M. Mahtir '95
December 25, 2016

Graduate

Richard R. Rast G68
October 3, 2016

Neil J. Johannesen G70
November 4, 2016

Sella L. McNally Riggs G72
August 24, 2016

Theodore E. Kester G74
October 12, 2016

Honoray

Carl Lennart Sandquist H'84
January 6, 2017

Carolyn W. Sayman H'85
December 27, 2016

Edward Albee H'09
February 16, 2017

Faculty and Staff

Charles A. Grobe Jr.
September 29, 2016

Elizabeth Brown
November 20, 2016

Dana W. Mayo
November 26, 2016

Elliot S. Schwartz
December 7, 2016

Redman Redman
December 10, 2016

Johnny L. Tilbert
December 12, 2016

Charles E. Huntington
January 2, 2017

Notwithstanding Adversity
by John R. Cross '76

Until recently I had never heard of Orran Rensselaer Hall of the Medical School Class of 1867. I came across his name in Obituary Record of the Graduates of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine (not a bestseller, but an important source of biographical information on alumni). I was drawn to Hall’s story of resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Orran was born in Naples, Maine, in 1818, the oldest of five children. He prepared for college at Bridgton Academy, graduating as class valedictorian. He taught at Bridgton while keeping up with his first-year lessons at Bowdoin. He was chosen as 1863’s class orator, but an attack of iritis (an inflammation of the eye) left him blind in one eye and nearly blind in the other. Hall was forced to leave college in his junior year and abandon his plans to become a lawyer. He taught high school, relying on memory for the lessons. He also wrote poems on pastoral themes, several of which were published.

Hall decided to pursue a career in medicine, and with Horace Torrey [Med. 1832] as his preceptor, he enrolled at the Medical School of Maine. “With the aid of others’ eyes” he was able to earn an MD degree. He established a medical practice in Buckfield in 1867, married in 1868, and soon had a daughter and a son. According to a newspaper article, “In spite of his partial blindness, his practice was large and successful for about fifteen years” in Buckfield, Maine; Weston, Massachusetts; and South Paris, Maine.

In 1880 Dr. Hall was seriously injured in a fall from a carriage and was later stricken with near-fatal pneumonia. His sister-in-law wrote in her diary (in Colby’s Special Collections Department): “March 13 – . . . they have given up all hope. The Doctor has expressed the wish to see me, but I can’t get there in time.” However, Hall’s condition improved, and in 1882 he went to work in the War Department’s pension office in Washington. Two months later, when he realized that he could not do the work, he returned to Maine “completely broken down,” and closed his practice.

In 1887 he underwent medical treatment in Boston, followed by a voyage to the Azores to restore his health. Hall then became a sales representative for a New York pharmaceutical firm, traveling extensively in New England and the Midwest. The fates were especially unkind in 1894, as rapidly failing in health.” The clerk replied “Dr. Orran R. Hall is still living . . . Though not in robust health . . . we expect him to remain on earth some years to come.”

A year and a half later, on November 24, 1903, Orran R. Hall did what every member of the Class of 1863 and the Medical School Class of 1867 eventually did: he died, succumbing to pulmonary bronchitis at age sixty-five. For all his health problems, Hall outlined thirty of his fifty-seven undergraduate classmates and thirty-six of the seventy-three in his medical school cohort. The untold story behind Hall’s untold story is how others enabled him to live within the community—the “others’ eyes” that helped him study; his wife, children, and extended family; and his friends and neighbors. While adversity may be visited on a single individual, that burden is not borne alone. In a sense, whatever happens to any member of the Bowdoin family happens to us all.

John R. Cross ’76 is secretary of development and college relations.

"After two years of intense suffering, he was left totally blind, with health hopelessly impaired."

Orran Hall did what anyone might do in a similar situation: he bought a farm and began raising thoroughbred poultry. As a friend wrote, “During his remaining years of darkness he found mental recreation in literary work, in lecturing and giving occasional public addresses as his strength permitted. . . . Notwithstanding Dr. Hall’s early partial blindness and subsequent total loss of sight, he has had few superiors in scholarly acquirements and literary versatility . . . .”

In 1902 George Little, Class of 1877, wrote to Buckfield’s town clerk: “A new edition of the General Catalogue of Bowdoin College now being printed, and I am desirous to insert the date of death of Dr. Orran R. Hall who was reported, in November 1894, as . . . rapidly failing in health.” The clerk replied “Dr. Orran R. Hall is still living . . . Though not in robust health . . . we expect him to remain on earth some years to come.”
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