

## NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Princeton Club of Northern California Members,

Over the past couple of years, the Princeton Club of Northern California has focused on strengthening the local Princeton community in Northern California. The recent Global Net Night event, in which Princeton Clubs across the country hosted a networking event discussing social media and networking, both gave us an opportunity to participate in the larger Princeton community while providing a chance for local alumni to network and reflect on their social media strategies. We will be organizing future Net Nights to provide further opportunities to explore career topics and connect alumni – please let me know if you would like to become involved. Another key aspect of the local community is service, and we are highlighting a Bay Area fellow of the Princeton AlumniCorps (recently renamed from Project 55) to learn more about the organization and its local efforts in this issue of the newsletter.

There are many exciting developments for the Club ahead. In April, we will be hosting our Annual Dinner and are looking forward to hearing Professor Alan Mann speak about the food we eat. This is a great event to connect with a variety of local alumni as well as enhance the local dialogue on food. The leadership of the Club continues in a strong direction with many new Executive Committee members joining the team. Michele Bateman '97 took over the Community Service Vice President position last summer and has been doing a fantastic job. Kaity Kratsios '07 brings her experience with Annual Giving to her newly assumed position as Membership Vice President. Sofia Mata-Leclerc '06 is well suited in her new role as Communications Vice President with her knowledge from time spent with the Princeton Club of New York as well as her public relations background. I am particularly excited that Gillian Ashenfelter '99 and Eliot Kent-Uritam '98 are taking over the leadership of the Club as our next co-Presidents. Their perspectives on the Bay Area in addition to their past participation in club events will help them to lead the Club successfully.

I am proud of the accomplishments we have made during the past two and a half years with successful Annual Dinners, a strengthened Executive Committee, our partnership with Save the Bay and a stronger commitment to service. When I took the position as President, I did not realize how much I would learn in this role. I am grateful for the experience in leading a team of volunteers, organizing events and setting the Club in a sustainable direction. The Executive Committee and other volunteers have been a great group to work with, and I thank all of you for your time and contributions.

With warm regards,  
Heather Kellman '99  
PCNC President

PCNC ANNUAL  
DINNER APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

Join fellow alumni and friends at our Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 7th. This year's distinguished speaker is Anthropology Professor Alan Mann, exploring a question that confronts the Sunday brunch, the modern household and national health policy: What should we eat? Join us for a fascinating look at how the presumed diet of our ancestors helps us understand what a good diet ought to be today.

Dr. Mann is a physical anthropologist with primary interest in the fossil evidence for human evolution. He teaches courses on human evolution, human adaptation, biological anthropology and the concept of race. As part of his summer course on modern human origins, Princeton students excavate a Middle Paleolithic site in the southwest of France. Dr. Mann has served as a consulting forensic anthropologist to several cities in the United States and once discovered clues that helped to free an innocent young man from imprisonment.

We hope you'll join us at the University Club in San Francisco on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your tickets online at [www.pcnc.org/events.html](http://www.pcnc.org/events.html).

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## PROFESSOR ALAN MANN TO DISCUSS “WHAT’S IN YOUR KITCHEN AND WHAT’S ON YOUR MENU” AT UPCOMING PCNC ANNUAL DINNER

Speaking at this year’s Annual Dinner is Alan Mann (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley), Professor of Anthropology at Princeton and Professor Emeritus at University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mann is a physical anthropologist with primary interest in the fossil evidence for human evolution. His current research focuses on the evolution of the Neandertals and their relationships to modern people.

His talk, “What’s in Your Kitchen and What’s on Your Menu,” will explore the uncertainty of what a good diet for humans should be. He will look at the presumed diets of our ancestors to show that their diet, made up of a wide variety of vegetable foods, some collected animal products (small animals and insects) and the occasional large mammal, is exactly what many nutritionists suggest that modern humans consume as a healthy diet.

Professor Mann teaches courses on human evolution, human adaptation, biological anthropology and the concept of race. He has done field work in South and East Africa, Israel, Iran, Afghanistan, Coatia, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Germany. Now he works primarily in southwestern France, where he is co-director of the excavation of a Middle Paleolithic

site in the Charente Department. Princeton students help excavate the site as part of the university’s summer course on modern human origins.

Dr. Mann is the author of *Some Paleodemographic Aspect of the South African Australopithecines* and is the co-author of *Human Biology and Behavior: an Anthropological Perspective* as well as over 75 articles in professional journals and popular magazines. He has also written a children’s book on human evolution. Dr. Mann has been a consultant for the National Geographic Society and is the Anthropology consultant for the World Book Encyclopedia. He has served as a consulting forensic anthropologist to many cities in the northeast, and once discovered clues that helped to free an innocent young man from imprisonment.

An avid, perhaps fanatical, cyclist, Dr. Mann commutes by bicycle every day, rain or shine, and has cycle-toured Europe extensively. Each winter he skis downhill and cross-country. He reads widely, especially historical fiction and histories, currently focusing on World War I. A woodworker and general handyman, he built his house in Philadelphia from scratch and enjoys designing and building furniture of modern design.

## PCNC CONGRATULATES SCHOLARSHIP WINNER JOSEPH MCMAHAN ‘13

The PCNC scholarship was established in 1950 to support the education of Northern California undergraduate students at Princeton in need of financial assistance. It is awarded to one undergraduate each academic year. PCNC congratulates this year’s winner, Joseph McMahan ‘13.

“When looking at colleges, I felt pretty strongly that I wanted to go back east; of course, it wasn’t long before Princeton emerged as a top choice. Visiting campus, however, was what completely convinced me that there was no place I would rather go to school. I’ve yet to visit a place as gorgeous as Princeton, or a campus with as wonderful an atmosphere. I consider myself very, very lucky that my first home, Northern California, and my second home, Princeton, are both in such beautiful settings.”

Joseph says Princeton is providing him with a series of rigorous courses for his Physics major, but he also enjoys the electives, including two poetry seminars during his freshman year. He had the great honor of taking Creative Writing with Joyce Carol Oates. Joseph started studying Mandarin Chinese and attended the Princeton in Beijing program. Back on campus, he is an Orange Key tour guide, “which gives me the pleasure of taking an hour every week to share my love of Princeton with a group of campus visitors and prospective students.”

The biggest activity Joseph takes part in is the Princeton University Band. Having played all through high school, he didn’t seriously consider it his freshman year but started coming to a few rehearsals, and then, “well, I suppose I never stopped showing up. It’s been an incredible source of fun playing at different athletic events and bringing Princeton spirit to the student body.” Joseph has served as the Band announcer, reading their halftime shows for the stadium crowds at football games, and was recently elected Treasurer.



“What has surprised me the most about Princeton is the atmosphere and community. I was expecting that at a school like Princeton, there would probably be quite a lot of academic competitiveness in the student body. What I’ve found instead is a wonderfully supportive community that makes up Princeton. Whether from students, professors, or administrators, I’ve never been left wanting for help or support.... I’ve loved studying here, making friends here, and being a part of the Princeton community.”

## THE NEW PRINCETON ALUMNICORPS COMES TO CALIFORNIA

Princeton Project 55 has a new name and expanded mission as Princeton AlumniCorps. PCNC recently talked with Executive Director Kathleen Reilly about the impact of these changes across the nation and in Northern California.

"In our 20<sup>th</sup> year, Princeton Project 55 refined our mission, initiated new programming, and branded our expansion to alumni of all ages with our new name, Princeton AlumniCorps. Our flagship Fellowship program will maintain the Project 55 name, in honor of the founding Class of 1955. Our mission is to engage alumni of all ages (and all universities) in the public interest."

Since 1989, AlumniCorps has leveraged \$2.3 million of operating funds to secure more than \$20 million in fellowship and internship stipends and benefits at nearly 560 organizations. AlumniCorps has placed more than 1,250 Princeton alumni with nonprofit organizations and has helped to create and support similar programs at more than 25 other universities.

AlumniCorps has initiated two new programs to engage alumni of all ages and all universities in meaningful experiences in the nonprofit sector. Emerging Leaders is a professional development program involving recent graduates of other institutions in nonprofit careers. The Community Volunteers program connects Princeton alumni from classes of the 60s, 70s, and 80s with nonprofit boards in their communities. Donor participation from these classes has more than doubled since the name change.

The Princeton Project 55 fellowship program places recent Princeton graduates in nonprofit and community service jobs. For 2009-2010, 12% of the senior class applied for PP55 fellowships. Forty-six fellows worked at 36 organizations in eight U.S. cities, and 57 Princeton alumni served as mentors, 25 of whom are PP55 alumni themselves.

Wanting to expand the fellowship program, Kathleen visited with Bay Area alumni to ask what they care about most. Education emerged as a leading topic. This spring, AlumniCorps is holding an outreach event in San Francisco to focus on education reform. The goal of this event is to bring alumni who are passionate about education together to accomplish more. AlumniCorps invites Northern California alumni to attend with their ideas, time, advice, and connections.

"Our goal at AlumniCorps is to hear more from alumni and live our mission better. We welcome involvement from any alumni who are passionate and willing to put in time."

For more information, go to the AlumniCorps website, [www.alumnicorps.org](http://www.alumnicorps.org), and its news blog, <http://blog.alumnicorps.org/>.



President Bill Leahy '66, Chairman Kenly Webster '55 and Executive Director Kathleen Reilly

### AN INTERVIEW WITH BAY AREA PP55 FELLOW CAMERON WHITE '09

Cameron White '09 is working with NewSchools Venture Fund, a nonprofit venture philanthropy firm based in San Francisco that raises capital to support education entrepreneurs in improving public school systems in targeted urban areas. A second-time fellow, Cameron worked at a Washington, D.C. charter school for a year before coming to Northern California. He is also helping the AlumniCorps regional steering committee to plan an outreach event in San Francisco this fall. PCNC talked with him about his fellowship experiences.

*How did you get inspired to work in education reform?*

At Princeton, I took a seminar on urban education and conducted research on the Trenton school system. My senior thesis explored the intersection between architecture and child psychology. Through these experiences, I became interested in understanding education on a national level.

*What are your current responsibilities?*

I work with the development and external relationships teams at NewSchools Venture Fund in San Francisco. My work includes strategic planning as well as writing for the website and other external communications.

*What do you enjoy most in your work?*

A unique experience has been working on a short video included on the recent DVD release of *Waiting for Superman*. It features five organizations that work with NewSchools and interviews with several leaders of the education movement. You can find the clip at <http://www.newschools.org/action>.

*What have you learned from your fellowship experiences?*

I've been given the opportunity to learn about a range of complex issues, from the operational day-to-day challenges at the school last year to my current work, which addresses challenges faced by broader educational systems.

I'm grateful to AlumniCorps for the quality of these jobs and having the chance to work in the nonprofit sector so soon after graduation. I've gotten excellent professional experience while working on an issue that I really care about.

As much as people can become involved in and support education reform, it's a great thing. Nonprofits like NewSchools do excellent work and rely on support from networks like our alumni.

# THE PRINCETON CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

For new events, full details & updates please visit [www.pcnc.org](http://www.pcnc.org)

Please RSVP to David Marshak '66 at [marshak.david@att.net](mailto:marshak.david@att.net).  
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## March

### And Still Peace Did Not Come

Thursday, Mar. 30, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: One Market Plaza, Spear Tower, Suite 2200, San Francisco

Join us for a reading and conversation with Emily Holland '01, co-author of *And Still Peace Did Not Come: A Memoir of Reconciliation*, a new book about the child soldiers of Liberia and a woman who became their champion.

## April

### PCNC Annual Dinner

Thursday, Apr. 7, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Location: University Club, 800 Powell Street (at California), San Francisco

This year's distinguished speaker is Anthropology Professor Alan Mann with a

fascinating look at how the presumed diet of our ancestors helps us understand what a good diet for humans ought to be.

The evening's program begins at 6:30 with cocktails (no-host bar), dinner service at 7:30, followed by our guest speaker. Business casual attire. Young Alumni \$50, PCNC Members \$60, Non-Members \$80.

### Young Alumni Happy Hour

Saturday, Apr. 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: San Francisco

Usually scheduled on the first Thursday of each month, the young alumni happy hour is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new Bay Area Tigers.

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