

## NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Northern California Princeton community,

I was recently back on campus for my 10th year Reunion. Probably similar to others who had a chance to go back to New Jersey in May, I was thrilled to see what latest buildings were on campus and spend time in one of my favorite places. I enjoyed seeing both my classmates and walking around campus and the town. Campus looked green and vibrant, and has the new additions of the Gehry Lewis Library and the new Butler dorms.

Being nostalgic for my time at Princeton has caused me to reflect on my involvement in the Princeton Club of Northern California (PCNC) and I wanted to share why I have been involved in the club over the past 10 years. San Francisco was a completely new place for me when I moved in 1999, and I quickly joined the Princeton Women's Network book club. I wanted to continue to be involved in a Princeton community, and the book club has enabled me to have intellectual conversations with a diverse group of interesting women. Wanting to strengthen my involvement with the community, I started to organize different events for the Club such as going to the San Francisco Ballet, doing trapeze up in Sonoma, and planning the Bay Area Mini Reunions in the summer of 2006.

I have spent the past two years at Dartmouth attending business school, and when I returned to the Bay Area, Christina Cragholm was looking to hand over the presidency of the Club. My positive prior experiences, wanting to re-engage with the community here, and probably some business school ambition caused me to want to take on this new role. Over the past 9 months as President, I have continued to both be impressed with the dedication of our volunteers as well as enjoy the events that I attend. I can't go back to New Jersey very often, but I can engage with Princeton here in the Bay Area through Club events.

I look forward to continuing to meet our alumni in the Bay Area and hope that you will join us at events. Please also consider continuing your membership, or joining the Club for the first time to strengthen our community. As always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions about events or the Club in general.

Yours truly,

Heather Kellman '99  
PCNC President



### THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRINCETONIANS... THE CLASS OF 2013 RESULTS ARE IN!

One of the best ways for alumni to stay in touch with the Princeton community is by donating time to interview the next generation of Princeton students through the Alumni Schools Committee (ASC).

Overall, Princeton received a record 21,964 applications for the class of 2013 and offered admission to 2150 students (9.79%). Of these total applicants, 1,306 of them reside in Northern California. Our Alumni Schools Committee chairs and sub-chairs coordinated interviews of these prospective students using an army of 500 alumni volunteer interviewers. On average, each alumni interviewer spends time to interview three applicants. This year through the tireless efforts of the coordinators and volunteer interviewers, every Northern Californian applicant was interviewed. This effort was echoed world-wide, and for the first time in Princeton admissions interview history, alumni volunteers interviewed 100% of prospective students.

In the end, the ASC volunteers' work paid off as there were 156 candidates admitted in the area (11.94%) that yielded 72 matriculants who accepted the offer and will enroll in the fall. Please join me in thanking all the ASC volunteer interviewers and the ASC regional chairs for donating their time and energy to encouraging the local

talented and impressive youth to move to New Jersey for their college experience.

If you would like to register to help with next year's Alumni Schools Committee interviews, please contact your regional chair. Alternatively, consider ear-marking a donation for ASC when you fill out your dues form. This donation supports the costs of organizing a congratulations party for the admitted students each spring and a 'send-off' party in the summer in each region. This personal touch offered by Princeton is a selling point for these applicants and is an instrumental part of the recruiting process to attract the best and brightest to Princeton.

In the Northern California area, we have eight distinct ASC regions:

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## LOCAL STUDENT WINS PRINCETON PRIZE FOR HER EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RACE RELATIONS AND EQUITY ISSUES



THE PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS was founded in 2003 by Henry Von Kohorn '66 as an awards program to recognize high school students for outstanding work in their schools or communities to advance the cause of race relations. In its fourth year of being offered in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Prize Committee selected an Award Winner, three Honorable Mentions, and recognized five applicants with Certificates of Accomplishment. All of these remarkable high school students were recognized at a well-attended ceremony at Preservation Park in Oakland on Friday, May 15, 2009. We were very pleased to welcome Henry Von Kohorn '66 (pictured to left with local PPRR chair John Jenkins '97), who made a special trip from the East Coast to attend the Bay Area award ceremony.

THE AWARD WINNER, Marin Academy high school student Alanah Joseph (pictured to right), received a \$1000 grant. As an African-American female from Oakland, California, Alanah has become acutely aware of the challenges of race relations in her community and beyond. Throughout her high school years, she has grown into a student advocate for change as a way to address these challenges directly. A student in a predominantly white school, she saw the need to have discussions of social justice, race relations and equity issues - principally since there is no room to have in-depth, honest conversations about equality in an academic setting.

In 2006, Alanah started *Uncensored: Conversations We're Not Having*, a social justice conference founded to create a safe and comfortable place for student dialogue involving issues of equity. This student-led conference held on the Marin Academy campus inspires participants to examine and discuss issues of equity and justice as it relates to race, gender and other issues of inequality in their communities, stimulating deep thinking and sharing of authentic perspectives through workshop discussions affinity groups, and informal dialogue. In the past three years, the conference has had over 500 participants, a track record of success that motivated the Marin Academy administration to make it an annually funded event. Alanah looks forward to building on this effort to continue improving race relations in the future.

In the fall, Alanah will attend University of Southern California, and intends to major in Health and Humanity and Neuroscience, with a minor in African-American Studies. She plans to continue her work in social justice and race relations while following her dream to become an endocrinologist. Alanah hopes to inspire others and open doors for those wishing to follow her footsteps. We are very fortunate to be able to recognize such an impressive young person, someone who we believe is just beginning a long career of improving race relations and fighting for civil rights.



THE CEREMONY KEYNOTE SPEAKER was Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers '87 (below left). Recently appointed to the Superior Court for the State of California, Alameda County, Honorable Gonzalez Rogers has continued to pursue a life-long mission to improve civil rights while enjoying a successful legal career. We were very fortunate to have her speak at our event, and she serves as an ideal role model for our Princeton Prize applicants.



PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PRIZE by joining the local Prize Committee or ear-marking a donation for PPRR when you fill out your dues form. While the \$1000 grant is managed through an endowment at the national level, your donation supports the costs of organizing the local awards ceremony and providing nominal awards to the honorable mention and certificate winners each spring.

THANK YOU to our many wonderful applicants and their leadership in promoting harmony, understanding and respect among people of different races within their schools or communities in the area. Thank you also to local alumni and volunteers for creating such a wonderful venue celebrating the accomplishments of local young leaders, namely Prize Committee members Bob Berkowitz, Teebie Bunn, Anna Cabrera, Christine Holland, John Jenkins, Matt Kliszewski, Vitus Lau, Carmen Plaza de Jennings, Arthur Taylor, Camille Weekes, Amy Yamner, and Max Yeh.

PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS CHAIR:

John Jenkins '97 (jjenkins@alumni.princeton.edu)

# 10 Palo Alto Pub Night

A chill evening with the orange and black

Since the first Friday of July is the weekend of the 4th, pub night will relax its "first Friday" rule

and take place on the 10th. Come enjoy warm weather at the British Bankers Club, which has ample outdoor seating, quite an array of beers, and (some say) the best burgers in Menlo Park (I know... wow). Friends & family welcome, as is the wearing of outrageously bright orange clothing.

## July

Friday, July 10, 7:00-9:00 pm

Palo Alto Pub Night  
British Bankers Club  
1090 El Camino Real  
Menlo Park

Contact: Catherine Baker '97  
ccb@stanford.edu  
650.283.5936

# 25 Pan-Ivy Asian American Alumni BBQ

Picnic BBQ at Crissy Field in San Francisco with Asian American alumni from sister universities

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Pan-Ivy Asian American Alumni Picnic sponsored by Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton University (A4P) and our sister organizations:

Brown Asian American Alumni Alliance (AAAA)

Asian Columbia Alumni Association (ACAA)

Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA)

Dartmouth Asian Pacific American Alumni Association

Harvard Business School Asian American Alumni Association (HBS4A)

University of Pennsylvania Asian Alumni Network (UPAAN)

Association of Asian American Yale Alumni

Stanford Asian Pacific American Alumni Club

Crissy Field "West Bluff Picnic Area" - not too far from Fort Point Mine Depot Warming Hut

PLEASE RSVP directly so we can plan and shop accordingly (even if you plan on paying onsite) at <http://panasianalum nibbq2009.eventbrite.com/>

Prepayment: \$10

Onsite payment: \$15

San Francisco, near Golden Gate Bridge/Presideo: <http://www.crissyfield.org/center/directions.html>

<http://www.crissyfield.org/pdfs/crissymap.pdf>

Saturday, July 25, 11:30-3:00 pm

Crissy Field  
West Bluff Picnic Area  
San Francisco

Prepayment cost \$10 members & non-members

Onsite payment cost: \$15

Contact: April Chou '96,  
aachou@alumni.princeton.edu

RSVP: Please RSVP by 7/24 directly at: <http://panasianalum nibbq2009.eventbrite.com/>

415.250.5793



Student leaders recognized at the Princeton Prize in Race Relations ceremony on May 15, 2009.  
All PPRR photographs by Vitus Lau '79

Friday, Aug. 7, 7:00-9:00 pm

Cafe Barrone  
1010 El Camino Real  
Menlo Park  
Contact: Catherine Baker '97  
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650.283.5936

## 7 Palo Alto Pub Night

### Mellow out with the orange and black

Pub night this month is at Cafe Borrone, mere

yards from last month's locale (BBC). Come meet old friends, make some new ones, and enjoy the menu offerings (food and drink). Cafe B is very kid- and dog-friendly (they may be friendly to cats, for all I know, but I have never seen one here...).

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2:00-5:00 pm

Cowell Theater  
at far end of Hearst Pavilion  
Fort Mason Center  
Marina Blvd and Buchanan St  
San Francisco  
Cost: \$40 members only  
RSVP: Please confirm your reservation by mailing a check payable to PCNC by 7/22 to  
Dan Sullivan '63  
359 Church St  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
dansullivan63@earthlink.net  
415.626.8153

## 9 Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte" by Merola Opera Program

### Young lovers test their girlfriends' fidelity in Mozart's comic opera

PCNC has obtained a row of 16 tickets for a Sunday matinee performance of Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte" by the Merola Opera Program. The opera is a humorous but edgy tale of two self-confident young friends who each wager that his own girlfriend is so faithful that the other will not be able to seduce her. Will they succeed? And what happens if they do? The opera will be performed in Italian with English supertitles, so you won't have any trouble understanding what's going on.

The Merola Opera Program is a very competitive summer training program for promising young artists that operates in close collaboration with the San Francisco Opera. The performance will be in the Cowell Theater, a 437-seat theater that is a wonderful venue for musical performances. Because our supply is so limited, the PCNC tickets are available only to PCNC members and their guests.

Send your reservation by e-mail to contact at left, including your name, class year, and postal address. Confirm your reservation by mailing a check payable to PCNC by July 22. These tickets will go quickly, so don't wait.

## PRINCETON WOMEN'S NETWORK SECOND THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, JUL. 9, 7-10 PM THURSDAY, AUG. 13, 7-10 PM THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, 7-10 PM

Join us for a casual monthly gathering to discuss all kinds of books with area alumnae!

On the second Thursday of each month, the Princeton Women's Network Book Club gathers in a member's home or an area restaurant to eat, chat, and (usually) discuss that month's literary selection. The location changes from month to month, and books are chosen by consensus with those who show up! Recent selections have included both fiction and non-fiction, modern and classic, from *Uncle Tom's Cabin* to *The Botany of Desire*, *The Virgin Suicides*, and *Ender's Game*.

New participants are welcome all the time.

Please contact Amanda Whitehead '00 at [apostwhitehead@hotmail.com](mailto:apostwhitehead@hotmail.com) for more information or to be added to the e-vite list for this group. The e-vite will contain book, location, and food details.

## 16 Hike in Stevens Creek Park near Cupertino

### Hike along Stevens Creek and up to a high ridge above Cupertino

Just a short distance from I-280, Stevens Creek County Park and the Fremont Older Open Space Preserve combine to provide almost 2000 acres of lush forests and open ridges that look out over the South Bay. This 6.5 mile hike begins in the riparian forest along Stevens Creek, goes along the Stevens Creek Reservoir, and then climbs steeply to Lookout Point, 1000 feet above the Bay. It returns via the Coyote Ridge Trail in the Fremont Older Open Space Preserve, with sweeping views over the South Bay. Bring sunscreen, plenty

of water, lunch, and a windbreaker. Princeton friends and children are welcome.

Driving directions: From I-280 in Cupertino, take the exit for Foothill Expressway and Foothill Blvd. Follow Foothill Blvd south about two miles, past the intersection with Stevens CREEK Blvd, to the northern entrance to Stevens Creek County Park. Take the first left into the parking lot for the Chestnut Picnic Area. (Foothill Blvd becomes Stevens CANYON Road shortly before the park entrance.) For last-minute questions on the day of the outing, call 415-577-3040.

RSVP is helpful but not required, particularly if you can offer or need a ride.

Sunday Aug. 16, 10:00-3:00 pm

Stevens Creek County Park  
11401 Stevens Canyon Rd  
Cupertino

Cost: Parking Fee

Contact: Heather Kellman '99  
hkellman@alumni.princeton.edu

## 11 Palo Alto Pub Night Peanuts!

To the Nuthouse we return, for the first (non-holiday) weekend post-summer. Come relax in the rather unaffected ambiance (if that's the

right word) of Antonio's Nuthouse. Grab a beer, a handful of peanuts, and discuss current affairs, pop culture (good and bad), and whether the coming year will be a big one for Princeton football/basketball/soccer/fill-in-the-blank.

## September

Friday, Sept. 11, 7:00-9:00 pm

Antonio's Nut House  
321 S. California Avenue  
Palo Alto

Contact: Catherine Baker '97  
ccb@stanford.edu  
650.283.5936

### PRINCETON ENTREPRENEURS' NETWORK

THE PRINCETON ENTREPRENEURS' NETWORK is happy to announce the recent re-launch of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. Our inaugural event was June 10th, and we look forward to many great events and networking opportunities in the near future. The Princeton Entrepreneurs' Network consists of alumni, students, faculty, and others connected to the Princeton community who are entrepreneurs, soon-to-be entrepreneurs, investors, mentors, lawyers, accountants, consultants, other professional service providers, and those otherwise interested in entrepreneurship.

PrincetonEN serves its network through:

REGIONAL CHAPTERS across North America

EVENTS THAT INTRODUCE AND ENGAGE. Participants experience small, informal conversations with leading entrepreneurs, business experts and venture capitalists. Past events have included marquee keynote speakers with Q&A sessions, business plan pitches, entrepreneur round-table discussions, speed networking for entrepreneurs, and more.

RESOURCE NETWORKING that provides access to advice from business experts, legal advisors, investors, financial gurus and fellow entrepreneurs.

THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE on the Friday of Reunions on the Princeton campus.

WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRINCETON COMMUNITY to become active in PrincetonEN by visiting <http://www.princetonen.org> and signing up, or by contacting [sfbay@princetonen.org](mailto:sfbay@princetonen.org). Whether you are an entrepreneur, you have any amount of entrepreneurial spirit, or you are not sure, we encourage you to take a look at the information provided in this site and to get involved.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 6:30-11:00 pm  
Forest Meadows Amphitheatre  
Dominican University of California  
@ Grand Avenue  
San Rafael

Cost: \$55 members, \$62.50 non-members

RSVP: Please RSVP and send your payment by 9/10 to  
Lesley Schisgall Currier '84  
P.O. Box 4053  
San Rafael, CA 94913  
415.449.4485

## 12 "Julius Caesar" with the Marin Shakespeare Company Pre-show dinner and performance under the stars

The Marin Shakespeare Company presents the 20th season of its award-winning summer Shakespeare festival at the Forest Meadows Amphitheatre in the Dominican University of California in San Rafael. The 2009 season includes one of Shakespeare's best-known plays, "Julius Caesar," and his comedy of "Twelfth Night," plus Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

On September 12th join Lesley Schisgall Currier '84 for a pre-show dinner at the Forest Meadows Amphitheatre followed by a performance of "Julius Caesar" starring Barry Kraft in the title role. This action-packed story of some of Rome's greatest personalities explores loyalty and ambition, politics and personality, and it contains some of Shakespeare's most memorable orations.

During dessert there will be a brief talk about the

play by Robert Currier, director of this production and Artistic Director of the Marin Shakespeare Company.

Dinner and the performance are outdoors under the stars, so please dress appropriately.

The discounted price for PCNC members is \$55 for adults, and \$45 for youth ages 18 and under. Your ticket includes reserved seating in a special section and complimentary seat cushions. Beverages are not included with your dinner and can be purchased separately, including beer and wine.

Dinner choices can be found on the Marin Shakespeare Company web site at <http://www.marinshakespeare.org/pages/ticketorder.php> or contact Lesley at 415/499-4485 or [lesley@marin-shakespeare.org](mailto:lesley@marin-shakespeare.org)

RSVP to Lesley and mail your check to the Marin Shakespeare Company, or call Lesley to charge tickets to your credit card.

Saturday Sept. 19, 10:00-3:00 pm  
San Francisco Presidio  
Presidio Visitor Center  
50 Moraga Ave @ Arguello Ave  
San Francisco

Contact: Dan Sullivan '63  
[dansullivan63@earthlink.net](mailto:dansullivan63@earthlink.net)  
415.577.3040

## 19 Discovery Walk in San Francisco Presidio 6-mile circuit through the Presidio forest and coastline

Beginning as a Spanish military post in 1776, the Presidio has now become a wonderful recreational resource as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. It is also a source of public controversy as the Presidio Trust considers whether the historic Main Post section should become the location of a major museum of contemporary art.

We will meet in front of the Presidio Visitor Center at the upper end of the Main Post, near the proposed location for the contemporary art museum. After a short pause at the Visitor Center,

we will take a trail that climbs gradually through the Presidio forests to Inspiration Point, and then follow the Bay Area Ridge Trail past the "Spire" sculpture created by artist Andy Goldsworthy in 2008. We will continue on the Ridge Trail to the western edge of the Presidio and the coastal bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Golden Gate. We will walk under the Golden Gate Bridge and return along the "Golden Gate Promenade" and Crissy Field by San Francisco Bay. Bring lunch, sunscreen, and windbreaker. Princeton friends and children are welcome.

RSVP is helpful, but not required.

For driving directions to the Visitor Center from any conceivable direction, see:

<http://www.presidio.gov/directions/visitor.htm>

Join the Club or Renew Your PCNC Membership Today!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, please sign me up to receive TigerGram, a monthly e-mail reminder about PCNC events and opportunities

I am interested in helping PCNC with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee      | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> Careers Council                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts          | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Tours                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Schools Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Princeton Prize in Race Relations |

PCNC is a registered 501c3 organization (Tax ID 94-3042494). Your dues and donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

You may pay your dues by credit card through PayPal.com (directions right) or cut out and mail this form to:

Cathy Legg Tanimura '99  
 666 30th Avenue  
 San Francisco, CA 94121

Dues for 2009-2010:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron                                  | \$100    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member                       | \$60     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Classes ('04-'08)                | \$20     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Graduates ('09)                     | Free     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Graduate Students               | \$20     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (gift)                            | \$ _____ |

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Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PCNC Scholarship Fund             | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Schools Committee Events   | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Princeton Prize in Race Relations | \$ _____ |

Total (Payable to PCNC): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card or Bank Account Transfer via PayPal (Preferred):

1. Go to: <http://www.pcnc.org/> and click on "Become a Member" in the upper left hand corner (or go directly to: [http://www.pcnc.org/new\\_member.shtml](http://www.pcnc.org/new_member.shtml))
2. Fill out the membership form online
3. After submitting the form, follow the link to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), sign in or create a new account
4. Click on the link to "Send Money"
5. Send payment to [dues@pcnc.org](mailto:dues@pcnc.org) with "FY2009 Membership Dues" in the subject line
6. In the notes section, please include your name and class year to match the submitted form

PRINCETON WOMEN'S NETWORK

The PWN presents a series of events designed to connect local alumnae through engaging conversations. Events include a monthly book club, "food for thought" small group dinner discussions with featured speakers, and an Annual Tea, which is always an inspiring gathering of a diverse group of alumnae from the 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s.

For more book club information, please contact Amanda Whitehead '00 at [apostwhitehead@hotmail.com](mailto:apostwhitehead@hotmail.com). For more information regarding PWN membership, the Annual Tea or to suggest ideas for events or speakers, please contact Suzy Tompkins '96 at [suzytompkins@yahoo.com](mailto:suzytompkins@yahoo.com).



View from Skyline during the 6-mile Mid-Peninsula hike May 9, 2009, organized by Ryan Sawchuk '00. Photograph by Catherine Baker '97.

### PCNC THANKS NENE KALU '07, YOUNG ALUMNI EVENTS COORDINATOR

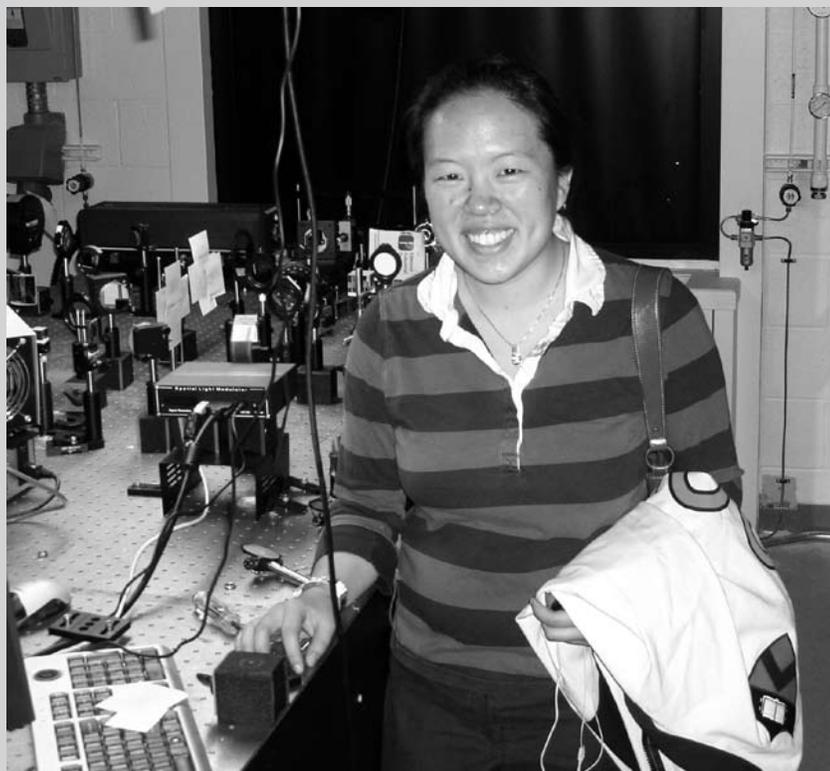


PCNC was fortunate to have a very active calendar of events this past year, organized by Nene Kalu '07. We asked her write a few words to area Princeton alumni about her activities, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

"As PCNC's young alumni coordinator, I mainly organized monthly happy hours at Terroir Wine Merchant in SOMA or neighborhood favorite, Toronado in Lower Haight. I began in August 2008 when I noticed that there weren't any events organized for recent alumni and seeing as San Francisco has so much to offer, I thought it would be worthwhile to get all of us together in a social setting.

I found organizing these meetups to be very satisfying and they always proved to bring a mix of Princetonians from different class years, professional backgrounds, and SF (or even South Bay) neighborhoods. I passed the baton over to Amy Widdowson '06 when I moved out of San Francisco in May 2009, but I believe that the spirit of the young alumni gatherings will live on as long as there are recent alumni in SF who want to catch up with old friends or engage with new ones. All in all, it has been a pleasure to serve PCNC and I hope that many more young alumni will join and participate in this flagship of Ol' Nassau in the Bay!"

SPOTLIGHT ON INCOMING PROJECT 55 FELLOW JOYCE LEE '09



JOYCE LEE '09 (pictured left in the lab where she did her senior thesis work) grew up in upstate New York, moving to Northern California at the beginning of high school. At Princeton, she majored in electrical engineering, and was active on the Executive Board of the Student Volunteers Council, where she worked during all four undergraduate years to coordinate and facilitate volunteering by Princeton students in the local community. She hopes to become a doctor, and is really excited to be working at the UCSF Breast Care Center and to be back in the Bay Area.

JOYCE WILL BE A FELLOW AT THE UCSF BREAST CARE CENTER for a year, beginning July 2009. The UCSF Breast Care Center provides breast health patient services as well as cancer research and clinical trials in an innovative setting. As a Fellow, Joyce will be involved in such areas as clinical research, basic science research, delivery of care, and/or patient education. Additionally, she will gain experience with the clinical setting, and be trained as a consultation planner, assisting patients in sifting through information and asking questions during consultations with surgeons and oncologists.

ABOUT PROJECT 55

Princeton Project 55 is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing opportunities for college alumni to improve our society. By bringing alumni together with students and recent graduates, Princeton Project 55 provides many opportunities for building the commitment, leadership, and mentoring needed to solve critical issues affecting the public interest.

Princeton Project 55 believes that there is a vast untapped resource of energy and expertise among college alumni that is available for the public good. We accomplish our mission through a variety of approaches including matching recent graduates with year-long fellowships in public-service organizations, providing mentors and professional development; supporting alumni from other universities engaged in similar initiatives, and collaborating with on-campus programs to raise the profile of civic engagement among current undergraduates.

Princeton Project 55 was founded in 1989 by the Princeton Class of 1955 and their spouses. So far, Princeton Project 55's Fellowship Programs have placed more than 1,100 students and recent Princeton graduates in paid fellowships and internship programs around the country. More than 20 other colleges and universities have developed similar programs based on the Princeton Project 55 model and are supported by The Alumni Network, our outreach initiative. Read more about Princeton Project 55's history and accomplishments, and learn more about Princeton Project 55's current programs at [www.Project55.org](http://www.Project55.org) or write [pip@project55.org](mailto:pip@project55.org).

Today, Princeton Project 55 is a multigenerational organization where opportunities exist for substantial involvement by both undergraduates and alumni from all classes.

For local information, anyone may contact the Bay Area Coordinators Camille Logan Weekes '95 ([Camille\\_Weekes@Hotmail.com](mailto:Camille_Weekes@Hotmail.com)) and Jessie Garton '05.

## 2008-2009 PCNC SCHOLARSHIP WINNER AMANDA MIRELES



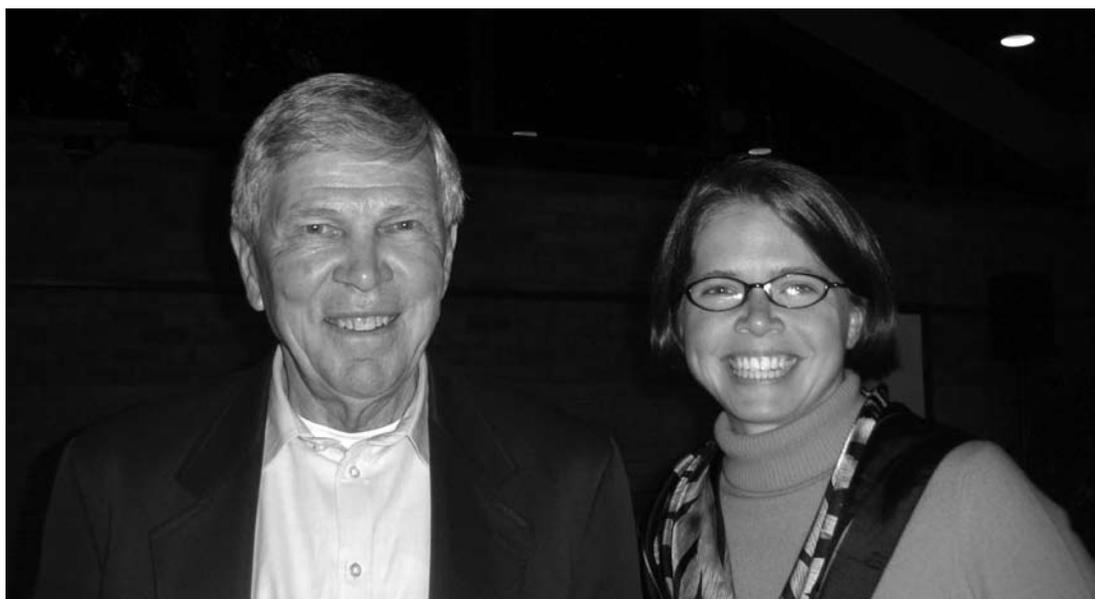
AMANDA MIRELES '11 (pictured left with Professor Cornel West) is a native Californian from Sanger in the Central Valley near Fresno. She is the appreciative recipient of the PCNC Scholarship for the 2008-2009 year.

DURING HER SECOND YEAR AT PRINCETON, Amanda took an introductory sociology course and the three professors who taught the course, Professors Duneier, Pager and Centeno, inspired her to focus on this field and changed the course of her life. Her subsequent coursework introduced her to one of the facets of Princeton life she appreciates most: the close relationships professors build with students, and their support of serious undergraduate scholarship. She is deeply impressed with the time and effort Princeton professors give to undergraduates, from course papers to senior theses. Recent examples she cites are the kindness and patience of Professor Cornel West as he worked with her on her ideas for his African American Studies course paper, and the personal mentorship she will continue to develop with Professor Patricia Fernandez-Kelly throughout independent work the next two years. She plans to major in Sociology, and hopes to pursue dual certificates in Latino Studies, which will see its first year as a certificate program next year, and in Spanish.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT to Amanda, and she has taken advantage of opportunities through the Student Volunteers Council and Rotoract Club. In her first year at Princeton she participated in Better Days, a Friday afternoon program at a New Brunswick hospital coordinating small science experiments with children in the cancer unit. Over the last school year she participated with Princeton Food TASK delivering food from Princeton dining halls to a Trenton soup kitchen. There are so many students enthusiastically ready to volunteer, she says, that fortunately there are countless opportunities to participate and make a difference.

THE NEXT STEP IN HER EDUCATIONAL GOALS after Princeton is a PhD in Sociology. Through information from juniors and seniors and Princeton's Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, she applied for a Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF). The MMUF is a program designed to support high-achieving students with demonstrated academic ability to "increase the number of minority students, and others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities, who will pursue PhDs in core fields in the arts and sciences." Amanda was thrilled and surprised by her selection, and excited by a future in academics, a path helped made possible by the fellowship. She looks forward to spending this summer in Chicago through the MMUF Summer Research Program at the University of Chicago working with Professor Mario Small.

ALTHOUGH IT WAS AN ADJUSTMENT spending that first winter in Princeton, Amanda is grateful for the strong support of her parents, triplet sisters, and grandparents. She explains, "It's still a fairly recent idea to many in the Latino community for children to move so far away from their families for educational opportunities universities like Princeton offer." It was especially wonderful to come home that first winter break and see her first-generation immigrant grandparents wearing Princeton sweatshirts and knowing they were completely supportive of her educational goals. She wants to thank the PCNC community as well for their support, "I am so grateful for your scholarship, and look forward to contributing in turn in the future!"



Princeton emeritus history professor James M. McPherson poses with Christina Cragholm '97, who organized a private reception for Princetonians during his April 13-14, 2009 visit to deliver the Presidential Lecture at Stanford University.

PCNC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Interested in volunteering but not sure where to start?



PCNC's Community Services committee plans events throughout the year to help you join fellow alumni in meeting the diversity of needs in the Bay Area and beyond. Recent examples include Renew the Zoo this June, when Princeton volunteers of all ages helped to beautify the grounds of the San Francisco Zoo, serving Easter brunch to the homeless at Glide Memorial Church (pictures this page), and restoring wetlands by canoeing to Bair Island and planting over 300 native plants with Save the Bay. Mark your calendars for another popular volunteer event: "Grilling out for Veteran's Day: making and eating dinner with Bay Area homeless vets at a residential facility in Menlo Park," coming up next quarter on Saturday, November 7th.

Bookmark [www.pcnc.org](http://www.pcnc.org) for updates on future events, and check PCNC's Community Service page at <http://pcnc.org/communityservice.shtml> for information on ongoing volunteer opportunities at a variety of organizations throughout the Bay Area.

Finally, let us hear from you. Drop us an e-mail at:

Scott Duncan '96 ([duncan@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:duncan@alumni.princeton.edu))



## July-September 2009 Calendar of Events

### July

Thursday, Jul. 9, 7:00-10:00 pm:  
Princeton Women's Network  
Second Thursday Book Club

Friday, Jul. 10, 7:00-9:00 pm:  
Palo Alto Pub Night

Saturday, Jul. 25, 11:30 am-3:00 pm:  
Pan-Ivy Asian American Alumni  
Picnic BBQ, San Francisco

### August

Friday, Aug. 7, 7:00-9:00 pm:  
Palo Alto Pub Night

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2:00-5:00 pm:  
Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte" by Merola  
Opera Program, San Francisco

Thursday, Aug. 13, 7:00-10:00 pm:  
Princeton Women's Network  
Second Thursday Book Club

Sunday, Aug. 16, 10:00-3:00 pm:  
Hike in Stevens Creek Park,  
Cupertino

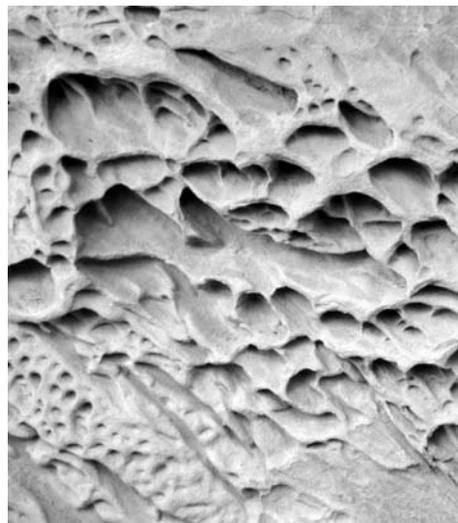
### September

Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:00-10:00 pm:  
Princeton Women's Network  
Second Thursday Book Club

Friday, Sept. 11, 7:00-9:00 pm:  
Palo Alto Pub Night

Saturday, Sept. 12, 6:30-11:00 pm:  
"Julius Caesar" with the Marin  
Shakespeare Company, San Rafael

Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:00-3:00 pm:  
Discovery Walk in  
San Francisco Presidio



Tafoni sandstone monolith viewed during the 6-mile Mid-Peninsula hike May 9, 2009, organized by Ryan Sawchuk '00. Photograph by Catherine Baker '97.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 1:00-4:30 PM: 8TH ANNUAL PCNC FLEET  
WEEK CRUISE & MEMBER APPRECIATION SOCIAL ON THE BAY**

*Check [www.pcnc.org](http://www.pcnc.org) for upcoming details & RSVP information, TBA*

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