

HR78 Career-Life Workshop for Current Harvard Undergraduates

40th Class-Reunion Edition

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Healthcare

Name	Rina Bloch	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biology	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD (University of Louisville, 1983) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Care 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work at Tufts Medical Center, in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re things I wish I had known – Relationships with individuals are how you get things done 	

Name	Julie G. Breskin	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Psychology & Social Relations	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M.A. (Boston U, 1982) - Psychology Ph.D. (Boston U, 1986) - Clinical Psychology Psych. Intern & Fellow, McLean, 1983-'86 Post-Doctoral Fellow, NE Mem'l, 1986-'87 Program in Family/Trauma/Resilience, 2006 Certification in Clinical Hypnosis, ASCH, 2009 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Care 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blending family & career; constantly learning & growing; using all my intellectual, emotional & creative skills; loving what I do! 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance performance & choreography in my teens and twenties Parenting two children through & beyond death of their dad Remarriage to wonderful man Good friendships Multi-generational caregiving 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decades of dance class into my 60s Enjoying music, theater & art Board member of 501(c)3 Foundation, environmental & social focus Political advocacy Travel 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career in psychology (though not for business aspects of practice). 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 family suicides: Father with multiple sclerosis, d. 1981; Physician husband with misdiagnosed bipolar II disorder treated as depression, d. 2001, while we were separated, 3 weeks before 9/11/2001 Oldest son's refusal to treat his major mental illness. I am quite grateful that my younger son is thriving! 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one can live their life backwards! I do wish that HR had had more institutional support of the arts at the time I attended. I might have become a choreographer, but then again, I might have had trouble paying bills and raising a family if I had followed that path. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Name	Mary Ruth 'Mimi' Buchness	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biochemical Sciences	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD (Columbia, 1982) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Care 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I love what I do, so every day is a highlight, especially when I treat a skin cancer and know that I saved a life. Published an article in New Engl J of Medicine about an effective treatment for a then newly described HIV-related skin disease Gave plenary session at Am.Acad of Derm on complementary medicine Served as President of The NY State Soc of Derm and Derm Surgery, The Manhattan Metropolitan Derm Society, The Women's Medical Association of NYC Current President-Elect of The New York County Medical Society. 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening my own practice 10 years ago The birth of my son in 2001 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My passion for 25 years was competitive dressage riding. While injuries are part of the territory (I had broken my scapula, 3 ribs, fingers and toes in the past), six years ago I took a fall and broke my left tibia and fibula, requiring 2 surgeries, 2 plates and seven screws, and 2 1/2 weeks in the hospital. I did not get back on the horse. I now go shooting sporting clays with my son, garden at my 300+ year-old house / farm, and go to theater once or twice a week. I had a brief love affair with Tai Chi and Kung Fu, until my hip became arthritic, but I continue to train in American boxing. 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hard and lifelong learning 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fact that you really can't have it all, contrary to what the feminists claimed in the 70's 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising a child is really hard, especially when you work full time and have him at 45. I would have started earlier. Most of my friends have grandkids and I'm saving for college. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 3 dogs (2 Corgis) and I raise chickens on our NJ farm We lived through 9/11 and live 10 blocks from the World Trade Centers. I was 7 months pregnant, and we were not allowed to drive in our own neighborhood for a few weeks. After that, we had to pass check-points for weeks. What a surreal time it was. We were also evacuated from our apartment for 2 months after Hurricane Sandy, giving me eternal understanding and sympathy for survivors of natural disasters. 	

Name	Christopher F. 'Chris' Dowd	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biology	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD (U. of Virginia, 1983) Radiology Residency (UCSD, 1987) Neuroradiology Fellowship (UCSF, 1988) Interventional Neuroradiology Fellowship (UCSF, 1990) UCSF School of Medicine Faculty (1990 - Present) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Care 	
Narrative		
<p>I am an Interventional Neuroradiologist at UC San Francisco, a large teaching hospital and medical school. I perform brain surgery through the blood vessels, treating conditions such as aneurysms and acute stroke, and I teach others how to do this. I love my job and feel that I am contributing to society, although I often still have long, arduous days, and getting up in the middle of the night for emergencies is becoming more difficult! My wife and I have two children, one still in high school, and I am very involved in their lives. I became a youth sports coach and sports photographer, and although I have not achieved a good work-life balance, I find these things fulfilling.</p> <p>I'd be happy to chat with the undergrads about my journey and about their hopes.</p>		

Name	Rhonda Moore Johnson	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biology	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD (Pennsylvania State University, 1982) • MPH (Ohio State University, 1996) • Pediatrics Internship & Residency (University of Cincinnati, Children's Hospital Medical Center, 1982-1985) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practiced pediatrics and adolescent medicine • Career transition to managed care • Expertise in culturally competent care and the promotion of equitable health care for disparity prone populations • Expertise in managed health care / health insurance 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married in 1982; divorced in 2018; mother of three successful children • Have traveled to every continent except Antarctica • I have lived a life that I never imagined! 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveling; missionary service 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family life responsibilities and career 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal tragedy that is a part of life 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am so thankful that I did not know! 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step out of your comfort zone and live the best life you can live! 	

Name	Anna A. Manatis	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Anthropology, Archeology, Art History	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD (NYU, 1985) • Internship Med-Ped (Albany Med, 1985-6) • Residency Internal Medicine (Albany Med, 1986-8) • MPH (Harvard, 2007) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care 	
Narrative		
<p>I graduated from Harvard in 1978 with a BA in Anthropology. I believe what I told my interviewer, as a senior applying was that I wanted to be a paleopathologist and study mummies. My senior thesis at Harvard was on the site of Begram in Afghanistan and my thesis advisor, C.C. Lamberg-Karlovsky's research was in Tepe Yahya in Iran. In the end, my goal was to retrace Alexander the Great's Route though to the Indus Valley. However, it was 1978, and with coups in Afghanistan and Iran, I was left to think about my choice of profession.</p> <p>Ironically, though I was captivated by the history, the romance, and the adventure, in the slide shows of the site work I always focused on the people in the periphery of the photos. The daughter of a pediatrician mother and a biochemist father, it appeared that it was inevitable that I would be a doctor. It was a decision reached by a necessarily circuitous route, and one that I have never regretted.</p> <p>I attended NYU School of medicine and moved to Albany after I got married where I did a med-ped internship and a medicine residency.</p> <p>Our family moved to the Cape in 1989 and I had an internal medicine practice in East Sandwich for 20 years. In 2004, when my son entered Brown University, I went back to school to the HSPH and in 2007 completed my MPH in Occupational and Environmental Health. In 2009, when my daughter entered Tulane University, I joined the staff of the Bulfinch Medical Group at MGH. I remained at MGH until 2015 at which time family obligations brought me back to the Cape, where I worked with Emerald Physicians until August of 2018. I will be starting new practice with the Brigham in Hingham next month.</p>		

Name	Steven Okuhn	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Chemistry	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD (Stanford, 1982) • General Surgical Residency (UCSF, 1982-1988) • Vascular Surgery Fellowship (UCSF, 1989-1990) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 year career as vascular surgeon / surgical educator now transitioned to professor of vascular surgery at UCSF and consultant 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis • Clarinet • Travel • Enjoying my friends and family 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More school / the rigors of surgical training 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing work / life balance 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not very much—too much info is not necessarily a good thing! 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

Name	Richard 'Rich' Parker	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	East Asian Languages and Civilizations	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD (Dartmouth-Brown, 1985) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care 	
Narrative		
<p>I probably got in to Harvard because they thought it was interesting that I spent a year in Thailand during High School as an exchange student. I had no interest in science as an undergraduate, and majored in Chinese, spending my Junior year in Taiwan (great experience!). A year after graduation, I got the bug to become a doctor and went back to Harvard as a special student for 2 years to take all the pre-med classes. That was very hard for me. I got a tutor and ended up getting As after getting a 50 on my first hourly exam and feeling totally despondent.</p> <p>I loved being a doctor. For that, I have no regrets. I loved the science and I loved helping people, including at the end of their lives. I published an article about Caring for Patients at the End of Life. I met a wonderful woman, got married, and we have 4 great kids. My wife and I do yoga daily and take ballroom dance lessons every week.</p> <p>I left the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital system, where I was also the Chief Medical Officer, after 30 years, and joined a healthcare tech company called Arcadia. We deal with aggregating electronic medical record data so doctors can get a full view of the patient population. I work with a lot of young tech people who bring their dogs to work. No one wears a tie at this job.</p> <p>I have also worked as an expert witness for the past 18 years, reviewing hundreds of malpractice cases. I have learned a lot about the law and have testified in court numerous times. In fact, now I teach a course every year to doctors who want to learn how to be an expert witness.</p> <p>In my spare time, which is quite a lot these days, I play with my dog, play the violin, and am re-learning to speak Thai for an upcoming trip back to the family that hosted me in 1973. I feel grateful for my good fortune and look forward to meeting some of you!</p>		

Name	Stein E, Rafto	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biochemistry	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD (University of Hawaii, 1983) • Internship (University of Hawaii, 1984) • Radiology Residency (Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - HUP, 1987) • Neuroradiology Fellowship (HUP, 1990) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care 	
Narrative		
<p>My father was an immigrant from Norway who came through Ellis Island just after WWII with barely a day's rent in his pocket. His life and my life had many interesting twists and turns, from where we've lived, gone to school, and what we accomplished athletically and academically. On a number of occasions I've been faced with lemons, and in most cases have been able to make lemonade. Most of the time I have not tried to reinvent the wheel, but I am probably the only member of HR '78 who graduated with 10 major H varsity letters and a summa thesis (biochemistry), which was published in a peer reviewed journal (Biochemistry - the "green journal") within months of graduation. I was fortunate to run as a 'semipro' for Boston-based New Balance and simultaneously recognize how the exponential growth of computing in the 1980's would impact imaging, contributing to the early develop of MRI and neuroradiology while at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (including the 1st published case of human CNS Lyme's Disease, and the 1st demonstration of Wallerian Degeneration by MRI using the visual system of the cat as a model). I am very proud of my father (Papa Bear) whom we lost to pancreatic cancer at his 80th birthday, of my 35 year marriage to a second generation Chinese in Hawaii, and of my 3 adult children (2 girls have finished college @ U of Santa Clara and American U. and a boy who is a junior at Boston U). I listened to what my father (Harvard MBA'52) and to what Fortune 500 CEOs said, and have retired to enjoy my home, my family and what the neighborhood and the rest of the world has to offer. I recently had a great time summiting Mt. Harvard (14,420 feet) with several HR'78 classmates, participated in the 'Careers and Lives' event for our 30th reunion, and have done several individual events at Mather House in the years since then. Stop by and say hello - I'm sure we will both enjoy it!</p>		

Name	Karen Soren	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biochemistry	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD (NYU, 1982) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care 	
Narrative		
<p>Karen Soren, MD is Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University Medical Center and Director of Adolescent Medicine at the New York-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital. After receiving her BA from Harvard University and MD from New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Soren trained in Pediatrics at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC, Adolescent Medicine at the University of Chicago Medical Center, and Faculty Development at Michigan State University. An experienced clinician and educator, Dr. Soren is board-certified in Adolescent Medicine and a nationally recognized expert in the field. In addition to building a comprehensive Adolescent Medicine practice at Columbia University Medical Center, she is responsible for the creation of the Adolescent Medicine residency experience at Columbia and the Adolescent Medicine Fellowship, of which she is Program Director. Dr. Soren has received grants to fund clinical research in adolescent chronic illness, contraception, depression, obesity and diabetes prevention, medical education, and adolescent vaccinations. Her areas of expertise include prevention of adolescent risk behaviors, adolescent reproductive health care, and mental health issues in adolescents and young adults.</p>		

Business

Name	Darcy Bradbury	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Social Studies	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA (Harvard, 1982) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business 	
Narrative		
<p>Darcy Bradbury is a managing director of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., where she is responsible for managing government and regulatory affairs for the firm globally. Ms. Bradbury has over 30 years of experience in finance in the private and public sectors, including with the Blackstone Group, the City of New York, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, CSFB, Bankers Trust, and Mezzacappa Management. Her roles included investment banking, corporate strategy and M&A, advising institutions on investment portfolios, creating innovative fixed income products, and managing large public debt issuance programs.</p> <p>Ms. Bradbury serves on the boards of several key industry associations and has served on advisory committees to the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission and U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and was a member of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. She is chair of the board of trustees of the Population Council, treasurer on the board of trustees of Educational Alliance, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and The Economic Club of New York. Ms. Bradbury has served on several corporate boards and currently is a director for an innovative fin tech trading platform, Open Door Securities.</p> <p>Ms. Bradbury received an M.B.A. with honors from Harvard Business School and an A.B. in social studies, <i>magna cum laude</i>, from Harvard University.</p>		

Name	Mark Chandler	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Economics	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JD (Stanford, 1981) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business 	
Narrative		
<p>Mark Chandler is Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and is also Cisco's Chief Compliance Officer. In these roles, he oversees Cisco's global legal activities and policies, as well as ethics, compliance and regulatory affairs, employee relations, investigations, and brand protection. He has been General Counsel since 2001. Previously, he was Managing Attorney for the Europe, Middle East, and Africa region, based in Paris. A primary part of his focus is developing solutions to simplify the support for Cisco's sales and services transactions, including process automation and anticipation of future transactional needs.</p> <p>Chandler joined Cisco in 1996, when Cisco acquired StrataCom, Inc., where he had been general counsel. Prior to StrataCom, he served for six years as vice president of corporate development and general counsel for Maxtor Corporation, a Fortune 500 hard disk drive manufacturer.</p> <p>Chandler is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for Stanford Law School, the Board of Directors of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, and the Board of Trustees for Belmont Hill School in Belmont, Mass. He previously served as a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce Manufacturing Council, member and chairman of the City of Palo Alto Planning Commission, and member of the Palo Alto Utilities Advisory Commission. In spring 2016, he was a Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School. In 2010, <i>The National Law Journal</i> named him one of the 40 Most Influential Lawyers of the Decade, and in 2013, <i>American Lawyer</i> numbered him among the Top 50 Big Law Innovators of the Last 50 Years.</p>		

Name	Katherine Fulton	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	History and Literature	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nieman Fellow (year long fellowship at Harvard, mid career journalists) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business 	
Narrative		
<p>I have had an eclectic career—in fact I have had 2 careers so far and am now leaning into another phase. I began as a journalist, first working in daily newspapers and then founding an alternative weekly in the South, which I edited for 10 years. That got me interested in the role that mission-driven businesses can play in driving change and social good. It was then the early 1990s and the new digital technologies were emerging as major transformative forces. I could see they would transform journalism, and I wanted to move out of the journalist role and into a role working side by side with people to solve problems. So I shifted to management / leadership consulting, working first with newspaper and broadcasting companies eager to understand the internet and the coming changes. I eventually shifted to working with philanthropic foundations and large nonprofits, and did my second start-up...this time inside a management consultancy, focused on working with innovative leaders driving social change. I am now working independently, especially on philanthropic strategy in the Bay Area, where I now live in the wine country. It's a long and fascinating story! Much to share. I have also had many experiences in leadership as a woman and as a lesbian that I am happy to reflect on.</p>		

Name	James 'Jim' Kozlowski	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Economics	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA (Harvard, 1982) Advanced Leadership Fellow (Harvard, 2014) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business 	
Narrative		
<p>Jim Kozlowski was a Co-Founder and President of TGF Management Corp., one of the most active middle market investment firms in the Southwest. Under the Texas Growth Fund and Southwest Opportunity Partners banners, he managed a series of funds totaling more than \$700 million dedicated to investing in companies located in Texas and throughout the Southwest. TGF acquired or invested in 47 middle market companies in a variety of industries.</p> <p>Prior to TGF, Jim was a Managing Director at Fortis Private Capital in New York, a Vice President at Merrill Lynch Venture Capital in New York and Director of New Business at Tenneco Ventures in Houston. He has also worked in the Corporate Finance Group at Credit Suisse First Boston and the Commercial Lending Division of Chemical Bank in New York.</p> <p>Jim received his MBA from Harvard Business School and his BA degree in economics from Harvard University. He also was a Fellow in the Harvard Advanced Leadership Program in 2014. Jim is an alumnus of the Texas Lyceum and the Texas Business Hall of Fame. He is actively involved in the Young Presidents' Organization, Association for Corporate Growth, and the World President's Organization. Jim is the past Chairman of the Children's Medical Center Foundation of Central Texas and current Chairman of The Comfort Crew for Military Kids.</p>		

Name	Christina Mohr	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Economics	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned	MBA (Harvard, 1982)	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My two daughters and long-suffering husband of 29 years 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horseback riding, sailing, cycling, puttering 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of energy and tenacity required to have a long career in investment banking 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The social skills and level of networking required to be really good at this job 	
Narrative		
<p>I am currently Vice Chairman in the Mergers and Acquisitions group within Citi's Banking, Capital Markets and Advisory (BCMA) division and the Co-Chair of Citi's Fairness Committee. I have enjoyed a 38-year career as an investment banker, have covered a diverse range of industries, and led numerous high profile merger transactions. Prior to joining Salomon Brothers in 1997, I was a General Partner at Lazard Frères in New York. I was the first woman to become a General Partner in Lazard Frères' Investment Banking Division. I am married to a Harvard alumnus (1980) and the mother of two daughters.</p>		

Name	Robert A. 'Bob' Palay	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Psychology and Social Relations	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.D. (Northwestern, 1983) • MBA (Kellogg, 1983) • Advanced Leadership Initiative (Harvard, 2016-2017) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business 	
Narrative		
<p>Currently Mr. Palay is Chairman of Tactics II Equity LLC, a life science investment and advisory firm. From 2016-2017 Mr. Palay was a Fellow at Harvard's Advanced Leadership Initiative. From 2004 through 2015 Mr. Palay was a founder, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer of Cellular Dynamic International (NASDAQ: ICEL), a leader in stem cell manufacturing. In 2015 ICEL was successfully sold to FujiFilm. Mr. Palay also co-founded NimbleGen Systems, Inc., a genomics tools company, and served as its chairman of the board from 1999 to 2007 and as its chief executive officer from 1999 to 2000. In 2007, NimbleGen was successfully sold to Roche. In addition, Mr. Palay has served as a manager of multiple Tactics II companies, entities specializing in life science investments. Prior to Tactics II, Mr. Palay was a Vice President at Sam Zell's Equity Group Investments.</p>		

Politics and Public Service

Name	James Arena-DeRosa	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Anthropology	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I was a professor of international advocacy at Heller graduate school at Brandies for MPA / MBA and PhD students but my field of interest was so nascent when we graduated in 1979 that I skipped formal grad school :-) but do not advise that approach in today's market 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Politics and Public Service 	
Narrative		
<p>Growing up in the 60s my home was activist central ... I "grew up in lap of the civil rights / anti-war / environmental and anti-hunger movements". Always interested in politics, public policy and public service. After graduation I worked for \$10 a day on a national campaign (Brown) with the United Farmworkers and learned community organizing from Caesar Chavez' son-in-law. I learned lessons about listening and interacting with communities that have served me at every phase of my career from entry level clerk, to local organizer to Director of Public Advocacy to Regional Administrator/President-CEO. My journey bridged international public policy and US domestic policy realms. I travelled the country speaking for Oxfam America but a turning point was convincing an enlightened board / leadership that we needed to take what we were learning from partners in the field and place it before political leaders in Congress / the White House. It may sound like common sense today, but at the time it was very radical and a great risk to funding - and a threat to those in power. After Oxfam's advocacy moved to Washington full-time, I was fortunate to run the New England Peace Corps office. During my tenure our region recruited thousands of volunteers from New England and it further broadened my international perspective. I later led the Northeast Region of USDA food and nutrition service for the Obama Administration (\$14 billion dollar budget serving 20 million Americans). Served a stint as CEO at a foodbank - but mostly about temporary food assistance and far afield from my core values and passion for building long term solutions to community and national/international challenges. I came home to Massachusetts after my father passed to help my 95 year old mom - the one who influenced much of my interest in making a difference. I am enjoying semi-retirement and consult / write when I can. The most important advice: follow your passion find something you love. Also: now is the time to take risks and explore...as you get older you may choose important obligations that sometimes temporary limit career options. Three times I left secure jobs to pursue my passion. There were bumps in the road, but every time by taking those risks I eventually ended up in great places. Feel free to link to me on LinkedIn.</p>		

Name	Brad Fujimoto	Photo Withheld by Request
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Engineering & Applied Physics, Economics	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPA (University of Southern California 1985) Environmental Law (SUNY at Buffalo Law School) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Politics and Public Service 	
Narrative		
<p>Over a 24-year career as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), I served in Bangladesh, Estonia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Honduras, and Nicaragua. I last served as the Chief of the Rule of Law Division in USAID / Washington. My Division oversaw and supported USAID's worldwide activities in rule of law and human rights. I also served with the Regional Mission for Europe during the startup of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program and headed the Democracy and Governance Offices in Bulgaria, Honduras, and Nicaragua. This involved leading the strategic thinking, design and implementation of rule of law, local governance, civil society, political processes, and participant training programs. I also served as the Program Office Director for the Mission in Macedonia and led the expansion of activities after the Kosovo conflict in 1999, including the development of community self-help initiatives as well as the Mission's first conflict management strategy in 2001 which incorporated activities addressing education and workforce development. Prior to joining USAID, I worked with NASA and promoted the transfer of NASA-developed technologies to the private, public and academic sectors, including ocean weather forecasting, alternative energy, air traffic control systems, water conservation technologies, advanced coal extraction techniques, air pollution monitoring, and curricula development at the Air University. I would be glad to offer any information for students seeking work in international development assistance. If helpful, I would be willing to answer questions about the reality of working in difficult overseas environments: authoritarian, ethnic conflict, endemic corruption, etc.</p>		

Name	Nina Lahoud	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations / Middle East Studies	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD (U. Penn, 1981) • Certificate of Islamic Law (U. Penn 1981) – together with JD, part of 4 year joint degree program offered by U. Penn Law School and the Middle East Center • Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow (Harvard, 2013) • Senior Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow (Harvard, 2014) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics and Public Service 	
Narrative		
<p>After Harvard, Nina Lahoud graduated with a joint J.D. and Certificate in Islamic Law from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Middle East Center. She transitioned from a Wall Street law firm to join the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in 1983 as the first woman Legal Adviser appointed to a mission. This began a 33-year career with the UN, where she dealt extensively with legal, rule of law, peacekeeping, development and gender matters while serving in various offices at UN Headquarters and in six UN peacekeeping operations deployed in Lebanon, Namibia, Cambodia, Croatia, Kosovo and East Timor at critical historic junctures. While working in the Office of Legal Affairs for over a decade, she handled diverse peacekeeping matters, and then transferred to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) in 1997 during a surge in peacekeeping activity worldwide. She assumed wide-ranging functions in DPKO, most recently (until Aug 2016) as Principal Officer to the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, where she undertook a special gender project and developed proposals for strengthening the gender architecture of UN peacekeeping missions and the integration of gender expertise throughout mission planning processes. Among earlier assignments, she served as DPKO's Deputy Director of the Asia and Middle East Division, Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, and Head of the Rule of Law Project. She also undertook a number of special assignments with other UN entities, including as Principal Officer to the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Iraq, Special Gender Adviser to the Under-Secretary-General of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and Special Adviser to the Executive Director of the UN Development Fund for Women (organizing two international conferences on gender justice in post-conflict situations).</p>		

Name	Carol R. Miaskoff	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Psychology and Social Relations	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.D. (George Washington, 1987) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics and Public Service 	
Narrative		
<p>Carol R. Miaskoff is the Associate Legal Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Commission or EEOC). As director of the Office of Legal Counsel, she provides legal advice to the Commission on a wide range of matters and oversees defense of the Chair and the Commission in litigation when stakeholders challenge Commission rules, guidance, and actions in court. She also is responsible for managing development of the Commission regulations and guidance interpreting the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. During her career at the EEOC, Ms. Miaskoff has supervised the development of proposed Commission policy on workplace harassment and final Commission policy on unlawful retaliation, national origin discrimination, equal pay, and the Title VII implications of criminal records exclusions from employment. In addition, she was active in coordinating policy for reasonable accommodation and related ADA issues during public health emergencies such as the pandemic flu epidemic in 2009. Ms. Miaskoff is a member of the EEOC's equal pay task force and speaks frequently to labor and employment groups. She received her law degree from the George Washington University Law School, with high honors. In the community, Ms. Miaskoff has been active in the Montgomery County, MD, Mental Health Advisory Committee, and she speaks regularly to students in undergraduate classes on Women and the Law at Georgetown University.</p>		

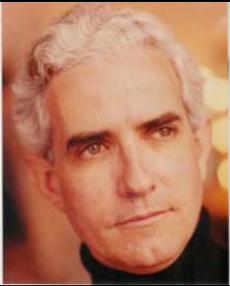
Education

Name	Philip S. 'Flip' Koch	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Geological Sciences	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPhil (UCLA, 1981) – Earth Science • PhD (UCLA, 1983) – Earth Science • MBA (U Texas - Austin, 2002) – Decision Theory, Risk Analysis, and Finance • FFI (2018, State of Colorado) • FFT2 (2018, National Wildfire Coordinating Group) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream R+D – devised new exploration techniques (Exxon) • Hydrocarbon exploration – discovered a lot of oil and gas (Exxon) • Technical and commercial leadership roles (Exxon / ExxonMobil) • Negotiator (ExxonMobil) • Lecturer / Professor (Exxon / EM, now Colorado School of Mines) • Firefighter, rescuer, medical first responder (Colorado) 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Husband (34 years) and friend (some friends since age 5) • Father of two wonderful adult children • Lived 8 years outside US (France, Malaysia, Australia), worked the geology of every continent, have visited all but Antarctica • Speak multiple languages and enjoy many cultures (and cuisines) • Co-founder of the EMERGE Fellowship (non-profit, college prep) 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing (prose – 3 books in progress + verse) and editing • Yoga (Iyengar), aikido (black belt), hiking, trekking, and camping • Working in 'plastic' materials (wood, metal, ceramic, etc.) • Cooking and gardening (especially for the kitchen) • Harvard Club, Class, and Admissions (40+ years; Hunn Award) 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking, problem-solving, and difficult work • Shifting career direction (several times) 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The failure of my first marriage and single parenthood 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been more patient and understanding earlier in my life dealing with the mentally ill, if I had been better informed – and wiser 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do what you love to do and never stop learning! 	

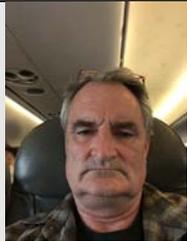
Name	Ann Koufman-Frederick	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Psychology	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAGS (Lesley, 1986) – Educational Technology • PhD (Boston College, 2000) – Educational Leadership 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education 	
Narrative	<p>Ann Koufman-Frederick is Chief Academic Officer at LearnLaunch Institute, leading projects on personalized learning – including the MAPLE Consortium, MassNET Testbed, and Across Boundaries Conference. Ann teaches in the <i>Technology, Innovation, Education</i> program at Harvard Graduate School of Education. She also devotes time to mentoring LearnLaunch edtech startups and is a Board member of the Harvard Alumni Association, and Massachusetts ASCD.</p> <p>Ann is a former public school educator having worked in several Massachusetts positions, including Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning in Newton, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in Watertown, and Director of Technology Initiatives at the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. She began her teaching career as K-12 instructional technology specialist and professional development instructor in Brookline Public Schools.</p> <p>Additionally, Ann has coordinated and worked on state and national educational technology initiatives such as the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Consortium, WIDE World at Harvard Graduate School of Education, Massachusetts Leadership Initiatives in Teaching & Technology, and Collaboration for Reform at BBN Learning Systems & Technologies.</p>	

Name	Anne Mackinnon	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	History and Literature	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	One year grad school in the UK	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to improve high schools at XQ Institute, New Visions for Public Schools, Carnegie Corporation • Working with other parents to improve public schools in Brooklyn • Serving as an elected school-board member in my district 	
Life Highlights	The usual: two amazing kids; deep, loving friendships; engagement in political and public service work that matters to me	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressive politics • Hiking and kayaking in the Adirondacks • Reading, writing plays and nonfiction 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing and thinking in sophisticated ways 	
I was NOT prepared for...	Coping with organizational culture	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	Taken my own writing more seriously ... had I but known that there would be no more time later on	
Other		

Science

Name	Charles 'Chip' Fisher	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	English and American Literature	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)		
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science 	
Narrative		
<p>I've had a great career as an entrepreneur, especially in my current business in the medical device industry. I've owned business in the consumer sector, first in food service and consulting, then in advertising, and now in the field of medical devices. All are unrelated except that I've dealt directly with consumers in most of these businesses. I come from a family of entrepreneurs so the challenges of small business were not new to me, though I did not possess the patience needed for success that I've now acquired. Our company makes a medical device which treats depression, anxiety and insomnia (fisherwallace.com) without drugs, and is now being marketed on a worldwide basis. We work with neuroscientists on peer research, and with medical device distributors worldwide to treat what the World Health Organization has defined as the greatest health challenge globally by 2020 (depression, specifically). I have enjoyed having a balanced life, which my father was unable to have given the challenges he faced after WWII, and this has given me greater satisfaction than trying to work 100 hours per week. I look forward to discussing the challenges of being on your own with you during our reunion!</p>		

Name	Thomas Seoh	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Philosophy and History	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD (Harvard, 1981) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science 	
Narrative		
<p>Thomas Seoh is CEO of Kinexum, a strategic advisory firm providing guidance on regulatory, clinical and other translational matters for life science product development. Previously, he held senior leadership positions in public and private pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device companies for over 25 years, including legal management in the ICN Pharmaceuticals group, General Counsel, then SVP Corporate and Commercial Development, for NASDAQ-listed Guilford Pharmaceuticals (GLIADEL® Wafer for glioblastoma multiforme, propofol pro-drug LUSEDRA® for conscious sedation and compounds for Parkinson's disease), CEO of venture-backed Faust Pharmaceuticals in Strasbourg, France (compounds for Parkinson's disease and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy), President of NexGen Medical Systems (a novel mechanical thrombectomy device for DVT and stroke) and CEO of Equalix (a plant-based skin substitute wound dressing). He holds an AB in Philosophy and History and a JD from Harvard University.</p>		

Name	Gregory 'Greg' Stevens	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biochemistry (heavily distracted by East Asian Studies)	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> London School of Economics (1978-1980) – International Business Washington University (1980-1984) – International Business 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Played corporate game for 20 years... then chased the entrepreneurial dream for 20... all in chem / eco / energy technology in 53 countries 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now giving back, building a 37 mile greenway between 2 Great Lakes If you want to talk about earning your stripes and then following your bliss, I'd like to have that conversation 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain biking Firewood splitting Cottage and home restoration Landscaping and nursery 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The big picture, strategy work, economic theory 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How hard it is for most scientists to explain the commercial value of their invention & for most managers to understand science. The importance of relationship building on work teams and in sales 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done a better job of involving my brilliant classmates in my business deals, inviting them to help me scale up, source capital, open doors, etc. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At my Harvard graduation President Derek Bok said he was disappointed that a majority of our class was headed for Wall Street and not into more meaningful service. I hope you make good choices. 	

Law

Name	Linda Aristondo	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	History and Government	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD (Boston College, 1981) • Admitted to bars of New Jersey and New York State 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Law 	
Narrative		
<p>Linda Aristondo is a Hispanic bilingual woman of color and attorney championing the needs of vulnerable populations, who are unfortunately so often also people of color, by representing them as well as empowering them to know and exercise their rights. She is part of the ever-growing cohort of later-life advocates who believe they can serve as a renewable and willing resource ready to tackle the challenges the country - and the world - is facing today. Her field of interest is collaborating with nonprofit legal service organizations dedicated to serving the legally disenfranchised, including vulnerable undocumented immigrants and tenants fighting for humane and affordable living conditions. Linda was among the first-generation of students of color from extremely poor communities admitted to the most selective colleges, and subsequently to law school, as institutions of higher education began to recognize the importance of including multiple underrepresented voices in their student populations. Linda was in the forefront of the generation of women of color educated to lead their communities into the national consciousness; not as an afterthought, but as equal members of the professional class that previously attempted to disenfranchise entire swaths of people of color. She continues her legal advocacy into post-midlife stage in her professional field. Linda, a Harvard educated attorney, landed an ABA full tuition law school fellowship, numbered among the original cohort of the CORO Foundation's Hispanic Women Leadership class, served as an administrative law judge, served as board member in several nonprofit organizations (including Visiting Homemaker Services, ASPIRA, and Encore Transition Program at UTS), and is currently the board president of the Harlem Hebrew Charter School.</p>		

Name	Frank Richardson	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Philosophy and English	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD (Boston University, 1982) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Law 	
Narrative		
<p>Frank Richardson is Vice President and Regional Counsel of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. for Kaiser Permanente's Hawaii Region. He is a member of the leadership team of the organization's national legal department, as well as a member of the Hawaii Region's Health Plan Executive Team and Regional Executive Team. Among his accountabilities in the Hawaii Region, Frank oversees all legal services, government relations, community relations, and community benefit, counsels the Regional President, the regional executive team, and participates in the development of strategic business plans. Frank has more than 35 years of broad-based legal experience, including multi-million dollar commercial litigation, insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, and healthcare law. Among the numerous areas which Mr. Richardson provides his Kaiser clients with legal counsel are: regulatory and corporate compliance, health plan regulatory advice, HIPAA privacy, litigation management, risk management, scope of practice guidance, Medicare and Medicaid regulations, regulatory advocacy, and general provider operations legal support. Mr. Richardson leads the region's government relations department, developing strategic approaches to advocating for Kaiser Permanente at the legislature and with government and regulators.</p> <p>Mr. Richardson's experience also includes jury and non-jury trials, court mandated arbitrations, private arbitrations, mediations, medical claims conciliation panel hearings, and other administrative hearings. Before moving to Hawaii in 1991, Mr. Richardson worked as a criminal defense attorney in New York from 1983 to 1990, representing indigent defendants in all phases of criminal litigation from arraignment through trial, as well as</p>		

serving as a Small Claims Court Arbitrator in Queens County, NY.
 After moving to Hawaii in 1991, Mr. Richardson practiced civil litigation and healthcare law for Greeley Walker & Kowen, until the firm's dissolution in 1998. Mr. Richardson then joined the Rush Moore law firm in 1999 and served as Partner in charge of its health care law work from 2001 until he left the firm to join Kaiser Permanente's Legal Department in May 2002. He earned his Bachelor's degree at Harvard in 1978 and his JD at Boston University School of Law in 1982.

Name	Elizabeth Snow Stong	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	History and Science	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD (Harvard, 1982) • Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship • Université des Sciences Sociales, Toulouse, France (1978-1079) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Law 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law clerk to federal district judge • 20 years private practice at Willkie Farr & Gallagher and Cravath, Swaine & Moore, diverse corporate and pro bono litigation • 15 years US bankruptcy judge • Extensive technical assistance work with courts and ministries of justice in the Middle East, North Africa, Ghana and Uganda; South America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile), China, Cambodia • Adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School • Leadership roles in judicial and bar associations 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daughter Margaret (born 2000), presently a freshman at Skidmore 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni activities with Harvard including Harvard College Fund (until taking the bench) and Harvard Law School Association (President) • Community engagement including coordinating local homeless shelter for 20 years • Active member at Grace Church Brooklyn Heights • Travel to six continents, 50+ countries • Languages • Running (daily) 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging, intellectually engaging professional and personal life 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving and maintaining work life balance – or work life integration 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure. It may be that you need to figure this out for yourself as you go! 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

Name	Cynthia A. Young	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	English	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA (Berkley, 1981) - English • JD (NYU, 1986) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Law 	

Narrative
 Cynthia A. Young has worked for the U.S. Department of Justice for 28 years, beginning in Washington, D.C., and since 1997 in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. She is currently the Chief of Appeals, and previously served as the Chief of the Criminal Division, as both an organized crime trial attorney and an appellate lawyer, and as Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section.

Young was the General Counsel of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services in 2007-2008. She began her legal career at a law firm in Washington, D.C.

Prior to law school, Young was a teacher in a boarding school, a research assistant at McLean Hospital, and spent a year in graduate school in English.

Arts and Entertainment

Name	Marc Abrahams.	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Applied Math	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	•	
Career Grouping	• The Arts and Entertainment	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software developer at Kurzweil Computer Products (optical character recognition, etc.) • Founder, Wisdom Simulators, Inc. (educational software) • Editor, Journal of Irreproducible Results • Founder, Ig Nobel Prize ceremony • Founder, Annals of Improbable Research • Columnist for The Guardian, Byte, Zeitwissen, Como Ves, Harvard Business Review, and elsewhere 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing — and being chosen by — a good spouse who is also a good friend • Getting to have, and often collaborate with, good friends, in many parts of the world • Getting to combine, professionally, many of the things I most loved doing when I was a kid • Getting to occasionally work with, and become friends with, several people whose work I loved when I was a kid 	
Avocations	•	
I was well prepared for...	•	
I was NOT prepared for...	• People's confusion (and some people's hostility) to work that spans more than one conventional category	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gotten more involved with student organizations when I was a student • Paid more attention to people and work that I assumed would be uninteresting 	
Narrative		
<p>For work, I've pretty consistently done something that was both wise and stupid: choosing the most interesting thing that was available to me. I worked as a programmer at one of the first so-called AI companies, there discovered that I also very much enjoy organizing people and things. I left after the company turned its focus to doing improved versions of things rather than new things. Then I started a software company that used computers to help people deal with seemingly-mundane, non-technical problems that arise in particular professions. When I was 34, I finally did something I hadn't previously dared to do: sending some of my writings—the kinds of things I'd been doing since I was a kid—off to a publisher. I got very lucky; the publisher asked me to be the editor of a magazine. That led to all kinds of adventures — founding the Ig Nobel Prize ceremony, writing and collaborating and performing in various media and countries with all sorts of people. (For several years I had a double professional life—the software company and the magazine. The software company never quite made it big, so I eventually chose the writing path.) While never (yet?) a gigantic financial success, it's let me do many kinds of things I've most enjoyed doing, one way or another, since childhood.</p>		

Name	Emily Bilski	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Fine Arts	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	•	
Career Grouping	• The Arts and Entertainment	
Narrative		
<p>I have always had a passion for art. Already in high school I thought I wanted a career in museums, and had internships and part-time jobs at the Metropolitan Museum. After studying art history at Harvard, I returned to New York and landed a job as a curatorial assistant at The Jewish Museum; two years later I started graduate school at NYU, while climbing the ranks at the museum. Curatorial work in a museum with a limited staff entails working on diverse aspects of the collection and organizing exhibitions, researching, and writing on a variety of subjects. At the Jewish Museum, this gave me the opportunity to propose all kinds of projects that combined art, culture, and history. Between graduate studies and my job, I was on a pretty steady career trajectory until everything was upended by a long-distance romance that developed into an intercontinental commuting marriage. Eventually, at the age of 37, I found myself in a strange country, unemployed, and with a newborn baby (today a Harvard senior). I was forced to reinvent myself professionally. What was a huge crisis, I now see, in retrospect, as an enormous opportunity to stretch my boundaries and discover new strengths (and weaknesses). Over the years I have been a consultant, worked internationally as a guest curator, scholar and author, became the founding director of a private arts foundation, and taught as an adjunct at a university and art academy. <i>Pro bono</i> work has included various board memberships and advising on the Jerusalem Biennale. Working in foreign languages (German and Hebrew) and navigating different institutional cultures has fostered greater flexibility. I look forward to talking about careers in the arts and scholarship, the joys and challenges of freelancing, and striving for work/family balance in unusual circumstances.</p>		

Name	Jonathan Freedman	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Biochemical Sciences	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	• PhD (Johns Hopkins, 1983)	
Career Grouping	• The Arts and Entertainment	
Career Highlights	• Tenured Professor	
Life Highlights	• Multiple careers: neuroscience, writing	
Avocations	• Fishkeeping, birding, gardening, cooking	
I was well prepared for...	• Scientific research	
I was NOT prepared for...	• Working outside of top-level academic environments	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	• I wish I had known more about changing jobs.	
Other	<p>After graduating, I got a Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology from Johns Hopkins Medical School, and then did post-docs at Yale (sorry!) and NIH. Then, for close to twenty years, I was a tenured professor in pharmacology and neuroscience at Northeastern University, teaching and doing research on drug abuse and mental health, supported by NIH and other grants. About ten years ago, I left academia, and am pursuing interests in writing fiction, poetry, and non-fiction (I was also on the <i>Advocate</i>). I can talk about the academic job market and tenure, scientific research and grants, as well as about writing and publishing novels and magazine articles and about making big career changes.</p>	

Name	Marc Johnson	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	Psychology and Social Relations	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 years (Masters level) toward PhD in Clinical Psychology (NYU, 1980-82) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Arts and Entertainment 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theater - Music Director/Arranger for Off-Broadway, Touring musicals Software development – Developed many software products, including multiple award-winning software packages (CD-ROMs) for educational publishers, and high-profile online properties Entertainment + Technology – Led digital teams at several major entertainment companies and digital agencies; Governor at Television Academy in Interactive Media, deep involvement with evolution of Emmy Awards Innovation + Digital Transformation - Thought leader in strategy and application of technology to new products and experiences 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Husband (13 years) to an Acupuncturist / Chinese Herbal Medicine clinician Father of wonderful 9-year-old daughter Re-invented myself somewhat late in life (50), moving to LA to start married life, after being a die-hard, dyed-in-the-wool NY-er Last 5 years as Governor at the Television Academy, helping shape the future of technology in entertainment, and in the Emmy awards Board Member and Volunteer for “Creative Arts Workshops for Kids”, a non-profit Americorps program in NYC designed originally for homeless children, using the arts to promote creativity and build social skills among kids, while helping children build positive relationships with adult mentors. Technology adviser to City Year, an education nonprofit (co-founded by two members of Harvard '83) dedicated to helping students and schools succeed, partnering with public schools in 29 high-need communities across the U.S. and through international affiliates in the U.K. and Johannesburg, South Africa. City Year was one of the model programs that eventually became Americorps, based on public-private funding model, and a service-learning citizenship curriculum. Music Director of LA-based <i>a capella</i> singing group comprised mostly of Harvard alums who sang in various undergrad groups (Kroks, Pitches, Opportunes, Din & Tonics, Callbacks, Collegium, Radical Choral Society) 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music – piano, singing Softball Art, design, architecture appreciation 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytical thinking, quickly learning new areas, moving between various professional/industry communities Striving for excellence even in a resistant or hostile environment Any pursuit requiring intellectual curiosity 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The challenges of restarting my career, more than once The aging and death of my parents, and how that affected my life 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I might have continued my pursuit of a medical degree (neurology, surgery) had I recognized how well equipped I was for that, and how challenging building a career on the bleeding edge of tech innovation would be. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm slowly learning to appreciate LA, and feel that in my life I have often somehow landed in good places for myself at opportune times – outside of my conscious control or planning – when I am able to be open to it. 	

Name	Susan E.B. Schaller	
Field of Concentration (Harvard)	History	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yeshiva University, Cardozo School of Law (1978-1979 - one year law school before realizing I didn't want to be a lawyer) 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Arts and Entertainment 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1979: Hired by Grey Advertising, one of world's largest ad agencies, one of few (maybe only non-MBA) into business-side training program, although no business experience 1984: Decided to leave advertising. Reinvented myself to get hired at Korn / Ferry International (world's largest executive search firm), in its Financial Services Practice, although no financial services experience 1994: Hired by prospective client in biotech venture capital to lead business development / recruiting, even though no biotech / firsthand venture capital experience Stayed until firm dissolved by Managing Partners 1991- 1996: Avocation as writer for adventure/outside magazines, including Outside, Climbing, Rock+Ice, and Runner's World. Became American Alpine Club Board Member, American Alpine Club Literary Board Member, Partner to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Sponsored Writer by Patagonia, and interviewed by leading media, such as NY Times (video and front-page Business section), Boston Globe (front-page), and Emmy TV shows such as Colorado & Co and NPR. 2004- 2011: Tried to make a living in writing. Even though got an agent and publishing contract, decided I couldn't. Also tried stay-at-home mom'dom. 2011 to present: Reinvented myself again, to re-enter corporate world, now Head of Business Development and Marketing for a strategy consulting and marketing firm specializing in wealth and asset management 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single mom to 2 great kids 2008 to 2016: Wrenching divorce and wrenching eldercare. (In my living will, I stipulate, "NO FEEDING TUBE." On the sofa in my living room, there is a needlepoint pillow embroidered, "NO FEEDING TUBE" (joking about latter, but not former). 	
Avocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolved along the way, including in the 1980s shipwreck dive master in the North Atlantic, windsurfing, and marathon running; in the 1990s, rock and ice climbing, snowboarding, skateboarding, and currently, writing creepy fiction and looking for an agent 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking on life as an ongoing creative challenge and how to meet new challenges 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becoming a single parent without backup at the same time I had to become the financial support for my household while dealing with eldercare for an increasingly incapacitated parent (okay, I'll say this again: 'NO FEEDING TUBE') 	
I might have done the following differently had I but known...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gotten to know more of my amazing classmates. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Agent of Change

Name	Nermin Karin Ahmad	
Harvard Degree	AB Government – International Relations	
Other Degrees and Certificates Earned (where and when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSc London School of Economics - PIER • Auditrice Libre – Sciences Politiques • Certificate Human Rights – Renee Cassin • Certificate 40-hour First Responder • Certificate Stakeholder Engagement Wits U. 	
Career Grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agent of Change 	
Career Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National American Planning Assoc. award – Green Marina Program • Russian Duma praise for actionable analysis of Iron and Steel Industry in USSR • First National Report on the Environment/Capacity building for women in Morocco / changing base design for Green City Mohammed VI, Morocco • My post 9/11 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan becoming a national standard per FEMA • Ideating CALMS for NYC OEM and SAGE for NYCDOE as portals to support all hazards emergency response and recovery • UN Rep for Int'l Federation of Business and Professional Women • Co-creating a company to curate impact investment opportunities 	
Life Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bouncing back from life challenges – being a POW, a refugee; having mother killed during attempted Coup; losing dear friend and husband after 25 never dull years; having a “Muslim” name in the US post-9/11; losing job after 30 years with new management; realizing a woman over 50 is invisible if she does not fight back. • Discovery of Hot Air Ballooning Passion, sculling on the Potomac, target shooting in France (only person who stands with Long Rifle) • Being able to travel anywhere and be at home within hours; working in the Seychelles for 6 months, travelling alone through China in 1983, taking a traditional dhow down the East Coast of Africa. • Leading a group of High-Performance Millennials to success as a tight-knit curious knowledge networked and indomitable team in NYC 	
I was well prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sciences Po and the LSE prepared me to think, analyze, express and not be afraid of changing “we always do it this way” thinking • Approaching new and emerging challenges with logic, finding the right knowledge network, and creating implementable solutions • Being inclusive, accepting, and encouraging (being a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, multi-cultural woman helped) 	
I was NOT prepared for...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for work in a recession. • Recovering from Harvard 	