

# THE THOURON AWARD



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## And Then the Gang Left...

Updating the 2006 Thouron Newsletter, three members of the “Thouron Class of 2001” received their Ph.D.s this spring and have tenure-track positions at American universities.

**FAYE ALLARD** received her doctorate in sociology, with a dissertation, “Mind the Gap: Examining the Gender Differences in African-American Educational Achievement.” She will be teaching at Montclair State University, in New Jersey.

**SUZANNE EVANS WAGNER** was awarded a Ph.D. in linguistics for her dissertation, “Linguistic Change and Stabilization in the Transition From Adolescence to Adulthood.” She tracked over 60 teenage girls from South Philadelphia during their transition from high school to college, examining the effects on their speech of growing up, social class and ethnic (Irish or Italian) affiliation during this time. Suzanne is teaching at Michigan State University.

**DOMINIQUE TOBBELL**, who had a dissertation defense that was open to the public, received her Ph.D. in the History and Sociology of Science, with a dissertation on “Pharmaceutical Networks: The Political Economy of Drug Development in the United States, 1945-1980.” It examines the history of relationships between American drug companies, academic researchers and physicians, and the government after World War II, and considers the influence of those relationships on the history of drug regulation. She is currently working for the Chemical Heritage Society before leaving for the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

The last of the group of eight — including six Ph.D. candidates — Alex de Renzy Channer, has spent four years on intensive research within the independence movement in Kosovo, which will lead to a uniquely personal dissertation.

Suzanne Evans Wagner and Faye Allard



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### American Fellows

**Kimberly Hsu**, M.A. in International Peace & Security, King's College London. One year

**Jin Lee**, M.Sc. in Neuroscience, Oxford. One year

**Ruth Masterson**, M.Sc. in Public Health, London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. One year

**Jason Nagata**, M.Sc. in Global Health Science, Oxford. One year

**Aaron Rock**, M.Phil. in Modern Middle East Studies, Oxford. Two years

**Melissa Teixeira**, M.Phil. in Social and Economic History, Cambridge. One year

### British Fellows

**Daniel Anderson**, Cambridge, M.G.A. in Government Administration. Two years

**Philip Andrews**, Oxford, Ph.D. in Physics. Two years

**Matthew Burnard**, Cambridge, M.A. in Arabic and Islamic Studies. Two years

**Neil Crimes**, Durham, M.A. in Music Theory. Two years

**Michelle Danso**, Kings College London, L.L.M. One year

**Calum Davey**, Cambridge, M.S. in Urban Spatial Analysis. One year

**James Richardson**, Sheffield and Oxford, M.S.Ed. in Education, Culture and Society. One year

**Georgina White**, Oxford, M.A. in Classical Studies. One year

## Start Planning Now...

With the year 2010 marking the 50th anniversary of the Thouron Award, we have set the date and site for the celebration — Saturday, June 26, 2010 at Hampton Court Palace. We have reserved the main dining room and accompanying spaces. There will be tours of the Palace for all guests.



### A Death in the “Family”

## ANN KELLEY, AM’76

Ann Kelley, a renowned behavioral neuroscientist, died August 5, 2007 of metastatic cancer. A star athlete as a Penn undergraduate — in both field hockey and lacrosse — she went on to Trinity College, Cambridge, where she received a Ph.D. in physiological psychology and started the first-ever women’s crew team.

Ann was considered a pioneer for women in science and launched the careers of a generation of neuroscientists through her mentoring and teaching. Her work on brain mechanisms underlying drug addiction and obesity was funded for more than 20 years by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. More specifically, her work redefined the functional role of the brain’s corpus striatum, a scientific contribution that has shaped a generation’s approach to studying the mechanisms underlying motivation, addiction, and obesity.

The author of more than 130 peer-reviewed scientific papers, Ann served as editor-in-chief of *Behavioral Neuroscience*. In 2006 she was honored for her research and mentoring with a lifetime achievement award from the Society of Neuroscience.

## Alumni News

**Kenny Baer, Am’94**, and his wife, Caron, welcomed Avital Hannah Baer February 8, 2008.

**John Beath, Br’68**, who is at the School of Economics and Finance, University of St. Andrews, was elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2007. This year he became Secretary-General of the Royal Economic Society, which has had nine Secretaries-General in its 118-year history, including John Maynard Keynes.

**Jo Braithwaite, Br’97**, who has been teaching law, has submitted her Ph.D. thesis on diversity in the legal sector. She is taking up a new position as a lecturer at the London School of Economics.

**Luke Butler, Br’06**, is the Assistant Press Secretary to Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter.

**Nigel Caplan, Br’00**, has left Michigan State University for the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Elisha, are the parents of Samuel Theo Caplan, born November 30, 2007.

**Janine Catalano, Am’06**, received her M.A. with distinction from the Courtauld Institute and now works as the Courtauld’s alumni relations officer.

**Marc Diamond, Am’67**, became vice president for development and alumni relations at the University of Vermont in September 2007. He was previously the chief advancement officer and secretary of the College at Bryn Mawr College.

**Mollie Gordon, Am’00**, graduated from medical school at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, where she stayed on for a residency in psychiatry. She is married to a fellow resident (in ENT), Ron Karni, and they have a son, Jacob, born in March 2007.

**Jonathan Hale, Br’94**, is an architect and associate professor at the School of the Built Environment at the University of Nottingham. He is course director for the Master of Architecture (Design) and the interdisciplinary M.A. in Architecture and Critical Theory. His research interests include: architectural theory and criticism; the philosophy of technology; the relationship between architecture and the body. Author of numerous articles and books, he has

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recently co-edited with Dr. William W. Braham (University of Pennsylvania) the book *Rethinking Technology: a Reader in Architectural Theory* (Routledge, 2007). He is also coordinator and a founder member of the national subject group: Architectural Humanities Research Association (AHRA).

**Sarah Knott, Br'93**, assistant professor in the History Department at Indiana University, is the Associate Editor of *American Historical Review*.

**Gwyneth Leech, Am'81**, presented a new work at the Great Music event at St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan. A cycle of 20 short videos, "Generation" has two time frames — before and after September 11, 2001. The show included music composed by Martha Sullivan and Ben Wittman.

**Robin Marshall, Br'92**, who spent only one semester at Penn, has never appeared in the Directory, but now he is "found." From 1993 to 1997, he was a brand manager for Procter & Gamble in the U.K. Following that he spent three years as an Engagement Manager with McKinsey. He has been with 3i Group, a UK global private equity firm since 2000. He has been in the U.S. since 2005 as Founding Partner of the American private equity business.

**Michael Moritz, Br'76**, and his wife, Harriet Heyman, have donated \$50 million to Christ Church, Oxford. The gift is the largest financial gift in the college's history and among the largest by an alumnus to an Oxford college. Built into the gift is an incentive for giving by recent Christ Church alumni. Michael is a partner at Sequoia Capital, a California-based venture capital firm.

**Thomas Nicoll, Br'75**, has just completed his final year at Barry University Law School in Orlando, Florida. He hopes to work as a prosecutor.

**Rita Redberg, Am'80**, was featured in a June 29, 2008 article in *The New York Times* on the possible overuse of CT heart scans. A cardiologist and researcher, she says that "No data suggests that there's any reason for anyone asymptomatic to have [such] a test."

**John Schwinn, Am'82**, is now senior vice president for corporate development at Solera, in San Diego, California.

**Staci Standen, Am'96**, now Staci Kroon after marriage to Vincent Kroon, is the mother of two: Alex, born in August 2006, and Arianna, born in May 2008. Staci is Director of Business Development at the Eaton Corporation in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Top: Wearing their new Thouron scarves are 2008 Scholars Ruth Masterson, Jin Lee, and Melissa Teixeira.

Above: Veterinary intern Becca Terry, Br'07 and LLM student Colin McIntyre, Br'07, celebrate at the annual dinner at Glen Roy. (They are both headed back to the U.K.)

**Heath Tarbert, Am'01**, completed a clerkship with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. In 2008-09 he will work in the Hague, holding a one-year clerkship with the joint Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

**Andrew Tomlinson, Br'81**, has been appointed Quaker Representative to the United Nations and Director of the Quaker UN office in New York. He notes that it is "a refreshing change from finance."

**Andy Wolk, Am'70**, taught a course in Advanced Screenwriting at Penn in Fall 2007, through the English department and Kelly Writers House. At the same time he was writing and directing one movie for LIFETIME and another for TNT.



## Happy News from the Thouron Family

Choosing a date — 08.08.08 — that Tiger would have loved, Rupert Thouron married Jan Heyman in Shelburne, Vermont — lakeside, in the rain, along Lake Champlain. Jan is well known to recent Thourons because of her hospitality during the annual Vermont ski trip. She has also been an enthusiastic participant in various Thouron events on both sides of the Atlantic.

To demonstrate their best wishes for Rupert and Jan and to highlight the value of the annual spring-break ski trip, 33 recent Scholars contributed nearly \$4,000 to a special Thouron Ski Trip Fund. Dollars from the fund will offset the cost of equipment rentals and other expenses associated with the trip, which is the highlight of the Thouron experience for so many students.

### A NEW “BRAND” AND A NEW MARKETING INITIATIVE

The masthead of this Newsletter, with its new, contemporary logo, reflects the efforts of a marketing initiative for the Thouron Award. The entire initiative, spearheaded by a Marketing and Recruiting Committee — John Crawshaw, chair; Alan Bates; John Gelling; Paul Judge; Khawar Mann; Bindesh Shah; and Natacha Simon — was the result of a sharp decline in the number of applicants from the U.K. While other graduate fellowships were also experiencing lower numbers, the Committee felt that an aggressive program of marketing, with materials that were up to date in style as well as substance, would encourage more applications as it increased the visibility of the Award.

At the Committee’s suggestion, the Award contracted with Living Designs, a design and marketing company in London, to create a new logo, a more modern and functional website, and various printed materials. At the same time the Committee organized a number of receptions — initially at Oxford, Cambridge, and London — to introduce current students to the Thouron Award. Whether in direct consequence of these receptions or not, the number of applicants for 2008 more than doubled from 2007.

The marketing initiative will include annual receptions at various British universities that have traditionally been “feeder schools” for the Award. It is enormously helpful to have former Thouron Scholars attend these receptions, so if you are either affiliated with a British university or live near one, please let us know.

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