Joseph Suraci, B.S.E.E. 1962 (ENGR), of Bainbridge Island, Wash., retired in 2012 after 35 years at Lockheed Martin. He is now president of Suraci Consulting Services and performs International Organization for Standardization assessments worldwide.

Brother John Samaha, S.M., M.A. 1963 (THEO), was awarded the 2015 Founders Day Medalion by Chaminade College Preparatory, West Hills (Los Angeles), Calif., where he served on the faculty since the founding of the school in 1952.

Barbara K. Sullivan-Watts, B.A. 1969 (A&S), has been teaching environmental biology at Providence College for 10 years, following a 30-year career in research at the School of Marine and Environmental Biology at Providence College for 10 years, following a 30-year career in research at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography.

Sister Jacqueline A. Murphy, R.S.H.M., M.A. 1970 (A&S), M.S.N. 1979 (NURS), of Arlington, Va., celebrated in April the 50th anniversary of her profession as a religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary at the Eastern American Province House and Chapel in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Monnigton Michael Clay, B.M. 1975, M.M. 1978 (MUSIC), M.Div. 1982, D.Min. 1996 (THEO), is area director of pastoral studies in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America and teaches courses in homiletical, liturgical rituals, pastoral theology, evangelization, and multiculturalism. In May he joined his college roommate Mike O'Leary, B.A. 1975 (A&S), M.C.R.P. 1978 (ARCH), and his wife, Denise, for a week of travel in Rome, Florence, and Assisi. In June he presented a lecture on evangelization in the catechumenate at a conference in Chicago and delivered a paper on educating for the Eucharist at the International Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Ellen Zane, M.A. 1975 (A&S), of Hingham, Mass., has been awarded the Leadership in Education Corporate Governance Award from the National Association of Corporate Directors, New England Chapter. The award is a part of the organization’s annual Director of the Year Awards, which recognize accomplished directors who embrace high corporate standards and make valuable contributions to the companies they serve. Zane recently retired as president and chief executive officer of Tufts Medical Center and the Floating Hospital for Children. She remains involved at Tufts Medical Center as a vice chair of the board of trustees.

Nicklea Raspa, B.M. 1978 (MUSIC), has relocated to the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., area, where he is performing as a solo pianist and continuing to write and arrange music. He is the prior president of the Minnesota River Valley Music Teachers Association.

James P. Wilton, B.S. 1980 (A&S), was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Manchester, N.H., in May 2014. Since 2004, he has been associated with the New England Chapter of the International Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He is area director of pastoral studies in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America and teaches courses in homiletical, liturgical rituals, pastoral theology, evangelization, and multiculturalism.

Res. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., M.A. 1983 (A&S), president of Villanova University, was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in May. Sponsored by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations, the Ellis Island medals of honor are awarded annually to distinguished American citizens who exemplify a life dedicated to community service.

Robert D. Schaub, J.D. 1984 (LAW), of the law firm Rosen, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP, in Wilkes Barre, Pa., has been selected to the 2015 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list. He is chair of the firm’s business litigation department.

Thomas Zeuiller, B.A. 1984 (A&S), of Alexandria, Va., was appointed managing director of the National Transportation Safety Board. He is responsible for the management of an agency of more than 400 employees and an annual budget that exceeds $100 million. Previously he served as the acting executive director of the agency and the director of the office of communications.

Dorothy McAskill, B.A. 1985 (A&S), the first lady of Virginia, delivered the commencement speech at the Richard Bland College of William & Mary. A community leader and champion of education and arts, McAskill is a former member of the education committee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Smithsonian Institution. She is leading the campaign for better childhood nutrition and food security to ensure that all families in Virginia have access to fresh food.

Anthony L. Trunzo, B.A. 1985 (A&S), has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of FEI Company in Hillsboro, Ore.

Daniel T. Dransfield, B.S. 1986 (A&S), of Hannon, Mass., was appointed vice president and head of translational medicine at Tokai Pharmaceuticals. Formerly vice president of discovery research and translational medicine at AgQuire, Inc., he brings more than 20 years of drug development and research experience to Tokai.

Stephen Sloane, B.A. 1986 (A&S), of Washington, D.C., is developing two persons/alter-egos for stand-up acts at local D.C. clubs and is in the conceptual stages of a one-man show he is creating titled Willful Misdemeanor.

Timothy P. Shriver, M.A. 1988 (THEO), of Chevy Chase, Md., Special Olympics chairman, has won a Christopher Award for his work with children and people with disabilities.

Marty Dowd, B.A. 1960, retired this spring after coaching CUA men’s tennis since 1962. Dowd coached more than 900 matches and over 500 players. Ranking among the longest-tenured coaches in NCAA history, he coached his final regular-season match April 18 at home against the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

That day also happened to be his 78th birthday. Dowd finished with a career record of 550-407 (.600). He produced 44 winning seasons and in January 2014 was inducted into the CUA Hall of Fame. In spring 2014, he led his team to the Landmark Conference championship and the team’s first NCAA Tournament appearance.

A fierce competitor with a witty sense of humor, Dowd admits that aging finally caught up with him. "I’m getting more forgetful and other things,” he said. “So I think it’s time for me to head in another direction.” Dowd’s affiliation with the CUA tennis program spans seven decades. Beginning in 1956, he has been associated with the team every year except 1961, when he was serving in the United States Coast Guard. Dowd was an assistant coach in 1962 and took over the program the following year.

While playing tennis for CUA, Dowd led the squad to a 27-3 (.900) record his final two years, including an unbeaten 15-0 mark as a senior. Undefeated in doubles those two seasons, he sported an overall record of 48-5 (.900). He graduated from CUA in 1960 with a bachelor’s degree in art and worked for 38 years at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center as a medical illustrator.

Dowd met his wife, Jone, at CUA. She coached the Cardinal women’s tennis team until 1999 and started the women’s athletic program at the University. They live in Burkeville, Md. Their three daughters—Dana, Jennifer, and Tara—played for Jone, also a CUA Hall of Famer. Dana is now in her 16th year as the University’s women’s tennis coach.

Dowd still keeps in touch with players from his teams and delights in seeing the hundreds he has mentored who have become accomplished professionals, fathers, and grandfathers. His most well-known former player is New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu (B.A. 1982).

“I don’t think any of his student-athletes and professional colleagues can stop from their relationship with Marty and not feel as though they have deeply benefited from his tutelage and friendship,” said Director of Athletics Sean Sullivan.

“He is a giant within our campus community, and for all the right reasons.”
his book Fully Alive: Discovering What Matters Most (Sarah Crichton Books, November 2014). The Christopher Awards are presented to authors, illustrators, writers, producers, and directors whose work “affirms the highest values of the human spirit.”

1989

Brian Cashman, B.A. 1989 (A&S), was inducted into his high school athletic hall of fame at Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Md., in January.


Mike Stafford, B.A.G.S. 1989 (PS), of New York, N.Y., is an executive producer at Back Roads Entertainment and received an Emmy Award for his work on the MTV documentary Latex Con Presents: The Ted W. As a licensed attorney, he also runs the Producers Guild of America’s East Coast legal seminar series.

1992

Megan Arts, B.A. 1992 (A&S), is the new vice president of development at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston (CCAB). Arts will lead development initiatives to support the 90 programs and services (CCAB). Artz will lead development initiatives for the American poetry salon in St. Louis.

1994

Sean J. Bellows, B.A. 1994 (A&S), has joined Duanè Morris LLP in their trial practice group as a partner in their Wilmington, Del., office. He assists their practice on corporate, commercial, securities, and antitrust litigation.


1996

Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, D.Min. 1996 (THEO), was ordained as auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington in April. Bishop Dorsonville, a 54-year-old native of Cambodia, serves as the episcopal moderator for the estimated 270,000 Hispanic Catholics in the archdiocese.

Michael J. Hirschberg, M.E. 1996 (ENGR), of Arlington, Va., executive director of American Helicopter Society International, was named by Helicopter Association International as this year’s recipient of the Lightship Aviation Excellence in Communications Award, presented annually to the individual or organization achieving the most creative and distinct dissemination of information about the helicopter industry. He is an internationally recognized lecturer on vertical flight. Hirschberg is an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Edward C. Renenger, B.A. 1996 (PHIL), of Reading, Pa., copresented “Navigating Internal Trustee Waters — Best Practices from the Perspective of an External Trustee and Counsel” in April at the National Center for Employee Ownership annual conference held in Denver. He is an employee benefits attorney who concentrates his practice on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and qualified retirement plans.

1998

Most Rev. Edward C. Malecic, J.C.L. 1998 (CLW), has been appointed bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, Pa. He has been judicial vicar and secretary of canonical services in Harrisburg since 2006.

1999

David Mao, M.S.L.S. 1999 (LIS), deputy librarian of Congress, was one of several speakers at What Goes on Upstairs: How Library Leaders Think, a program hosted by the Library and Information Science Alumni Association on the CUA campus in February. The speakers offered insight into the thought processes and strategies for successful library leadership.

2000 Reunion YEAR

Jason McFarland, M.A. 2000, Ph.D. 2010 (THEO), served with the U.S. Peace Corps in China from 2012 to 2014. From September 2014 to June 2015, he worked as a TEF (Teaching English as a foreign language) expert at a school in Zunyi, Guizhou, China. In January, he presented on Miao funeral chants at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy and was a speaker at the annual meeting of the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians on the topic of the intonat. In August he began a position as assistant professor of ritual/liturgical studies at St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wis.

2001

Rev. David J. Bergner, S.D.S., Ph.D. 2001 (SOCVS), was named vicar for social concerns for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. A priest of the Society of the Divine Savior, Father Bergner began his tenure with Catholic Charities July 1. In addition to service with Catholic Charities organizations in Delaware and Virginia, he served for 20 years as a U.S. Navy Reserve chaplain.

2002

Richard James King, M.S.L.S. 2002 (LIS), branch chief and information architect at the National Institutes of Health Library, received the Raymond Von Dran Memorial Award during the CUA Library and Information Science Annual Elizabeth W. Stone Lecture presented on April 24, 2015. The Von Dran Award is presented to alumni who exemplify the characteristics of innovation, collaboration, and leadership in their careers.

2003

Timothy J. Maloney, J.D. 2003 (LAW), of the law firm of Rosen, Jenkins & Greenland, LLP, in Wilkes Barre, Pa., was named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Rising Stars list. A member of the business and finance department, his principal practice is in the representation of corporations and businesses in a wide variety of corporate transactions and business matters.

Glenn Stortevant, B.A. 2003 (A&S), is seeking the Republican nomination for the Virginia State Senate seat that will be left vacant by retiring Sen. John Watkins.

2005 Reunion YEAR


2006

Kelly Flynn, B.A. 2006 (A&S), an English teacher at Saint John’s College High School in Washington, D.C., for the past five and a half years, took her teaching skills abroad to serve as a Peace Corps education volunteer in Panama in February. Flynn lives and works in a community to train local Panamanian teachers and serves as a coteacher in the classroom.

2007

Jeremy R. Moss, J.D. 2007 (LAW), an attorney with Mercari Trigiani, an Alexandria, Va., real estate law firm, was elected to the College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL), a national industry organization of 150 attorneys who have made significant contributions to the practice of community association law. Moss is the youngest member to be inducted into CCAL.

Paolo Moya, B.S. Arch. 2007, M.Arch. 2010 (ARCH), a principal at Marshall Moya Design in Washington, D.C., was selected by the Washington Business Journal as a top 40 under 40.

2009

Mark G. Arnone, B.A. 2009 (A&S), of Arlington, Va., received the 2014 Secretary’s Honor Award from the secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, Ernest Moniz. The award recognizes employee service and contributions to the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration. Arnone received the award for his contributions as part of the team from the departments of energy, state, and defense that helped secure enactment of the U.S./U.K. Munitions Defense Agreement on Dec. 19, 2014.

2012

Barbara “Bobbie” Dougherty, M.S.L.S.L. 2012 (LIS), adult and teen services librarian at the D.C. Public Library’s Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Library, was a winner in the 14th Annual Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Awards for distinguished D.C. government employees.

2013

Kevin Bagley, B.A. 2013 (THEO), of Ferndale, Wash., works as the director of Verbum for Faithlife, which produces more than 210 Bible study tools. He overheard the successful launch of Verbum’s latest software upgrade, Logos 6.

Angela Aranas Kent, M.S.L.S.L. 2013 (LIS), attended the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Conference in Chicago in February as an ALA Emerging Leader. She is a reference librarian for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

2014

William T. Cowan IV, B.A. 2014 (A&S), is a fraud analyst for Bank of America in Newark, Del.

2015

Johanna Cajina Castillo, B.A. 2015 (A&S), has been selected as the 2015 recipient of the Maria Vergas Llosa Award from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and the Sigma Delta Pi honor society. The award is granted annually...
to one undergraduate Spanish major or minor who is a member of Sigma Delta Pi and who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in all upper-division courses and exemplary involvement in extracurricular activities related to Spanish.

**Weddings**


Tim Spelman, B.A. 2003 (A&S), married Megan Ward on Sept. 27, 2014. Tim is a financial wholesaler and Megan is an associate attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. They live in New York City.


**Arrivals**

Kate Fitzpatrick, B.A. 1993 (A&S), and husband Kenneth Wong, welcomed their first child, Bridget Catherine Shu-Kai Wong, on Feb. 19, 2015. The family lives in New York City.


Rebecca (Davidson) Crowley, D.M.A. 2012 (MUSIC), and husband Geoffrey welcomed their son, Jasper August, on Sept. 25, 2014. The family lives in Woodbridge, Va.

Crystal Campos-Rosales M.S.M. 2014 (PS), and husband Adrian welcomed their daughter, Maria Thérèse Rosales, on Feb. 19, 2015. The family lives in Virginia.

**Books**

Richard Devlin, B.A. 1960 (A&S), of Walnut Creek, Calif., professor emeritus of art at Carlow University, has written The Cults: A Novel of Two Norman Kingdoms (Undercroft Books, April 2015). A historical novel set in 12th-century England and Arab-Norman Sicily, the story hinges on the threat posed by a sinister cult based on a corruption of sayings in new ways. The book reveals the potential that is occurring and advice on how to resolve the conflicts.

Kathy Kuczica, M.A. 1996 (THEO), of Roosevelt, Ga., an award-winning journalist who spent many years covering news for CNN and who now works as a journalist in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, has written A Mama Used to Say: Life Lessons Learned from a Mother’s Mottoes (Alba House, April 2015). The book includes 81 dialogues of couples in conflict, followed by an analysis of what is occurring and advice on how to resolve the conflicts.

Thérèse van Houten, M.S.W. 1962, Ph.D. 1978 (SOCSV), of Washington, D.C., has published Papel War: From the London Blitz to the Liberation of Holland (Cheyne Institute, 2015), a historical narrative based on her parents’ World War II correspondence.

Lorraine Turner Ruffing, B.A. 1965 (A&S), is the co-author of a book on the United Nations and corporate social responsibility titled United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations: Corporate Conduct and the Public Interest (Routledge, March 2015). She has worked for the U.S. Senate, the Navy, the government, and five U.N. agencies. She now divides her retirement between Lake George, N.Y., and Annecy, France.


Ellen Crowley, B.A. 1975 (A&S), launched her ninth novel, Ghost Image (Scribner, April 2015), at Politics & Prose in Washington, D.C.


Jon Meyerson, M.S.W. 1993 (SOCSV), and wife Beverly, of Sarasota, Fla., are couples psychotherapists who cowrote Power Snuggles: Your Path to Vibrant and Lasting Love (Pelican Publishing, January 2015). This relationship book includes 81 dialogues of couples in conflict, followed by an analysis of what is occurring and advice on how to resolve the conflicts.

But Abbiatiello wanted to do something “true to my heart.” In his free time he began to spend more time around horses. His father, Carmine, had been a harness racing legend — a leading driver at both Yonkers and Roosevelt raceways and the first American harness racer to reach 5,000 wins.

Less than 10 years after he graduated, Eric traded in his business suits for driver’s colors (the colorful jacket worn by harness racers). He decided to follow his dream of working with horses. Having saved up the money to buy several Standardbred harness racing horses, he now owns eight of them that he trains. He has been the leading driver at Freehold Raceway in New Jersey for the last five years.

“You have to follow your dream,” Abbiatiello says. “You have to do what you love.” Abbiatiello’s father — who was retired when his son entered the harness racing business — was a bit hesitant when his son followed in his footsteps. He had spent a lot of money sending his son to college to get a degree, something that most harness racers do not accomplish.

“I started out in racing at the bottom doing basic stuff, just like you would start out in the business world working in a maidservant,” said Abbiatiello, whose version of “working in the maidservant” included caring for horses and cleaning out their stalls. “When you start at the bottom, you appreciate the job more,” he added.

He has used his CUA education to help him succeed at racing full time. “Philosophy teaches you common sense,” he said. “It helps me know how to think things through.” And although many things in the business world have changed since he earned his degree in the 1990s, “accounting and economics are still the foundation of any business.”

Over the years, Abbiatiello’s father has come to accept his career choice. When he’s not spending winters in Florida, his father is often at the stables to help with the horses. In horse racing there are many professionals who are exclusively trainers or racers, but Abbiatiello enjoys doing both, even though it means working 80 to 100 hours a week.

“In being an independent business owner of sorts, you really have to work hard every day,” he says. “In doing so you appreciate the chances you earned, the chances you were given, and the good people you met along your journey. If you are lucky enough to work at something you love, you never work a day in your life.” — M.M.H.
In Memoriam

Samuel Coblentz, B.E.E. 1942, of Salt Lake City, April 11, 2015.


Faculty/Staff


Sister Mary Jean Flaherty, S.C., former dean and professor, School of Nursing, from 1980 to 2009, of Greensburg, Pa., June 12, 2015.

Raja Parasuraman, former professor of psychology, from 1983 to 2005, of Falls Church, Va., March 22, 2015.


