

Congratulations to the class of 2009! Welcome to the June 2009 edition of Tiger E-News, Princeton University's monthly electronic newsletter for alumni. Tiger E-News, a joint publication of the Office of the Alumni Association and the Office of Communications, provides an easy-to-scan digest of pertinent University news, information and Web-based resources.

01. UNIVERSITY NEWS

Sotomayor '76 would be 11th Princetonian on Supreme Court

Princeton alumna and trustee Sonia Sotomayor '76, who recently was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, would be the court's first Latina justice as well the 11th Princetonian and first female graduate to serve on the high court.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/33/44Q39/>

Paxson named Woodrow Wilson School dean

Christina Paxson, a Princeton faculty member since 1986 who is the Hughes-Rogers Professor of Economics and Public Affairs and chair of the Department of Economics, has been selected as dean of the University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. "We conducted a national search for this position, but soon realized we had to look no further than our own faculty for a renowned leader in the field of public and international affairs," said President Shirley M. Tilghman.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/50/97E43/>

Class of 2009 enters alumni ranks at Commencement

Princeton University awarded degrees to 1,128 undergraduates and 753 graduate students at its 262nd Commencement June 2. President Shirley M. Tilghman exhorted them to use their education to solve some of the world's most challenging problems and also encouraged them to be seekers of purpose and meaning through engagement with the arts. Also at Commencement, Princeton conferred five honorary doctoral degrees and honored outstanding teachers from the Princeton faculty and from New Jersey secondary schools. For full coverage of Commencement, as well as the Class Day address by "CBS Evening News" anchor Katie Couric and the Baccalaureate address by U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus '87, go to:

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/39/65G92/>

Six named to Board of Trustees

Princeton has named six new members of its Board of Trustees. The board elected Crystal Nix Hines '85 to a 10-year term as a charter trustee, while it elected William Fung '70 for four years as a term trustee. Alumni elected Julia Haller Gottsch '76, David Offensend '75 and George Will '68 to four-year terms as alumni trustees. The junior, senior and two youngest alumni classes elected Elizabeth Dilday '09 to a four-year term as young alumni trustee.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/45/69M03/>

Obama taps Woodrow Wilson School's Leach '64 to lead NEH

President Barack Obama has announced that he intends to nominate Jim Leach '64, a current faculty member in the University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, to chair the National Endowment for the Humanities. Leach, a former 15-term Republican Congressman representing Iowa, served as a Princeton trustee from 2002 to 2006.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/41/41E88/>

02. ACADEMIC DIGEST

Plasma physics lab device has second life in homeland security

In 1999, faced with the task of decommissioning the legendary Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor, officials at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory realized they needed something that didn't yet exist—a way to detect exactly what "hot" elements were lacing the inner vessel of the doughnut-shaped reactor. So they asked a team from the lab to invent a device that would identify each element in the reactor and how much was there. Ten years later, the group not only has successfully tackled that challenge, but it has won national recognition for a system that offers practical applications for homeland security and deterring radiological terrorist attacks.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/26/53K30/>

Linguistics program appeals to more students across disciplines

At 4:30 on a Wednesday afternoon, students majoring in psychology, mathematics and classics came together in a classroom at Frist Campus Center. They spent an hour working on fractions written in Egyptian Arabic, translating sentences from the Agta language of the Philippines into Central Cagayan Agta and considering how the Proto-Indo-European "dh" sound vanished from certain English words. The problems were not part of a course curriculum. Rather, they were a series of linguistic puzzles presented at a meeting of the Linguistics Club. As the students enthusiastically jumped into solving the problems -- exclamations of "This is fun!" could be heard from the group—they demonstrated how Princeton's Program in Linguistics has blossomed.

<http://www.princeton.edu/pr/pwb/volume98/issue28/ling/>

Sinclair, Pronin take a deeper look at how people relate to each other

The psychological underpinnings of how different people relate to one another are important factors in better understanding major societal issues, ranging from race relations to international diplomacy. Two faculty members in the Department of Psychology, Stacey Sinclair and Emily Pronin, are pursuing notable research that has advanced knowledge of how people react to and interact with others.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/44/01K59/>

03. ALUMNI INTEREST

A taste of Reunions 2009 is available

More than 20,000 alumni, with families and friends, returned for Reunions 2009. For alumni who couldn't get back, or for those who want to relive a moment from Reunions 2009, links to highlights from Reunions are a click away:

<http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/goinback/reunions/>

2010 Princeton Journeys roster announced, RoadMap available

The Office of the Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 2010 roster of educational travel opportunities for Princetonians. While adding a number of new destinations—among them Jordan, Yellowstone and Thailand—Princeton Journeys is repeating some of the trips that have yielded the highest praise in the past couple of years. In an effort to reduce summer mailbox clutter and to "go greener," the 2010 RoadMap catalog has been published exclusively online. To download your copy, or to browse through the roster of trips for this year and next, visit:

http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/education_travel/princeton_journeys/

Graduate alumni to gather in Rome, July 3

Graduate alumni in Italy are invited to join Dean William Russel for dinner at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 3, at Ristorante Pagaroma in Rome. Reconnect with old friends and hear what is happening at the Graduate School. RSVP to Elisabeth Dorman at edorman@princeton.edu.

<http://gradschool.princeton.edu/alumni/events>

Young alumni volunteers recognized by the Alumni Council

Each spring in the Daily Princetonian, four young alumni volunteers are highlighted by the Alumni Council for their exceptional work. These volunteers can be found in a variety of alumni activities across the country and around the world. To read about these young alumni and their service, go to:

http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/volunteers/alumni_council_committees/standing_committees/volunteer_stewardship/

TigerNet upgrade coming

This summer, Princeton's TigerNet Services will receive an upgrade to allow for enhancements to user information, login, discussion groups, career services and more. Visit our TigerNet Services Bulletin page for more information.

<http://www.alumni.princeton.edu/main/news/tigernet/>

Become a fan on Facebook

The Alumni Association's page on Facebook is growing rapidly! If you aren't one of our 827 current fans, come join your fellow Tigers at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alumni-Association-of-Princeton-University/68812790414>

Make your voice heard...

Three of the six new members of Princeton's Board of Trustees, Julia Haller Gottsch '76, David Offensend '75 and George Will *68, were elected by Princeton's alumni body. All Princeton alumni can participate in the election of alumni trustees not only by voting but also by suggesting names to the Committee to Nominate Alumni Trustees. To learn more about the committee, go to:

http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/volunteers/alumni_council_committees/special_committees/ctnat/

From the PAW: In the republic of Vermont

Rob and Kate Williams, both of the class of '89, raise yaks—and dream of building a more independent, locally focused state.

<http://paw.princeton.edu/issues/2009/06/10/pages/2819/index.xml>

President's page: <http://paw.princeton.edu/issues/2009/06/10/presidents-page/>

04. ASPIRE: A PLAN FOR PRINCETON

Tilghman speaks about the University's commitment to students and faculty

President Shirley M. Tilghman speaks to alumni and parents about the need to protect the commitments that are most central to Princeton's mission—maintaining student diversity and sustaining faculty excellence.

<http://aspire.princeton.edu/ag/media/princetonneedsyou/>

Gifts to Aspire campaign take many forms

An enterprise as varied and far-reaching as the University requires support from many quarters, in ways both large and small. Princeton's loyal alumni continue to meet this need with generosity and creativity through gifts that support everything from teaching and research to iconic artifacts.

<http://aspire.princeton.edu/news/archive/giftstakemanyforms.xml>

Planned gifts count toward Aspire

Princeton's gift planners highlight creative ways to support the priorities of the Aspire campaign through gift arrangements such as charitable or lead trusts.

<http://aspire.princeton.edu/giftplanning/campaign/creative09.xml>

05. EXHIBITS & EVENTS**Ciocca '05 takes third place in Art of Science competition**

A panel of distinguished judges awarded third prize in the Art of Science competition to Maria Ciocca '05 for "Worm Love," an image taken using immunofluorescence microscopy. Winners of the 2009 Art of Science competition were announced at a gallery opening May 8. The show features 48 works chosen from more than 200 submissions and will be on display in the Friend Center atrium for a year. Other alumni whose work is in the exhibit are J. Alex Halderman '09, Robert Renthall '67 and Karin Sigloch '08. A "people's choice" award will be given to the researcher whose work receives the most votes by July 1 in this online gallery:

<http://www.princeton.edu/artofscience/2009/vote/>

For more information: <http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/22/23C17/>

Summer performances offered at Richardson

Princeton University Summer Concerts will present four performances this summer starting at 8 p.m. June 18 through July 20 in Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/46/72C34/>

Carillon concerts planned through Sept. 6

The University's 17th annual Summer Carillon Series, featuring carillonneurs from the United States, the Netherlands and Australia, will be held at 1 p.m. each Sunday from June 28 through Sept. 6 at Cleveland Tower on the Graduate College campus.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/46/73Q18/>

Frist hosts summer concert series

The Frist Campus Center will present free concerts this summer on Wednesdays through July 15. Each concert will be held at 4:30 p.m. on the Frist **south lawn**.

<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S24/46/72M35/>

06. SPORTS UPDATES**Three chosen in Major League Baseball draft**

Three Princeton players—pitcher David Hale '10, catcher Jack Murphy '10 and pitcher Brad Gemberling '09—were selected in the 2009 Major League Baseball draft. In total, 14 Princeton players have been selected in the draft since 2000.

[http://www.goprincetontigers.com/SportSelect.dbml?](http://www.goprincetontigers.com/SportSelect.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=10600&KEY=&SPID=4228&SPSID=46838)

[DB_OEM_ID=10600&KEY=&SPID=4228&SPSID=46838](http://www.goprincetontigers.com/SportSelect.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=10600&KEY=&SPID=4228&SPSID=46838)

Maag finishes 10th in 5K at NCAA Championships

Princeton's Michael Maag '09 finished 10th in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA Championships at the University of Arkansas, running the distance in 14:14.67.

http://www.goprincetontigers.com/ViewArticle.dbml?&ATCLID=3749754&DB_OEM_ID=10600

Cummings takes 12th at NCAAs

Sarah Cummings '11 finished in 12th place in the women's 10,000-meter run at the 2009 NCAA Championships, clocking in at 34:29.77.

http://www.goprincetontigers.com/ViewArticle.dbml?&ATCLID=3749441&DB_OEM_ID=10600

Find the latest Tiger sports news online

For all the latest Princeton sports news, visit the University's official athletics site:

<http://www.goprincetontigers.com>

07. PRINCETON WEB CONNECT

- Princeton University - <http://www.princeton.edu>
- Alumni Association - <http://alumni.princeton.edu>
- Class pages - http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/alumni_communities/classes/class_pages/
- Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni - <http://www.princeton.edu/apga>
- Aspire: A Plan for Princeton - <http://aspire.princeton.edu/>
- Public events calendar - <http://calendar.princeton.edu>
- Visiting Princeton - <http://www.princeton.edu/Siteware/Visitors.shtml>
- Princeton Alumni Weekly - <http://www.princeton.edu/paw/>
- Princeton Weekly Bulletin - <http://www.princeton.edu/pr/pwb/current.html>
- Daily Princetonian - <http://www.dailyprincetonian.com/>
- Tiger E-News archives - <http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/news/>

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