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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the year when College Year in Athens proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary. The school was started in 1962 by “Mrs Phyl” in response to calls from American friends who wanted a school in Greece where their children and their friends’ children could spend part of their college career studying the classics. Ismene was an entrepreneurial woman and a survivor. She had survived the national disaster of 1922, having been uprooted from Smyrna with her family, and secured a scholarship at the age of 17 to study at Wellesley College. She and her husband survived the war with the Axis, the German occupation and the famine teaching English to Greek children in a barter exchange for some olive oil to keep their family alive. She survived the civil war in Greece, and finally when Greece embarked on its post WWII course for reconstruction, she set out to create her own school. CYA was born thanks to the efforts of this remarkable woman and flourished in the five decades that followed.

As we embark on our second fifty years, I ask for the support and confidence of all our alumni and friends and make a special plea to all to donate to our annual fundraising campaign. This support would come at a very critical time. Today CYA is facing difficulties. Not because of the quality of the education it provides, and not because of events under its control, but rather because of the negative image of Greece in the world’s media which constantly focus on the economic problems and the incidents of violence in otherwise peaceful demonstrations. This is a very distorted picture. Greece is not any more unsafe than any metropolitan area in the world; in fact, it is probably safer. But this wrong perception has resulted in a drop of applicants: CYA, which in recent years had grown to approximately 160 students per semester, now has 80 regular semester students.

Indeed the economic crisis in Greece has brought unbelievable misery to local society. The statistics are staggering: five years of continuous recession, 25% unemployment, more than 50% unemployment amongst the young, about 2.5 million people living under the poverty line. The pain felt by Greek society is intolerable. No other country in time of peace has had to undergo such hardship. It is natural that this pain brings frustration and anger, which from time to time finds expression in the streets of Athens. These largely peaceful demonstrations in whatever form they take are always confined to specific locations, mostly a few city blocks in the center of town, far removed from the CYA Academic Center. Our students are always advised how to avoid them and how to keep safe.

The academic program has not been affected in the least by the situation in the country. We have turned the difficulties into a learning experience for our students, offering academic opportunities to observe and analyze what is happening. Our students are happy to be in Athens and enjoy the unique aspects of Greece, its culture, its environment, and its weather. CYA’s program of field study has gone on uninterrupted, with two week-long trips this semester, one in Crete (see photo on cover) and one in the Peloponnese. There have been optional trips to the island of Andros and to Meteora. They were all huge successes.

We are taking all the necessary steps to meet the financial challenge before us, making extensive spending cuts without affecting academic quality and keeping our sights on development by offering academic services to faculty-led programs from various schools in the US. CYA will overcome this difficult period, always keeping Ismene Phyl’s survivor spirit in mind.

CYA is an excellent institution and it provides first rate educational and student services. Its area of academic emphasis: Classical Studies and East Mediterranean studies will always be pertinent. Ancient Greece will forever be a powerful draw. I am confident about CYA’s ability to sustain this difficult time, as I am confident that Greece itself will see better days soon.

*Alexis Phylactopoulos*  
President



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## LECTURE SERIES – SPRING 2012

In the spring of 2012, CYA organized two events under the general title “An analysis of the causes and repercussions of the current political and economic crisis,” with the aim of educating students about the crisis in Greece and the euro zone.



On February 22, **Thanos Skouras**, Emeritus Professor of Economics and Business at the University of Athens, gave a lecture titled “*The Euro Crisis: What Have We Learned?*” He reviewed the situation in Greece within the broader context of the European Union. Professor Skouras argued that one of the lessons that can

be drawn from the EU’s response to the crisis is that national attitudes have hindered the development of effective European-wide solutions. He was particularly critical of the view prevalent among northern Europeans that the profligate south needed to be punished for its accumulation of excessive debt, and pointed out that the current crisis in Greece is a product of decisions made not only by successive Greek governments but also by European policy makers. He proposed a number of structural solutions to the problems currently facing the European Union, including increasing the capability of the European Central Bank to provide loans to national governments in need.



On April 4, **Dr. Philip Carabott** and CYA professors **Aimee Placas** and **Ritsa Panagiotou**, took part in a panel discussion entitled, “*Domestic Responses & International Repercussions of the Crisis.*” Professor Panagiotou, a political economist who teaches a CYA course on the European Union, analyzed the key events that led to the crisis, the elements of the bail-out package, and the prospects for Greece today. Professor Placas, an anthropologist, described the emergence of social movements -- consumer and other citizen groups -- that have formed since 2008 in response to the crisis. Dr. Carabott, a historian and Cyprus Hellenic Foundation Lecturer at Kings College, London, examined the responses to the crisis of Greek political cartoonists. Using forty cartoons published from January to March 2012 as illustrations, he showed how these cartoons expressed the historical and deeply-rooted self-perception of Greeks as victims and the “great powers,” in this case the European Union and the European Central Bank, as the aggressors.

*The remaining spring lectures covered a variety of other topics.*



On February 8, **Glenn Peers**, (CYA ’83), Whitehead Professor, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and Professor of Art History--Early Medieval and Byzantine Art, University of Texas at Austin, gave a talk on “*Christian Spolia in Muslim Hands: The Early Islamic Mosque at Shivta in the Negev Desert.*”

Professor Peers pointed out that pagans, Jews and Christians had long integrated older pieces of architectural sculpture into their own monuments. The Arch of Constantine in Rome from 315 is the best known example of a re-use of architectural sculpture to make an argument about connections to the past and about superseding it. Medieval Muslims also used Christian Roman architecture and sculpture for the expression of their own connections to the past and its supersession in their new faith. Professor Peers looked at one minor example of this argument through recycled stone: the Early Islamic mosque at the town of Shivta in the Israeli Negev. There, Muslims built a small mosque adjoining the baptistery of a large church complex, but they also re-used lintel blocks with crosses for the steps leading into the mosque from a main square of the town. According to Peers, the mosque is both respectful and adversarial, revealing ideological work that stones carried out in the medieval world.

**Jack L. Davis**, Carl W. Blegen Professor of Greek Archaeology at the University of Cincinnati, and Director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, gave a lecture on February 29 entitled “*Philanthropy, the American Red Cross and Archaeology in Greece in the Wake of the First World War.*”



Professor Davis’ talk examined the history of archaeology in Greece in the late Ottoman period and in the early years of the modern Greek state, its relationship to nationalist movements in the Balkans, and the contributions of American archaeologists in the face of humanitarian crises in the region. He described the founding and development of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens within the context of the social and political climate of Greece, and focused in particular on the period directly after WWI, in which important ASCSA figures, Carl Blegen (then a fellow at ASCSA) and Edward Capps (then a professor at ASCSA) led the American Red Cross relief effort in Greece. They were archaeologists as well as aid workers, following in the footsteps of the soldiers; they even traveled to Izmir, Turkey to excavate when it was under Greek occupation from 1919 to 1922. Following this period, Edward Capps led a clean up of the water system at Ancient Corinth and initiated archaeological excavation at the Ancient Agora in Athens.

## CLASSICAL SPIES



On March 7, **Cameron (Ron) Afzal**, Professor of Religion at Sarah Lawrence College, and Visiting Professor at CYA, gave a lecture on *“The Text We Hate To Love and Love To Hate: The Adam and Eve Story Revisited.”* The talk consisted of a detailed textual analysis of a new translation of the Adam and Eve story in Genesis chapters 2 and 3, with the audience following along with their own copies of the text while Professor Afzal explained the nuances of the original Hebrew. The standard translations of the Adam and Eve text, Professor Afzal noted, largely reflect the values and attitudes of the Greco-Roman world, in which women were regarded as little more than slaves. In contrast, this new scholarly translation pays close attention to the meaning of the original Hebrew, which portrays Eve as Adam’s equal and essential helper, who did not trick or tempt Adam, but who simply gave him the fruit to eat. Since the Bible has been used to define gender roles and to legitimize the subordinate status of women, this new interpretation of the story of Adam and Eve has the potential to dramatically transform how women are perceived. 🌸



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Susan H. Allen with CYA Chairman K. Chris Todd (middle) and her husband and CYA Treasurer Peter Allen ('65).

On October 25, the George Washington University Capitol Archaeological Institute hosted Dr. Susan Heuck Allen at the International Spy Museum in Washington D.C. in an event co-sponsored by the Embassy of Greece. Dr. Allen, a long time friend of CYA and wife of CYA Treasurer Peter Allen ('65), discussed her book *“Classical Spies: American Archaeologists with the OSS in World War II Greece”* with Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering acting as interviewer. The event was sold-out and a rousing success. Among other interesting tidbits, the audience learned that Susan Allen once swam the Bosphorus while doing research for one of her books. Susan kindly recognized her husband, Peter, for his support while she worked on the book.

*Classical Spies* (University of Michigan Press) is the first insiders’ account of the operations of the American intelligence service in World War II Greece. Initiated by archeologists in Greece and the eastern Mediterranean, the network drew on scholars’ personal contacts and knowledge of languages and terrain. The book is based on interviews with individuals sharing their stories for the first time, private diaries, letters, and photographs, and previously unpublished secret documents.

Susan Allen is an experienced archaeologist and author of many books and articles. She has taught at Yale University and Smith College and is currently Visiting Scholar in the Department of Classics, Brown University. 🌸

## STAFF RETIREMENT: EFTYHIA HARITOPOULOU

On Monday, 15 October, CYA gave a small but touching farewell party to a well-liked member of its family, Eftyhia Haritopoulou, who is retiring after 10 years with CYA. Students from both Kolonaki and Pangrati apartments will remember her pleasant smile and her fastidious tidying up of their apartments.



Eftyhia and her husband Theodore, who has transferred many a CYA student to and from the airport in his taxi, are planning to move to their hometown, Kavala, in Northern Greece, where their daughter’s family lives.

CYA wishes Eftyhia and Theodore a happy retirement and a well-deserved rest in beautiful Kavala. 🌸

## ALUMNI PROFILE: INTERVIEW WITH TOD SEDGWICK, US AMBASSADOR TO SLOVAKIA



Appointed as US Ambassador to Slovakia by President Obama, CYA alumnus Tod Sedgwick has been a successful entrepreneur and businessman, all the while maintaining his long-standing ties to Greece. He kindly agreed to share some thoughts about his diplomatic role for America, as well as his advice to current US students in this interview for the OWL.

**You have some strong ties to Greece, including having served as an Alumnus Trustee for CYA, on the Board for the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, and of course, being a study abroad student at CYA in 1967. How did your interest in Greece, and more specifically CYA, come about?**

*My interest in CYA came about because of my cousin Shan Sedgwick, who was an early trustee of the school. Board chairman, Chris Todd, recently sent me a wonderful photograph of Shan with Mrs. Phyl. Shan, my father's first cousin, was a lovable, eccentric and vivid character who came to Athens originally during the WWII period to write for the New York Times and then married an Athenian, Roxanne. He loved Greece and would take walks in the mountains quoting Byron by heart and drinking home-concocted peach brandy. After taking a sip he would exclaim and jump up and down with joy.*

**What comes to mind when you reflect on your CYA experience?**

*My CYA experience was invaluable since it was my first time living abroad in a foreign culture. I have become a confirmed "Hellenophile" and travel back to Greece often in connection with the Gennadius or to visit the country. I was deeply saddened to read that Mrs.*

*Koumarianou had passed away. She was my professor of the modern Greek language but much more than that, she was a highly cultivated lady who taught us all a lot about Greek history, culture and way of life.*

**What advice would you give to CYA students for them to maximize their study abroad experience?**

*I would advise students if at all possible to go to CYA for two semesters rather than one, because after a few months your learning and experience grow exponentially and you can get a lot more out of the whole experience. I would recommend traveling around the country as much as possible as well as to nearby historic cities such as Venice and Istanbul to absorb the full sweep of the ancient, early Christian, Byzantine and Ottoman periods. Also read Patrick Leigh Fermor and Lawrence Durrell's books about Greece before you go, if possible.*

**What skills do you think are most important for our CYA students to develop in order to flourish in our increasingly global society?**

*If students are interested in going into international business or diplomacy, I would advise getting as much language training as possible. In terms of skills, being able to communicate in simple, compelling prose is both difficult and increasingly in demand. Another important skill is listening to your Greek hosts about their culture, economy and the sense of their place in the world. This listening skill is one of lifelong importance in any profession and particularly in promoting international understanding.*

**Did your study abroad experience at CYA influence your career path/ambassadorship?**

*Yes, my study abroad experience at CYA certainly influenced my career path in becoming an ambassador. When I was offered the opportunity to go into public service and was offered choices of doing something in Washington or serving the country abroad, I jumped at the opportunity to serve the country abroad. CYA made me feel not only comfortable living*

*in a foreign land but also instilled in me an intellectual curiosity about the history and culture of different countries.*

**Prior to your Ambassadorship, you were a business entrepreneur with experience in the publishing and timber industries. What have been some of the biggest adjustments in going from the business world to the diplomatic community?**

*I would say some of the biggest adjustments in going into diplomacy from the business world is that in the business world, you can make things happen immediately every day. Diplomacy, on the other hand, requires a great deal of patience because you're dealing with two or more parties, potentially with different interests. Process is much more important in diplomacy than in business. Serving as ambassador to Slovakia, however, has been a pleasure because it is a very pro-American country that has a lot of positive engagement with the United States.*

**What are your primary responsibilities as Ambassador to Slovakia?**

*What makes my job so stimulating is that it is so multi-faceted. On any given day, I might be engaged in public diplomacy, advocacy with the Slovak government, promoting American business interests and handling a thorny visa issue. As ambassador my job is broadly to represent the interests of the United States in Slovakia but this entails a variety of issues. It's a particular pleasure to be representing President Obama because he believes in partnerships with countries like Slovakia and in listening to other countries' points of view.*

**What are some of the most important issues between the U.S. and Slovakia?**

*There are many issues in which the United States and Slovakia work together closely. In the military area, Slovakia has about 350 troops serving with NATO forces in Afghanistan and also has deployments in Bosnia and Cyprus. More than 120 American companies operate in Slovakia so I often assist them with any issues they have in the country. I also do whatever I can to promote US exports to Slovakia and*

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# CYA TURNS 50!

## JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS

For five decades, College Year in Athens has offered the unique experience of studying in Greece to more than 7,000 young American students – and you were one of them! Whether you were a CYA student last century or last semester, come join us in celebrating fifty years of superior study abroad education. Let's raise a glass together to the next half century of CYA's existence, and to the young men and women who will follow our steps, wide-eyed and eager to immerse themselves in the life and culture of this vibrant city and enrich their knowledge and understanding of a world ancient and new, wise and turbulent.

Come share your memories. Come reunite with old friends and make new ones. After all, we all have something important in common, something that has marked our lives for ever – the time we spent at College Year in Athens!

Kelly Collins, '97, CYA Alumni Coordinator, [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org)

### Scheduled for spring 2013:

Boston – Sunday, March 24  
New York City – Tuesday, March 26  
Washington, DC – Thursday, March 28  
Chicago – Tuesday, April 2

### Planned for later in 2013:

Athens (summer)  
Los Angeles (November)  
Minneapolis (November)

Details concerning venues and times will be announced on the alumni section of our website, [www.cyathens.org](http://www.cyathens.org), and on Facebook. 'Like' CYA on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/CYAthens>) to keep abreast of news and announcements.


## FACULTY NEWS

**Stefanos Alexopoulos** was Visiting Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies at the Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, in the spring of 2012, where in addition to teaching two classes, he helped lead a study trip to Greece and Turkey in May for the Institute's graduate students and faculty, and gave a series of lectures: at College of Saint Benedict/St. John's University, Minnesota; at the Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven; at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Sacramento; at the Axion Estin Foundation, New York; at the University of Notre Dame; at San Francisco State University Center for Modern Greek Studies; at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology; and at the Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University. He is co-editor and contributing author of two books that appeared in 2012: *Inquiries into Eastern Christian Worship: Selected Papers of the Second International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgies, Rome, 17-21 September 2008*, Eastern Christian Studies, Vol. 12 (Leuven: Peeters Publishers), and *A Living Tradition: On the Intersection of Liturgical History and Pastoral Practice* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press). He is also the author of a number of encyclopedic entries that were published recently in the **Μεγάλη Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική Εγκυκλοπαίδεια**.

On October 2011, Routledge published a volume edited by **Ann Brysbaert** which focuses on ancient materials and technologies and how these intersect, both technologically and socially, in people's lives in the past. *Tracing Prehistoric Social Networks through Technology: A Diachronic Perspective on the Aegean* is the outcome of a close collaboration between ten scholars in the field of Greek Archaeology who showed an active interest beyond their own area of expertise by applying a common methodology of investigating the technological and material phenomena they usually study.

**Doxis Doxiadis** has left CYA to take a position at Simon Fraser University as Lecturer in History and Academic Coordinator of Hellenic Studies.

**Emmanuela Kantzia** was Visiting Lecturer at the Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies Department, University of Cyprus, in the fall of 2012.

**Hypatia Vourloumi** is spending the 2012-2013 academic year as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the International Research Centre 'Interweaving Performance Cultures' at Freie University in Berlin where she is conducting research on cross-cultural immigrant performance in Athens. 



## 50 YEARS IN PHOTOS

CYA is celebrating 50 years of sensational study abroad semesters! In honor of this milestone, we want to create a pictorial blog with images of CYA students over the years. WE NEED YOU, our valued alumni, to submit the photography that will bring this blog to life! Dig into your photo albums and scan in images or look through your computer photo files and email us a couple of your favorite CYA memories! Send all submissions to: [cya.dikemes@gmail.com](mailto:cya.dikemes@gmail.com) by February 1, 2013.

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FEBRUARY 1, 2013



## SEATTLE ALUMNI EVENT IN JANUARY

CYA will be hosting an alumni gathering in Seattle, WA during the week of January 3 - 6, 2013. Details about the event, including the specific date and time, will be available at [www.cyathens.org](http://www.cyathens.org) in December, so please check the website then. The reception will be held in conjunction with the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association's annual conference. We invite all alumni who will be in the area to attend. Please do, however, RSVP by December 21, 2012 to Kelly Collins at [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org) if you intend to join us.

## NOSTALGIA

By Emma Uri (CYA Spring & Summer '11, Summer '12)



Emma Uri, fourth from left in the back row, with Marinetta Papahimona, Lida Triantafyllidou and fellow students of the summer '12 Modern Greek class.

Nos•tal•gia: a state of being homesick, from Greek “nostos”, to return home and “algia”, pain, ache. A sentimental yearning for the happiness of a former time or place.

Before I left my small corner of the world for Athens, my uncle looked on me with eyes brimming with nostalgia. “You’re going to fall in love with Greece. I wish I was your age when I discovered this place.” I couldn’t even begin to understand what my uncle was feeling, but soon enough I was off to my semester in Athens.

This past summer I joined CYA for the third time. After a whirlwind of a semester in Athens and a trip extension into the summer Modern Greek course, I returned this past summer to continue my Modern Greek studies. Why CYA? Why Greece? Coming to Greece in the spring showed me a whole new world, one that explained some of my Greek-American roots and connected with my own personal values. Friends and family are a top priority, caring for others is another. Coffee shops are packed full of discussions and relationships, arguments and passion. The plateias are bustling with people, the streets are jammed with impatient drivers; the city is exuberant and bursting with life.

Studying through CYA exposed me to this beautiful world. The staff opened up their lives to us students and showed us a different way of living. Through the Modern Greek summer program, I was able to start forming relationships out of the language I was trying to learn. My experience in the Modern Greek program leaves me speechless at times; I didn’t know how wonderful the world could be.

Nostalgia is why I keep coming back to Greece. In Greece I found a home, and being away from it causes a pain that is not easily understood. To ease the pain, I must return. Through the rest of my studies and into my life post graduation, I look forward to the experiences in store for me and the places in the world that I will walk through. For now, my nostalgia pulls me back to my ancestors’ homeland, a place full of life and love. Nostalgia: rooted in ancient Greek and prevalent in my world today.

## CYA FAMILY DINNERS

By Morgan Ward, (CYA Fall '12)

“Strangers are just family you have yet to come to know.”

My roommate, Rebekah Heusel, came up with the idea of having Pot luck dinners. The first one was a Thursday a few weeks ago. Everyone made the one thing they knew how to make without a microwave and we got together and enjoyed each other’s company. For the past couple of weeks, we’ve adopted this as a new tradition in our “CYA Family.” Our group has grown to a head count of 12-13 people, depending. There is lots of wine and food and we all just sit and talk and eat and drink. This group has become very close, and it’s been a lovely change in pace.

Rebekah really believes that everyone should be eating together. She cooks dinner for our flat almost every single night (Tuesdays I usually cook). It concerns her that so many of our friends often dine alone. Now, we have multiple meals with all the wonderful people we’ve met here. She even has us do highs and lows of the day/week when we eat together, to make sure we’re keeping up on each others lives. It’s really adorable. The “crew” is super functional and considerate. It’s lovely.

Our weekly dinners have allowed us to get to know each other and bond. It’s certainly been interesting. We’ve had taverna family-style meals, we’ve gone to pubs and watched movies together.

It’s a relaxing relief from the constant hustle and bustle of being in Athens. It is exhausting running from one thing to another. I am very grateful to the siesta because I use it almost every day! But in case you were worried about us college students not eating right in Athens, I assure you, we’ve been doing just fine for ourselves.



Morgan Ward (second from right) and Rebekah Heusel (first from left) at dinner with their extended CYA family.

Photo courtesy of Megan Whitacre

## STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

### A CLIMBER BARES HER SOUL

By Shelbie Loonam-Hesser (CYA Fall '12)



*"In a sense everything that is exists to climb. All evolution is a climbing towards a higher form. Climbing for life as it reaches towards the consciousness, towards the spirit. We have always honored the high places because we sense them to be the homes of gods. In the mountains there is the promise of...something unexplainable. A higher place of awareness, a spirit that soars. So we climb...and in climbing there is more than a metaphor; there is a means of discovery."*

– Rob Parker

I knew before I even left for Greece that the Mt. Olympus trip would be one of my favorites...

The highest mountain in Greece, Mt. Olympus is located on the border between Thessaly and Macedonia. In Greek mythology, Mt. Olympus was regarded as the "home" of the twelve olympian gods of the ancient Greek world. The "home" of Zeus, god of them all. I was eager to hike this legend of a mountain.

However, before I go any further there's something I need to explain: I love the outdoors.

Climbing and hiking are "my things", some of my passions. I've never learned more about myself than when I've been physically and mentally challenged. I understand that the trail, while sometimes dangerous, can heal, can allow for growth, for reflection, and for discovery. I understand that in going back into the wild and escaping the toils of city or suburban life, one rejuvenates one's mind, one's heart, and one's soul. This understanding isn't known or seen by all. Some see a hike as mere physical activity or a cool thing to do once in a while. I see it as a journey where I learn more about myself and this beautiful world we live in. I see it as a means for both physical and mental growth. I see it as an opportunity to be alone in my thoughts in a more beautiful place than ever imagined. I see it as a means of escaping the norm.

How cool is it to say that you accomplished something like that? That you pushed yourself to your limits and beyond? How wonderful is it to know that you are one of the few, in comparison with the world, to see a view such as the one you see when you reach your destination?

I used to be embarrassed by feeling this passionate, by feeling this strongly about something that most people cannot understand or choose not to care about. This is no longer the case. There is no greater feeling in discovering who you are, what your passions are, and where

you know you belong. Everything afterwards seems to fall right into place. It's better to feel this passionate about something in life than to feel cold and numb. It means you're alive and more so than most people who live day to day, in the same old routine, doing the same old thing, thinking the same old thoughts. I refuse to live that way.

The Mt. Olympus trip helped me to feel "alive" again after getting lost in the hustle and bustle of Athens. Saying I loved the experience is an understatement. The trail pushed me to my limits, being steeper for a longer period of time than what I've been used to, and staying in the shelter was an absolute blast. Nestled into the side of the mountain overlooking the valley, the shelter housed many other hikers on the same journey. It was great to be able to be surrounded by other "mountain" people. The sleeping situation was an adventure in itself and there were many laughs to be shared- I will never forget you Megabed. Who knew that I would also have the best spaghetti bolognese at practically 7000 feet of elevation? The stars were some of the brightest I've ever seen and the sunrise the next morning was amazing. Most importantly, the view from the top took my breath away and I promised myself, as I stood up there overlooking the beautiful valley below, that I would be back one day.

So I urge you next time you are out on the trail or in Nature – Please take the time to look around, to notice things you wouldn't have otherwise if you were just trying to meet your destination. Please take the time to listen to your own thoughts. Please let your mind guide you where it pleases.

Thanks for reading. Thanks for venturing out into Nature. Thanks for letting a climber bare her soul.

### A HISTORICALLY MONUMENTAL DAY

By Mary Neville (CYA Fall '12)



It was hard to imagine the Acropolis before I saw it for the first time. I knew the architecture, the facades, the processional ways, the history, and the rituals that took place there. It was odd to know a place so well yet at the same time not know a thing about it; I had not once seen the soil or felt the sun from all the way up there or the wind blow up the hill, or gazed upon the city spread out below.

I couldn't believe I was actually there, and I ached to keep seeing

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## ON RETURNING TO GREECE

By Rob Lewis (CYA Fall '07, Summer '12)



Why Greece? Why go? Why now? All questions I was asked upon announcing my plans to return to Greece to attend Professor Diamant's Archaeology of Greece course this summer. As a full-time software developer three years out of undergrad, a trip to a seemingly unstable place to study archaeology surprised my friends and family. The answers are difficult to put into words. Travelers from Pausanias to Lord Byron have been drawn to Greece for centuries to explore its rich history and experience the warmth of its people. Five years after my first CYA experience, I needed once again to experience what Greece has to offer.

After my 2007 CYA experience, I knew I wanted to return. Having taken a course with Professor Diamant, I was particularly interested in attending more of his on-site lectures and hearing more of his take on Greek history and culture. I knew of the professor's summer course as early as 2008, but between school and then work, the time never seemed right. At the start of 2012, I knew I just needed to take the plunge. I quickly enrolled, purchased plane tickets, and scheduled time off. I was not particularly worried about the

news of unrest coming from Greece. The Greeks I had met on my previous trips were resilient and kind and I had no reason to believe they would be any different this time.

Greece and CYA did not disappoint. The program put together a group of sixteen sharp, fun, and, most importantly, interested students for Professor Diamant's summer course. With the help of staff assistant Aleko Costas, we travelled all over Crete and the Peloponnese surveying sites from the earliest hunter-gather settlements up to the Byzantine era. The professor was able to paint a beautiful, millennia-spanning collage of Greek history as we travelled from site to site. Along the way, we met many modern Greeks who knew the current economic situation was a very small piece of the grand history they were part of.

So, why go back to Greece? Because Greece has lessons to teach that are timeless. Some are stated out right: "Man is the measure of all things" (Protagoras); "All things in moderation" (inscription on the Delphic temple). Others must be discovered over a shared meal with friends, a quiet afternoon coffee, or an evening walk by the sea. I would encourage anyone who is interested to make the journey and see what lessons Greece has to teach. I am grateful I had the opportunity to do it more than once.

## A HISTORICALLY MONUMENTAL DAY

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more. As soon as I fixed my eye on the Propylaea I couldn't help but be absorbed by the wonder of it all. The sun streamed through at the perfect angle, as if Zeus himself was welcoming us into the home of his daughter, Athena.

I love that so many people get excited by history and trek up the same processional path as the ancients. I hope that people come to places like the Acropolis to learn more and realize that there are things in Greece that matter and that will always matter. 🌿



## MARY KEELEY REMEMBERED

Mary Stathatou-Kyris Keeley, the wife of *Trustee Emeritus Edmund (Mike) Keeley* died on Oct. 25, 2012. Mary was a dear friend of the program which she came to love throughout Mike's long tenure on the Board of CYA's Trustees.

Mary had the gift of brightening up any gathering with her warmth, her lively, friendly personality, her easy smile and her gentle sense of humor.

Born of Greek parents in the cosmopolitan city of Alexandria, Egypt, she studied Modern Greek and French literature at Oxford University where she met Mike. She was a sought after translator of Modern Greek literature and published a number of translations over the years, including the well-received Vassilis Vassilikos trilogy, *The Plant, the Well, the Angel*, his novel *The Monarch*, and a volume of the correspondence of Dimitris Mitropoulos. She also collaborated in the translation of contemporary Greek poets, among these the Nobel laureate George Seferis and the younger generation poets Manolis Anagnostakis and Katerina Angelaki Rooke.

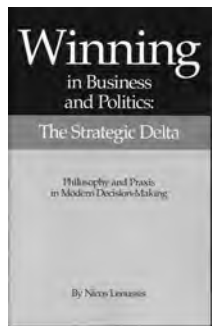
The CYA family extends its sincerest condolences to Mike Keeley. Mary will be missed by all who knew her.

Mary's full obituary can be viewed at: <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/trenton/obituary.aspx?n=mary-stathato-kyris-keeley&cpid=160697525#fbLoggedOut> 🌿



Photo courtesy of Michael Herzfeld

## CYA AS A CASE STUDY OF SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATIONS



CYA is included as a case study of successful organizations in Nicos Leoussis' new book, "Winning in Business and Politics: The Strategic Delta" (Libri Publishing, 2012).

Leoussis maintains that communication is the critical element of success for any organization. Here is an excerpt from the book regarding CYA's "connect and advise" communication strategy:

*Among all the elements of "College Year in Athens" I consider their "owl newsletter" as the most significant. This 24 page publication targets alumni and friends and aims at keeping the Athens Year experience alive and relevant. This way the college maintains a roster of advocates, who help potential participants understand the merit of enrolling... College Year in Athens is a unique experience. Those who underwent it are the ones best qualified to disseminate it. The best way to recruit is via ambassadors who have been there and lived the experience and can report and respond and convince.*

For more information on Leoussis' book you may visit the publisher's page: <http://www.libripublishing.co.uk/management-policy-and-strategy/winning-in-business-and-politics>

### CYA APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

CYA ALUMNI and friends planning to revisit Athens during the summer months, please keep in mind that CYA may have apartments available for rent. CYA student apartments are conveniently located in the Pangrati neighborhood of Athens and provide a less expensive option to hotel accommodations. For availability and rates please send a request to [programs@dikemes.edu.gr](mailto:programs@dikemes.edu.gr).

## CYA T-SHIRTS ON SALE



Some CYA T-shirts are still available for purchase in North America. This cotton white T-shirt, available in large, is printed in blue ink with the CYA owl as well as Socrates' quote, "I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world", in both English and ancient Greek.

T-shirts are \$12, plus \$5 per package for shipping and handling. They may be ordered from the CYA North American Office. Please email [info@cyathens.org](mailto:info@cyathens.org) for details.



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## RECIPE



### OVEN BAKED CHICKEN AND POTATOES

*An easy and delicious recipe by Meni, CYA's Cook Extraordinaire*

1 medium chicken  
4 lb potatoes  
1 tbs salt  
1 tsp black pepper  
1 tbs oregano

*For the sauce:*  
2 lemons  
1 cup olive oil  
2 tbs mustard  
1 ½ cup water

Rinse the chicken well.

Peel and cut the potatoes in small pieces. Rinse them well.

Place the chicken and the potatoes in the oven pan. Add oregano, salt and pepper.

Prepare the sauce: In a bowl combine the juice of 2 lemons, the olive oil and mustard, and beat with a fork to mix well.

Pour the sauce over the chicken and potatoes and add 1 ½ cup water in the pan.

Bake for approx 1½ hour in 375°F. Every half hour turn the chicken and potatoes over in order to roast the bottom side as well.

Enjoy!

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

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*Slovak investment in the United States to create more jobs in the US. Slovakia has a Schengen border with Ukraine so we train Slovaks and provide equipment to prevent nuclear smuggling across the border.*

*We also advocate in Slovakia for a full democracy and do whatever we can to promote the rule of law and a healthy civil society sector. In the region, we work with the Slovaks to provide other countries that are further behind in the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership to share their successful experience in transitioning from an authoritarian regime to a full-fledged capitalist democracy. Slovakia has benefited from its membership in the European Union and NATO and can share this experience with other countries in the neighborhood.*

*Finally, Slovakia is even serving, along with the Netherlands, as co-chair of the Task Force on Tunisia under the Community of Democracies organization. It's important that Tunisia succeed in its path to democracy and the Slovaks are being very helpful in sharing their experience in a number of tangible ways.*



## IN MEMORY

### DAVID RITTENHOUSE 72AB



I am very sad to report the sudden death of our dear friend, *David Rittenhouse*, on January 25, 2012, from an undiagnosed heart ailment. Many of you will remember him as a bright, resourceful, ever-cheerful, boundlessly optimistic guy, who made friends of virtually everyone he met. *Brian Joseph* '72AB and I had the privilege of continuing to stay in touch with him over the past 40 years. He was an incredibly loyal friend, of sterling integrity and with a singular sense of personal honor. He was generous to a fault, very smart, and had a wit that could have you laughing in no time.

David fashioned a very interesting and rewarding life for himself. After graduating with high honors in Classics from the University of Rochester (and, of course, spending his junior year with us at CYA), he served in the U.S. Navy for six years, got an MBA and worked for the State Department at the Diplomatic Security Service in Germany, Sudan, Ukraine, and Chicago. He retired about eight years ago and bought a small farm near Danville, New York, where he worked to meticulously restore an old farmhouse, and he and his beloved dog kept a few sheep and ducks. He continued to study languages (especially Russian and Ukrainian) on his own, and he became a favorite occasional substitute teacher at the Danville high school.

David had tremendous zest for life—a possessor of if ever there was one. Our world is diminished by his passing, and I, personally, will miss him terribly.

-Submitted by *Mary Clark* 72AB 

## VOLUNTEER! CYA IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELP

If you are interested in recruiting students at a university near you or hosting an alumni event, please contact us at [info@cyathens.org](mailto:info@cyathens.org).

## FALL 2012 ALUMNI NOTES

**Please Note:** Both fall semester and spring semester alumni are listed as part of the class of the full academic year (e.g., those who attended in the fall of 1990 or spring of 1991 both belong to the class of '91). Summer students are listed by the year they attended.

If you are interested in becoming a class agent, contact us at: [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org).

### CLASS OF '12

Still in need of a class agent

**Daniel Tolan** (B) was baptised into the Greek Orthodox Church last July. After classes at CYA ended, Daniel spent ten days in the Monastery in Patmos, and ten days on Mt. Athos. He then returned to Patmos, where he was baptised as Δανιήλ.



### CLASS OF '11

Still in need of a class agent

**Casey Elkins** (B) writes, "I figured that I'd send in an update email to let you know that I've graduated from Colorado College with a Religion degree (Ancient World minor) and have picked up and moved to Ireland. I'm currently living in Galway, working reception at Sleepzone Hostel. Feel free to send travelers my way!"

### CLASS OF '10

Class Agents: '10B **Andreas Glimenakis** & '10B **Ethan Baron**  
[aglimena@fandm.edu](mailto:aglimena@fandm.edu)  
[Ethanbaron@gmail.com](mailto:Ethanbaron@gmail.com)

**Baylee Smith** (A) writes, "Hey friends! Wow, how this year has flown by! Last Spring, I had a great semester that was incredibly challenging but rewarding! This summer, I worked full time in the office that I work during the school year part-time (Procurement at Wake Forest). It was great to get more experience

in finance/business world and to focus on more direct, clear, and accomplishable tasks, as opposed to Divinity School theology/interpretation/paper-writing/discussion.

"This fall, I'm back into the swing of things. I'm working in my job still, but I'm also interning with my church 8-10 hours a week. My focus there is on helping our congregation engage with the community in outreach, and observing my pastors as they lead our community! I'm enjoying it and learning a lot about church, myself, community organizations, and Winston-Salem!

"In late December, one of the coolest things ever is happening... I'm going to ISRAEL! I'm going with a school trip on a 'pilgrimage' of sorts with Muslim, Jewish, and Christian students from Wake Forest University!

"Friends, know that I love and miss you all! I hope you are enjoying this season of Advent... Friends, keep me in the loop on life!"

### CLASS OF '09

Class Agent: '09A still in need of a class agent

Class Agent: '09B **Emily Radkowski**  
[radkowski201@duq.edu](mailto:radkowski201@duq.edu)

**Caralina Gille O'Connell** (B) writes, "I graduated from Wheaton College in May 2010 and moved to Sweden the following fall. I have been living here for the past two years and am currently studying for my Masters in Human Resources and Labor Relations at The University of Gothenburg."

### CLASS OF '08

Class Agents: '08A **Aubrie Boersen**, '08A **Amy Hoeg** & '08B **Terence O'Neill**  
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**Stephen Parkin** (B) wed Jill Laney, his partner of seven years, on June 23rd in Spokane, Washington. They honeymooned in Greece for several weeks, and Stephen loved getting re-acquainted with Greece and sharing it with his wife. Highlights included seeing an ancient Greek comedy at Epidaurus, hiking throughout the mainland and the islands, and finally making it to Monemvasia. Stephen and Jill are now living in Chicago.

### CLASS OF '07

Class Agent: **Catherine (Hibben) Silvo**  
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**Joseph Newberg** (B) writes, "I graduated from Duke University School of Law in May and was granted admission to the Kentucky bar in October. I am now a first-year associate at Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP in the Louisville, KY office."

### CLASS OF '06

Class Agent: '06A **Erin Meyers** & '06B **Bernadette Bolan**  
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[bernsb@gmail.com](mailto:bernsb@gmail.com)

**Irene Murphy** (summer) writes, "I'm currently teaching Latin at St. John's College High School in Washington, DC."

### CLASS OF '05

Class Agent: **Lucianna Ravasio**  
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**Jody Sadornas** (B) recently co-founded a civil organization called Pandrossou Street Market and writes, "Pandrossou Street Market is a hallmark of the Plaka and Monastiraki districts, the most traditional districts of Athens, Greece. Here you can find authentic Greek handicrafts, spices, art, fine jewelry, religious items and other locally produced Greek goods.

"More than a market place, we are a collection of family businesses who bear traditions from every corner of the country. From the rustic mountain hamlets of Thessaly to the coastal towns of the Dodecanese islands, we are an aggregate of modern Greek culture. Here on Pandrossou, you find more than just a souvenir, you find memories.

"More than a family business, we are a community whose mission is to motivate morale in the Plaka area and rebuild social trust in Greece. We seek to create collaborative partnerships to provide community-based solutions so as to accelerate prosperity and economic growth in our homeland. Through our endeavors, we aim to re-brand Greece's image into one that reflects innovation, collaboration and honest hard-work."

### CLASS OF '04

Still in need of a class agent

## CLASS OF '03

Class Agent: *Adam Fletcher*  
adamfletcher@yahoo.com

*William Crowe* (AB) writes that he was in Athens over the fall leading a group from the school at which he teaches.

## CLASS OF '02

Still in need of a class agent

*Jason Howe* (A) and his wife recently had their first child, Emma Raven Howe, on 1/26/12.

## CLASS OF '01

Still in need of a class agent

*Marc Keller* (summer) is pleased to announce that his novel, *Strange Case of Mr. Bodkin and Father Whitechapel*, is now available on Amazon and BN.com. Written as a companion volume to Robert Louis Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, the story explores the dark sides of charity and the consequences of unhindered goodness through the tale of ruthless banker Geoffrey Bodkin and his saintly counterpart, Father Whitechapel. Learn more at [www.MELiasKeller.com](http://www.MELiasKeller.com).

## CLASS OF '00

Still in need of a class agent

*Brian Dixon* (B) writes, "I'm not sure if I updated you last year, but I switched roles in August 2011. I am now faculty at Indiana University in the School of Informatics. I am also engaged in research at the Regenstrief Institute and VA Medical Center in Indianapolis. I continue to enjoy receiving the OWL and fondly remember the excellent time I had at CYA. One day I want to bring my kids (Will, age 4; and Drew, age 2) to Greece and tell them all about CYA. I also bring it up to current students at DePauw who are looking for a novel, enriching travel abroad experience."

## CLASS OF '99

Class Agent: '99A still in need of a class agent

Class Agent: '99B *Ryan Tipps*  
ryan.tipps@d3sports.com

## CLASS OF '98

Class Agent: '98A *Maro Sevastopoulos*  
maro\_rose@yahoo.com

Class Agent: '98B still in need of a class agent

*Josephine Martell* (A) is living in Ithaca, NY pursuing a PhD in Natural Resources at Cornell. She and her husband have three children, a 5-year old daughter and 15 month-old twin boys. She has spent the last ten years doing legislative and policy work in the conservation and animal welfare fields and has an MS in animals and public policy from Tufts Veterinary School.

## CLASS OF '97

Class Agent: *Steve Maselunas*  
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*Jonathan Zarecki* (summer) writes, "This year I was granted tenure and promotion at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and next summer I'm planning on making my first trip back to Greece since CYA (I do most of my overseas travel to Italy these days)."

## CLASS OF '96

Class Agent: *Vasilios Roussos*  
Vasilios@gmail.com

## CLASS OF '95

Class Agent: *Laura Ament Taylor*  
tidndutch@bigpond.com

## CLASS OF '94

Class Agent: *Susannah Snowden*  
Susannah\_snowden@hotmail.com

## CLASS OF '93

Class Agent: *Joel Green*  
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*Eric Cooper* (A) writes, "I haven't sent in an update for ages. In short, since leaving the world of finance, I've run a specialized consultancy based in Boise, Idaho that helps start-up and developmental-stage companies particularly in the clean- / green-tech and alternative energy industries – and unexpectedly got involved in the entertainment industry a little bit too. I try to focus on companies and projects that will make a difference in our world. Byzantium, first exposed to me at CYA, continues to be an

important part of life. My book *Life and Society in Byzantine Cappadocia* is finally out (published by Palgrave, co-authored with Michael J Decker), and a few articles are underway. And I'd certainly love to hear from any of our old classmates – or alumni in my area! [eric@cooperonline.net](mailto:eric@cooperonline.net)"

## CLASS OF '92

Class Agent: *Kelly McCutcheon Adams*  
kamcc71@yahoo.com

## CLASS OF '91

Class Agent: *Daphne Pezaris Maramaldi*  
dmaramal@fas.harvard.edu

*Gordon Gallagher* (A) writes, "I was sworn in on Friday, October 12, 2012 as a United States Magistrate Judge in Federal Court in Grand Junction, Colorado. I look forward to serving in that position for many years. Hope all is well with all my old CYA friends. Malcolm, if you see this, give me a call or send me an email: [Gpplaw@aol.com](mailto:Gpplaw@aol.com)"



## CLASS OF '90

Class Agent: *Steve Gratwick*  
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## CLASS OF '89

Class Agent: *Joe Garnjobst*  
joseph.garnjobst@hillsdale.edu

*Brendan Burke* (B) writes, "I was very happy to run into a CYA classmate at the CYA reception in Philadelphia last year – Grey Heck (AB). It really was a great surprise.

"I have been promoted to chair of my department (Greek and Roman Studies) here at the University of Victoria, and I continue to



excavate in Boeotia, at the ancient site of Eleon, east of Thebes. This is a joint Canadian/American and Greek synergasia. I am in Athens every year from about mid-April to August and I'm very glad to hear about CYA events."

*Matthew Dwyer* (B) writes, "I have lived for the last six years in the Grand Duchy teaching at the International School of Luxembourg. My wife, Yvonne, teaches Grade 1 here and our son, Quinn, is in kindergarten."

*Pamela Miller Lucanish* (AB) writes, "I have been married for ten years and have three beautiful children ages 5, 7, and 9. I also have three beautiful step-children ages 22, 24, and 26. I am an RN in the ICU. I recently moved from Los Angeles to the Dallas area."

## CLASS OF '88

Still in need of a class agent

## CLASS OF '87

Class Agent: *Tina Sorokie*  
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## CLASS OF '86

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## CLASS OF '82

Still in need of a class agent

*Donald Haggis* (AB) writes, "I am currently Professor of Classical Archaeology in the Department of Classics at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, conducting an excavation at the site of Azoria in eastern Crete ([www.azoria.org](http://www.azoria.org)). The Azoria Project, begun in 2002, is the excavation of a 6th century Greek city, studying urbanization in the Early Iron Age and Archaic periods. I will be starting excavation at the site in 2013, and look forward to CYA summer-session students visiting the site, while work is in progress."

## CLASS OF '81

Co-Class Agents: *Kimberle Gray & Scott Dreher*  
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*Susan Clift Gislason* (B) writes, "I spent my honeymoon and 50th birthday on the island of Santorini and a few days in Athens. It was great to be back!"

## CLASS OF '80

Class Agent: *Valentine Talland*  
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*Jonathan Aretakis* (AB) returned to Greece for six weeks during the summer of 2012, enjoying six unforgettable weeks with his wife and three children--hiking, swimming, engaging in public service, and honing their Greek language skills. A book editor and writer, Jonathan continues to find his Muse in Greece.

This was Jonathan's seventeenth trip to Greece since his CYA days, and the family sojourn included time spent in southern Messenia, where they are restoring an old stone house; cruising the northern Sporades as crewmates aboard a friend's sailboat; and extensive travels in western Crete, where he is researching a book about his family's role in the wartime resistance. This trip marked the conclusion of a one-year sabbatical that was cut short by illness in 2009.

Among the highlights was meeting his former modern Greek instructor, Mimika Dimitra, for coffee and lively conversation in the National Gardens. Jonathan spoke to Mimika about the profound influence that CYA has had on his life course. For those readers who have any doubts--Greece is safe, hospitable, and ripe with the joy of living, despite its many problems, and in marked contrast to the negative and highly distorted picture presented by the media. CYA is an academic and cultural jewel in the crown and needs all of our support.

The only regret is that the CYA Summer Program for high school students, which was to be held on Andros, was cancelled because of the relatively low numbers of students registering--scared off, perhaps, by the negative media attention on Greece, which is both unfair and sensationalized nonsense.

Jonathan hopes that next year he and his wife, Ann, can send their two older children

(ages 15 and 17) to the Andros program.

*Editor's note: unfortunately the Andros Program will not be offered in 2013.*

## CLASS OF '79

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## CLASS OF '75

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## CLASS OF '74

Class Agent: *Ann Marie Taliercio*  
[herelocal150@igc.org](mailto:herelocal150@igc.org)

*Keith Adams* (AB) writes, "I have spent the last 38 years in and around anthropology, geography, and archaeology. Married Deborah Durham; moved together to Chicago in 1985, where I began work in the Midwest as a prehistoric archaeologist. On and off from 1986 to 2000, I traveled to Botswana with my anthropologist wife where I also functioned as ethnographic photographer and videographer.

"We moved to Amherst, Virginia in 1993 when Deborah began teaching in the Anthropology Department at Sweet Briar College. Currently, I teach archaeology and direct the Archaeology Lab at Sweet Briar College. Beginning with this summer just past, I am spending summers with Boston University's Central Lydian Archaeological Survey as project photographer and archaeologist. The survey area is near Sardis and a bit over an hour east of Izmir, Turkey. Turkish topography is much like I remember Greece; all routes lead uphill. It has proved to be a great way to shed the excess pounds gained while teaching. Cheers!"



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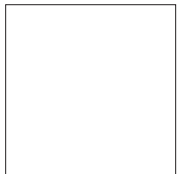
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