

**Harvard and Radcliffe Class of 1968**  
**Forty-fifth Reunion Symposia Information**  
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**Reunion Symposia Descriptions and Participant Biographies**

**Disruptive Weather, the Oceans, and Climate Change**

**Friday, October 25, 2013**

2:00–4:00 PM, G115, Maxwell Dworkin

New temperature data from the deep-sea, more complete pictures of multi-year climate cycles, and rapid losses in Arctic sea ice help us to understand recent climate change.

Convened and moderated by Harry Lewis '68, featuring Professor James McCarthy with classmate commentators Ann Berwick, Al Boright, Michael Dyett, and Wendy Silk.

**Main speaker:**

**James J. McCarthy** is Alexander Agassiz Professor of Biological Oceanography and from 1982 until 2002 he was the director of Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology. He holds faculty appointments in the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology and the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. He was one of the architects of Harvard's undergraduate degree program in Environmental Science and Public Policy, and he served as Head Tutor in this field of study for a dozen years. He is also past master of Pforzheimer House (formerly North House).

McCarthy received his undergraduate degree in biology from Gonzaga University, and his Ph.D. from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. His research interests relate to the regulation of plankton productivity in the sea, and in recent years have focused on regions that are strongly affected by seasonal and inter-annual variation in climate. An author of many scientific papers, he currently teaches courses on biological oceanography and biogeochemical cycles, marine ecosystems, and global change and human health.

McCarthy serves and has contributed service on national and international planning committees, advisory panels, and commissions relating to oceanography, polar science, and the study of climate and global change for federal agencies, intergovernmental bodies, and international organizations.

From 1986 to 1993, McCarthy served as the first chair of the international committee to establish research priorities and oversee implementation of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program. From 1986 to 1989 he served as the founding editor for the American Geophysical Union's Global Biogeochemical Cycles. For the past two decades McCarthy has worked as an author, reviewer, and as a co-chair with the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). For the Third IPCC Assessment, he headed Working Group II, which had responsibilities for assessing impacts of and vulnerabilities to global climate change. He was also one of the lead authors on the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment, and a vice-chair of the 2007 Northeast Climate Impacts Assessment.

McCarthy has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. He is the recipient of the New England Aquarium's David B. Stone award for distinguished service to the environment and the community. He is past president and chair of the Board of Directors of the AAAS, our nation's largest scientific association. Currently, he is chair of the Board of Directors for the Union of Concerned Scientists.

**Commentators**

**Ann Greenberg Berwick '68** was appointed chair of the Department of Public Utilities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by Governor Deval Patrick in June, 2010. The Department regulates electric and gas utilities and develops and implements the state's laws and policies on a range of clean energy issues. Previously she was the Commonwealth's Undersecretary for Energy and also served as acting chair of the Energy Facility Siting Board. As Undersecretary, Berwick was a key participant in the development of the Green Communities Act, the Patrick Administration's signature energy legislation. Berwick has been a consultant to energy companies on state and federal energy and environmental law and policy, and served as chief of the Environmental Protection Division in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office from 1991 to 1996. From 1996 to 1997 she worked in the Alaska Attorney General's Office, where she participated in litigation on natural resource issues before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Charles Alan “Al” Boright ’68** served in the U.S. Army after graduation, becoming an infantry platoon leader in Vietnam, until being shot in early 1971. He graduated from Suffolk University Law School cum laude in 1976; served as law clerk for Vermont Supreme Court Justice Robert W. Larrow until 1977; and served as legislative counsel to Vermont General Assembly for 31 years, commencing in 1977. From 1984 until retirement in 2008, Boright was Senior Counsel and staff to, and principal drafter for, both House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and most individual legislators pursuing energy or natural resources issues. Also, Boright was Staff Chair of two separate natural resources and energy-related committees of National Conference of State Legislatures, and first chair of Vermont’s Statutory Revision Committee. Since 2012, he has been President of Harvard Radcliffe Club of Vermont, which is currently considering “what additional measures, if any, should Harvard take with regard to climate change?”

**Michael Van Veber Dyett ’68**, FAICP is a city planning consultant who co-founded Dyett & Bhatia, Urban and Regional Planners in 1976. Increasingly his practice has involved evaluating policy responses to climate change and the environmental consequences of them. He is on the Board of Directors of the California Film Institute, which runs the Mill Valley Film Festival, and the Board of the Marin Theater Company.

**Wendy Kuhn Silk ’68** is professor emerita and distinguished arts scientist at the University of California at Davis. She conducts research on plant-environment interactions and teaches Earth Water Science Song, a course in which students write and perform songs to communicate their understanding of environmental science.

### **Public Policy: Class of 1968 in Service**

**Friday, October 25, 2013**

2:00–4:00 PM, 119, Maxwell Dworkin

Public service has always been a calling for the Class of 1968, to give back and improve our nation. These five classmates will outline the challenges we face in advancing education, the conditions of employment, the quality of life in the military, our financial system, and governance at the state level.

Convened by Dick Berner ’68 with classmate discussants Alan Bersin, Eliot Cutler, Joyce Peters, and Tom Williamson.

**Richard Brian Berner ’68** is director of the Office of Financial Research, a new office created by the Dodd-Frank Act in the Treasury Department. Previously, he was Counselor to the Secretary of the Treasury. Berner spent 30 years of his career in the financial services industry, most recently as co-head of Global Economics at Morgan Stanley. He began his career in public service at the Federal Reserve in Washington.

**Eliot Cutler ’68** is a public servant who helped to craft America’s foundational environmental laws and managed the policies and budgets of federal energy, natural resources, science and environmental agencies. As a strategist and lawyer for governments, corporations, and citizens groups, Cutler helped clients grapple with worldwide legal and public policy problems during a career in three law firms and two countries that spanned more than 35 years. As an active entrepreneur, businessman, and investor, Cutler has helped start and manage successful businesses, served on the boards of directors of private and public companies, and advised and managed private and public philanthropic organizations. In the 2010 race for Governor of Maine, Cutler began as an unknown independent candidate, won the endorsements of all but one of Maine’s daily newspapers, and finished second by 1½ percent. He is running again in 2014.

**Joyce E. Peters ’68** began her unusual legal career as a corporate attorney with a large Cleveland, Ohio law firm before she joined the Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG). For more than 22 years, she held numerous leadership positions, including chief legal counsel (Staff Judge Advocate) for two military installations (Fort Lee, Virginia; Fort Lewis, Washington), Chief of Military Personnel Litigation, Chief Legislative Counsel and Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. As Army JAG’s senior female officer for most of her career, she often was the first female to serve in Army JAG leadership positions. She was selected and served as the legal advisor to the First Women in the Army study, which developed policy for integrating large numbers of women into the Army. She also defended a variety of Army personnel policies in federal court and participated in crafting Army personnel policy, developing legislation and resolving issues arising from congressional investigations of Army policy and operations. Retiring from the Army as a Colonel, she moved to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) working directly with Attorney General Reno on legislative inquiries, a wide variety of DOJ legislative policy issues, and Environment Division legislative policy. Later, as the first female Bar Counsel for the District of Columbia, she spent 5 years supervising the office responsible for investigating and disciplining members of the DC Bar as well as reviewing and advising on disciplinary policy issues. Now in civilian practice, she is of counsel to Arquilla & Associates, PLC, a small Alexandria, Virginia law firm. The firm handles family law, military law and general practice issues for civilian and military members of the Northern Virginia community.

**Tom Williamson '68** has spent most of his professional career as a practicing lawyer at the law firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. In his earlier career, he focused on representing state governments in disputes with the federal government relating to health and welfare programs such as Medicaid. More recently, he has concentrated on employment law, mostly on behalf of corporate employers but also on behalf of plaintiffs in pro bono matters. He left Covington for two stints in the federal government, first as the deputy inspector general of the then newly formed Department of Energy and later as the solicitor of labor under Secretary Reich during the first term of the Clinton administration. In June 2013, Williamson completed his term as president of the D.C. Bar.

## **The Future of Health Care for the U.S. and for Us**

**Friday, October 25, 2013**

2:00–4:00 PM, G125, Maxwell Dworkin

Medicare, Medigap, Long Term Care, Affordable Care Act, Healthcare Cost Containment—these are among the many issues that will be addressed by classmates who are leaders in shaping the future of healthcare not only in the U.S. but also worldwide.

Convened by Vic Koivumaki '68 featuring classmates Don Berwick, Christine Bishop, Peggy Kemeny, Hal Luft, and Jim Roosevelt.

**Donald Mark Berwick '68**, a long-time patient-safety advocate, most recently served as administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (2010–2011) following his leadership of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a nonprofit organization helping improve health care globally. From his early years as a pediatrician at Harvard Community Health Plan he became a leader in adapting quality control measures in other industries to health care settings. From 1987–1991, Berwick was co-founder and co-principal investigator for the National Demonstration Project on Quality Improvement in Health Care, later turning to co-founding the Institute for Healthcare Improvement based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A prolific author in both professional journals and books, Berwick has counseled on health care policy, decision analysis, technology assessment and health care quality management. Prior to his federal government service, he was clinical professor of pediatrics and health care policy at Harvard Medical School and professor of health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health, and he also served as a pediatrician at Children's Hospital Boston and a consultant in pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is currently president emeritus and senior fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and a lecturer in the HMS Department of Health Care Policy. In June, 2013 he declared his candidacy for the governorship of Massachusetts.

**Christine E. Bishop '68**, the Atran Professor of Labor Economics at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy & Management, is a health economist, applying microeconomics to policy-related problems in health services supply, demand, and financing. Her studies in long-term services and supports (LTSS, also called long-term care) have been concerned with both provider and recipient behavior, considering costs, production efficiency, payment, financing and use of nursing homes and home health services. Her current research concerning the LTSS workforce builds on her training as a labor economist and early research and publications on nursing labor markets. She has been active in both the academic and public policy field serving most recently, since 2012, as IPA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Disability Aging and Long-term Care Policy, and through her appointment as a health and aging policy fellow (Atlantic Philanthropies) provided staff support to the Commission on Long-Term Care established by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2013.

**M. Margaret Kemeny '68** was named the first director of New York's Cancer Center of Excellence at Queens Hospital Center in 2002, the New York public health system's first comprehensive cancer center after lengthy leadership, practice and teaching in surgical oncology. She is also a professor of surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and co-founder of the Association of Women Surgeons, one of the first female cancer surgeons in the nation. She also was the first woman admitted to Columbia's surgical program since World War II. Kemeny has led efforts to improve the early detection of cancer as well as to improve the status of women in surgery. Through her clinical and laboratory research, Kemeny developed techniques to deliver chemotherapy to the liver through an arterial pump. Her research also focused on treating colon cancer with perioperative chemotherapy and including the elderly in clinical trials. She has received numerous fellowships and honors, including 2008 Radcliffe Alumnae Recognition Award. Kemeny served as an elected director of the Harvard Alumni Association from 2010–2013. Widely published, she serves on editorial boards of many medical journals and is frequently cited as one of New York's leading surgeons. Recognition includes being a member of the Executive Committee of the American College of Surgeons' Board of Governors in 2002 and is one of only 22 women in the American Surgical Association.

**Harold Stephen Luft '68** is director of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute which he has led since 2008 following over 30 years at the University of California San Francisco's (UCSF) Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, which he led 1993–2008. A special Festschrift celebration during that transition year highlighted various aspects of Luft's remarkable career as researcher, teacher/mentor and journal editor. Luft has been widely

recognized for work that uses economics and empirical research to inform real-world policy choices in the delivery of medical care. The wide dissemination and application of his research findings through publications, presentations and consultations to policy makers at the international, federal, state, and local level has set the bar for many who aspire to contribute as members of the health services research community. He is the author of the 2008 Harvard Press book, *Total Cure: The Antidote to the Health Care Crisis*.

**James Roosevelt, Jr. '68** is president and chief executive officer of Tufts Health Plan which he joined in 1999 as senior vice president and general counsel until being named president and CEO in 2005. Prior to joining Tufts Health Plan, he was the associate commissioner for Retirement Policy for the Social Security Administration in Washington, D.C. Roosevelt spent 10 years as partner at Choate, Hall, and Stewart in Boston. He is past chairman of the board of trustees for the Massachusetts Hospital Association, past president of the American Health Lawyers Association and past chairman of Mount Auburn Hospital's board of trustees. Currently, he serves as chair or member of a number of boards including Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, America's Health Insurance Plans' policy committee, Rhode Island Quality Institute, the Schwarz Center for Compassionate Health Care, and co-chair of Tufts Health Care Institute's board of directors. He serves as chief legal counsel for the Massachusetts Democratic Party and is co-chair of the Rules & By-Laws committee of the Democratic National Committee. In November 2008, then President-elect Barack Obama appointed Roosevelt to his transition team to co-chair a review of the Social Security Administration.

### Higher Education: Past, Present and Future

**Friday, October 25, 2013**

2:00–4:00 PM, 319, Maxwell Dworkin

In a time when the liberal arts are under attack and teacher education is called into question, when digital texts and social media challenge the way we teach and MOOCs threaten to supersede the place-based education we experienced at Harvard and Radcliffe in the 1960s, and when the value of a college education is questioned as never before, what's happening? Three classmates who are college teachers and administrators will be joined by two current undergraduates to take a lively look at the undergraduate experience then and now, as well as the future of higher education in the twenty-first century.

Symposium convened by Christopher Dahl '68 with assistance from David Jost, featuring classmate discussants Barbara Beatty, and Vida Johnson.

**Christopher Curtis Dahl '68** is president and professor of English at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo, where he has served since 1994. Prior to that he served as dean of humanities and social sciences at Millersville University of Pennsylvania and a professor of English at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In his years there, Geneseo has sharpened and enhanced its mission as a public liberal arts college and become the most selective institution in SUNY and the only undergraduate campus to host a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. A specialist in Victorian literature, Dahl is also the author of *Louis Auchincloss* (Ungar, 1986) and articles on higher education. He has served as president of the Project 30 Alliance for teacher education and the arts and sciences and chaired the board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the leading national association committed to advancing and improving liberal education for all students.

**Barbara R. Beatty '68** is professor and chair in the Education Department at Wellesley College. A former kindergarten teacher in the Boston Public Schools, she is the author of *Preschool Education in America* (Yale University Press, 1995) and other publications on the history of early childhood education, teacher education, and developmental psychology. A teacher educator for almost forty years, she has studied the role of teacher preparation in the liberal arts. Her articles have appeared in such publications as *The American Psychologist*, *Education Week*, *History of Education Quarterly*, *History of Higher Education Annual*, *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, and *Teachers College Record*. She is currently working on a study of the history of tensions between play and literacy in preschool education.

**Vida Taranovski Johnson '68** is professor of Russian language, culture and film and director of the Russian Studies Program at Tufts University. Over a forty-year career at Tufts, she has taken on many administrative responsibilities, chairing the Department of German, Russian, and Asian Languages and Literatures for almost a decade, directing the World Civilizations Program, and most recently serving on the college's tenure and promotion committee. She has seen Tufts transition from a local "safety" school for Harvard applicants to a highly-selective university with a national and international reputation, especially in international relations, one of its largest majors. Vida is the author of many articles on Russian film and the co-author, with Graham Petrie, of *The Films of Andrei Tarkovski: A Visual Fugue* (Indiana UP, 1994). She is also a frequent lecturer for the Tufts Travel-Learn Program, hosting alumni as they explore the world.

**David Sackstein '14** is a senior at Harvard College, with a concentration in Comparative Religion and a secondary field of Molecular and Cellular Biology.

**Casey Uhlenhuth '14** is a senior at Harvard College, with a concentration in Computer Science.

### **Living the '60s in our Sixties**

**Friday, October 25, 2013**

2:00–4:00 PM, 209, Pierce Hall

Growing old is not easy especially for our generation which believed so much in the power and idealism of our youth. So here we are now in our sixties. What did we learn then that we can apply now to help us inform our lives going forward? “Be Here Now” may be a good place to start with classmates surely providing many more perspectives during our Reunion.

Convened and moderated by Steve “Mo” Hanan and Christina Schlesinger, with classmates Michael Ansara, Ellen Hume, and Dale Gieringer.

**Stephen “Mo” Hanan '68**, actor, singer, playwright, novelist, teacher, friend of the planet, and still seeking my métier.

**Christina Schlesinger '68** is an artist, teacher, writer, mother, California mural painter, Guerrilla Girl, and co-founder of SPARC (the Social and Public Art Resource Center) in Venice, California. Schlesinger lives in New York City and East Hampton, NY.

**Michael Ansara '68** spent 20+ years as an organizer. He now owns two businesses, is the founder and chair of Mass Poetry, has four grandchildren, and is expecting a fifth in January.

**Dale Gieringer '68** is the director of California NORML, a sponsor of California's 1996 medical marijuana law, a published author and researcher on marijuana topics, the proponent of Oakland's 2004 “tax and regulate” initiative, and a director of the campaign to legalize marijuana in California in 2016.

**Ellen Hume '68** is living in Budapest, where she is working on Roma (gypsy) rights and stirring up trouble as the Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media at Central European University. She is writing a memoir about coming of age in the Washington Press Corps, including her 30-year career covering radicals, terrorists, and the White House as a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, PBS and other legacy media, and her transition to the digital world at the MIT Media Lab. Because the personal is still political, it is important to mention that she has raised four kids—including three step-kids, and has hung out for more than 22 years now with her husband John Shattuck, who failed to get her a parking space when he was vice president at Harvard, but who is making up for that now by making her live in Hungary.