

works at Morgan Stanley. Arielle is busy as secretary of the PTO, captain of a women's tennis team, and leader of Samara's Brownie troop. Congratulations are in order for **Jeffrey Feldman**, named to the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list as one of the top attorneys in Pennsylvania for 2011 in the category of business litigation.

**Danielle Garsin** has been in Houston, TX, since 2004. "I am faculty in the microbiology and molecular genetics department at the U. of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. As of September 1, I will be promoted to associate professor with tenure. I very much enjoy running my own research laboratory, where we investigate the molecular basis of host response to infectious disease. I married Mike Lorenz, another faculty member, in 2005 and we are blessed with children Matt, 4, and Katie, 2. I have been thinking fondly of Cornell and the beautiful upstate New York summers, as we are suffering from record-breaking drought and heat here in Texas."

Lastly, **Jennifer Salm** writes, "My husband, Eric Radler, and I welcomed our new daughter Josie Amelia in March. After ten years as a pediatrician I am trying to practice what I preach, although sleep and silence often trumps the 'right' thing to do! She is changing so fast and we love being parents. I had a mini-reunion with **Carrine Burns**, **Elena Jeffries** Nadgouda, **Tracey Chabot** Flammer, and **Neysa Reiss** Etienne in January. We had a weekend-long slumber party in Boston similar to our old days at 'the Oreo,' our house on East Seneca St. We hope to make it an annual event." Best wishes for a safe winter and a Happy New Year! **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu, **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

**95** I'd like to start this column with a giant thank you to everyone who responded to my e-mail plea for news. The responses were overwhelming (more than will fit in just one column) and filled with great stuff. Let's get down to business.

**Christine Chui** Lee and husband Wayne are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ilsa Yan-Ling Lee, on March 1. Christine writes, "Ilsa is a serious baby. She looks at people and has a furrowed brow if she doesn't know you well. Maybe that means she's very studious?" On April 7, Alejandra Marie was born to **Carla Bravo** and Tim Kaness. Carla adds, "We live in Dallas and love it here! Since getting my MBA from Darden in 2002, I have been working for United Technologies in the aviation industry." **Joe** and **Laura DiTalia** expanded their family to include its newest member on May 25. They are now the proud parents of baby Brayden Christopher and his big brother, JR.

**Jeff Marcus** and **Joanne Seiff** (and their dogs Harry and Sally) were thrilled with the arrival of their twin sons, Leo Frederick and Samuel Max, on June 1. Jeff writes, "We look forward to sleeping again sometime soon. The dogs are very curious about the twins. Sally keeps a sharp eye on the boys, and Harry makes sure the babies receive dog kisses on a routine basis." In Washington, DC, on June 14, Ron and **Jaclyn Goldstein** Spitz welcomed Riley Eva into the world. **Shareef Bata-ta** and wife Reham had a baby girl named Rayana on August 6 in post-revolution Egypt. Shareef has started a new position as associate director at Silatech Qatar, which addresses the growing issue of unemployment of Arab youths.

**Denys Lau** was promoted to associate professor in the College of Pharmacy at the U. of Illinois, Chicago. Denys's research focuses on proper and safe medication use in vulnerable older adult populations. In his free time, he is learning to row on the Chicago River. Denys adds, "I love it so much, I don't understand why I never did rowing at Cornell." In New York City, **Jonathon White** was promoted to associate dean of Student Affairs at Eugene Lang College/The New School. Additionally, he has served on the mosaic committee in alumni affairs for Cornell for the past year. **Todd Edebohis**, a former Amazon.com executive, founded and launched the website Inside Jobs ([www.insidejobs.com](http://www.insidejobs.com)); it helps people choose a career and introduces them to schools offering relevant training.

**Holly Decker** Mazzotta sent in a lively update: "I'm closing in on two fantastic years at Communispace in Boston, where I facilitate private online communities and serve as my clients' market research house. I just celebrated my second wedding anniversary and we added to our family through the adoption of a Vizsla pup named Misha. I completed a two-year term on the board of directors for our local American Marketing Association chapter." **Atena Rosak** is a general surgeon in private practice at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, MD, and bought a condo in downtown Baltimore with a view of the Inner Harbor. Atena is active with the local Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter and Baltimore Alumnae Panhell.

**Isela Hernandez** has been a very busy entrepreneur, launching HERNÁN ([www.hernanllc.com](http://www.hernanllc.com)), a company based along the US-Mexico border that markets Mexican kitchenwares and a line of 100 percent natural Mexican hot chocolate from Chiapas. All of the products are made in Mexico in a partnership with local artisans. Isela adds, "Our products can be found in gourmet and specialty stores around the US. I'm looking to the day our Mexican hot chocolate is served in Cornell dining halls! It will make for more bearable winters!" Speaking of Cornell, in August, **Sarah Lefton** brought her husband, Bill Selig, and their toddler Levi to Ithaca for their first visit ever. They wine and dined, swam in waterfalls, and spent time on Seneca Lake with **Melanie Lefkowitz** and her family. They made the trip from San Francisco courtesy of Sarah's speaking engagement about her work with G-dcast.com, her website that is animating the Bible in funny and accessible cartoons.

Our final bit of news comes from **Rebecca Kauffman**. "After moving to Malmö, Sweden, at the beginning of 2009, I have finally gone local this year and have a new job at Sweco working with environmental certifications for buildings. There's really nothing like diving into the deep end of a new job to learn the culture and language! Thankfully, my husband has been a huge help with navigating and making light of my cultural and language fumbles. I am enjoying the challenge, learning a ton, and happy to be able to walk or bike to work in this environmentally friendly city—and I love the Swedish work/life balance."

If you sent in news and didn't see it in this column, have no fear. Your updates will be shared in the near future. Thanks again for sending in

your info! Happy holidays, everyone, and best of luck in 2012! **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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We hope many of you were able to partake in the annual Zinck's happy-hour tradition with your local Cornell alumni chapter. As the holidays and family gatherings approach, it is also a time to ponder what goals you achieved in 2011. Whether you made resolutions or attained achievements this year that you didn't even set out to accomplish, it is always a productive exercise to reflect a little on the hectic year that you likely faced in your career every day. What are you looking forward to most

in 2012? Is it Leap Day so you can get in an extra day of work (or take a "floating flex" day off, perhaps)? Maybe it's the London Summer Olympics or the anticipated Mayan calendar date of Dec. 21? Whatever the New Year brings for you and your family, happy holidays from all of the Class of '96 class officers.

Just as immigration made the Irish diaspora so influential worldwide, Cornellians from the Class of

'96 have made their contributions known at home and abroad. Classmates checking in from overseas include **John Reardon** (Jack.Reardon7@yahoo.com), a US Navy helicopter pilot at the US Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany. John and his wife have a son Jack. 2. John also enjoys skiing and traveling. Heading further east, **Sidharta Oetama** is managing director, Southeast Asia, at Formica Ltd. in Bangkok, Thailand. He says he is picking up golf while he and his wife stay busy with their son and daughter. He enjoyed a family vacation to California and Florida in August.

Back home in the States, many East Coasters dropped their news forms in the mail (the Pony Express may have been held up at the Mississippi, as all was quiet on the West Coast front for class news). **Jennifer Tishman** Willey is an industry practice head of consumer products group and health at AOL. She lives in Matawan, NJ, with her husband and they have two young boys. Also reporting from the Garden State is **Devin Gallagher** (devinggallagher@gmail.com), who lives in Ho-Hokus and is the director of Asian equity sales at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He and his wife have three sons, and Devin travels a lot to Asia for his job.

**Jeanne Rudski** is president of Locon Sensor Systems Inc. and lives in Perrysburg, OH, where she also serves as docent at the Toledo Museum of Art. **Matthew Allen** (mattyg11@hotmail.com) is an AP European and world history teacher at Byram Hills High School and coaches varsity boys soccer. He lives in Danbury, CT, with his wife and their daughter, 1. **Steve Vieux** (stevevieux@yahoo.com), a staff attorney at the Federal Trade Commission specializing in healthcare and antitrust law, was appointed to the board of directors for the Washington, DC, Bar Association. He lives in Silver Spring, MD, and plays in a rugby league. **Mark Pizov**, ME '97 (mpizov@yahoo.com) is the director of inventory and warehousing at Westinghouse Electric Co. He and his wife live in Wexford,

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PA, where he coaches youth soccer and is a member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

Closer to campus, **Robert Cruikshank** (rwc1@cornell.edu) is a family physician in Canton, NY, where he lives with his wife Lauren and two young sons. When time allows, he enjoys whitewater kayaking and playing squash and basketball. Down in the Big Apple, some '96ers have started new jobs, including **Joshua Babbitt**, MS '97 (jbb3@cornell.edu), who now serves as VP and general counsel for acquisitions at the Sydell Group, an owner, developer, and manager of lifestyle hotels, including the Ace Hotel in NYC. **Christopher Dimaio** (dimaio33@gmail.com) started a new position in July as the director of therapeutic endoscopy at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. **Rajen Shah** (rajenashah@yahoo.com) is an equity research analyst with CastleRock Management and recently welcomed a new daughter. He and his wife also have twin boys, 3. Rajen loves playing basketball.

Keep us posted on any exciting news in your life, and don't wait until 2016 to send us a note! The 2006 and 2011 Class of 1996 reunion group photos have been posted on the Class of 1996 Facebook page (Cornell Class of 1996), and if anyone has a digital shot of the 2001 reunion class photo, please e-mail it to one of us at the addresses below, so we can complete the set of reunion photos to date! As I finish writing this column as a new class correspondent, I have traveled from Phoenix to see the amazing beaches of Nantucket, MA, and visit my sister, **Siobhan O'Mahony** Moore '92, MPA '93. We hope to CU at MSG in NYC for the BU hockey game Thanksgiving Weekend! Happy Holidays from your class officers! **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** Holiday season and the end of another year are fast approaching. Let's look back and see what our classmates have been doing in 2011!

**Kristin Boekhoff** gives back to the Cornell community by hosting interns at her resort. This past summer saw Architecture students **Bradley Kinsey '13** and **Jennifer Grosso '13**, along with Emilie Tennant from the U. of Edinburgh, join Kristin developing new mud and bamboo construction techniques. These techniques will be used to build a prototype building for Kristin's socially and environmentally sustainable resort, Panigram ([www.panigram.com](http://www.panigram.com)), located in southern Bangladesh. Kristin hopes the resort will be fully operational by fall 2012 and is very involved in giving back to the community in which she is located. Check out her website—the place looks amazing! Also enjoying success in the career world is **Dan Turinsky**, who was promoted to partner at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres, and Friedman LLP. Dan earned his JD from George Washington U. Law School and specializes in employment practices and litigation in the NYC office. Congrats to you on your accomplishment, Dan!

Following the need for elder services with the rapidly aging Baby Boomer population, **Rebecca Cantor Amster** has reopened her law practice in Florida with a focus on elder law mediation, although she will continue to represent children in divorce cases, as well as conduct parent coordination with the Miami-Dade County Family Court. Rebecca shared that she was running the entire

Disney Endurance series in 2011—78.6 miles of racing! Lots of training miles (and sneakers) will be involved. If that doesn't keep her busy enough, she is designing a bachelor's-level course in criminal procedure for an online university. She was back on the Hill this fall as her husband, **Matt '95**, ran the Triennial Finger Lakes Trail Relay for the fifth time. Good luck, Rebecca, in all of your endeavors! **Sunny Kim** stays busy in Cedar Rapids, IA, with his wife, two kids, and two Yorkies, as well as his private medical practice, Progressive Rehabilitation Medicine PLC ([www.prmpractice.com](http://www.prmpractice.com)). **Roger Horn** writes that he works as a freelance visual development and CG artist in the entertainment and broadcast industry. He shares, "Although the things I design exist mainly in the realm of the virtual and not the physical, all the lessons I learned at Cornell Architecture have come into play every time I design an environment, a creature, a spaceship, or a pitch for the latest and greatest baby diapers." See? That Cornell degree really is useful!

A number of additions have joined the greater Class of '97 family. Baby Maxwell joined parents Matt and **Sarah Musher** Brenner in May 2011. Max joins big siblings Tali and Henry, who were excited to welcome him home. Sarah continues to work as a leadership development consultant in Orange County, CA. Making a dramatic entrance into the world was Broderick "Brody" Perrin, who joined parents **Jim** and **Karla Gebel Perrin** only 12 minutes after they arrived at the hospital! Big brother Whittaker was excited for his new brother. The family packed up and moved west only three months later—leaving Columbus, OH, for Seattle. Karla started a job as regional criminal enforcement counsel at the US EPA, Region 10. She loves it and the Pacific Northwest. Jim is finishing his PhD from Ohio State U. in early American military history while working as a major in the Washington National Guard. Welcome to Max and Brody!

We want to know what's going on with our classmates! Look for the class dues mailing and send your news in the envelope provided! **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** Writing this column never ceases to amaze me. The things our classmates do—from bringing children into the world to writing books, following dreams to starting businesses, running farms to running around the world—it's all really neat to read about and it's a privilege to share with others. Enjoy!

**Michael Levy** writes that he has returned from China after Peace Corps service and now lives in DUMBO, Brooklyn. His first book—*Kosher Chinese: Living, Teaching, and Eating with China's Other Billion*—hit the shelves in the summer, after a three-year journey. Congrats, Michael! **Susan Barbara Master** reports that she has been installed as the recording secretary on the executive board of her synagogue, Temple Shalom of Flatbush, the conservative synagogue in Mill Basin, Brooklyn. She writes a column called "Schmoozin' with Susan" in their newsletter.

**Christian DiPaola** completed a spine surgery fellowship in Vancouver, BC, in 2008 and 2009, where he treated lots of spinal cord injuries, tumors, and scoliosis. Since then he has been at U. of Massachusetts in the orthopaedics department, focusing solely on spine surgery. He has also started a nonprofit organization called the Spinal

Injury Research and Education Foundation and has been awarded a grant to found the New England Spinal Injury Consortium. It's a regional study group composed of spine surgeons in Massachusetts who study spine trauma. Christian and wife Cara had their first child, James, two months ago. He said, "I built his crib out of walnut and maple. I'm convinced that he sleeps through the night due to its fine craftsmanship. Actually, it's because he has a wonderful mother who takes great care of him. He's really a blessing." Amen!

**Emily Lobel** Kameron writes that she and husband Dean were thrilled to welcome their second child, Joshua Ethan, on July 19. Joshua's big brother is Gabriel, 2-1/2. They live in South Orange, NJ, and Emily is enjoying about five months of maternity leave before returning to Ernst & Young, where she has worked since early 1999. Emily is an associate director with their national diversity and inclusiveness team. She enjoys being in touch with lots of classmates, and loves that there are some just around the corner, including **Risa Levine** Salins, **Daphna Abrams** Waxman, and **Gregg Brochin**. **David Luedecke-Kobiki** works full-time as a management consultant while trying to start his own businesses in anti-corrosion products and real estate investing. He is also studying to be a CPA in the US, learning Mandarin, and raising a toddler. He adds that a Christian fellowship group, football, basketball, and the Tokyo alumni network continue to play a big part in his life.

**Travis Batters** has expanded and moved his company to Rochester, NY, and bought a new home in nearby Victor. Also in upstate New York, **Allison Byrne** lives in Saratoga Springs, where she is a dentist and new mom to a son, born Sept. 17, 2010. Allison writes that she would love to hear from her freshman teacher Sidney Orlov, who taught the class "Living on the Edge." **Elizabeth Gelfand** Miller has a new job as an assistant professor in marketing at UMass, Amherst. **Al Yu** is also in the midst of change, as he is starting a China-focused MBA program at the U. of Hawaii this fall. He will study in Honolulu for one year and then in Guangzhou, China, for another year. Also on the move are **Alyse Dibeneditto** Davidow, who plans to move to New Jersey, and **Kevin Scott Kirchofer**, DVM '07, who moved to Scotland so his wife, **Amanda Panissidi '01**, BS Ag '09, can pursue veterinary medicine.

**Filip Galiza** lives in Boston with wife **Carolyn '96**, BA '97, and two daughters (ages 4 and 8 months). He is now in his tenth year of running his own Web design business, WebPageCreation.org. His last four years were filled with trips to Peru, Japan, China, Hawaii, Spain, the Netherlands, and Greece. He sees **Michael Chabot**, ME '99, **Mahesh Netravali**, and **Yoni Fridman** quite frequently. **Dora Chen** and **Jon Nathan** have lived in Washington, DC, since 2002. Their son Max Jonah Chen-Nathan was born last year. "He has a full head of hair and is tons of fun," reports Dora. Jon has been working as an anti-trust lawyer and is now an attorney-advisor to Commissioner Edith Ramirez on the Federal Trade Commission. Dora works as an in-house lawyer at the Service Employees Int'l Union, focusing on organizing healthcare workers into the union.

Did you read about yourself in this column? If not, please send us your news. We'd love to hear from you! **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mollybracken@social.rr.com; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, karenkipnes@gmail.com.