



# world studies XI

## of note

*Looking ahead...  
to July 22-24, 2011  
(Put it on your calendar. Now.)*

Our Rites of Spring revival, held at the home of Prof. Sue Sauvageau on Saturday evening during our Homecoming celebration in July, was a rousing (if not quite Bacchanalian) success. Not only that, but Sue has generously (if not adventurously) offered to be our host again next year (for a revival of the revival). Please join us! (We can understand missing it once, but missing it twice is unthinkable.) Watch for more info by mail, e-mail, and on our website at [www.eisenhowercollege.org](http://www.eisenhowercollege.org).

*Looking for a transcript?*  
Go to: [www.rit.edu/~605www/records.html](http://www.rit.edu/~605www/records.html)

*Linking up*  
Donna Poyner '76 has created a group on the LinkedIn website for Eisenhower alumni.

Join the group at:  
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=998977>

## Reflections and Reconnections

Dear Friends:

I have been pondering lately how much the college search has changed—and how little—as I stare down its barrel yet again—this time, with my own children.

When many of us began the process that ultimately led us to Eisenhower, there was no Internet, no virtual tours, no marketing pieces on CD—in other words, no “slick pitches.” Impressions of individual colleges were garnered via hurried conversations in a packed gymnasium during a “College Night” event or via a personal visit to the campus in question. And, if you were lucky, you might walk away with a pencil, embossed with the college’s name. Admission was competitive, but there was

I arrived on campus knowing full well that the major I really wanted—journalism—was not available. What I did know, for certain, was that the “feel” was right—and it hadn’t been right at any other college I had visited. It would be that same “feel” that, a brief two years later, would lead me to decide not to transfer after a particularly disastrous academic semester.

It is still this “feel” that, as an alum, draws me to Seneca Falls and our former campus anytime I can find a reason to drop by. When the college closed, those “pilgrimages” became incredibly painful as the buildings sat eerily silent. Fortunately, much has changed since then. In the past 20 years, NYCC has both revitalized and expanded the physical space

“The ‘feel’ of Eisenhower College that attracted me was that it was the only school I visited that had a personality. I don’t think I understood World Studies any better than anyone else until I got into it. I was pleased about the curriculum from the beginning of my understanding of it, but that understanding didn’t take place until I arrived as a student.”

Steve Suddaby '76

still a high probability of acceptance to most of the schools on your list, including your top pick.

So what hasn’t changed? It’s the deciding factors in settling on the ultimate choice: admission acceptance, courses and programs that appeal to one’s particular interests, academic reputation, financial aid, and the “feel” of the place. And, all other things being equal, the “feel” of the place triumphs supreme.

If I’m truthful, what really brought me to Eisenhower was the “feel.” It was Pete Farrow lauding me for my “well-rounded” resume, it was the forthrightness of my student tour guide who candidly addressed his reasons for transferring (not the school itself, but what he had decided to study that wasn’t available), it was the natural friendliness of people I bumped into around every corner—students, faculty, and staff alike. I knew little (and probably cared even less!) about World Studies until that first lecture freshman year, when I realized I was in over my head and wondered if I’d be one of the two-out-of-three academic “casualties.”

and has generously assisted us in ensuring the legacy of Eisenhower College in a meaningful and permanent way. No, it is not the same, nor can it ever be, but the feel is still there whenever we gather. And it is that feel that helps ease the hurt and sense of loss while reinforcing just how special our shared experience was.

New board member Warren Hamilton '72, who “came home” for the first time this summer, puts it this way, “It’s not about reliving the past. It’s about reconnecting with the Eisenhower College community; celebrating that which is unique; and ensuring that the spirit of our efforts and our history is sustained for future generations.”

Whether you haven’t joined us before or you’re a “regular,” I encourage you to mark your calendars now for July 22-24, 2011, as we will, once again, come together along Cayuga’s shores and be embraced by the Eisenhower essence that lives on in each of us.

Pam Romeo Havens '78  
ECAA Chair

# Turning Ike into a “Party School” – Homecoming 2010

Homecoming 2010. I had a great time. Even though the event was half a year ago now, the fun of that weekend still dimly resonates in the pleasure centers of my brain. (Of which nothing more need be said...)

You may recall from last year's newsletter that Homecoming 2009 was something of a bust—and NOT in the senses of a sculpture of Plato's head or Mae West's most famous attribute. Last year, we almost had more board members in attendance than other alumni. This led to much soul-searching on the part of said board members, and we decided we needed fewer formal events and more fun events. While we discarded the World Studies-inspired ideas of recreating a first-century Roman orgy or a 19th-century Chinese opium den, we did take up Sue Sauvageau on her kind offer to host a 21st-century version of her infamous Rites of Spring party. This capped off the weekend, which started with a study session at the Deerhead, then a picnic on campus, and a wine tour.

It worked! We had a bunch of people show up, all of them probably relieved that we weren't doing a stuffy banquet with rubber chicken on Saturday night. I'm sure it also did not hurt that we were honoring the very popular Frank Annunziata for his decades of selfless service to the college and its alumni.

The noise in the Deerhead's bar was deafening Friday night, and the temperature probably reached 90° with all the Eisenhower alumni and faculty packed in there. Jim Troisi, as shy as ever, held court at a circular table in the middle of the confusion. A bunch of Ikesters even spilled out onto the picnic tables by the lake across Lower Lake Road. As darkness fell, however, they were driven back inside by the hummingbird-sized Cayuga Lake mosquitoes. This sounds terrible, doesn't it? It wasn't. This was a joyous evening being surrounded by so many old friends.

We held our picnic in the indoor-outdoor spaces of the East Dining Room. This was our opportunity to honor our scholarship winner and others. Frank Annunziata, the long-overdue recipient of our Founders Award, made one insightful historical observation that will stick with me for a long time. He contrasted the Kennedy and Eisenhower families in their approaches to maintaining their legacies. He cited the Kennedy family's penchant for keeping its name and accomplishments in the public eye, mentioning the establishment of the Kennedy School of Government and the Kennedy Center in Washington—which contains the Eisenhower Theater. Frank was not being critical of either family's style, but offered the opinion that if the Eisenhowers had had the same public-relations penchant as the Kennedys, Eisenhower College would probably still be open.

At the picnic, ECAA Chair Pam Havens presented the **2008** Legacy Award to Gigi Carnes for her tireless work in preserving our Eisenhower memorabilia. The award was two years late because of our misguided preference for making these awards a surprise—after two years of assuming Gigi would be on campus for Homecoming, we finally gave up and told her why she should be there!

Our Distinguished Alumna for 2010 was Diana (Deming) Smith '83, the mayor of Seneca Falls. I had some opportunities to talk with her later at Sue's party. I'll preface my comments about that by saying that I've had a lot of dealings with high-level officials in the course of my government career. Often their commitment to the people they are supposed to be serving is, well, disappointing. It was *refreshing* to talk to Diana because of her strong commitment to public service. She is a part-time mayor with a separate full-time job and makes so little money being mayor that she rarely participates in the usual round of \$100-a-plate dinners that are expected to be part of her job. Diana did not enter politics to stroke her own ego. She got into it because she knew people in—and had credibility with—both of the factions causing political gridlock in Seneca Falls. **In a nutshell, she saw that she was in a unique position to do some good for her community.** I wish her luck—we need more people like her in public service.

The Saturday afternoon wine tour was expertly guided by Sue Wright Schroeder Passmore '82 (got all that?). Sue has toiled in the vineyards of this industry (literally and figuratively!) for over a decade, so we got the inside scoop.

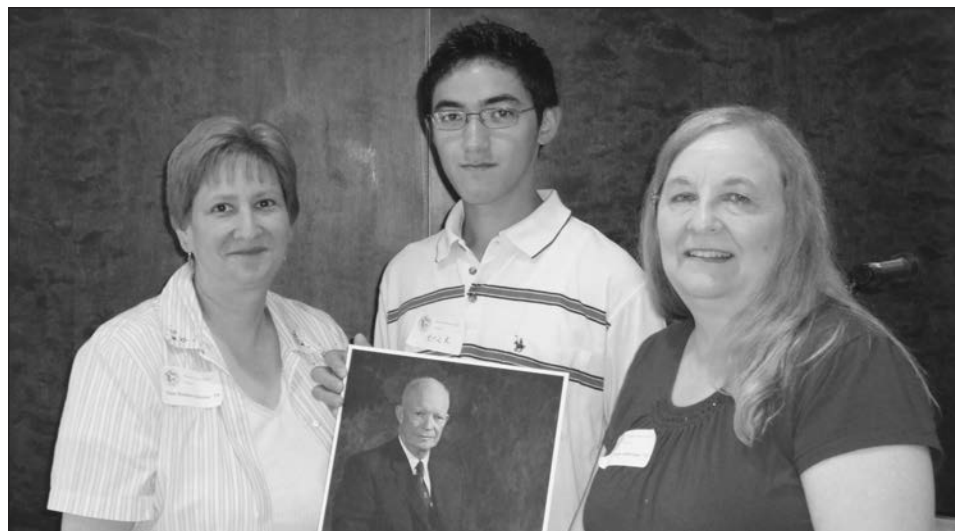
## ISO IKESTERS TO ORGANIZE LOCAL REUNIONS

Must like piña coladas and long walks on the beach. Would you like to hold a local reunion? It isn't necessary to live near the Deerhead—any local gathering place and a date and time will do! The Alumni Association can even handle the mailing for you. Contact Steve Van Arsdale '81 at [steve.vanarsdale@wegmans.com](mailto:steve.vanarsdale@wegmans.com) for assistance.

Sue Sauvageau still throws a great party. I had been at one of her Rites of Spring parties while I was a student, and she has not lost the knack. (This time, though, I didn't have to deal with the husband of one of my professors who wanted to beat me up because I spent so much time talking to his wife. Somehow I think alcohol was involved...) Most of the action was on the three-story back porch overlooking the canal, where there was a breeze on this hot July night. It was a great mix of alumni, former faculty, and townspeople. I spent a long time in the kitchen, where Frank Annunziata was regaling us with stories. (You shuddah been there...) One of the best was his revelation that he and Bill Kerr used to submit fake stories (often about other professors) to “The Campus News” just to stir people up.

Sue has agreed to host this party again next year. You should be there.

Steve Suddaby '76



*Our 2010 Eisenhower College Alumni Association Scholar Eric Kinney is flanked by Scholarship Committee Chair Fran Emerson '72 (right) and ECAA Chair Pam Romeo Havens '78 (left). A graduate of Waterloo High School, where he participated in the InterAct Club, drama club, and concert band, Eric is currently attending Monroe Community College, where he plans to major in liberal arts and general studies. For more Homecoming 2010 photos, check the ECAA website!*



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**Nancy (Thompson) Mueller '68** sends greetings from 6531 Palatine Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98103. Stay in touch with her via e-mail at [nancy@nancymueller.com](mailto:nancy@nancymueller.com).

"A recently discovered talent for photography resulted in my premiere show," reports **Gail (Mahan) Johnson '72**. "Titled 'Second Sight, IN-SIGHT,' it was held in conjunction with a conference on enriching spirituality in one's life. Lots of work and very gratifying. I've been invited to show again. **Len Johnson '72**, EC's assistant dean of students from 1972 through 1977 and current assistant VP for human resources at Duke University, and I have been married for 34 years. With our principal residence in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Boone, an apartment in Durham, and a daughter, son-in-law, and infant granddaughter in Brevard, we are frequent travelers across North Carolina. Our second daughter lives in Durham and also works at Duke. Anyone ever hear from Ken Shearer or Joe Velardi?" Contact Gail and Len at 737 Fieldstream Dr., Boone, NC 28607; [mistyacres737@hotmail.com](mailto:mistyacres737@hotmail.com).

**Ken Potavin '72** retired in 2009 after 37 years with the same company, and **Pat (Mulvehill) Potavin '72** continues to teach Spanish to preschoolers through eighth-graders. They have two sons—one married, and one about to be married—and a two-year-old grandson. Keep in touch with the Potavins at 3 Terrapin Ln., Mercerville, NJ 08619; [pknivatop@yahoo.com](mailto:pknivatop@yahoo.com)

Catch up with **Shepard "Shep" Shove '72** at 43 Orleans St., Hull, MA 02045; [shep@easternyacht.com](mailto:shep@easternyacht.com).

When **Phillip L. Weisberger '72** wrote to us last December, he was waiting to open a franchise in Indianapolis. Reconnect with him at 503 Oak Dr., Carmel, IN 46032; [plwind@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plwind@sbcglobal.net).

"I am still living in New Jersey," writes **Martha Dwyer-Bergman '73**. "My husband, Andrew, passed away in August 2007, a year after receiving a stem-cell transplant at Sloan-Kettering in New York City. Our daughter, Juliana, is a high-school English teacher in the area, and her son, Caleb, is attending the local Montessori school. After many years of being a Montessori teacher, I'm finding it fun to 'talk shop' with my grandson. Our toy-design company has closed, and I am currently working part-time at our neighbor's doctor's office. I also watch my grandson in the afternoons. The days are filled. As I write this note, a beautiful red fox walked through the yard. Although we live 45 minutes from New York City, we are in the middle of nature. I still am in contact with **Jocelyn Clark '75** and **Claire Salkowski**." Get in touch with Martha

at 61 Tower Hill Rd., Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046; [marthadb@aol.com](mailto:marthadb@aol.com).

"I have taken a new job as director of evidence-based practice at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center," reports **Brenda (Lebowitz) Marshall '73**. "I am also an associate professor of psychiatric nursing at Ramapo College of New Jersey. I continue to teach children and see patients at my private practice in Pompton Lakes. My book, *Becoming You: An Owner's Manual for Creating Personal Happiness*, is available on Amazon.com." Write to Brenda at 305 Terhune Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470; [learn2choose@aol.com](mailto:learn2choose@aol.com).

**Geri Maschio '73** writes, "Sorry I can't be at the reunion this year. It sounds like a great time, especially **Susan Sauvageau's** 'Rites of Spring Revisited.'" Stay in touch with Geri at 168 Lincoln Ave., Lexington, KY 40502; [maschiogeri2@gmail.com](mailto:maschiogeri2@gmail.com).

Vice Admiral **Ann Rondeau '73** (249 2nd Ave., McNair, D.C. 20024; [ann.rondeau@navy.mil](mailto:ann.rondeau@navy.mil)) is president of the National Defense University, the premier center for Joint Professional Military Education (JPME), and is under the direction of the chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense. Ann is a permanent member of the Council on Foreign Relations. As president of NDU, she is a member of the board of directors of the United States Institute for Peace, as well as Department of Defense liaison to the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress. Congratulations, Ann!

"I recently heard from **Bob Brost '74** that his wife, Jennifer (Ward) Brost, passed away," reports **John R. Austin '74**. I also got 'LinkedIn' to **Jeannot Barr '74**." Catch up with John at 21840 New Hampshire Ave., Brookeville, MD 20833; [joroastin@verizon.net](mailto:joroastin@verizon.net).

**Dean A. Little '74** has moved to 3627 Paint Fork Rd., Mars Hill, NC 28754. Reach him via e-mail at [deanalittle@gmail.com](mailto:deanalittle@gmail.com).

**John Nuessle '74** writes, "I continue at the United Methodist Church's international mission agency in New York City, daily living into World Studies XI! In May 2010, I was elected as associate general secretary for international mission relationships, supervising this department whose staff relates to national churches and ecumenical partners in over 125 nations, and with hundreds of missionaries. Life in New York City, when I'm not in Africa, Asia, Europe, or Latin America, is really great!" Contact John at 3901 Independence Ave., Apt. 5D, Riverdale, NY 10463; [nuessle@hotmail.com](mailto:nuessle@hotmail.com).

Stay in touch with **Terry (Richmond) Tanner '74** at 6895 State Rt. 20, Waterville, NY 13480.

"I recently retired from the ocean transportation field after 35 years in the business," reports **John Zaaier '74**. Write to him at 227 Audley St., South Orange, NJ 07079; [jlzaaier@yahoo.com](mailto:jlzaaier@yahoo.com).

From Ithaca, **Nick "Knick" Berg '75** writes, "Things are going well, although I caught myself waxing my riding mower, but regrouped with a sip of beer and an herbal supplement." Find him at 6262 Willow Creek Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; [berg7777@zoom-dsl.com](mailto:berg7777@zoom-dsl.com).

Say hello to **Bill Grant '75** at 1304 Chelsea Ave., Erie, PA 16505; e-mail [wfg1304@yahoo.com](mailto:wfg1304@yahoo.com).

"I continue to teach art in grades K–8 at a private school in San Gabriel, California," reports **Shirley (Sisson) Bonaparte '76**. "It's a great job at a great school. I do a lot of church work, and a little of my own art as well. I've been happily married for 26 years; no kids, one cat. My husband and I like to cook, read, and travel. Sounds modest, but it's a full life!" Keep in touch with Shirley at 1160 Strawberry Ln., Glendora, CA 91740; [shirannb@hotmail.com](mailto:shirannb@hotmail.com).

**James T. Fleming '77** writes, "I retired from Connecticut state service after 28 years in the legislature and the governor's cabinet. I have become the president of the Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association (CARA), the largest automobile trade association in the state, and head of the CARA charitable foundation that was founded 102 years ago in Hartford. Christine Poler Fleming and I have been married for 29 years, and we successfully raised three sons. Two have graduated from college—Michael from Fordham in 2006 and Andrew from Keene State in 2007. Our youngest, Alexander, is a sophomore at Fordham, and a second-year cadet in ROTC. Michael begins law school this fall." Write to Jim at 7 Simscroft Place, Simsbury, CT 06070; [cpfbear@aol.com](mailto:cpfbear@aol.com).

"After 32 years as a California resident, I sold my home in San Francisco and will be a full-time resident of Lake George, New York," reports **Donna Wotton '77**. "Well, not exactly full-time—I'll still live in SF for half the year, but I'll rent when I'm there. I continue to plan corporate events for high-tech companies, but look forward to working less and traveling more in the coming years." Get in touch with Donna at 12 Overlook Ln., Hague, NY 12836; [dwotton@unconventional.com](mailto:dwotton@unconventional.com).

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**Charlie B. Kriegel '78** has a new job with New Horizons Health Center in Unity, Maine. Ask him how the new gig is going at 1337 Augusta Rd., Winslow, ME 04901; or e-mail [pvkriegel@aol.com](mailto:pvkriegel@aol.com).

"This fall, my husband, Rob, and I had the most rewarding trip to China," reports **Johanna Som de Cerff '78**. "We saw aspects of old China (yes, bringing World Studies to life) and were amazed by modern China and its people. For those who still appreciate the distinctions among Tang, Ming, and Song ceramics, I highly recommend the Shanghai Museum. I have enjoyed reconnecting with classmates on Facebook recently. Ikesters can find me there, or e-mail me at [peacenplenty@comcast.net](mailto:peacenplenty@comcast.net)." (4233 Scarlet Sage Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21042)

**Angus K. Chapman '79** writes, "After more than 28 years out in the West (in California, New Mexico, and Arizona), followed by two years in the unbearably humid South, I've returned to my roots in New Hampshire—at least for one winter, to see if I can still handle the winters!" Find out how it's going by writing to him at 57 Follansbee Rd., Canaan, NH 03741.

"My two children and I live in Virginia and enjoy the sunshine," reports **Diane Mariani '80**. "My daughter, Meagan, is 26 years old and a contracts administrator for a local company. My son, Sean, is 23 years old and in graduate school, working toward a PhD in physics to teach at the college level. I am a pharmaceutical sales rep with Merck and Co." Send greetings to Diane at 9300 Silverbush Dr., Henrico, VA 23228; [dkenny5212@yahoo.com](mailto:dkenny5212@yahoo.com).

"My big news is that I just achieved national board certification in early and middle childhood music," writes **Steve Owens '81**. "I've been teaching elementary-school music for 19 years in public schools. After getting an MS in music education at CCSU in 2000, I've had three levels of Orff Schulwerk training, plus advanced coursework, including the International Summer Course at the Orff Institut in Salzburg, Austria. Recently, I've been bringing the things I've learned, nationally and internationally, back to Vermont, teaching graduate courses in music education. In addition to my music endorsement, I have an endorsement as a technology integration specialist. I still compose frequently, lately many string works, and have built up a backlog in case I ever turn back to the publication thing. This year, I became co-president of my local VT-NEA. We're fighting ferociously for our retirement, which is under attack. I'm entering my third round of negotiations—nasty business, but someone has to do it. I'm still with Carol Beatty—she attended Ike for two years. We

have two children: Ben (22), who is about to do his student teaching as a history teacher in North Carolina, and Elisabeth (18), about to start college after a trip to Thailand. We have a three-acre homestead outside Maple Corner in Vermont, with over 4,000 square feet of vegetable and fruit gardens, chickens for meat and eggs, bees, ducks, pet rabbits, a dog, and two cats. You might not recognize me—I shave my head and wear a tie, but am relatively well-preserved for a guy nearing his second annual 49th birthday." Keep in touch with Steve at 291 W. County Rd., Calais, VT 05648; [sowens@ezcloud.com](mailto:sowens@ezcloud.com).

**Kathryn Birmingham '82** reports, "I am now dean of arts and sciences at Florida State College in Jacksonville. I'd love to hear from other Ikesters if you are in the northeast Florida area." Contact her at 8509 Majestic Oaks Dr. S, Jacksonville, FL 32277; [kbirming34@comcast.net](mailto:kbirming34@comcast.net).

"Finally! Employed!" writes **Maud Charpin '82**. "I'm business office manager for a property-investment firm. Check us out on the web: [www.mancusoinvestments.com](http://www.mancusoinvestments.com)." Find out how the new job is going by writing to 10998 Mill Rd., East Bethany, NY 14054.

**Linda (Wolff) Tompkins '83** is now the associate director of Engineering Learning Initiatives at Cornell in Ithaca. She prefers to be contacted via e-mail, at [lt57@cornell.edu](mailto:lt57@cornell.edu).

"In May 2009, my wife, Sachiko, and I welcomed Marshall Skyler Moore into our family," reports **Austin Moore '84**. "The first few months were very hard, but he is fine now and growing quickly. We chose the name 'Skyler' because of its Old English meaning: 'scholar.' How I wish that he could test his abilities at EC 18 years from now!" Send your congratulations to the Moore family at 1415 Okubo, Hino-cho, Shiga-ken 529-1603 Japan; [ahmoore@hotmail.com](mailto:ahmoore@hotmail.com).

"I recently got married (on June 2, 2010), to the former Sara E. Micka from Darlington, Wisconsin," writes **Salvatore Patricolo '84**. "I'm also just about to celebrate my 16th year of service with immigration and customs enforcement and my 26th year of federal service. Time really has flown by since my days as an ROTC cadet at Ike, heading down to Cornell every week!" Reconnect with Sal at 4916 Alamo Mine Trl., Las Cruces, NM 88011; [gehrig\\_4@msn.com](mailto:gehrig_4@msn.com).

"I'm still going strong at 98!" reports **Donald S. Allen**. "At this age, my agenda includes a program put on by local folks and a 'Great Decisions' program, first for five years at Seneca Falls Rotary, and more recently, eight years at Ferris Hills. This outstanding retirement facility affords us some of the chores and responsibilities of home ownership. The Ferris Hills bus takes us

up for shopping, banking, and many a local restaurant for delicious lunches. Local colleagues who came here from Seneca Falls included Al Johnson, Phil and Audrey Westcott, and Blanche Johannson." Say hello to him at 214 Ferris Hills, Canandaigua, NY 14424; [dsallen@flare.net](mailto:dsallen@flare.net).

"I retired as a political science professor from Rochester Institute of Technology," reports **Jim S. Fleming**, "but I'm continuing to teach in the honors program at SUNY Brockport, where my wife, **Christine Murray** (who was assistant dean for career services at EC from 1975 to 1978), is an education professor. We have two sons: Brendon, who graduated from Columbia Law School in 2009 and is now working for a law firm in New York City, and Jay, who graduated from Syracuse University in 2008 with a degree in biology and is now working for a health-insurance firm in Rochester. We always enjoy hearing from former students and colleagues at EC and can be reached at [jamesipeffleming@gmail.com](mailto:jamesipeffleming@gmail.com) and [chrismurray87@gmail.com](mailto:chrismurray87@gmail.com)." (99 Bonnie Brae Ave., Rochester, NY 14618)

**Frederick Gregory** writes, "I received the Joseph Hazen Prize of the History of Science Society at the annual meeting in Phoenix in November 2009. The Hazen Prize is given for outstanding achievement in education in the history of science." His textbook, *Natural Science in Western History*, was published in 2008, and his latest course with The Teaching Company, "The Darwinian Revolution," was released in January 2009. (5816 NW 54th Way, Gainesville, FL 32653; [fgregory@ufl.edu](mailto:fgregory@ufl.edu))

"As some of you know, I lost Harriet—my best friend for the past 51 years—this past summer," reports **Edward Hosley**. "I still hear from some folks on occasion, which is greatly appreciated." Send your best to him at P.O. Box 940, Spirit Lake, ID 83869; [ehosley@gmail.com](mailto:ehosley@gmail.com).

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## deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

**Richard I. Brown**  
Faculty Member

**Diane (Waltz) Fredericks '73**

**Maya Donnett '75**

**Bruce Milne**  
Admissions and Financial Aid Officer

**Hari Singh**  
Faculty Member