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*Answering the Call to Service:  
Alumni Volunteers in the Global Community*

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## Yale and Social Media

As we hope you've noticed, the AYA, Yale's Office of Public Affairs & Communications, and the University overall throughout 2012 have boosted our efforts to tell the stories of Yale and its faculty, students, staff and alumni. A combination of teamwork and great stories has yielded strong results:

**news.yale.edu** | YaleNews has had more than half a million unique visitors this year.

**facebook.com/YaleUniversity** | Engagement with Yale's Facebook page has grown nearly 600%.

**twitter.com/Yale** | Our Twitter feed has doubled in reach.

**yaleuniversity.tumblr.com** | Most recently we've established a vibrant presence on Tumblr.

And your university's digital storytelling is being noticed beyond campus: the blogs **TrackSocial** and **Mashable** have both ranked Yale near the top among universities on use of social media, ahead of any of our Ivy+ peers.

With more and more alumni using social media, and with so many of us using smart phones and tablets, we want to make sure as many people as possible join us to stay connected and share the good news about Yale and the AYA with classmates and other Yale friends.

## Social Media at the Assembly

**Yale App** | There is a Yale app available to all, for free, via the App Store for iPhones and iPads and the Google Play store for Android. If you download this to your iPhone, iPad or Android device, you will see that there's an AYA Assembly 2012 button, quickly linking you to the on-line information about this Assembly, including the schedule. Please use it, and thereby help keep this Assembly as sustainable as possible!

**Tweet** | Type **#YaleAlumni** (it's called a "hashtag") somewhere in your Tweets about the Assembly. It will expand our reach.

**Facebook** | Type "**@ Yale University**" in your Assembly posts. Choose "Yale University" from the drop-down that appears.

# Welcome

Welcome back to campus! We're delighted you're here. This week, we will strive to understand better why alumni service is important to Yale, and why service is such an important part of the lives of Yale alumni. We'll also review the service-enabling programs now supported by the AYA, most of which did not exist five years ago; we'll explore the many ways Yale alumni can and do engage in volunteer service today; and we'll consider the progress and future directions of the strategic plan for the AYA.

The final schedule for the Assembly weekend follows. We hope you will find much that is interesting, enjoyable, and thought-provoking.

## Transportation

The AYA is providing limited transportation from hotels to Assembly session locations. Vans will be operating on Thursday from 8:15 a.m. until the conclusion of the AYA Volunteer Leadership Awards Reception in the Presidents' Room adjacent to Woolsey Hall, and on Friday from 8:15 a.m. until shortly after the conclusion of the Yale Medal Dinner in Commons. The Athletics Department provides transportation to and from the Yale Bowl on Saturday; more information can be found on page 27.

## Medical or Police Emergencies

**On Campus** | Find a blue phone and hit the RED emergency button, or dial 111. Blue phones (at night, look for the blue lights), located at the gates of all residential colleges and scattered elsewhere throughout the campus, function as on-campus phones. To operate, hit the black "call" button and dial the five-digit on-campus phone extension: for example, if the phone number is 203-432-6789, just dial 2-6789.

**Off Campus** | Dial 911.

# Answering the Call



## **Answering the Call to Service: Alumni Volunteers in the Global Community**

In 2007, after a year of self-assessment and a series of listening sessions with alumni all over the world, the AYA adopted its first-ever strategic plan, entitled *Ambassadors for Yale*. This bold document, a five-year plan for reinvigorating the AYA and outlining new ways of connecting alumni to Yale and to each other, embodied a then-radical approach for a university alumni association: to shift its focus from simply “providing services to alumni” to the greater goal of “calling alumni to service.” In the five years since then, this approach has gradually borne fruit in numerous ways.

Today, more than 3,500 Yale alumni and friends are involved in the annual **Yale Day of Service**, a worldwide event that harnesses the greater Yale family in hundreds of locally organized community service projects. This year, about 20% of those participating said that it was the first time they had ever been involved in a Yale alumni activity.

The **Yale Alumni Service Corps**, founded in 2008, sends alumni out into the field to provide critical services to communities in need. More than 600 people have traveled with YASC to China, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Mexico, Nicaragua and Brazil for projects such as construction, healthcare, education, athletics and small-business consulting. For some 40% of the participants it was their first Yale alumni activity ever.

The Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange, or **YaleGALE**, organizes visits by Yale alumni volunteer leaders to universities around the globe to share best practices in alumni relations. The program has sent its ambassadors to Australia, Japan, Turkey, China, Israel and Britain so far, and a visit to France is scheduled for 2013.

Last year, the AYA inaugurated the **Global Volunteer Service Leadership Forum**, a two-day symposium in New York that brought together 100 alumni for brainstorming new ways of mobilizing Yale alumni and talking with experts from many attending organizations,

including Mercy Corps, God’s Love We Deliver, DonorsChoose.org, Global Health Corps, and the Women’s Education Project.

With nearly 100,000 Yale alumni involved in the nonprofit world at some level – as directors, funders, board members, volunteers, supporters – the **Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance** was founded in 2011 to mobilize the resources of Yale’s alumni network to better serve the needs of Yale-related nonprofits. Inspired by an AYA Leadership Forum in California in early 2009, Yale alumni founded the **Summer Institute of the Arts** to offer summer programs to middle-school students who would otherwise have little exposure to the arts. **Y-Apply**, which organizes workshops in major cities on the college admissions process for underrepresented high-school students and their families, was launched by members of the Yale Black Alumni Association in 2008.

Volunteer outreach projects organized by **Yale College classes** and regional **Yale Clubs** are proliferating: the Yale Club of Chicago, for example, has teamed up with the local nonprofit RefugeeOne to sponsor a Congolese family moving to the city this spring after 15 years in a refugee camp. **Shared Interest Groups** are embracing service projects as a means of involving alumni who might not have engaged with the university any other way. The **Yale Alumni Chorus** continues to build on its practice of supporting music programs in underprivileged schools through “sweat equity” and financial assistance. In the past year alone, over 9,000 alumni have interviewed students and staffed college fairs through their local **Alumni Schools Committee** and have presented the **Yale Book Award** in their local communities.

And while empowering alumni to community service is a worthy end in itself, it also achieves the AYA’s goal of energizing and connecting a wider universe of alumni. Perhaps the greatest proof of this is the fact that the alumni associations at other colleges and universities are beginning to copy Yale’s example!

# Thursday

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**8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Registration Check-In**

*Rose Alumni House, 232 York Street*

Assembly participants will check in and receive their packet of materials for the Assembly program. The packet will include the final program for the weekend, as well as name badges, meal tickets and other materials.

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**9:30–9:45 a.m.**

**Assembly Welcome**

*University Theater, 222 York Street*

AYA Board and Assembly Chair Jimmy Lu '77 will welcome delegates and guests to the Assembly.

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**9:45–10 a.m.**

**Introduction to the Assembly**

*University Theater, 222 York Street*

AYA Executive Director Mark Dollhopf '77 will share his thoughts on how the theme of alumni volunteerism came to be chosen as the topic of this year's Assembly, and how the completion of the AYA's first five-year plan provides a good opportunity for us to review why service has become a central tenet of the AYA's mission to "connect alumni for the greater good."

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**10–11 a.m.**

**Panel I: What Is It About Yale?**

*University Theater, 222 York Street*

Moderated by Kimberly Goff-Crews '83, '86 LAW (*bio, p. 32*), who began her service as Yale's new Secretary and Vice President for Student Life

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this past summer, our first panel will consider Yale's distinctiveness in inspiring so many of its students and alumni to volunteer for community and public service, and how alumni service reconnects alumni to Yale. The panelists will be five of the winners of this year's Yale Medal, the highest award presented by the AYA, which honors outstanding individual service to the University:

Richard Franke '53 (*bio, p. 31*)

Edward Greenberg '59 (*bio, p. 32*)

Ellen McGinnis '82 (*bio, p. 35*)

Robert Steele '71 MPH, '75 PHD (*bio, p. 36*)

Nancy Stratford '77 (*bio, p. 37*)

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**11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

**Panel II: Answering a Higher Call:  
Volunteering in Communities of Faith**

*University Theater, 222 York Street*

As Yale and other universities seek to encourage greater volunteer engagement among their alumni, they could do well to look to the earliest sources that modeled selfless service to others: the churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of worship that anchor our societies. This panel, moderated by Yale Chaplain Sharon Kugler (*bio, p. 34*), will discuss the pleasures, pitfalls and possibilities facing lay people who volunteer through their communities of faith. Panelists:

Omer Bajwa – Coordinator of Muslim Life, Yale University (*bio, p. 30*)

Rev. Joan Cooper Burnett '04 DIV – Former Protestant Chaplain, Wesleyan University; founder & Executive Director, G-Girls Inc. (*bio, p. 31*)

Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell '75 – Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh (*bio, p. 35*)

Rabbi James Ponet '68 – Jewish Chaplain, Yale University (*bio, p. 36*)

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**12:15–1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch**

*Various locations*

New delegates will attend the New Delegate Orientation luncheon in the Presidents' Room in Memorial Hall (on the 2nd floor under the rotunda between Woolsey Hall and Commons), and they will find a ticket for this in their registration packets. Other Assembly participants will have lunch in designated residential colleges; the luncheon ticket in your registration packet will show your dining hall assignment.

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**1:45–2:45 p.m.**

**Panel III: Educating for Volunteer Leadership**

*McNeil Lecture Hall, Yale University Art Gallery*

Enter on High Street across from Linsly-Chittenden Hall, or on York Street next to the loading dock between the Art Gallery and the back of Jonathan Edwards College. The York Street entrance is handicap-accessible.

What can America's colleges, universities and other educational institutions do to encourage volunteer service by those who pass through their doors? This panel, moderated by former AYA Board of Governors chair Michael Madison '83, will examine how these bodies can enhance their roles as "talent agencies" and networking facilitators for their constituents. Panelists:

Catharine Hill '85 PHD — President, Vassar College (*bio, p. 33*)

Marvin Krislov '82, '88 LAW — President, Oberlin College (*bio, p. 33*)

Anthony Marx '81 — President, New York Public Library; former President, Amherst College (*bio, p. 34*)

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**3–4 p.m.**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:  
VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN...**

Assembly participants will have the opportunity to learn more about some of the exciting ways in which Yale alumni can and do volunteer in the world today. When you registered, you indicated an interest in attending one of these breakouts, each of which will focus on one

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particular aspect of volunteer activity. Sessions are listed below with their venues and panelists.

**Yale Clubs and Nonprofits: Case Studies in Tutoring**

*Room L01, Bass Library, 130 Wall Street*

Veronica DeLandro — Connecticut Program Director, College Summit

Peter Dickinson '60 — Founder of tutoring programs for the Yale Club of Chicago

Kanya Balakrishna '09 — President, The Future Project

**Shared Interest Groups and Innovation: Summer Institute of the Arts**

*Multipurpose Room, Afro-American Cultural Center, 211 Park Street*

Ramon Gonzalez — Principal, MS223, The Bronx, New York

Nicholas Roman Lewis '93 — Board, Summer Institute of the Arts

Eric Lincoln — Assistant Principal, MS223, The Bronx, New York

Tamara Mack-Lowe '97 — Volunteer, Summer Institute of the Arts

**Yale College Class Outreach: Music in Public Schools**

*Calhoun Parlor, Calhoun College, 189 Elm Street*

Don Roberts '57 — Coordinator, Class of '57 music outreach program

Michael Yaffe — Associate Dean, Yale School of Music

**College Dreams: Admissions Outreach to Underserved Students**

*Davenport Pierson Auditorium, basement level*

Enter through Davenport College main gate, 248 York Street

Jeff Brenzel '75 — Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, Yale University

Marcia Landesman — Assoc. Director, Yale Undergraduate Admissions

Aaron Shipp '96 — Chair, Y-Apply

**New Ways to Learn: Alternative Education and Educational Reform**

*Enormous Room, Afro-American Cultural Center, 211 Park Street*

Oliver Barton '85 — Former principal, Common Ground High School

Alex Knopp — Former Executive Director, Dwight Hall; former mayor of Norwalk, Connecticut

Patricia Melton '82 — Executive Director, New Haven Promise

Max Polaner '88 — CFO and COO, Achievement First

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**Service without Borders: Volunteering Abroad**

*Room 317, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

Dorothy Caplow Echodu '90 – Executive Director, Pilgrim Africa  
Selby Jacobs '61, '72 MPH – Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and  
Public Health; former chair, Yale Alumni Service Corps  
Dean Karlan – Professor of Economics, Yale University  
Nancy Yao Maasbach, '99 SOM – Executive Director, Yale-China

**The Lifeblood of Democracy: Volunteers in Civic Engagement**

*Room 201, 81 Wall Street*

Susan Bysiewicz '83 – Former Connecticut Secretary of State  
Karen Dubois-Walton '89 – Executive Director, New Haven Housing  
Authority  
David J. Frum '82 – Journalist, author and political writer  
Mike Morand '87, '93 DIV – Yale Public Affairs & Communications

**Volunteer Leadership: the Heart and Soul of Nonprofits**

*Room 250, Loria Center, 190 York Street*

Samuel Beard '61 – National Development Council  
Joseph DeNicola '86, '96 FES – Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance  
Joanne Sciulli '96 FES – Executive Director, Solar Youth  
Maxim Thorne '89, '92 LAW – Weekend Renewing America's Promise

**Hands-on Healthcare: Volunteering for a Better Future**

*Trumbull Room, Branford College*

Enter from gate on Library Walk closest to the University Theater.

Elizabeth Bradley '95 EPH – Faculty Director, Global Health  
Leadership Institute; Professor of Public Health  
Fredric Cantor '58, '62 MED – Board, Yale Alumni Service Corps  
Richard Skolnik '72 – Lecturer, Yale School of Public Health

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**4:15–5 p.m.**

**Closing plenary:**

**“Impact Volunteering: Answering the Call to Service”**

*McNeil Lecture Hall, Yale University Art Gallery*

Enter on High Street across from Linsly-Chittenden Hall, or on York Street next to the loading dock between the Art Gallery and the back of Jonathan Edwards College. The York Street entrance is handicap-accessible.

Drawing on her own experience as the leader of NYC Service, a city-wide initiative to promote volunteerism, Diahann Billings-Burford '94 (*bio, p. 30*), New York City's first Chief Service Officer, will remind us of what volunteers can achieve – and how communities can tap the power of their own people to tackle the most pressing challenges.

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**5 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**

Mark Dollhopf '77, Executive Director of the Association of Yale Alumni, reviews what we've learned today and summarizes why volunteer service will remain important to the mission of the AYA in the years to come.

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**5:30–6:30 p.m.**

**AYA Volunteer Leadership Awards Reception**

*Presidents' Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial Hall (rotunda adjacent to Woolsey Hall)*

Join us for a wine/beer reception with hors d'oeuvres, where we will enjoy the music of the Dominic Insogna Jazz Quartet and celebrate the presentation of this year's AYA Leadership Awards for Volunteer Innovation and Service.

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### 6:30 p.m.

Dinner on your own. Many Classes, Clubs, SIGs and other constituencies are planning their own by-invitation dinners, cocktail receptions and other events this evening. A list of suggested restaurants will be found in your registration packet, or feel free to ask any AYA staff representative for dining ideas.

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### 9–11 p.m.

#### **STAY (Students and Alumni at Yale) Receptions**

*Common Room, Berkeley College, 205 Elm Street*

*Common Room, Branford College, 74 High Street*

Please note that there will be no AYA-provided shuttle bus service to or from these receptions. Those attending in Berkeley College should use the Elm Street gate opposite Yale Station; those attending in Branford College should use the York Street gate opposite Rose Alumni House.

Students and Alumni of Yale (STAY) invites all AYA delegates to an evening of social connection with current Yale College students. Receptions will be held concurrently in the Berkeley and Branford common rooms. Open to all. Come share your wisdom, hear about Yale today, and be inspired by terrific undergraduates! Light refreshments will be served.

# On Your Own

## Other on-campus activities you might enjoy on Thursday evening

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### 6:30–7:30 p.m.

#### **Yale School of Architecture: Open-House Lecture**

*Hastings Auditorium, Paul Rudolph  
Hall (basement level), 180 York Street*

Davenport Visiting Professors  
Tod Williams and Billie Tsien,  
founding partners of Tod  
Williams Billie Tsien Architects,  
will present “The Still Place,” a  
lecture on their philosophy of  
placing architecture in context.  
Admission free.

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### 8 p.m.

#### **Yale Rep: Marie Antoinette**

*Yale Repertory Theatre,  
1120 Chapel Street*

This lavish production, written  
by David Adjmi and directed  
by Rebecca Taichman, is  
a coproduction of the Yale  
Repertory Theatre and the  
American Repertory Theater.  
Tickets (\$20–\$96) are available  
at the Yale Rep box office, 1120  
Chapel Street (at York Street),  
open 10 a.m.–8 p.m. today.

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### 8 p.m.

#### **Yale Dramatic Association: The Drowsy Chaperone**

*University Theater, 222 York Street*

A riotous parody of 1920s  
screwball musical comedy, this  
five-time Tony Award–winning  
musical is replete with mistaken  
identities, dream sequences,  
gangsters, follies, and spit takes.  
Produced and performed by Yale  
undergraduates. Tickets (\$12)  
are available at the door; the box  
office opens at 7 p.m. and accepts  
cash or credit cards (except  
American Express).

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### 8 p.m.

#### **Piano Recital: Jan Liu**

*Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall,  
470 College Street*

The Yale School of Music  
presents pianist Jian Liu in a  
degree recital of works by C.P.E.  
Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and  
Liszt, concluding with Schubert’s  
“Wanderer” Fantasy, D. 760.  
Admission free.

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**8:45–10:45 a.m.**

**The AYA Strategic Plan in Action;  
AYA Board of Governors Excellence Awards**

*McNeil Lecture Hall, Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel Street*

Enter on High Street across from Linsly-Chittenden Hall, or on York Street next to the loading dock between the Art Gallery and the back of Jonathan Edwards College. (The Gallery's main entrance on Chapel Street does not open until 10 a.m.) The York Street entrance is handicap-accessible.

Join us for an exciting session, moderated by AYA executive director Mark Dollhopf '77, for updates on some of the most successful and innovative alumni programs from the last year. These include the “greening” of Yale College Reunions in the spring, and this fall’s first-ever residential college reunion, held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ezra Stiles College. You will also be treated to previews of upcoming events, including YaleWomen’s international conference scheduled for Washington, DC, next spring.

We will also honor AYA award winners: the AYA Leadership Awards for individual volunteers (which were presented at last night’s AYA Volunteer Leadership Awards Reception), and the AYA Board of Governors Excellence Awards for alumni groups and programs. Together we will congratulate these outstanding volunteers and groups for their efforts on behalf of Yale and their communities.

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**11–11:45 a.m.**

**ALUMNI PROGRAMS: INFORMATION SESSIONS (SESSION I)**

These sessions will provide an opportunity for Assembly attendees to learn more about current AYA programs and to provide input on new initiatives. Session presenters will offer an overview and/or annual report and include time for Q&A, as well as information on how to get involved. Some sessions will be offered in two time slots – Session II, listed below, will be held at 1:45 p.m. – so that you will have an opportunity to hear from two different groups.

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**Alumni Leadership/Board of Governors Interest**

*Room 317, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

Also offered at 1:45 p.m., different venue; see below.

What kinds of volunteer leadership opportunities are available to Yale alumni through the AYA? This session will help current volunteer leaders learn about service in new and additional roles, including service on the AYA Board of Governors and how a Yale volunteer can become a Board member. The session is open to all Assembly attendees who would like to know more about other volunteer leadership opportunities at the AYA. Delegates in the second or third year of their terms who think they might be interested in Board service are especially encouraged to attend.

**Digital + Social Media for Alumni Groups**

*Room 101, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

How do you connect your classmates or members using digital and social media? How do you do it with little or no budget? How do you find the time? How do you use the Internet if you are not a techie? Come learn the answers to these questions from Michael Morand '87, '93 DIV and Tim Harkness '87 – both experienced users of social media, and both Yale alums who showed up in New Haven with typewriters.

**Yale Blue Green**

*Room 102, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

An abbreviated version of this presentation will be included in the Yale Clubs and Associations workshop at 2:45 p.m., same venue; see below.

Who says it’s not easy being green? We are all stewards of our planet. Recognizing that, President Levin has emphasized sustainability as a strategic priority for the University. Now we alumni can also be part of these efforts, both in New Haven and in our own communities. Join us to hear more about Yale Blue Green (YBG), a new Shared Interest Group organized around issues of sustainability. YBG is unique in that, not only do we hope to create an alumni community around environmental issues, but also we seek to support the University in its own sustainability goals. Whether you are interested in helping Yale

further its greening efforts or in learning more about environmental issues and eco-activities in your own town, YBG is your organization!

### **Yale Alumni Abroad**

*Room 351, Loria Center, 190 York Street*

We invite alumni living outside the United States to come together in this session to meet each other and learn about international activities at Yale. We will hear from Don Filer, executive director of the Office of International Affairs, who will update us on the University's International Framework and talk about the next set of initiatives and goals. We will also learn about the AYA's new international Shared Interest Group, the Yale International Alliance, a Yale alumni association dedicated to celebrating the international experience and inspiring alumni and students to be global citizens.

### **Students and Alumni at Yale (STAY)**

*Room 119, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

An abbreviated version of this presentation will be included in the Yale Clubs and Associations workshop at 2:45 p.m., different venue; see below.

With help from the AYA, students and alumni recently created an exciting new organization: STAY. In less than one year, STAY has already brought hundreds of Yale students and alumni together on and off campus. STAY enables students and alums to collaborate in service, on career panels, in social gatherings, and in leadership forums. Come find out how you can take part in STAY, and how STAY can add a new dimension to your Yale constituencies.

### **Yale Alumni Service Corps**

*Dining Room, Rose Alumni House (lower level), 232 York Street*

Also offered at 1:45 p.m., same venue; see below.

The Yale Alumni Service Corps invites alumni, students, family and friends to join together in 2013 global service programs in Nicaragua, Ghana and our first domestic program in West Virginia. Our volunteers have created programs that build on the diversified skills of our participants for service trips that will improve lives and provide opportunities in the communities we visit. Projects are developed for

volunteers to work alongside local people, enjoy meaningful cross-cultural exchanges, and form indelible bonds with fellow volunteers of all ages who have a passion for service. Come and listen to volunteers' stories from previous trips, and learn more about the exciting new trips planned for next year.

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### **12 noon–1:30 p.m.**

#### **University Update Lunch**

*Commons, 168 Grove Street (enter from Memorial Hall rotunda)*

At lunch, President Richard C. Levin '74 PhD will offer his annual University Update. Assembly participants will have the opportunity to submit questions for President Levin during the Friday morning plenary session. In addition, as lunch begins, University Secretary Linda Lorimer '77 LAW will kick things off by presenting the inaugural Yale-Jefferson Award, a new alumni honor sponsored by Students and Alumni of Yale (STAY) and given to recognize those who inspire others in the Yale community through innovative, outstanding and sustained contributions of service to the greater good.

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### **1:45–2:30 p.m.**

#### **ALUMNI PROGRAMS: INFORMATION SESSIONS (SESSION II)**

A second opportunity to learn more about AYA programs and to provide input on new initiatives. (Session I, listed above, was held at 11 this morning.)

#### **Alumni Leadership/Board of Governors Interest**

*Room 120, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

Also offered earlier at 11 a.m., different venue; see above.

What kinds of volunteer leadership opportunities are available to Yale alumni through the AYA? This session will help current volunteer leaders learn about service in new and additional roles, including service on the AYA Board of Governors and how a Yale volunteer can become a Board member. The session is open to all Assembly attendees who would like to

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### **Update on Yale's Presidential Search**

*Room 119, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

Also offered at 4 p.m., same venue.

Join Michael Madison '83, Alumni Counselor to the Presidential Search Committee, for an update on the search for Yale's next President.

### **Yale Day of Service**

*Room 117, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

Are you wondering how you can help organize a Yale Day of Service project for your Club or other alumni group? Or have you been a Yale Day of Service volunteer in the past and are thinking you might like to become more involved? Come to this session to learn how you can help make your community stronger while connecting with other members of the Yale family. AYA staff and Day of Service volunteer leaders will answer questions and share their experiences to help you take the next step!

### **YaleWomen**

*Room 211, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

Join the YaleWomen Council leadership and committee members to hear about YaleWomen, an alumnae organization with active chapters in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Colorado, Connecticut, Los Angeles, New York City, Northern California, Seattle, and Washington, DC. We have great plans for the future, including our inaugural global conference in spring 2013 cosponsored by the Yale World Fellows, and projects relating to our goals of lifelong learning, building community, contribution to community and contribution to Yale. We look forward to informing you about current programs and hearing your ideas.

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### **Yale Veterans**

*Room 209, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

Join us for a presentation and discussion about the Yale Veterans Association (YVA) and Yale's engagement with our military services. We will review current YVA activities, hear from current active-duty military officers studying and working on campus, and receive the latest updates about the Air Force and Navy ROTC units. These programs are recent additions to Yale and reflect a renewed emphasis on global and strategic issues and a commitment to public service. Learn more about how you can strengthen the mission of YVA to support fellow veterans.

### **YaleGALE (Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange)**

*Room 116, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

YaleGALE is an extraordinary international AYA-sponsored alumni volunteering initiative. Its mission is to advance education through alumni engagement and leadership among participating universities, to foster rich cultural understanding, and to share best practices in alumni relations. Please join us to discuss the 2013 programs: Paris in February, working with the U.S. Embassy to sponsor a conference in addition to our usual opportunities, and the Baltics (Vilnius and Riga) in July. We will also explore shared programs in the U.S. with our partners from previous trips including the U.K., China, Turkey, Japan and Australia, and discuss the potential for future programs in other countries.

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## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

### Alumni Organization Board Meetings

Please note start and end times, which vary by session.

Attendees will break out by interest, constituency and/or activity to discuss alumni leadership and the mission of your organization. In addition, meetings will be held for Task Forces and boards, as listed below, as well as a session with Michael Madison '83, Alumni Counselor to the Presidential Search Committee.

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**1:45–5:15 p.m.**

### Graduate School Alumni Association Annual Fall Meeting

*Room 211, Hall of Graduate Studies, 320 York Street*

AYA delegates who are members of the GSAA Executive Committee will meet to conduct their annual fall meeting. AYA delegates who are not GSAA board members are welcome to attend. We will also be meeting on Saturday morning from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. at Rose Alumni House, 232 York Street.

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**2:45–4 p.m.**

### Yale Clubs and Associations

*Room 102, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

Please join other Yale Club and Association volunteers for a plenary session in which you will hear from alumni representatives of Yale Blue Green on how you can plan sustainable events in your city; from STAY (Students and Alumni of Yale) on new ways that students and alumni are connecting; and from Colorado Yale Association President John Boak '70 on best practices for communicating with your Club members.

**2:45–4 p.m.**

### Major Cities

*Room 211, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

Leaders of Yale Clubs in major cities (Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New Haven, New York City, San Francisco, Washington DC) will come together for a presentation by AYA Executive Director Mark Dollhopf '77 on various revenue-generating models for their Clubs – sponsorships, event-specific revenue, fundraising – as well as a discussion led by the leadership team of the Yale AIDS Memorial Project ([www.yamp.org](http://www.yamp.org)) as they describe the successful launch of this new cross-city initiative.

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**2:45–4 p.m.**

### Professional Schools

*Room 116, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

Learn how Yale's professional schools can enhance the focus and vitality of their alumni associations by reaching out to students. Join members of the AYA Board's Graduate & Professional Schools Committee and leaders of the new Students and Alumni of Yale (STAY) organization for a discussion of existing student/alumni programs at the professional schools as well as sharing ideas and resources for even greater interaction. (Note: the F&ES board is meeting separately this afternoon; refer to the information provided by F&ES alumni relations staff.)

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**2:45–4:15 p.m.**

### Yale College Class Leadership

*Room 351, Loria Center, 190 York Street*

Yale College classes are actively engaged in a wide variety of ways. A panel of class volunteers will share the secrets of their success in engaging classmates and volunteer leaders, executing fabulous programming, setting attendance records, and communicating with classmates.

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**2:45–4:30 p.m.**

**Shared Identity/Interest Groups (SIG) Leadership Development**

*Afro-American Cultural Center, 211 Park Street*

Join the SIG staff and alumni leaders as we have a discussion with the Yale Black Alumni Association on the challenges and opportunities of growth, including the dynamics of navigating change. In addition, come and be inspired by a presentation on the Yale AIDS Memorial Project ([www.yamp.org](http://www.yamp.org)), a stellar example of student/alumni programming from Yale GALA, the Yale Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association. We will also use this time for a networking session geared towards cross-SIG collaborations and program development. Refreshments will be served.

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**2:45–5:15 p.m.**

**Yale Alumni Service Corps Board Meeting**

*Room 209, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

This session is for YASC Board members only.

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**3:30–5 p.m.**

**YaleGALE (Global Alumni Leadership Exchange) Board Meeting**

*Room 120, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

This session is for YaleGALE Board members only.

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**4–5:15 p.m.**

**Update on the Presidential Search**

*Room 119, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

Also offered at 1:45 p.m., same venue.

Join Michael Madison '83, Alumni Counselor to the Presidential Search Committee, for an update on the search for Yale's next President.

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**4–5:15 p.m.**

**Yale Day of Service Review Working Group**

*Room 102, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*

Active leadership volunteers for the Yale Day of Service are invited to come together in this session to discuss the status of the five-year review of the program and share their thoughts on its future.

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**6 p.m.**

**Yale Medal Cocktail Reception**

*Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 121 Wall Street*

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**7 p.m.**

**Yale Medal Dinner**

*Commons, 168 Grove Street (enter from Memorial Hall rotunda)*

Transportation to hotels will be provided at the conclusion of the Yale Medal Dinner.

Every year since 1952, the Yale Medal has been conferred to honor outstanding individual service to the University. This year's recipients reflect the range of service and leadership the AYA strives to recognize with this award. We honor the remarkable contributions of the Medalists and the ways they have chosen to give back to our community of scholars and friends. We hope all Assembly participants will join us for a gala celebration honoring Richard Franke '53, Edward Greenberg '59, Ellen McGinnis '82, Robert Steele '71 MPH, '75 PHD, Nancy Stratford '77, and David Swensen '80 PHD. Further information about the Yale Medal and this year's recipients may be found at [www.aya.yale.edu/yalemedal](http://www.aya.yale.edu/yalemedal).

**10 p.m.–Midnight**

**Alumni/Student Social**

*Graduate and Professional Student Center at Yale (GPSCY), 204 York Street*

Please note that there will be no AYA-provided shuttle bus service to or from this reception.

Social gathering and informal career mentoring for Graduate and Professional students and alumni at the GPSCY Bar. All welcome. Co-sponsored by the GSAA (Graduate School Alumni Association), STAY (Students and Alumni at Yale) and GPSCY (Graduate and Professional Student Center at Yale). Come and get to know current Yale graduate students while sharing your wealth of career knowledge and advice in an informal, fun atmosphere! Drinks and light refreshments will be served. All Assembly participants are welcome.

# On Your Own

**Other on-campus activities you might enjoy on Friday evening**

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**8 p.m.**

**Yale-Princeton Glee Clubs**

*Woolsey Hall, 500 College Street*

The Glee Clubs join forces to present their annual joint choral concert. Jeffrey Douma and Gabriel Crouch, conductors. Admission free.

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**8 p.m.**

**Yale Rep: Marie Antoinette**

*Yale Repertory Theatre,  
1120 Chapel Street*

See description on page 13.

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**8 p.m.**

**Yale Dramatic Association:  
The Drowsy Chaperone**

*University Theater, 222 York Street*

See description on page 13.

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**8 p.m.**

**Violin Recital: Won Young Jung**

*Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall,  
470 College Street*

The Yale School of Music presents violinist Won Young Jung in a degree recital of classical works. Admission free.

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**8 p.m.**

**Yale Drama Coalition:  
Richard 2012**

*Whitney Humanities Center,  
53 Wall Street*

Billed as “An election event based on Shakespeare’s *Richard II* and the 2012 U.S. Presidential campaign,” this play is conceived and performed by Yale College seniors Alex Kramer, Charlie Polinger and Raphael Shapiro. Admission free, but tickets must be reserved in advance through the Yale Drama Coalition, [www.yaledramacoalition.org](http://www.yaledramacoalition.org).

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**11 p.m.**

**Yale Cabaret:  
MilkMilkLemonade**

*Yale Cabaret, 217 Park Street*

A comedy by Joshua Conkel — described as a “gay fantasia on a chicken farm” — about the joy and pain of staying true to oneself. Tickets (\$15) may be purchased at the door on a space-available basis. Pre-show dinner service starts at 9:30 p.m., with à-la-carte menu items available for purchase by ticket-holders.

# Saturday

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## 10 a.m.–12 noon

### AYA Pre-Game Hospitality Tent

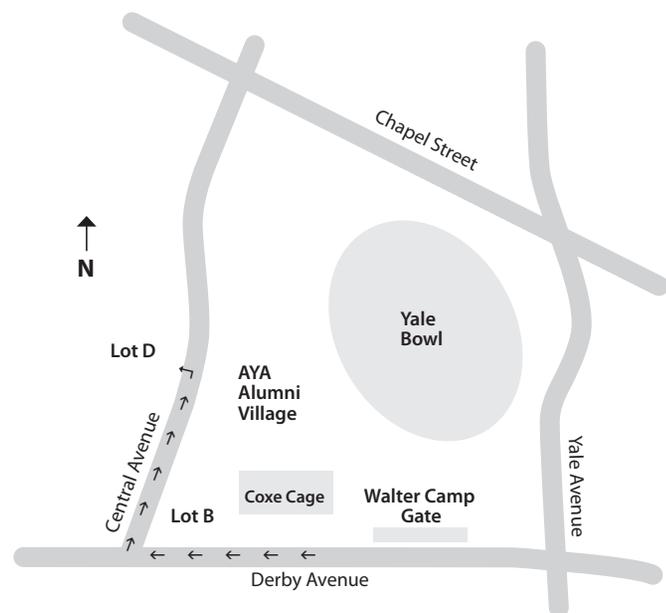
Join your Yale friends at the AYA's popular hospitality tent, the "AYA Alumni Village," located near portal 17 on the west side of the Yale Bowl. This free event for all alumni and their guests provides a place to gather and meet up with Yale classmates and friends before going to the game. Free hot dogs, chowder, cookies, warm beverages and other refreshments for all alumni and their guests. Raffles for those who come early!

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## 12 noon

### Yale-Princeton Game

Kickoff time for the 135th meeting of the Yale Bulldogs and the Princeton Tigers is at noon. Assembly participants who preregistered will find their tickets to the game in their welcome packets.



## GETTING TO THE YALE BOWL

**On Foot** | If the weather is good, the Yale Bowl is a pleasant 35-minute hike from the main campus. Walk along Chapel Street heading west (away from downtown); when the road forks two blocks after you pass the Hospital of St. Raphael, bear left on Derby Avenue, and in 15 minutes the Walter Camp Gate to the Yale Bowl will be on your right.

**By Bus** | The Athletics Department provides free transportation to and from the Yale Bowl on Saturday. Starting at 8 a.m., shuttle buses will bring fans from downtown New Haven to Yale Avenue at the Yale Bowl. The buses will run during and after the game from Yale Avenue on the east (visitor's) side of the Bowl to two downtown locations. The Blue Line runs to/from the corner of Chapel and College Streets adjacent to Old Campus and the New Haven Green; the White Line runs to/from Payne Whitney Gymnasium, 70 Tower Parkway. Bus service ends at approximately 5 p.m.

**By Car** | There is no free parking at the Yale Bowl. Visitors must park in either Lot D, northwest of the Bowl (\$5), or Lot B, southwest of the Bowl adjacent to Coxe Cage (\$20). For access to either lot, turn north from Derby Avenue into Central Avenue; see <http://tinyurl.com/c5eneva> for a detailed parking map. Parking fees may be paid at the lot, in cash only. The city of West Haven may issue citations for prohibited parking outside these lots. You are strongly encouraged to leave your car behind and either walk or take one of the free shuttle buses.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY

While the Assembly is officially over, we are pleased to provide you with information on these other activities for Saturday.

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## 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

### Yale Center for British Art

1080 Chapel Street (corner of Chapel and High)

A guided tour of the Center's current *Caro: Close Up* exhibition begins at 11 a.m., and at 12:30 p.m. there will be a guided introductory tour of one of the Center's galleries. Both tours meet at the information

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desk. Special exhibits include *Caro: Close Up*, featuring 60 works by Sir Anthony Caro from the 1950s to the present; and *The English Prize: The Capture of the Westmorland*, a history of captured art and its dispersal. Free admission.

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**10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Yale University Art Gallery**

1111 Chapel Street

A guided masterpiece tour is offered at 1:30 p.m.; gather at the front desk. Free admission.

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**10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History**

170 Whitney Avenue (corner of Whitney and Schem)

Docent-led 45-minute highlight tours are offered at 12:30 and 1:30 pm. Current special exhibits include *Big Food: Health, Culture and the Evolution of Eating*. Admission \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors (65+), \$5 for college students and children 3–18.

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**12 noon–5 p.m.**

**Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library**

121 Wall Street

Current exhibitions include *Architecture in Dialogue: The Peter Eisenman Collection at Yale* and *Descriptions of Literature: The Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas Papers*. Free admission.

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**2 p.m.**

**Yale Rep: Marie Antoinette**

Yale Repertory Theatre, 1120 Chapel Street

This lavish production, written by David Adjmi and directed by Rebecca Taichman, is a coproduction of the Yale Repertory Theatre and the American Repertory Theater. Tickets (\$20–\$96) are available at the Yale Rep box office, 1120 Chapel Street (at York Street), open from 10 a.m. today.

# Info

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Friday, November 9      8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Saturday, November 10      Closed

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1157 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06511

Phone: (203) 503-3900

# Bios

## **Omer Bajwa** *(panel, p. 7)*

As Yale's Coordinator of Muslim Life, Omer Bajwa works out of the Chaplain's Office to serve the 300 or so members of the campus community who identify as Muslim. He earned his Graduate Certificate in Islamic Chaplaincy from Hartford Seminary, and has been engaged in religious service, social activism and educational outreach for the past nine years. Before coming to Yale, he served as the Interim Muslim Chaplain at Cornell from 2007 to 2008. He received his Master's degree in Near Eastern Studies, with a specialization in Islamic Studies, from Cornell, where he also served as Outreach Coordinator. He earned his Bachelor's degree in English Literature and Rhetoric from Binghamton University, and a Master's in Communications from Cornell. His interests include Islam in the United States, interfaith activities, Islam and the global media, and transnational religious and intellectual networks. When not working, he and his family can often be found sampling local desserts.

## **Diahann Billings-Burford '94** *(plenary, p. 11)*

When Mayor Michael Bloomberg named Diahann Billings-Burford as the nation's first-ever municipal Chief Service Officer in 2009, it was an acknowledgment of how important volunteers had become to the running of the city – and how important it was for the city to liaise with them in an organized way. Bloomberg charged her with leading “NYC Service,” the city's initiative to promote a new era of service and volunteerism in the Big Apple. In this capacity she oversees the implementation of some 25 major programs that coordinate volunteer activities across the five boroughs. Prior to this, she served as Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs for “City Year New York,” a volunteer service organization that seeks to engage young people in solving the most pressing issues facing the city's public schoolchildren; and before this she was Director of External Affairs for the New York chapter of Achievement First, a charter-school management organization. After graduating from Yale, Ms. Billings-Burford worked

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as a middle-school history teacher, curriculum developer, corporate attorney, and leader at Prep for Prep, a New York–based leadership development organization.

## **Joan Cooper Burnett '04 DIV** *(panel, p. 7)*

Joan Cooper Burnett is the leader of Joan Cooper Burnett Ministries and G-Girls Inc., a faith-based nonprofit organization formed to foster healthy development and enrich the lives of teen-aged girls and young women. A former corporate executive and business owner, Burnett put aside her entrepreneurial ventures years ago to answer God's call to ministry, and has since served as Protestant Chaplain at Wesleyan University, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Middletown, Connecticut, and senior pastor of the Black Church at Yale, an interdenominational fellowship on campus. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, a Master of Education in Human Resource Education from Boston University, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches, USA, and is a sought-after preacher, inspirational speaker and conference host.

## **Richard J. Franke '53** *(panel, p. 7)*

Richard Franke was CEO of the John Nuveen Company in Chicago for 22 years, where he was widely regarded as the business community's leading national advocate for a liberal arts education. In 1988 he helped found the Chicago Humanities Festival, and in 1997 President Clinton awarded him the National Humanities Medal. He served as a member of the Yale Corporation, the University's governing board, for 12 years, including a six-year term as Senior Fellow. For the past four years he has co-chaired a faculty study committee initiated by President Levin, whose work culminated this year with the creation of the Franke Initiative for the Sciences and the Humanities. Mr. Franke also established the Richard J. Franke Fellowship, which has funded more than 400 doctoral students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences over the past quarter-century, and the Franke Lecture Series at the

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Whitney Humanities Center. In the 1990s, he established a challenge grant to upgrade the book stack tower of Sterling Memorial Library, and funded the renovation of the Periodical Room, now known as the Franke Periodical Reading Room.

### **Kimberly Goff-Crews '83, '86 LAW** (panel, p. 7)

Returning to Yale in August of this year, Kimberly Goff-Crews serves as the University Secretary and Vice President for Student Life. In this post she exercises duties as Secretary of the Yale Corporation, supports institutional governance, oversees the University Chaplaincy, and ensures the alignment of University-wide policies and procedures to maximize support for all students. She is also responsible for the conduct of official University functions, including Commencement. ¶ After several years in private law practice, Ms. Goff-Crews came back to Yale as Assistant Dean in Yale College and Director of the Afro-American Cultural Center from 1992 through 1998. From Yale she moved to Lesley University in Boston in 1998, where she served as an associate dean in the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences and then as chief of staff to the President and Director of Planning. She most recently held the position of Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of Students at the University of Chicago, where she was responsible for the oversight and strategic direction of student services and student life across the university.

### **Edward Greenberg '59** (panel, p. 7)

Retired investment banker Ed Greenberg has contributed to the growth and strengthening of the Yale family in many ways. As Secretary of the Class of 1959, he presided over the creation of the 1959 Calhoun Fund for Excellence, and his class became the first to endow a Yale Summer Service Fellowship – a program that he and his wife Susan actively support. He has encouraged and chaired several 1959 mini-reunions, but his contributions have extended throughout the entire University: he has served on the boards of the AYA and the Alumni Fund, as the 50th Reunion Chair for his class, as a Class Agent for the Alumni

Fund, and as president of the Yale Alumni Chorus Foundation. In 2008, he spearheaded the revitalization of the Yale Club of Stamford, Connecticut and four other relatively inactive local clubs, successfully recruiting and motivating area alumni to work together to form the much larger Yale Club of Lower Fairfield County.

### **Catharine Hill '85 PHD** (panel, p. 8)

Catharine Bond Hill became the tenth president of Vassar College in July 2006. She is a noted economist whose work focuses on higher education affordability and access, as well as on economic development and reform in Africa. Under her leadership, Vassar has reinstated need-blind admissions and has replaced loans with grants in financial aid for low-income families. She also teaches an advanced-level seminar at Vassar on the economics of higher education. ¶ In what she has called one of the most transformative experiences of her life, Ms. Hill and her family lived from 1994 to 1997 in the Republic of Zambia, where she helped lead the Harvard Institute for International Development's Project on Macroeconomic Reform. She has written extensively from her experiences in Africa, including the widely reviewed *Public Expenditure in Africa* (1996). ¶ Prior to Vassar, Ms. Hill spent seven years as provost of Williams College, where she had joined the economics faculty in 1985 after earning degrees at Oxford with first-class honors in politics, philosophy and economics. In her earlier career she worked for the World Bank, and in the Fiscal Analysis Division of the U.S. Congressional Budget Office.

### **Marvin Krislov '82, '88 LAW** (panel, p. 8)

Marvin Krislov became the 14th president of Oberlin College in the summer of 2007. He came to Oberlin from the University of Michigan, where he had been vice president and general counsel since 1998. At Michigan, he led the university's legal defense of its admission policies, resulting in the 2003 Supreme Court decision recognizing the importance of student body diversity. ¶ After graduating *summa cum laude* from Yale in 1982, he sat on the New Haven Board of Aldermen

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for two years, then studied at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and earned a Master's degree in modern history in 1985. Back at Yale, he served as editor of the *Yale Law Journal* while earning his Doctor of Laws degree, then worked as a law clerk for Judge Marilyn Hall Patel of the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. As a trial attorney in the Criminal Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division from 1989 to 1993, Mr. Krislov prosecuted racial violence and police brutality cases in grand jury investigations. He also taught law at George Washington University from 1991 to 1993 and worked in the U.S. Department of Labor from 1996 to 1998.

### **Sharon Kugler** (panel, p. 7)

The first lay person, the first Roman Catholic and the first woman to hold the post, Sharon Kugler was named Yale's seventh University Chaplain in July of 2007. She came to New Haven from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where she had served as the University Chaplain since 1993. She has over two decades of experience in ministry in higher education, interfaith collaboration, pastoral and social ministry. ¶ Ms. Kugler is the past president of both the National Association of College and University Chaplains (NACUC) and the Association of College and University Religious Affairs (ACURA). She received her Master's degree from Georgetown University and is a member of the Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology. Her Master's thesis, *The Limits and Possibilities of Building a Religiously Plural Community*, was used by the United States Department of Defense Office of the Chief of Chaplains as a training tool for new chaplains in the military.

### **Anthony Marx '81** (panel, p. 8)

Tony Marx became president of the New York Public Library in 2011 after serving eight years as president of Amherst College. In his time at Amherst, he was responsible for increasing financial aid opportunities and making college an option for middle-class families. After graduating *magna cum laude* from Yale, he spent a year in South Africa

participating in the anti-Apartheid movement. Even after returning to the U.S. for graduate school, he returned frequently to South Africa, and helped to establish Khanya College, a secondary school that prepared black students for university. Since then he has authored three books on nation-building: *Lessons of Struggle: South African Internal Opposition 1960-1990* (1992); *Making Race and Nation* (1998); and *Faith in Nation: Exclusionary Origins of Nationalism* (2005). ¶ Mr. Marx received MPA, MA and PhD degrees from Princeton University in 1986, 1987 and 1990, respectively. In his work at the New York Public Library he oversees the development of the second-largest public library in the United States, behind only the Library of Congress – an independently managed nonprofit corporation operating with both private and public financing.

### **Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell '75** (panel, p. 7)

Dorsey McConnell was installed as the Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh just three weeks ago, on October 20th. After graduating *cum laude* from Yale, he studied as a Fulbright Scholar in Paris and became a publishing executive in New York. He soon felt the call to ministry, however, and enrolled in the General Theological Seminary to earn his Master of Divinity degree. Ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church in 1983, he served at two New York City parishes and as a university and labor union chaplain before heading to the West Coast. He became rector of St. Alban's Church in Edmonds, Washington, where he helped establish several ministries in the Seattle area. In 2004 he returned to the East Coast, accepting a call as rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. He has held various posts in four dioceses and has been a deputy at two General Conventions of the Episcopal Church. He and his wife, Betsy, who is a clinical social worker in private practice, have one college-age son.

### **Ellen McGinnis '82** (panel, p. 7)

Corporate attorney Ellen Gibson McGinnis has served in many volunteer leadership roles. She is a founding member and current chair

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of YaleWomen, a new organization for alumnae. She was a member of the AYA Board of Governors from 2001 until 2012, serving as chair from 2008 to 2010. She was active in advancing the AYA's strategic plan to develop new programs that inspired alumni who had never connected with Yale after graduation to engage with each other, their communities and the University, and deepened the engagement of alumni who were already connected. Under her leadership, the AYA Board expanded committee membership to non-Board members, enabling a broader scope of programs and effectiveness of alumni volunteer efforts. She has served as a member of the University Council, an agent of the Alumni Fund, an officer of two regional Yale Clubs, and as treasurer of her class. She is currently a council member of Women's Health Research at Yale.

### **Rabbi James Ponet '68** (panel, p. 7)

Jim Ponet is the Howard M. Holtzmann Jewish Chaplain at Yale, a position he has filled since 1981. He and his wife Elana Ponet, who directs the Hillel Children's Sunday School, co-lead a popular class for Yale College seniors entitled "Life's Big Questions." He earned his undergraduate degree from Yale in 1968 with a major in Religious Studies and his Master's and doctoral degrees from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he was ordained in 1973. Rabbi Ponet lived in Israel from 1974 through 1981, studying Jewish thought at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and serving as a Fellow and teacher at both the Shalom Hartman Institute and the Pardes Institute. ¶ In addition to his duties as chaplain, Rabbi Ponet is a Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School – where the courses he has taught include "The Book of Job and Injustice" – and is the executive director of the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale.

### **Robert E. Steele '71 MPH, '75 PHD** (panel, p. 7)

Bob Steele has been executive director of the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the Visual Arts and Culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora at the University of Maryland in College Park since 2004. Under his leadership, the Center has established a visual

arts education program, including lectures and conferences, and has founded several endowed funds to support its programs. Prior to his current position, he held several posts at the University of Maryland, including assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and Associate Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. At Yale, he has helped to establish endowed scholarships in public health and internships at the Yale University Art Gallery. He has been president of the Yale School of Public Health's board of alumni, and has served on the governing boards of the AYA, the Art Gallery and the Alumni Fund. Bob and his wife Jean have an extensive collection of prints and works on paper by African-American artists and have made gifts from it to the Art Gallery. Their daughter Elisabeth is a graduate of Yale Law School and an AYA At-Large Delegate.

### **Nancy Stratford '77** (panel, p. 7)

Portfolio manager Nancy Stratford is a founding member and current vice-chair of YaleWomen, the new organization for alumnae of Yale, and a member of her Class Council. She is an active member of the AYA Board of Governors and has served as an ex-officio member of the University Council, as chair of the Alumni Fund, as a member of the Yale Tomorrow campaign committee, as a member of the Yale Development Council, and as a member of her class's 30th Reunion committee; she was also actively involved in planning her class's 35th Reunion this past spring. She organizes monthly Class of 1977 lunches at the Yale Club of New York City and annual mini-reunion dinners every fall in New York. She continues as Chair of Agents for her class and as an ex-officio board member of the Yale Alumni Fund.

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